



Morgantown Police Department

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“Police and Fire Marshalls Investigating Fire”

UPDATE

At approximately 3:40 a.m. on August 10th, 2017, the Morgantown Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 245 Morris Street, Morgantown. Firefighters made entry into the structure and found 2 individuals suffering from gunshot wounds in a second-floor bedroom.

Firefighters removed the decedents from the burning structure and continued to combat the fire for several hours. While they were combating the fire a handgun was also located and removed for collection and examination by detectives before it was destroyed in the fire.

Police were summoned to the scene along with Fire Marshall's. Initial evidence at the scene indicated that the fire was of a suspicious nature. The origination of the fire is still being determined but early evidence indicates that the fire was started by one of the decedents.

The decedents have been identified as Steven Dennis MALARKEY, 65 years of age of 245 Morris Street and his wife, Linda Rae MALARKEY 64 years of age also of 245 Morris Street. This tragic incident appears to be a Murder/Suicide where Mr. MALARKEY took his own life after shooting Mrs. MALARKEY.

Detectives will await the result of the autopsy and no further releases are anticipated.

Anyone with information regarding this incident may contact the Morgantown Police Department at 304-284-7522.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating criminal activity in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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