Shooter kills two, injures 11-year-old, then dies of self-inflicted gunshot

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Update, verbatim from the PIO of Charles County Sheriff's office: DOUBLE MURDER/SUICIDE: On August 2 at 11:07 p.m., officers responded to the 6500 block of Bensville Road in Pomfret for the report of a shooting. A preliminary investigation revealed the suspect, Mark McKinley Hughes, Jr., 42 of Indian Head, went to the residence and shot and killed Vickie Danita Pickeral, 54, and Gregory Bruce Pickeral, 53, who are his in-laws and the grandparents of his children. Sometime following the shooting, relatives arrived at the residence and the suspect shot at this vehicle injuring an 11-year-old boy. The child fled the scene and was later treated for non-life threatening injuries. The woman in the vehicle was injured but was not struck by gunfire. The suspect fled the scene and the vehicle he was driving was reportedly involved in a single vehicle accident in La Plata. When officers arrived they located the suspect deceased with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. At this time, the motive has not been established and detectives are continuing their investigation. Anyone with information is asked to call Det. J. Riffle at (301) 609-6501.

Waldorf, Md. — August 3, 2019 — A man and a woman were found shot dead, and an 11-year-old found wounded of a gunshot after Charles County Sheriffs Deputies responded to a call of a shooting in the 6500-block of Bensville Road, Waldorf, shortly after 11 p.m. Friday, August 2, 2019, according to Charles County Sheriff's Office. The shooter fled the scene.

The male shooter was found deceased of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound after crashing his car on Port Tobacco Road.

The CCSO is not able to release names of the victims or shooter at this time. However, the 11-year-old was flown to a nearby trauma center and is being treated.

TheBayNet.com will follow this tragedy and update as information becomes available.