



# Office of the Sheriff

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## MCSO INVESTIGATES PENFIELD HOMICIDE AND RELATED RIGA ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE

*One Victim Identified; Person of Interest Identified*

### For Immediate Release:

**Penfield & Riga, NY; Erie, PA(October 31, 2018)** – On today’s date, October 31, 2018, at 10:28 a.m., Monroe County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a check the welfare call at 89 Collingsworth Dr., Penfield. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a female deceased inside the home and ruled the death a homicide. The name of the homicide victim is being withheld at this time, pending positive identification by the Monroe County Medical Examiner’s Office.

As a follow up to the homicide investigation, at 11:10 a.m., today's date, Sheriff's deputies developed information that led them to 251 Leibeck Rd., Riga to check the welfare of other family members. Upon arrival, deputies discovered an unresponsive female, identified as Florence Ford, 75, Riga. Florence Ford was transported to Strong Memorial Hospital with life-threatening injuries and is currently listed in guarded condition. MCSO declared the second incident, located at 251 Leibeck Rd., Riga, an attempted homicide. Sheriff's investigators believe the two incidents are domestic in nature and are related.

MCSO investigators put out an all-points bulletin across multiple states looking for a person of interest, identified as Arnold Ford Jr., 52, Penfield. Utilizing investigative information and technology, to include license plate readers to trace persons of interest, our information led us to a suburb outside of Erie, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania State Police discovered Arnold Ford, Jr. deceased in his vehicle from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Monroe County Sheriff’s investigators are enroute to Pennsylvania as part of the ongoing investigation. Thank you to MCSO deputies and investigators for their diligent police work and our partners in law enforcement across two states aiding in this investigation. We extend a special note of gratitude to the Ogden Police Department, New York State Police Aviation Unit, and Pennsylvania State Police.

At this point in the investigation, MCSO does not believe there to be any outstanding person(s) of interest or threat to the community.

There will be no further media briefing this evening. There is no photo available of the person of interest, Arnold Ford Jr., and no further information at this time.

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