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Sheriff's Media Release

Date/Time of Incident/Event:	6/30/13 at 4:48 p.m.
Location of Incident:	163 Ridgeview Drive, Aptos
Case Number:	13-5622
Type of Incident:	Double Homicide-Cause of Death
Suspects:	James Henderson, Age 39 years
Photo Available:	No

Description of Incident:

On 06/30/13 at 4:48 p.m., Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office deputies received a 911 call of a family disturbance at 163 Ridgeview Dr., Aptos. Deputies arrived on scene and found two homicide victims, later identified as Joseph Henderson age 71 and his wife Edith Henderson age 68.

On July 1st medical examinations were conducted by the Sheriff's Office Forensic Pathologist. Following the medical examination the pathologist determined Joseph Henderson's cause of death was; blunt force trauma of torso with mechanical asphyxiation and Edith Henderson's cause of death was; blunt force head trauma with hyoid bone fractures.

The investigation is ongoing and as detectives gather information and evidence the Sheriff's Office will determine what happened prior to and during the crime.

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