

Apparent murder-suicide leaves four adults dead

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The FBI and Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety are investigating an apparent murder-suicide in Tsayatoh, N.M., that left four adults dead, including the suspected shooter.

Preliminary indications are the shooting, which occurred early the morning of Nov. 13, was an act of domestic violence.

An adult woman with gunshot wounds was taken to a local hospital. The incident occurred inside a residence.

“Our Native American communities are among the most beautiful in New Mexico, and they deserve safety and security,” New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas stated Nov. 13. “I am saddened by this horrific tragedy that has become far too common. It will take continued collaboration among citizens, law enforcement and other organizations to increase prevention efforts in our state.»

In a Nov. 13 statement, President Russell Begaye said lives are sacred and valuable, and asked the public to seek help for loved ones who are struggling.

“Know that help is always available. Please seek help,” Begaye said. “Remember that there is strength in prayer. Talk to trusted family members, counselors or traditional medicine people.”

Autopsies are pending. This is an ongoing investigation.