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## Two dead in murder-suicide had advanced Lyme disease

The bodies of George and Jonalyn Strobo were found Thursday at a Pilot station.

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In happier times, George R. Strobo and his wife Jonalyn Maureen Strobo loved crisscrossing the country in their camper.

On Thursday, deputies found the 48-year-old man and his 49-year-old wife shot to death inside a travel trailer at the Pilot Travel Center at Interstate 75 and County Road 484.

Robert Sandlin of the Marion County Sheriff's Office said Friday that the deaths were a murder-suicide.

Sandlin said investigators recovered three guns inside the trailer - two .357 handguns and a derringer.

The derringer was wrapped inside a blanket, along with the body of the couple's beloved 14-year-old Chihuahua, Dolly, who also died from a gunshot wound.

"At this point in the investigation, the only two people involved in this case are the ones we located in the trailer," said Sandlin.

He would not reveal whether any of the guns were used in the shooting.

Although an autopsy was conducted Friday on both victims, Sandlin declined to say where they were shot or elaborate on the fatal wounds.

He did say, however, that several handwritten notes were found near the bodies, and that the bodies were within close proximity to each other.

Peggy Strobo Haynes, 55, the sister of George Strobo, lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She spoke with the Star-Banner by phone Friday afternoon.

She said her brother and sister-in-law both were in the advanced stages of Lyme disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control website, Lyme disease is caused by the bacterium borrelia burgdorferi and is transmitted to humans by infected ticks.


If left untreated, infection can spread to joints, the heart and nervous system.



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