

For Immediate Release

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Hillsborough County Attorney Dennis C. Hogan on behalf of New Hampshire State Police Colonel Robert Quinn and Mason Police Chief Barry Hutchins is providing supplemental information regarding the shooting incident that occurred in the Town of Mason.

On September 12, 2011, Officers from the Mason, New Ipswich, Temple-Greenville and Troopers from the New Hampshire State Police-Troop B responded to 317 Old Ashby Road in the Town of Mason, NH for a shots being fired call.

An investigation revealed that a total of four people had sustained gunshot wounds. The injured parties have been identified as:

Karl THORDKILDSEN (53 years old)
Mason, NH,

Mary MEACHER (53 years old)
Mason, NH,

and a juvenile female who is related to Ms. Meacher's.

Mr. Thorkildsen and Ms. Meacher each sustained multiple gunshot wounds. They were each transported to medical facilities for treatment of their injuries. None of the injuries sustained by any of the involved parties appear to be life threatening. Information relative to the injury sustained by the juvenile is not being released.

The fourth subject Jennifer GAINES, 60 years of age, from Derry NH has been identified as the shooter in this incident. Ms. GAINES died at the scene from a self inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

Thorkildsen and Gaines had children together. However, the exact status of their relationship is not known for certain.

There is no reason to believe that there is any danger posed to the general public as this does not appear to have been a random event.

The scene was processed by members of the NH State Police Major Crime Unit. The investigation into this matter is currently being conducted by The New Hampshire State Police-Troop B and Mason Police.