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The Chester County Coroner’s Office has approved the following information for immediate release.

The Chester County Coroner’s Office has completed its investigation of the death of Bruce Dalton Rogal, 59, who died on Thursday, September 20, 2018. Bruce Rogal of Downingtown, PA died of an intraoral gunshot wound, with the manner of death being suicide by firearm. Bruce Rogal was the suspect in the murders of his parents, William and Nancy Rogal, at the Bellingham Retirement Community and the attempted murder of his ex-wife on September 19, 2018. The Coroner’s Office was contacted after he was found deceased in his vehicle following a high speed chase by the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), an exchange of gunfire during the chase, and the crashing of his vehicle into his ex-wife’s home.

“The Coroner’s Office is an independent agency charged with investigating the facts and circumstances concerning jurisdictional deaths within Chester County,” said Dr. Christina VandePol, Chester County Coroner. “Jurisdictional deaths include any death involving violence, as in this case. In addition to examining the decedent at the scene where he was found, we performed an autopsy which showed that Bruce Rogal died of a single self-inflicted intraoral gunshot wound. There were no other potentially fatal injuries. The PSP, the District Attorney’s Office, and the decedent’s next of kin have been notified of these findings.”

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