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The Chester County Coroner’s Office has completed its investigation of the December 16, 2018, deaths of Heather Woodward, 39, and Warnell Heck, 40. The deaths occurred at the Phoenixville Borough residence of the decedents. An autopsy revealed that Heather Woodward died of a gunshot wound to the head, with the manner of death being homicide. The cause of death for Warnell Heck was a gunshot wound to the head, with the manner determined to be suicide. The case is under the jurisdiction of the Phoenixville Borough Police.