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West Whiteland Township Family Dead in Apparent Murder-Suicide

The Chester County District Attorney's Office and the West Whiteland Township Police Department announced an investigation into an apparent murder-suicide of four family members at their West Whiteland Township home on Jan. 24, 2021. It is a joint investigation between the West Whiteland Police and the DAO.

Deb Ryan, Chester County DA, said, "This is a tragedy beyond comprehension because two children and both their parents are dead. These were members of our community. We will do everything in our power to learn why this horrific incident happened and urge anyone who needs support to contact the National Suicide Prevention hotline at 1-800-273-8255. My sympathy goes out to the family for their unimaginable loss."

West Whiteland Police Chief Lee Benson said, "We are doing a thorough investigation into the events that led up to the awful tragedy on Mountainview Road. While residents may be feeling uneasy in light of this event, I assure everyone that community safety is our number one priority."

West Whiteland Township Police were called to the 100 block of Mountainview Road in West Whiteland Township after out-of-state family members could not reach the family for several days. Police used a garage door opener from one of the family's vehicles to enter the residence, where they found two adults and two children dead in the basement.

Police are investigating the incident as a possible murder-suicide. We will provide updates to the public as soon as possible.

Anyone with further information concerning this investigation is asked to call West Whiteland Police at 610-692-5100.

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Approved for release by Deborah Ryan, District Attorney