UPDATE: Autopsies completed in Rawlins County death investigations

RAWLINS COUNTY—Autopsies were completed in the Feb. 1 shooting deaths of Gary E. Withers, and Danny E. Withers, from Rawlins County.

The preliminary autopsy results for Gary E. Withers, 74, revealed he died from a gunshot wound, and the manner of death was homicide.

The preliminary autopsy findings in the death of 41-year-old Daniel “Danny” E. Withers, revealed he died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Evidence suggests that Danny Withers shot his father, Gary Withers, and then shot himself. The investigation is ongoing. Nothing further will be released at this time.

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KBI investigating shooting deaths in Rawlins County

RAWLINS COUNTY—The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), and the Rawlins County Sheriff’s Office are investigating the Friday shooting deaths of a father and son from Rawlins County.

The Rawlins County Sheriff’s Office requested KBI assistance just before 2:40 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Agents and the Crime Scene Response Team responded.

On Friday afternoon, at approximately 2:10 p.m., Rawlins County Dispatch received a call from a family member reporting that a man on the property had been shot. Deputies responded to farm property in rural Rawlins County, near the Thomas County line. The property was west of
the residence at 34428 County Road B, near Rexford, Kan. When they arrived they found Gary E. Withers, 74, deceased from an apparent gunshot wound.

Soon after, approximately one half mile away, and outside the home on the property belonging to Gary Withers, deputies discovered 41-year-old Daniel “Danny” E. Withers deceased from an apparent gunshot wound.

Autopsies will be performed. No threat to the public is believed to exist related to this incident. The investigation is ongoing. Nothing further will be released at this time.

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