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FROM: LaSalle County Coroner's Office

On the early morning hours of July 17th 2025, the LaSalle County Coroner's Office was called to 2441 North 42 road, Sheridan, IL. for a male & female decedent who had been discovered inside a home that was previously on fire. This incident is an active homicide investigation. The male decedent has been identified as Sidney A. Schiltz, age 42, of Sheridan IL. The female decedent has been identified as Melissa Vissman, age 31, of Ottawa, IL.

Forensic investigative autopsies were conducted on Friday, July 18th, 2025. Their cause of deaths will be withheld at this time pending further forensic testing, and court proceedings.

This incident is under further investigation by the LaSalle County Coroner's Office, LaSalle County Sheriff Office, Illinois State Fire Marshall, & the Illinois State Police Crime Scene Forensics' unit.

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