

Sheriff's deputies responding to the scene of a reported double-homicide this morning have confirmed that two people are dead in a residence just south of Scappoose near the Multnomah County line

. Sheriff Jeff Dickerson has activated the Columbia County

Major Crimes Team to assist in the investigation. Neighbors, concerned for the welfare of the occupants of the home, entered the home to check on them and discovered the two bodies, Dickerson said. Confirmed dead are a male and a female in their 40s. There is not an immediate concern for the safety of people living in the area, he added.