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92 year old Mother refuses to go to assisted living facility

Shoots and kills son

In a bizarre turn of events a 92 year old Mother took her son's life after she believed he ruined hers

On Monday July 2, 2018, at approximately 10am, Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call for unknown trouble, which was later determined to be a shooting, at the residence located at 16800 East El Lago Boulevard, Fountain Hills AZ. Deputies discovered that 92 year old Anna Mae Blessing had shot and killed her 72 year old son.

According to statements provided by suspect Blessing and received by the detectives, she had been contemplating for several days her son's intentions to place her in an assisted living facility. Blessing retrieved two pistols and concealed them in the pockets of her robe then confronted her son in his bedroom. During the confrontation, Blessing stated that she removed the handgun and fired multiple rounds striking and killing her son. She then pointed the gun at her son's girlfriend and the two struggled over the weapon when it was dislodged from her hand. Blessing retrieved the second handgun and attempted to point it at the girlfriend, who knocked it from Blessing's possession. The girlfriend contacted MCSO who responded and ultimately took Blessing into custody.

"It is always concerning when domestic issues escalate to violence or tragic outcomes," says Sheriff Penzone. "They are often isolated and neither predictable nor preventable."

Blessing was charged with one count of murder in the 1st degree, one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and one count of kidnapping.