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DNA doesn't implicate man in Jenner killing

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(07-31) 14:05 PDT JENNER -- Evidence related to a New Mexico police shooting, including a DNA sample and spent bullet, does not match evidence from the scene of a mysterious double homicide in Jenner, Sonoma County sheriff's officials said Friday.

The DNA was from Joseph Henry Burgess, 62, who was killed July 16 in a shootout with police in New Mexico. A sheriff's deputy was also killed in that incident.

Burgess was among those suspected in the double slaying of Jason Allen, 26, of Zeeland, Mich., and Lindsay Cutshall, 22, of Fresno, Ohio, officials said. The engaged couple were fatally shot on a Jenner beach Aug. 18, 2004.

Allen and Cutshall were camping at the mouth of the Russian River while on a break from performing Christian ministry at a camp in El Dorado County. The .45-caliber Marlin rifle used in the homicides was never found.

A .45-caliber bullet was found at the shooting scene at a mountain cabin in Sandoval County, N.M. But it "did not match existing evidence we have regarding the weapon used in the Jenner homicides," Sonoma County sheriff's Capt. Matt McCaffrey said.

That does not mean, however, that Burgess has been removed from suspicion, authorities said.

"While analysis of this evidence does not implicate Burgess in the Jenner homicides, it does not exclude him either, and he will continue to be a person of interest as we continue to investigate this case," McCaffrey said.

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