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Press Release

Apparent murder-suicide Investigation in Foxborough

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Foxborough Police and State Police detectives attached to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office are investigating an apparent murder-suicide that occurred last night (Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017) on East Street in that town.

Six-year-old Anthony Scaccia, who lived at 79 East Street, died from a single gunshot wound apparently inflicted by his father, William F. Scaccia, Jr., age 49. The young boy's mother was at work and not at home at the time of the shooting, but Anthony's grandmother was awakened and called for help at 11:30 p.m.

Anthony was transported to Norwood Hospital but did not survive.

Evidence indicates that during the incident, William Scaccia spread a small amount of gasoline and oil on the second floor of the residence and set it alight. The fire was extinguished by the grandmother before emergency services arrived.

The Crime Scene Services Section, Firearm Identification Section, State Police arson detectives attached to the Fire Marshall's Office and State Police chemists responded to process the scene for potential forensic evidence and remain involved in the ongoing investigation. But there is not believed to be any ongoing threat in the area or to the community associated with this incident, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey.