



Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office

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News Release

Update:

Sheriff's Office Confirms Identities in Hope Ranch Incident

SANTA BARBARA, CA – At 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 call at the home of actor Ron Ely. Upon arrival, deputies contacted Ron Ely and discovered his wife, Valerie Lundeen Ely, 62, deceased with multiple stab wounds inside the home. While on scene, deputies identified the suspect as the Elys' son, 30-year-old Cameron Ely.

Deputies searched the residence and surrounding area for Cameron Ely. During the search, the suspect was located outside the home. He posed a threat and in response 4 deputies fired their service weapons at the suspect, fatally wounding him. No deputies were injured during the confrontation with the suspect.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office is conducting criminal, coroner's, and administrative investigations of this incident. Autopsies of both the victim and the suspect are pending. The names of the involved deputies will be released at a later date.

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