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**For immediate release**

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**Death Investigation**

On Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 1:19 p.m. Genoa Township Police responded on a 911 call at 6931 Lewis Center Road for a well-being check. The 911 call from a relative indicated the family had complained of illness and no one had been able to contact them for three days. Upon arrival, officers spoke to concerned family members and conducted a more detailed check of the residence. Officers observed an unresponsive individual inside the home and made the decision to force entry.

Upon entry, Police and Fire officials found the resident family of four and their three pet dogs deceased. Although carbon monoxide poisoning is the suspected cause of the death, an official determination has not yet been released by the coroner.

The Genoa Township community is saddened by this tragic loss and will grieve the deaths of the four family members:

- Richard Gabriel Reitter III, 50 years old
- Jennifer Reitter, 49 years old
- Richard Gabriel Reitter IV, 15 years old
- Grace Reitter, 13 years old

Chief Stephen Gammill of the Genoa Township Police Department and Deputy Chief Joseph Ponzi of Genoa Township Fire Department will address the media on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 11:00a.m. at Genoa Township Hall (5111 South Old 3C Highway).

