

Preliminary charges of murder are filed on two Washington County men

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Two Washington County men, Sterlen S. Keller, 22 of Salem and Marvin E. Noland, 19 of Salem, have been preliminarily charged for their alleged involvement in the death of an Orange County man.

Saturday afternoon at approximately 2:15 p.m. a deputy from the Orange County Sheriff's Office went to 5952 County Road 650 East, Orleans, IN to conduct a welfare check on Robert W. Collier, 79.

While checking the property the deputy located Mr. Collier deceased behind his barn. The deputy called for assistance from the Indiana State Police Crime Scene Investigators and the Criminal Investigation Division.

Investigators obtained information from the Washington County Sheriff's Office about two men in the Salem area that had allegedly been talking about killing a man. Officers were able to locate the two men.

Through the investigation detectives were able to establish enough probable cause to charge Keller and Noland on preliminary charges of murder. They are both being held at the Orange County Jail.

This case is still under investigation and there will be no further information released at this time.

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