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The Jackson Township Police Department along with Stark County Coroner's Office is investigating the deaths of two juveniles. Lauren Emily Kaufman, 16 years of age, of Lawrence Township and Mason Joseph Brown, 17 years of age, of Canal Fulton were found deceased from gunshot wounds to the heads. Officers located a handgun at the scene and their deaths are being investigated as a possible double suicide or a homicide-suicide.

Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township police departments received a call to check the welfare of two juveniles. Their bodies were located at approximately 8:29 p.m. by a Canal Fulton police officer in a wooded area south of Portage Road and east of Akron Avenue. At that time it was determined this location was the jurisdiction of Jackson Township.

The male subject was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead at approximately 2:00 a.m. this date. The female subject was pronounced dead at the scene.

Jackson Township, Lawrence Township, Canal Fulton and Franklin Fire Departments assisted the police department at the scene.

Further details will be released as they become available.

