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At approximately 10:29 AM, on August 9, 2017, the Brown County Sheriff's Office received a report of an unresponsive female found at 5969 Ripley Day Hill Road, Ripley, Ohio. Upon arrival at that location, the body of Marsha Thigpen, age 62 was located beside a pick-up truck that was registered to her. Members of the Brown County Sheriff's Office, Drugs and Major Crimes Task Force and the Brown County Coroner's Office responded and processed the scene.

On August 10, 2017, the Brown County Sheriff's Office received forensic information confirming that the cause of death of Marsha Thigpen was a gunshot wound to the head. The wound is consistent with the type of wound caused by a small caliber firearm.

As a result of information gained in the investigation, John R. Crum, age 83, of 1323 Portsmouth Road, Peebles, Ohio has been charged with one count of aggravated murder and one count of murder. Mr. Crum is currently being held at the Brown County Jail. Mr. Crum is reported to have been a previous boyfriend of Marsha Thigpen. John Crum is expected to be arraigned in Brown County Municipal Court on August 11, 2017.

The investigation into this incident is continuing. Anyone with any information regarding this investigation can reach the Brown County Sheriff's Office at (937) 378-4435.