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Couple Dead, Teen Arrested and Charged

(MSC News)--A 16-year-old boy is taken into custody in connection with the shooting death of an elderly rural Buchanan County couple, with formal charges now filed.

[KQ2-TV](#) reports the bodies of 72-year-old James Johnson and 76-year-old Beverly Johnson were discovered during a welfare check by Buchanan County Deputies early Saturday morning.

The couple was apparently killed with a shotgun.

It happened at their rural home, four miles east of Saint Joseph.

The 16-year-old was arrested later but his name has not yet been made public. He has been charged with two counts of second degree murder. A July 7th hearing has been scheduled. The TV station [reports](#) that a separate hearing will also be held regarding whether he should be tried as an adult.

An autopsy of the couple is being conducted in Kansas City.

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