

## Arlington Hts. woman fatally shot by ex-boyfriend who then shoots himself

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An Arlington Heights woman was gunned down in Elmhurst by an ex-boyfriend who later turned the gun on himself, authorities said.

Cindy L. Bischof, a 43-year-old real estate agent, was shot around 4 p.m. Friday outside Darwin Realty, 970 N. Oaklawn Ave., where she worked, police said.

When police arrived, they found Bischof and her 60-year-old ex-boyfriend, Michael L. Giroux of Chicago, lying in the parking lot suffering from gun shot wounds.

Both were taken to Elmhurst Hospital where both eventually died.

Police have labeled the case a murder-suicide.

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Police said Giroux had recently spent time as an inpatient at mental health facilities, but would not comment on the mental health issues involved.

The most recent hospitalization was last fall, Mike Bischof said, and Giroux was released around Thanksgiving.

Since moving out of Bischof's home, he lived in Chicago and Palatine, records show.

A wake for Bischof is being planned for Thursday night at Glueckert Funeral Home in Arlington Heights, with the funeral Friday at St. Anne Catholic Church in Barrington.

The Bischof family is planning to set up a scholarship fund in Cindy's name and advocate for domestic violence victims -- especially strengthening the orders of protection.

"There are going to be a lot of people like Cindy, after Cindy, unless things change," Mike Bischof said.

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