

Former Nassau County cop accused of killing wife, staying with body for days

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2014 Cop domestic violence murder spouse Charles Wilkinson

MALTA, N.Y. (AP) — Authorities say a 69-year-old retired police officer killed his wife inside their upstate New York home last week, then spent several days with the body.

Saratoga County District Attorney James Murphy III says a sheriff's deputy looking into the welfare of 65-year-old Kathleen Wilkinson on Sunday found her body on a bedroom floor in her home in the town of Malta, 20 miles north of Albany.



Authorities say Wilkinson stayed with his wife's dead body for several days.

They say she was killed during a domestic dispute last week with her husband, Charles Wilkinson, a retired cop in Long Island's Nassau County. Murphy says the man spent the weekend in the house with her body before letting the deputy into the home.

An autopsy shows the victim was strangled and asphyxiated.

Wilkinson is charged with second-degree murder. Murphy

doesn't know whether Wilkinson has a lawyer.