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FBI opens fraud probe into couple killed in SoCal resort shooting

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LAGUNA BEACH – Federal authorities have opened a fraud investigation into a couple who were killed last month in a confrontation with police at a luxury Southern California resort.

The FBI has obtained documents from the hotel room of Kevin and Joni Park, who were shot to death April 22 at the Montage Resort & Spa after officers received calls that a naked woman was threatening people with a semiautomatic handgun. Investigators will review the documents to determine whether the couple committed real estate fraud, FBI spokeswoman Laura Eimiller said Wednesday.

“The FBI will review the documents to determine whether they did commit fraud, whether it's continuing, and if there is fraud, whether it's broader than the two of them,” Eimiller said.

The Parks, who owned a small real estate business, lived in Mission Viejo. Along with boxes of documents, the couple had a bagful of ammunition in their \$2,200-a-night bungalow.

Police said they opened fire after the couple alternately pointed a gun at officers.

Laguna Beach detectives said they continued to investigate the shooting.

“Our investigation focuses on (Joni Park) running around and pointing a weapon,” said Sgt. Jason Kravetz, a police spokesman.

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