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Gary John Reen, age 56, pled guilty today to second degree murder, relative to the shooting death of his wife Cheryl Reen at their home on April 1, 2011. Reen had been charged with open murder, and his case was scheduled for trial on December 12, 2011. In addition to the murder conviction, Reen pled guilty to use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Police became aware of the murder when Reen appeared at the Isabella County Sheriff's Department the evening of April 1, 2011, advising that he had just shot his wife. When police responded to the home on E River Road in Chippewa Township, they found Cheryl Reen lying on the floor in the couple's pole barn, dead from gunshot wounds.

Reen has been in custody since the day of the shooting. The plea was taken by Trial Court Judge Mark Duthie, who will sentence Reen on December 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. The maximum penalty for second degree murder is life in prison and the felony firearm conviction carries a mandatory consecutive two year prison sentence.

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