

# Pensioner filmed ill wife's suicide

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A retired council officer who filmed his seriously ill wife's suicide was arrested for murder but will face no criminal charges over the "act of love", an inquest heard yesterday.

Ian Taylor, 75, called the police after his wife Beryl, 70, died from gas inhala-

tion. When officers arrived, he gave them a camera and a "do not resuscitate" note written by his wife, who was housebound and suffered many medical conditions including fibromyalgia.

Mr Taylor, from Rattlesden, Suffolk, was arrested on suspicion of assisting a suicide in July 2016 and re-arrested on suspicion of murder. He was on bail for

16 months, but the Crown Prosecution Service said that it would not be in the public interest to bring charges.

At a hearing Kevin McCarthy, the assistant coroner for Suffolk, said: "Any actions of Mr Taylor I am convinced were because of love." He recorded a verdict of suicide, saying that Mrs Taylor had died of her own free will.

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