

## **POLICE CALL 2 SLAYING VICTIMS PUSHERS**

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Betty Bradley and Eugene Carr, two of five **slaying victims** found Sunday, were well-known to local and federal narcotics investigators as heroin traffickers in the Cass Corridor and Detroit's southwest side.

Bradley, 28, had been indicted by a federal grand jury on drug trafficking charges just two days before her death, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officials said Monday.

And Carr, 39, had been one target in a 1980-1981 investigation by the DEA and Detroit narcotics agents of heroin dealing on the southwest side, according to a DEA report obtained by the Free Press.

Both were allegedly working with Paul O'Dell, who was indicted Friday along with Bradley and two others. Federal and local law enforcement officials refused to comment Monday on whether Bradley, her brother and her boyfriend might have been killed to keep them from testifying against others in the federal drug case.

WHATEVER THE motive for the killings, top DEA officials said it was clear the stakes in the federal narcotics case were high.

"These folks (O'Dell and Bradley) were dealing in good quality, high purity, white heroin from southwest Asia," said Robert DeFauw, special agent in charge of the Detroit DEA office.

"O'Dell is a Class One heroin trafficker capable of dealing in large quantities of 59 to 60 percent pure heroin," he said.

Bradley and O'Dell appeared Friday with Gilbert Bak and Glenn Cheaves, also named in the indictment, before U.S. Magistrate Thomas Carlson, who released them on \$5,000 personal bonds each, DeFauw said.

THE OTHER **slaying victims** discovered Sunday were Bradley's 26-year-old brother, Patrick Shelley, and two of Bradley's six children: Angelette, 8, and Miles, 7.

All but Bradley were killed in the rundown house they rented at 1600 Rademacher . Bradley's body was found in Room 20 at the Crest Motel on W. Fort Street, about two miles away.

Bradley's four youngest children, ages eight months to five years, survived.

Homicide Lt. Gerald Stewart said he thought Bradley's two oldest children were killed to keep them from identifying whoever killed the adults.

ACCORDING TO acquaintances, Bradley was a heroin addict, and Carr was known for turning away customers who had less than \$100 to spend on drugs.

Their lives included blustery arguments, robberies, heavy drinking and weapons, according to acquaintances who had frequent contact with them.

The two socialized and did business with a clique of drug dealers who often borrowed money and narcotics from one another, according to the acquaintances who insisted on remaining anonymous. Addicts injected their purchases at the series of homes Carr and Bradley shared over the past three years, though the couple was careful to keep the "shooting gallery" out of the children's sight, the acquaintances said.

CARR ALLEGEDLY threatened another drug user's life at least once. According to the 1981 DEA investigation report, Carr and another man met a **police** informant at a southwest side bar in November 1980. Carr and the other man told the informant they suspected that a man whom the informant introduced to the dealers' clique was a **police** officer. If that turned out to be true, Carr's companion said, the informant would be the target of a \$5,000 contract on his life.

The next day, Carr told the informant that "the guy who made the threats means business," according to the report.

About a month before, the informant had gone to a bar rest room with Carr and exchanged \$875 for two packages of heroin while an undercover agent sat at a table outside, the report said.

Carr told the informant and the undercover agent he "needs two hours advance notice to get heroin without quinine (used to dilute the drug's strength), but could get stuff with quinine on a second's notice," the report said.

AFTER BRADLEY'S husband, Miles Bradley, was sent to the State Prison of Southern Michigan at Jackson in 1980 for convictions for larceny, assault and receiving stolen property, she and Carr lived in at least three different locations on the southwest side, acquaintances said.

Carr frequented several bars in the area and was known as a generous man who would often buy others a drink. "He would talk to anyone about anything," said Jim Blake, owner of Blake's Country Bar on W. Fort.

But his fondness for Miller beer and peppermint schnapps led to surly behavior, acquaintances said. Carr was often robbed while he was drunk, they said.

According to DeFauw, Bradley and O'Dell were arrested June 22 in the 4400 block of W. Fisher near Clark and the I-75 Freeway as the result of an investigation that began Sept. 13, 1981.

A criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court June 18 had charged Bradley with helping Bak, 44, sell about 1.94 grams of heroin for \$1,550 outside a restaurant at Livernois and Fort Street Sept. 29, 1981.

**POLICE** WERE looking for a taxi driver believed to have driven Bradley to the Crest Motel late Saturday night , Stewart said. Bradley's nude and strangled body was found draped over an unmade bed at the motel about 1 p.m. Sunday.

The bodies of Carr, Shelley and Bradley's two children had been found earlier by Tony Carranza, who shared an upstairs apartment with Shelley, **police** said. Shelley and Carr each had been bound before they were killed.

An autopsy Monday showed Shelley, found dressed and sitting on a toilet, died of a gunshot wound in the head and a stab wound in the face.

Carr, dressed and found lying on a bed guarded by his pet Doberman, "Red," died of gunshot wounds and stabbing wounds in the left back, an autopsy showed.

The children, who were not bound, were believed to have died of stab wounds, but autopsy results on their deaths were not available late Monday afternoon. Their bodies were found sprawled on the floor.

STEWART SAID Betty Bradley checked into the Crest Motel at 11:10 p.m. Saturday.

"She was dropped off by a cab with a big, iron horse-type body like the Checker Motors cars," Stewart said, "but the clerk does not remember the color of the cab, and we don't know what company it belonged to."

According to Stewart, a motel clerk said Bradley seemed to be alone and "did not appear to be under duress when she registered.

"And the clerk does not remember seeing anyone else with her," Stewart said.

He said anyone with information about the case could telephone the Detroit **Police** homicide section at 224-4280 anytime.

PATRICK SHELLEY , Bradley's brother, had a **police** record that included three arrests for narcotics offenses -- two in 1975 and one July 2 . **Police** records show no dispositions of those cases.

Carr had a relatively minor **police** record, including convictions for car theft and drunken driving.

Michigan Department of Corrections records show he was paroled Aug. 21, 1970, after having served time for car theft and escaping prison in 1967. He was paroled in August 1970.

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