

DAD OF SLAIN KIDS ESCAPES WORK CAMP

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Miles Bradley, whose two young children and estranged wife were murdered along with two men in southwest Detroit Sunday, escaped from a minimum security corrections **camp** near Jackson early Thursday , a day after he attended the funeral **of** his wife and children.

State corrections officials and local law enforcement officials said they were concerned he might have learned something at the funeral that would lead him to seek revenge against the killer or killers.

"He has a history **of** felonious behavior, some **of** it assaultive, and he's been under considerable pressure, as you can well imagine ," David Haskell, deputy superintendent **of** the state Corrections **Camp** Program, said Thursday.

Bradley, who became eligible for parole Monday, returned to **Camp** Waterloo at Grass Lake at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday , about 90 minutes late from a 12-hour furlough he had been granted to attend the funeral at the Nixon Funeral Home in Wyandotte, Haskell said.

BRADLEY, 39, was last seen at the **camp** at 6:45 a .m. Thursday, Haskell said, and was reported missing when he failed to show up by 8:50 a.m. for his **camp** job as a dental technician.

"He was . . . showing some strain, as you can imagine you might be if your children had been killed. But his emotions seemed pretty much in control," Haskell said. "We had discussed this thing (the killings) all week.

"Our big concern is what his motivation was to **escape** . I hope he's apprehended before he damages himself any further."

Bradley is white, slim, 6 feet 1 and weighs 168 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes. Although a police photo shows him with a mustache, he now is clean-shaven, Haskell said.

The nude body **of** Bradley's estranged wife, Betty, 28, was found Sunday in a southwest side motel room, a few hours after the bodies **of** two **of** her six children, her boyfriend, Eugene Carr, 39, and her brother, Patrick Shelley, 26, were found in the home they rented at 1600 Rademacher.

BETTY BRADLEY was indicted last Friday on charges **of** drug trafficking, according to Robert DeFauw, special agent in charge **of** the Detroit office **of** the U.S Drug Enforcement Administration. Carr was named as a target **of** a 1980-81 investigation **of** heroin trafficking in a DEA document obtained by the Free Press.

Federal and local law enforcement officials decline to speculate on whether the five killings may have been either the result **of** a drug robbery or an attempt to prevent the adults from testifying against others in the federal drug case.

Miles and Betty Bradley's children, Angelette, 8, and Miles Jr., 7, had been stabbed to death, probably to keep them from identifying the killer or killers, police said.

"The two children who were murdered were the only **kids** he had by her, according to what he told us. He said they had been separated before he went to prison," Haskell said.

Betty Bradley's four other children were not harmed. Eva Shelley, the mother **of** Betty Bradley and Patrick Shelley, said her daughter's youngest children, Tammy, 8 months, and Corenia, 2, were believed to have been fathered by Carr.

Haskell said he was uncertain about who was the father **of** the other two children, Joseph, 5, and John, 3.

Miles Bradley was serving three concurrent prison terms for crimes committed in Washtenaw County, according to state Department **of** Corrections records. Although he became eligible for parole Monday, the day after his children's murders, the Parole Board was not scheduled to consider his case until March, state corrections officials said.

He was sentenced March 13, 1980, to 2 1/2 to five years in prison for receiving stolen property and to 2 1/2 to four years for larceny from a building. Bradley also received two sentences on two convictions for assault less than murder, plus additional time for being considered a habitual criminal, Haskell said.

The first **of** the sentences for assault was for six to 15 years in prison and the second was for five to 10 years, he said.

HOWEVER, THE state Court **of** Appeals later overturned the first assault conviction, removed his habitual criminal designation and reduced his sentence to four years and four months to 10 years in prison on the second charge , Haskell said.

According to Haskell, Bradley would have been cited for returning late to the **camp** after the funeral Wednesday and would likely have been denied some privileges. Haskell said Miles probably would have had his release date pushed back.

"But he had maintained a good record up until now," Haskell said.

Bradley was transferred to **Camp** Waterloo from Southern Michigan Prison at Jackson in June 1982, Haskell said.

"We have worked with him and he comes across OK these days," Haskell said. "I thought we were home free with him, but apparently I was wrong."

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