

POLICE SEEK TIE BETWEEN CITY DRUG MURDERS

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Police are looking for links **between** the **murders** of a young southwest Detroit couple stabbed to death Saturday and the killings of five members of a southwest Detroit household in February.

Detectives said Monday they could not confirm a link, and no one was in custody in any of the killings.

But similarities **between** the victims and the places and way in which they were killed led **police** to suspect links **between** the crimes. **Police** were also puzzled about the discovery Saturday of a purse owned by one of the February victims.

Victims in both cases were young **drug** dealers who **police** said operated out of homes in an area just west of Livernois Avenue.

SATURDAY'S KILLINGS occurred in the 5100 block of Braden, four blocks west of Livernois **between** Michigan Avenue and the Edsel Ford Freeway.

Four of those killed in February were in a home in the 1600 block of Rademacher, three blocks west of Livernois and north of Fort Street. The fifth victim was found at the nearby Crest Motel at W. Grand Blvd. and Fort Street.

In both cases, adults were stabbed to death by someone they apparently knew well enough to let into their homes, and small children were left unharmed.

In Saturday's killings, a friend found the bodies of Dale Cooper, 20, and Dianna Savage, 17, in their rented gray bungalow Saturday afternoon.

The couple's five-month-old son was crawling on the floor near his parents, **police** said.

Police believe the adults had been dead about 12 hours when found.

IN THE KILLINGS discovered Feb. 13, four children ranging in age from eight months to five years were left alive in the house with bodies of four victims.

The four killed in the Rademacher house, like the couple on Braden, had been stabbed to death.

Two of them were children: Angelette Bradley, 8, and Miles Bradley Jr., 7. Also slain were the children's uncle, Patrick Shelly, 26, and their mother's boyfriend, Gene Carr, 39. The nude body of Betty Bradley, the children's mother, was found in the Crest Motel. She had been strangled.

The men, who shared the home with the Bradleys, had been bound before they were killed.

Victims in both cases suffered multiple injuries and apparently all but Cooper struggled, **police** said. **Police** believe Cooper may have been asleep when he was attacked.

IN WHAT MAY BE another link **between** the cases, a store owner found what **police** believe is Bradley's purse on a west side street about the time Saturday's killings were discovered.

Police said receipts in the purse seem to indicate someone was using Bradley's identification to cash checks and conduct other business almost seven months after her death.

Some officers speculated both cases were related to **drug** rip-offs.

But in the earlier case, revenge may have been a motive, **police** said. Bradley and Carr were well known to local and federal narcotics investigators as heroin traffickers in the Cass Corridor and Detroit's southwest side.

Bradley had been indicted by a federal grand jury on **drug** trafficking charges just two days before her death.

Carr had been under investigation in 1980-81 by the U.S. **Drug** Enforcement Administration and Detroit **police** , according to federal records.

Detectives believed the older children were killed to keep them from identifying the assailants.

Friends of the couple said Savage and Cooper were unemployed, and were involved in selling marijuana and cocaine.

Anyone with information about either case may telephone the Detroit **Police** Homicide Section at 224-4280 anytime

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