

JOEL WINTERHALTER : HIGHLY RELIABLE IN NEWSPAPER JOB

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Joel Winterhalter was the type of employee whose actions spoke louder than words.

Described by coworkers as a quiet, humble person who took a great amount of pride in a job well done, Mr. **Winterhalter**, a distribution and sales representative with the Detroit Newspaper Partnership, was robbed and shot to death Sunday morning on Detroit's east side while on his delivery route, police said.

He died at St. John Hospital in Detroit. He was 52.

A resident of St. Clair Shores, Mr. **Winterhalter** had been an employee of the partnership that runs the business operations of the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News since 1995.

"Although he was very low key and didn't say much, he was always concerned that the job be done right," said Dominic Lorigan, a Detroit division sales manager for the partnership. "Some store owners can be very demanding, but **Joel** always went the extra step to keep everybody happy. He knew all the dealers by name and provided reliable customer service."

His early-morning route extended from the Grosse Pointes along Jefferson Avenue into downtown Detroit. After loading up his truck with newspapers each day at the Sterling Heights printing plant, he would distribute papers to stores and newspaper racks along the route he had for the past two years.

"He was a very steady guy who never missed work," said Roman Borshch, single-copy distribution center manager. "In fact, he actually looked forward to coming in. I can remember times when he would even come in on his off days to cover other shifts. He never refused work. We could always count on him."

Funeral arrangements are pending.

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CAPTION: **Joel Winterhalter** : Killed on Sunday

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