

Detroit woman's body found in car trunk

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REDFORD TOWNSHIP -- Police are investigating the discovery of a woman's body in the trunk of a classic automobile parked at the A&H Express Lube Inc. at Plymouth and Columbia.

Dearborn Heights investigators called Redford Police about 2 p.m. Monday to report a tip that a body was inside the vehicle, a black four-door Chevy Impala with tinted windows and expensive chrome rims.

The victim was identified as 27-year-old **Daniella Erica Munoz** of Detroit, reported missing Thursday, police said. She had a visible gunshot wound in her neck and was lying beneath a speaker and a tire in the trunk.

Redford Township Police Chief John Buck said police were told by the owner of the building that his tenant's brother informed him that there was a body stashed in the car.

Police went to the scene and discovered **Munoz's** fully clothed body.

Munoz's body was identified by a relative at the scene.

Police have not named a suspect but they know who they are looking for, said Redford Township Police Sgt. Craig Brueck, adding that the man and the victim were romantically involved.

"We know who he is," said Brueck.

Police also are investigating claims that the suspect has fled Metro Detroit for the Middle East. Police were also searching for **Munoz's** car. The car is a gold-colored Dodge Stratus with the Michigan license plate AJQ-4455

The car in which **Munoz's** body was found was towed from the business for further investigation. Brueck said police have contacted the owner of the car, who is not a suspect and is believed to have lent the Impala to someone.

Police were expecting to obtain a search warrant for A&H Express, Brueck said. "We don't know if she was brought back here, or killed in here," he said.

The business had not been open for a few days, said witnesses at the scene. The "Open" sign in the window of the oil change business was still on Monday. The black car had been parked at A&H since Saturday.

Kevin Bennett, who met the man suspected in the woman's death when he had his car serviced at A&H, said he finds it hard to believe there was a murder at the business.

Caption: Redford Township Police collect evidence after the discovery of a woman's body in the trunk of a classic Chevy Impala. Brueck

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