



(Times Photo by Tony Triolo)

POLICE INTERVIEW WHITE'S NEIGHBOR


Murder of Executive Unsolved

Huntsville Area Crimestoppers is a non-profit organization sponsored by the Madison County District Attorney's office and the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce in an effort to help law enforcement fight crime. Anonymous phone callers can receive monetary rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those involved in crime by calling 53CRIME, or 532-7463.

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THE CRIME: Crimestoppers needs information on what may have been the "perfect crime." For the first time since 1982, a murder was committed in Huntsville and the killer still has not been found.

Charles White, a marketing manager for Intergraph, was found beaten to death at his home sometime during the weekend before Nov. 12, when he was found around noon. He lived at 4029 Hunter's Ridge Drive, Apt. 9.

White, 38, was badly beaten about the head with what police have termed a "blunt-force" object, possible a baseball bat. Autopsy reports did not turn up any valuable clues for police, who questioned friends, neighbors and others who might have seen White last.

THE CLUES: White left work Nov. 9 around 5 p.m. and drove his black 1950 Mercury with a red interior. It was found, after White's body was discovered, at Whitaker's Trailer Park, about three miles from Hunter's Ridge Apartments.

The murderer was apparently smart enough to wear gloves to eliminate any fingerprints at the apartment or in the antique automobile, which White's co-workers said was his pride and joy.

White, a wealthy man, "enjoyed his trinkets," acquaintances said, including fine jewelry and clothing. He also owned a Ferrari, according to reports.

He had been in Huntsville since April 1983, when he was hired away from a similar computer software marketing position with Computervision in Boston, Mass., where he had been promoted from a Houston, Texas, position.

All police have to go on is that one man said he heard voices and laughter in White's apartment

does not recall a fight or any noises such as blows or falling against walls. Police at the time of the incident said, "It's a long trail from Intergraph (Nov. 9) to his apartment."

The car, which police hoped would lead them to the killer, has not produced many clues. Detectives were flooded with a barrage of calls from people who thought they had seen the conspicuous automobile Friday afternoon and early evening.

Those clues have not led them where they need to go, according to Lt. Ric Ottman, head of the Criminal Investigations Division.

THE REWARD: Crimestoppers pays up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons involved in Charles White's murder. Crimestoppers, which has paid more than \$3,600 in rewards in its first year, also is interested in any information on any crime.

You do not have to give your name when you call 53CRIME, or 532-7463, and you will not have to testify in court. Crimestoppers is interested in information, and not your identity.

Rewards are paid through a number-identification system which is set up at the time of the first phone call. If you have more information and call Crimestopper again, you use the identification system to show you called earlier, and you are paid a reward through that same system, which has its own checking system.

Crimestoppers' Crime of the Week is re-enacted Sundays at 5:00