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Local police work leads to conviction in Gary, IN triple

Local police find gun used to kill mother, father and grandmother

A Hoopeston police investigation last summer helped get a conviction on a triple homicide in Gary, IN.

On Aug. 19, 1995, officer Roger Beaty received a call concerning a suspicious person near Jerry's IGA, Routes 1 and 9.

That person, Ronald M. Berry of Rensselaer, IN., was convicted last week of killing his mother, father and grandmother, all of Gary.

Berry, who was asleep in bushes near the grocery store, told Beaty he had had a motorcycle accident two to three miles east of Hoopeston. Beaty then called Vermilion County Sheriff's Deputy Mary Wright to help locate the motorcycle.

Wright agreed to take Berry to find the motorcycle. As Beaty patted Berry down for possible weapons, Wright picked up a backpack Berry was carrying. "It weighed about 50 lbs.," Beaty said.

A check of the backpack revealed a Smith and Wesson 9 mm gun with laser sights. "To this day, Mary and I don't know why he didn't go for that gun," Beaty said.

Berry was taken to the local police station, where he gave police a false name and date of birth. When he

gave his correct name, police records showed Berry was wanted on a warrant from Jasper County, IN.

Berry was placed in Wright's squad car to be taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville. While she was enroute, Beaty received a call from Gary police saying Berry was suspected of shooting the three family members, then setting fire to the house they were killed in.

While Gary police suspected Berry of the killings, they had no proof. "All they had was circumstantial evidence," Beaty said. "The only witness to the crime was the gun. Gary police didn't have a case without the testimony and the gun. They were very appreciative."

Beaty and Wright attended various aspects of the trial, including a suppression hearing when defense attorneys tried to get the gun dismissed as evidence, claiming Beaty and Wright illegally searched the backpack. The court ruled, however, that officers were right to search Berry's backpack as a protective measure.

Berry is scheduled to be sentenced June 5, Beaty said. He will not get the death penalty.

The murders were committed for monetary reasons, Beaty said. "He wanted Grandma's money is what it boils down to," he said.

Berry's arrest and subsequent conviction were good news to Beaty. "The good guys won one," he said.

Full service employment office opens at Multi Agency

The Illinois Employment and Training Center opened a full service office in Hoopeston on Monday, May 5.

The office will be in the Multi Agency Service Center, 206 S. First Ave. A representative of the Illinois Department of Employment Security will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. The

representative will take unemployment claims, register for job service and refer on jobs.

All functions that are presently handled by the Danville office for both Job Service and Unemployment will be available.

Job Training Partnership will be in Hoopeston from 9 a.m. to noon Thursdays to do intakes and orientations.

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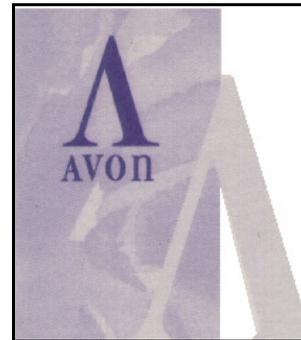
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Police News



Jackson D. Stockdale-Wilson, 17, of Danville,
was arrested at 10:12 p.m. Monday. He was wanted
on a Vermilion County traffic warrant for failure to
appear.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident

at 3:35 p.m. Tuesday in the Hoopeston Area High
School parking lot.

Angel K. Bane, 39077N 990 E Rd., backed her
1984 Plymouth Horizon from a parking space at the
school into a parked 1989 Isuzu Amigo owned by
Paula J. Stockdale of Hoopeston.

Obituaries

CORREL - Florence Lucille Correll, 86, of
Hoopeston, died at 12:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 14,
1996, at Hoopeston Community Nursing Home.
Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the
Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral
Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the
time of services Thursday.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
May 13, 1996

Admitted: Lillian Betka, Rankin.

Discharged: none.

Weather



Partly sunny and warmer today. High near 80.
Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow,
isolated thunderstorms. High near 85, low near 65.

Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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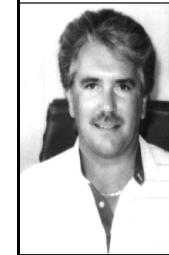
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