

## 2 suspects held in Smith murder

After a two-month investigation and the questioning of more than 200 persons, the search for the suspected murderers of Gladys Martha Smith apparently is over. West Bloomfield police obtained warrants Tuesday morning for the arrest of two Pontiac men in connection with the June 28 murder-robbery of the 72-year-old West Bloomfield widow.

Daniel Wayne Meyers, 21, and his 23-year-old brother, Charles Allen Meyers, were apprehended in Texas after a nationwide alert for their whereabouts was issued by West Bloomfield officials.

The two brothers are charged in West Bloomfield with premeditated murder in the beating death of Mrs. Smith, who was found severely beaten in her ransacked house with her hands tied behind her back.

Police in Waco, Tex., also are holding the pair on charges of armed robbery and auto theft in Texas. If they fail to waive extradition in Texas, West Bloomfield police will start extradition proceedings to return the two suspects for trial in Michigan.

The Meyers brothers were arrested along with a 16-year-old runaway from Pontiac "after being involved in a gun waving altercation in Houston, Tex.," said Cpl. Robert Scott of the West Bloomfield Police Department Tuesday.

"THE FIRST break in the case came July 25

when Police Chief William Holloway of Keego Harbor was investigating an armed robbery in his city allegedly involving the Meyers brothers," Scott reported.

"Holloway notified our department that he thought they also might have been involved in a robbery on Pontiac Trail during the last week of June," he added.

Based on this information and the results of further investigation, West Bloomfield police issued the nationwide alert for the Meyers brothers.

After being apprehended in Houston, West Bloomfield detectives flew to Texas to question the suspects.

As a result of this questioning and further investigation, Scott said West Bloomfield obtained a search warrant for the Meyers' home at 37 Edwards Street in Pontiac, where the pair lived with their parents.

Scott said that in the Aug. 17 search by West Bloomfield, Pontiac and state police, many of the articles stolen in the robbery of Mrs. Smith's house—jewelry, clocks, a television set and several other small items—were recovered from the Meyers home.

"Based on this evidence and other information obtained in the investigation, we obtained the warrants for the suspects' arrest," Scott added.

AT THE time of Mrs. Smith's murder, Daniel Meyers was a resident of

a halfway house in Pontiac where he was serving time for a grand larceny conviction.

His brother Charles was on parole to Michigan from Alabama for an armed robbery conviction.

Mrs. Smith lived alone in a one-story house in a sparsely populated, heavily wooded section of the township at 7885 Pontiac Trail, near Haggerty Road.

Her body was found around 10:15 a.m. June 28 by Ptl. Patrick Monte, the West Bloomfield police officer first on the scene after a neighbor called police.

The neighbor, who knew Mrs. Smith's habits, noticed her black and white dog tied up for too long a time outside the back door.

When no one answered calls to the Smith residence, the neighbor alerted police.

Police found the home ransacked and several possessions missing when they investigated the incident.

The time of death was set between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and a medical examiner's report indicated she died of a compound skull fracture. Rewards totaled \$2,000 in the murder probe with \$1,000 being offered by the Oakland County Prosecutor's office, \$500 by the Oakland County Chamber of Commerce, and \$500 by the West Bloomfield police.

Scott said it "was quite likely someone will get some or all of that reward money."

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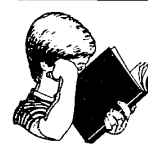
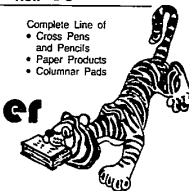
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## Hills vetos tall towers

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retracted when not in use. Residents would still have the option of asking special permission from the zoning board of appeals to erect taller towers.

Councilman Joe Alkateeb said he was particularly concerned with the

"environment impact" of allowing 75-foot towers.

"We don't have enough information to say that this will not drastically increase the number of towers," he said. "When something is ordained, it becomes the rule rather than the exception."

## Stained glass gets facelift

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have a waiting list of persons who want to buy their used machinery.

Kowall, his brother Mike, 26, and his father Dick, are partners in a business that began 25 years ago in Detroit. The elder Kowall quit working for the Ford Motor Co. to fulfill his dream of owning his own business.

For 23 years, he and his wife Doris operated the business and raised their family in Detroit. Eight years ago, the family bought a home in Farmington Hills. In 1976, they moved the business to Waterford.

When Rick was 16, he entered the business with his brother.

"I've been working at this ever since I could push a broom," he explained. After graduating from Harrison High School in 1974, the young Kowall

tried his hand at studying business at Oakland Community College.

HE DECIDED woodworking was more interesting than school.

"It's been a very rewarding experience. Most people get bored with a job after a while. But I'm not bored with this," he said.

"You have something to show for it when you're done working."

In addition to the stained glass of Salem United Church, the Kowall shop has replaced glass in the Leland House Hotel in Detroit and the Dodge residence on the Oakland University grounds in Rochester.

Kowall also designs contemporary furniture. His tables and desks are sometimes copies of Italian designer styles his customers like. But he prefers to turn his own designs and has made all of the furniture in his home.

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