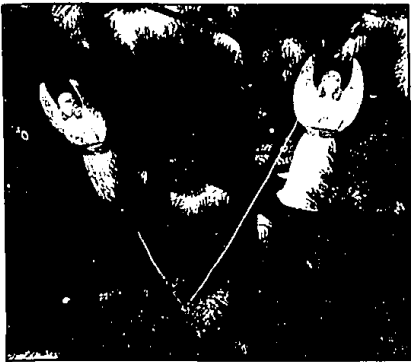




In the branches: Christmas decorations, including these angels in an evergreen, were still up outside the Ansara house on Bradley Court.



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Where it happened: This is the home on Bradley Court in Farmington Hills where a woman tried to kill her husband then took her own life.

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Farmington Hills police were expecting to talk with Louis Ansara on Saturday. According to Godwin, family members and neighbors interviewed said they were unaware of any problems between the couple.

A family member issued a statement Thursday saying Leila Ansara was being treated for postpartum depression after the birth of their fourth child in September. The Ansara children, ages 4, 3, 2 and eight months, were staying with a relative after the shooting.

O'Donohue said she's not aware of all the details involving Leila Ansara, but it's not uncommon for a violent act to be attributable to postpartum depression. The hardest part with postpartum depression is recognizing there is a problem, she said.

"I wonder if people were taking it seriously, because people don't," O'Donohue said. "We've had suicidal women in our group who have had doctors tell them: Go home, put your feet up and have a cup of tea."

Some PPD symptoms
Symptoms from postpartum

depression can linger up to a year after delivery. Usually, there are feelings of lethargy and the inability to focus. Severe cases can include thoughts of suicide to actually killing their own children.

Treatment for postpartum depression includes the use of antidepressants such as Prozac, Zoloft and Lithium. It's not known if Leila Ansara was taking medication at the time of the incident.

O'Donohue took Prozac 10 months after the birth of her last child to cope with postpartum depression. She said she would at-

tribute any irrational action to the mental disorder rather than the drugs used to treat it.

The Ansara family appeared to live a life of suburban serenity. They were known in the Farmington Square neighborhood for their elaborate Christmas decorations.

A red and green neon sign saying Merry Christmas was still hanging above the front entrance of their Bradley Court residence. Two decorative white angels were in an evergreen tree.

A resident on nearby Windwood said she knew the family, but wouldn't comment.

"The family doesn't want us to do anything now," the woman said.

Leila Ansara moved to the area from Montreal. Her husband is an owner of the Red Robin Restaurant in Novi. According to police, his family owns several Big Boy Restaurants.

'Praying he pulls through'

"We're hoping and praying he pulls through," said an employee at Red Robin, who declined to give his name. Farmington Hills police

received the call shortly after 12:30 a.m. Thursday. Leila Ansara was found dead in the garage. Louis Ansara was shot twice. Two bullets penetrated his upper body. One hit his sternum and lodged in his left side under his armpit. A second bullet went through his liver but missed other vital organs.

He was placed in intensive care Friday and was still on a ventilator.

"He was extremely, extremely lucky," said Chris Ward, a Botsford Hospital spokesman.

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