

Reward offered in murder case

West Bloomfield police, seeking leads in last week's murder of Gladys Martin Smith, set up a roadblock along Pontiac Trail Wednesday to question motorists.

Throughout the day, police stopped motorists who regularly travel Pontiac Trail and asked if anyone saw anything suspicious last Wednesday—the day the 72-year-old widow was found severely beaten in her home with her hands tied behind her back.

Police are offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the assailant who ram-ran Mrs. Smith's one-story house at 7585 Pontiac Trail.

Cpl. Robert Scott said the department compiled three or four possible leads from the roadblock questioning, but that the investigation was still in need of definite leads. "We still have a ways to go," he said.

"We have no concrete leads at this time. All the leads have so far been negative and we don't have a specific suspect."

But Scott added that the department believes it has found the weapon with which Mrs. Smith was killed, although it hasn't received the complete lab

report from the State Police Crime Laboratory.

The West Bloomfield department, with the aid of state police, continued the probe throughout the weekend assigning 14 men to the case.

Police believe that the killing was not intentional.

"I don't think (the assailant) entered with the intent of killing her. It was probably a confrontation of some sort," Scott said.

It also does not appear that any weapons were brought into the home, Scott said.

Police are following up on the 25 to 30 leads they have received from residents who noticed unusual activity in the vicinity of Smith's home the night she was killed. "A couple of the tips seem hopeful," Smith said.

There have been no further incidents in that area since Mrs. Smith's body was found around 10:15 p.m. by Ptl. Patrick Monte, the West Bloomfield 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.

Hills growth seen on Halstead corner

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tively new and growing community," said Andrew Kowal, owner and president of Dynamic Construction.

The company hopes to have its new 56,000 square-foot facility ready by next September.

Kowal said the firm may use part of the rear warehouse space for pre-assembly of construction components and rent out the rest of the space.

Dynamic Construction is a general contracting business. This the company did some renovation work at Tiger Stadium.

NEXT FALL Bob Sellers Pontiac Inc. will be moving to Farmington Hills from its present location on Grand River near Telegraph in Detroit.

"We're spread out over five different locations, but now we'll be in one spot," said Doug Williams, manager.

The new \$1.5 million facility will be ready about Oct. 15, at which time the old one will be sold, Williams said. On the 7.75 acre site, the company will sell new Pontiacs and used cars and shop departments. Car-leasing plans will also be available.

"We have our staff, but we don't know now what we need," said Williams when asked about the number of possible new employees.

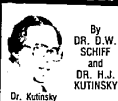
Across the street from the Pontiac dealer will be the new Bonanza Sirlin Pit.

Douglas J. Collins, co-owner of the Bonanza site, said he hoped the building could be constructed in about 120 days once a permit is issued.

He said the new restaurant would be valued at about \$300,000 and would be located on a 1½-acre site.

Once completed, it would be leased to the Seghi Brothers, who own three other Bonanza Sirlin Pits in the area, Collins said.

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