

Two found hacked to death with ax

By GARY GREEN
Gazette Staff Reporter

Violent death struck in east Gaston County late Halloween night as a Belmont man and woman were hacked to death with an ax.

Lester Lindsay, 43, of 403 South Ave., in Belmont and Jenny Workman, age unknown, of the same address, became Gaston County's 27th and 28th slaying victims of the year.

George Allen "Dusty" Biggers, 59, of 702 S. East St., in Belmont has been charged with two counts of first degree murder. He is being held in the Gaston County Jail without bond.

The two chopped-up bodies were found in Biggers' home about 12:30 Saturday morning. Police theorize the double slaying took place late Friday night.

Belmont Police Sergeant Charlie Flowers was the first officer on the scene. He said that he found Biggers inside the house sitting on the sofa smoking a cigarette. The bodies were at his feet.

The frame house is less than 100 yards outside of the Belmont City limits.

Flowers called the Gaston Rural Police Department and Detective Captain A. B. Homesley came from his home in Cherryville to direct the investigation. He brought a team of Rural Police Detectives to the scene.

FOUND BODIES

Flowers and Rural Police Sergeant Ralph Miller found a man who said he discovered the bodies. Robert Kendrick, of 610 East Street, was questioned by Rural detective Tommy Davis.

"I was walking down the street with my wife," Kendrick told the detective as he pointed to the section of East Street near the front of Biggers' house.

"And Dusty walked out of his house and told me he had just killed Lester and Jenny," he continued.

"I said, shoot! You didn't kill no damn body. He just told me to walk over to the house and look," he added.

Kendrick said that Biggers led him to the door of the house. Inside they found one body in the living room and another in the kitchen.

"Then what did you do?" Davis asked.

"Dusty told me to call the police. I went home and called Charlie Flowers because I know he would know what to do," he concluded.

Kendrick said his wife had more to tell police.

Mrs. Kendrick told police that she had seen Biggers earlier in the evening talking to Lindsay and Workman.

"Dusty walked up to Lester and Jenny and they had been drinking, but not Dusty. He invited them down to his house for a drink and they went with him," she told the detective.

Flowers arrested Biggers and took him to the Belmont Police where he was held for questioning.

Inside the death house Flowers and Rural Police identifications officers found two bloody axes in the living room.

Miss Workman's body was hacked to pieces from her head to her waist. Lindsay's body was at the rear of the living room with his feet in the living

room and his torso in the kitchen. His body was mutilated.

The bodies were put into plastic zipper body-bags and carried out by the

lifesaving crew.

At the Belmont Police headquarters, Rural Police Detective Sergeant Doug Stamey is on the bench beside him and Rural detective sergeant Doug Stamey is standing



ROBERT KENDRICK
...He found the bodies



SLAYING SUSPECT — George Allen Biggers (left) sits in the Belmont police department awaiting questioning. Gaston Rural Police detective Tommy Davis is on the bench beside him and Rural detective sergeant Doug Stamey is standing

with his back to the camera. Biggers is accused of axing and chopping a Belmont man and woman to death Halloween night. (Gazette photo by Larry Grayam)