

Jorge & Robert Morgan stab soon-to-be great-grandmother to death

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Jorge and Robert Anthony Morgan, disrespectfully

Cynthia Ramos was a couple of weeks away from her 59th birthday and about to become a great-grandmother when two men she knew allegedly stabbed her to death in her own home.

Ramos' roommate showed up Thursday evening to find the 58-year-old on her bedroom floor at home at 2929 N. MacArthur Drive in Tracy.

The housemate called police at around 4:45 p.m. Thursday. Paramedics pronounced Ramos dead on scene. The victim's head was severely wounded, and a police report said that Ramos died of multiple stab wounds to the upper body.

Police arrested two men shortly thereafter on suspicion of murder — neighbors Robert Anthony Morgan, 39, and Jorge Morgan, 24. Jorge Morgan faces additional charges for parole violations, and Robert Morgan — who recently changed his last name from Plunkett — for allegedly attempting to commit a misdemeanor.

Investigators say the killing may have been the result of a foiled robbery. The roommate told police that when she pulled up to the home, she saw people running from the back of the trailer and one was carrying a small safe, according to the police blotter.

Both suspects are locked up without bail at San Joaquin County Jail in French Camp. They're due for an arraignment Tuesday at San Joaquin County Superior Court in Stockton.

Neighbors said that investigators and a city worker searched storm drains near the home Thursday night, presumably to find the weapon allegedly used to kill Ramos. Police fired up a generator to power flood lights and scoured the mobile home park until early Friday morning.

Several neighbors stayed awake, peeking out their windows as detectives searched the park for evidence. At around 1:30 a.m. Friday, neighbors said police took down the crime scene tape that surrounded the home where Ramos lived for more than a decade after moving to Tracy from Hayward, friends said.

Ramos' death marks the second suspected murder in Tracy this year. Eight-year-old Sandra Cantu was killed in late March.

"We're all shocked by Cindy's death — we all want to know why this happened and what happened," said Karen Mann, 58, who lives across the street from Ramos' trailer and who's keeping an eye on one of Ramos' dogs, a Pom-chi called Chewie.

People who knew Ramos called her Cindy, not Cynthia, Mann said. She was a bright, happy woman with a sense of humor and many friends, neighbors and a large close knit family she loved so much, Mann said. Friends described Ramos as a fun-loving woman.

"She's a smart, lively woman," said Hasani Tabari, a friend and co-worker of one of Ramos' daughters, Kimberly Elisan-McKinney, who works as a probation officer in Alameda County. "I met her at her daughter's wedding, and I could tell she has a really good heart."

Ramos is survived by several children and grandchildren, said Tabari and James Knowles, friends of Elisan-McKinney. No one from Ramos' family could be reached for comment Friday.

"She has a large family — they're really close," said James Knowles, who said he received a frantic call from Elisan-McKinney the night Ramos was killed. "At least there's a lot of love in that family. They need it right now."

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