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# Teacher's Murder Shocks Neighbors

By KAREN SCANLON

The big red Do Not Enter sign police have posted on the door of Susan Reinert's three-story Ardmore twin home seems out of place in the quiet Main Line neighborhood on a pleasant summer eve.

But then, neighbors say, it seems out of place that the reserved 36-year-old suburban mother and teacher was found naked and lifeless inside her car trunk in a motel parking lot 100 miles from home. Her children, Michael, 10, and Karen, 11, are missing.

"IT'S JUST UNBELIEVABLE," one housewife said. "She was a good neighbor, a nice lady and a great mother."

On Monday, following information from an anonymous male tipster, police discovered Reinert's body at 5:30 a.m. inside the open hatchback of her Plymouth Horizon parked at

the Host Inn, 3 miles from Pennsylvania Turnpike's Harrisburg interchange.

According to autopsy findings, Reinert was beaten and smothered, then placed in the car. Just where the crime took place is unknown.

According to motel personnel neither Reinert nor her children had stayed at the Host Inn. Clerks said they first noticed the car just hours before the police arrived.

STATE POLICE INVESTIGATORS in Harrisburg and Philadelphia don't know if the children are alive or dead. Reinert's clothes, purse and eyeglasses were not in the car and there was no proof that the children had been with her.

"What did they do with the other two?" asked one investigator, himself the father of two. "We've gone as far as checking every dumpster in the township."

Interviews with turnpike toll collectors,

acquaintances and several of the children's baby-sitters have yielded no new information.

Neighbors told police they last saw Reinert and her children Friday evening outside her home on Woodcrest Ave.

"SUE CAME OUT TO ask my husband if he thought she had enough gas to get to Allentown," a nearby resident recalled.

Reinert, a divorcee for three years, was to attend a weekend workshop for Parents Without Partners, with the children in Allentown. Inside the children's bedroom, clothes were neatly folded and stacked for packing, in preparation for the Saturday morning ride. Investigators found the house locked and in order.

Police said the children's father, Kenneth Reinert of Narberth, had spoken with Michael about 8:30 p.m. Friday.

"Everything seemed to be fine," Reinert said. "Michael was excited about the weekend and

talked about going bowling."

Reinert was called by police to identify his ex-wife's body Monday.

"ALL I HAVE IS HOPE at this point," the distraught father said. "We had arrangements where I saw them every weekend, we were very close. There's just waiting now. It's very difficult."

So far there are no witnesses or suspects in the case.

Friends said the Upper Merion High School, English teacher had no steady boyfriend, but recalled she had recently started seeing one man on a casual basis.

"She had no big plans this summer, she was simply going to work on the house and relax," a neighbor said. "Last year she taught school all summer long to get back on her feet financially. She was a very attentive mom and her children were sweet and good."

## Statewide Grand Jury Is Sought

HARRISBURG (UPI) — Attorney General Edward Biester Jr. today announced he has petitioned the state Supreme Court for permission to empanel Pennsylvania's first statewide grand jury.

Although he declined to give specifics of the ongoing investigations, Biester said the grand jury would probe six general areas.

- Targeted were:
  - Fraudulent billing by contractors and bribes to state employees.
  - Macing involving state agencies.
  - Drug dealing involving simultaneous illegal activities in several counties having both interstate and international involvement.
  - Organized crime activity in connection with illegal landfill operations.
  - Systematic diversion of state sales tax revenues.
  - Illegal gambling operations including sports bookmaking, numbers games illegal lotteries on a large scale that cross county lines.

THE ATTORNEY general said the grand jury, which will probably consist of 30 citizens chosen statewide, would have the power to subpoena witnesses and evidence and grant immunity to witnesses.

"These investigations have reached the point where, if we did not have the tool of the grand jury, we could not go forward," Biester said.

He said the chief justice of the state Supreme Court had ten days to decide whether to grant permission for the grand jury. If the chief justice refuses to allow empanelling of the grand jury, the petition could be appealed to the full state supreme court, according to Biester.

The legislature last year passed legislation authorizing the use of statewide grand juries.

The attorney general said the grand jury also may be given additional cases to investigate.

### A Correction

A photograph that appeared in the early editions of Tuesday's Daily News was incorrectly identified as state Attorney General Edward Biester.



Now That's Small!

Marmoset monkeys aren't real big when they're full grown — an average-sized adult marmoset is about 15 inches long — but these are pygmy marmosets, and they're extra tiny. They were born this month in Stockholm, Sweden, in the home of a Skansen Zoo employee.

## Gray Endorses Green for Mayor

By MARK MANOFF

Democratic mayoral candidate William J. Green yesterday picked up his first endorsement from a supporter of Charles W. Bowser in last month's primary, and responded with specific promises to bring blacks into the top echelons of city government.

As he basked in the warmth of an endorsement from U.S. Rep. William H. Gray 3d (D., Phila.), Green vowed to appoint a black as either managing director or finance director if he is elected.

Green also promised to appoint a black to one of the top three Police Department jobs — police commissioner and deputy commissioners for investigation and training of uniformed forces — and said it was a "disgrace" that no blacks serve on the SEPTA board.

"At all departments, at the highest levels, there will be minority representation," Green said in the strongest statement he has made on black involvement in government during his eight months of campaigning for mayor.

In March Green declined to respond specifically to black leaders' questions on jobs for blacks, and he spoke in general terms during the primary.

WITH THE APPROVAL of 30 labor leaders and ministers, all of them 30 officers continuing the walkout.

"We are taking a wait-and-see attitude with them for the time being to see if they return," said PHA spokesman Robert Alotta.

The PHA has fired eight officers who were affiliated with Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 106, which is trying to win collective bargaining rights over the men from their present union, Security Officers Union Local 1.

The walkout was started, according to a spokesman for the officers, because the guards who patrol the city's 42 housing projects want "the same rights in bargaining that Philadelphia police officers get."

## Dealers Pumped Too Much Into Green's '76 Senate Bid

States News Service

WASHINGTON — Mayoral candidate William Green's 1976 Senate campaign committee agreed to pay a \$500 fine last year for receiving \$13,000 in illegal donations from the Philadelphia-based Service Station Dealers Political Action Committee, the Federal Election Commission revealed this week.

The fine followed a 1977 FEC probe. Under federal election laws, the FEC decides in executive session whether a party has committed a violation and doesn't make the matter public until after a private "conciliation" settlement is reached or unless the case goes to court.

black, Gray termed Green "a man with solid achievements" with "a proven commitment to the poor, the elderly and the minority communities of Philadelphia."

"It is time to unite behind a man who can build on those things which we have in common rather than exploiting our differences," Gray said in a press conference at the Ben Franklin Hotel.

Gray's endorsement is important to Green's courting of the 150,000 black voters who voted for Bowser in the primary and were frustrated and resentful when Bowser's low-budget campaign failed in a close race.

Gray is a friend of Green's, but the Congressman was one of the almost solid phalanx of black Democratic leaders who endorsed Bowser in the primary.

Green's promises on black appointments came almost a month after David W. Marston, his Republican opponent, promised to appoint a black managing director if elected.

"It seems to me Bill Green is saying, 'Me, too,'" Marston said yesterday. "Green strongly came out against what State Rep. Milton Street (D., Phila.) has dubbed 'recycling' — forcing poor people from their neighborhoods by rehabilitating the area and selling the homes to wealthy outsiders."

"Not one dime of public money will be spent on recycling," Green said.

## Vandals Hit 2 PHA Offices

The Philadelphia Housing Authority, besieged lately with labor problems in its police force, was attacked early today by vandals in the Tasker Homes project in South Philadelphia and at its administrative headquarters at 2012 Chestnut St.

PHA officials said that at about 2:21 a.m., housing police in the Tasker office at 29th and Tasker received a report of an armed man about four blocks away at 29th and New Hope.

Two officers went on foot to the location and found nothing. On returning to their office about nine minutes later, it was discovered that yellow paint had been poured over two parked police vehicles and that their tires had been punctured.

A PHA official said it was believed the phone call report was false and part of a scheme to create a diversion for the vandalism.

The PHA said sometime between midnight and 5:45 a.m., someone threw bricks through six central office windows at the Chestnut St. location and painted the words "Crooked City" on a wall.

THE DAMAGE — estimated at between \$2,000 and \$3,000 — occurred as most of the PHA policemen were returning to work to end a seven-day wildcat strike. The PHA said about 80 percent of the more than 200 guards reported for duty yesterday and today, with a "hard nut" of 25 to