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Dragnet Reward: \$2,500 for Missing Tot



Aliya Payne: abducted from hospital

A woman — perhaps with a deep if flawed love for children — walked from St. Christopher's Hospital on Sept. 4, tenderly carrying a 6-week-old child who'd just been discharged after treatment for a high fever from a viral infection.

The scene appeared innocent, touching. It wasn't. It was a case of baby theft. The woman was not the child's mother nor, so far as is known, a relative of any kind.

The baby, Aliya Aesha Payne, still is missing. The woman who took her is being sought.

Today, the Daily News is offering, under its Dragnet program, a \$2,500 award for information leading to the child's safe return. The program's rules are detailed below.

ALIYA'S MOTHER, Rosalind Payne, 20, of Marshall St. near Cumberland, brought her to the Lehigh Ave. and Lawrence St. hospital at midnight on Thursday, Aug. 30. The infant, weighing 10½ pounds, had a 103-degree fever.

For the next several days, Aliya was treated. Her mother was a frequent visitor and was allowed to hold the child and bathe her. She last held and bathed her on the morning of Sept. 4. She left at 10 a.m. to get some Pampers, expecting that Aliya would be discharged,

and returned to the hospital at 11:45.

But shortly after 11 a.m., a black woman about 35, considerably older than the real mother, appeared in the baby's room with a man. A ward clerk asked if she was "Mrs. Payne." got an affirmative answer and introduced the woman to a doctor. The doctor, assuming she was the mother, told her the baby was being discharged and gave instructions for care at home.

THE WOMAN then was sent to the business office to check out. An aide there drew Rosalind Payne's card, but since Payne is on welfare and her welfare card was on file, no signature was required. The baby was released to the stranger.

The woman being sought was described as 5 foot 6 and 135 pounds, perhaps wearing a wig of black, shoulder-length hair. The man she was with, also black, is in his 40s, about 5 foot 7, 165 pounds. He had a mustache and was wearing a knit shirt.

Police have issued composite sketches of both, as well as a sketch of another woman — black, stocky and about 40 — who was seen in the baby's room several times during Aliya's hospital stay.

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Police sketch of suspect



Photographed by W. R. Lurvey, 31

Fire Fighting 8 Floors Up

Flames and smoke pour from eighth-floor windows of a 10-story building on 12th St. just above Vine this afternoon. The blaze, although it did not spread through the building, proved stubborn to fight and firemen pulled four alarms

between 12:25 and 1:31. One firemen went to Hahnemann Hospital with a minor cut, but there were no other injuries. The building, now largely empty, once housed the Edward's Children Shoes firm.

Woods Combed For Kids' Bodies

By JIM NICHOLSON
and JOE O'DOWD

State Police and FBI agents yesterday searched for the bodies of the two children of slain teacher Susan Reinert, in a wooded area behind the apartment complex of her fellow Upper Merion High School teacher William S. Bradfield, the Daily News has learned.

Startled residents looked out their windows shortly after 10 a.m. to see more than a dozen law enforcement officers tramping through the woods and underbrush to the rear of the Chester County complex.

One source told the Daily News the five-hour search yielded no clues; the FBI last night declined comment.

THE CHILDREN, Michael, 10, and Karen, 11, have been missing since June 22, when they apparently left their Ardmore home with their mother, 37. Three days later, Reinert's nude body was found in her car on a motel parking lot near Harrisburg.

The hunt reportedly was launched after investigators received an anonymous telephone call urging them to



William Bradfield: his neighborhood

look for a shallow grave between the apartment complex and a landmark a mile into the woods, a source said.

Bradfield, 46, lives at the apartment complex with another Upper Merion High teacher, Susan Myers.

Bradfield was beneficiary of Reinert's will and life insurance policies, totaling more than \$1 million. Reinert had told friends she was going to marry Bradfield in England this summer.

THREE UPPER MERION High teachers last Saturday took lie detector tests that reportedly cleared them of any involvement in the slaying.

Bradfield, Myers and Christopher Pappas each paid \$125 to an independent investigative firm, whose employee, Mark Hoffman, administered the tests over a seven-hour period and told reporters he had found "no signs of deception at all."

Among the questions asked were: Did you kill Susan Reinert? Did you participate in the planning of the killing of Susan Reinert? And do you know for sure where the Reinert children are located?

Police sources have indicated that

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Woman Tells of Kidnap, Slay Attempt

By DAVE RACHER

A 28-year-old woman testified yesterday that her former boyfriend kidnaped her at gunpoint Aug. 1, told her he had killed two of his friends, accused her of being unfaithful to him and took two shots at her from close range.

Pointing to the spot where she said two bullets grazed her skull, Carol Anne Garstka told Municipal Judge Kenneth Harris that she "ducked like crazy" when the former boyfriend, Mustafa Gurel, 28, shot at her "from three feet away," the morning after he'd allegedly killed two Lawndale men.

HARRIS THEN ordered Gurel, of Gale St. near 24, to return to the House of Correction and await trial for the slayings of Hasan Ali Sarika, 29, of Benner St. near Comly, and Ali Besik, 31, of Hurley St. near Cayuga. Gurel also will stand trial for the kidnaping and attempted murder of Garstka.

According to Assistant District Attorney Leonard Ross, Sarika and Besik were each shot once in the head and once in the chest last Aug. 31 inside Sarika's home. Ross said there "really was no motive."

Testifying at Gurel's preliminary hearing yesterday, Garstka said Gurel told her that he "used five (bullets) on them, and would use two on me. He was going to kill himself after that."

Gurel allegedly told Garstka of the two murders during a long and tedious drive around the city the morning after the shootings.

GARSTKA, OF Edgewater Park, N.J., testified that Gurel had blood on his shirt and was weeping when she met him, at his request, at the Cinnamon Diner on Rte. 130 in New Jersey on Aug. 1. She said Gurel ordered her at gunpoint into a car she recognized as Sarika's, and threatened to kill her if she tried to escape.

Garstka said Gurel admitted he shot "his friends" because "they were going to kill him first. They were fighting over some money."

"Then he started questioning me why I cheated on him, why I was so unfaithful to him. He said he was going to kill me too."

After several hours of discussion Gurel parked behind a building at Verce and Red Lion Rds. and ordered her out of the car, the woman testified.

"**HE SAID HE** wanted to ask me one more question before he wanted to kill me. He asked me how many men I'd met since I'd known him," Garstka testified. "He took his gun out and took two shots at me. He was about three feet away and I ducked like crazy."

Garstka said she ran to a nearby home, phoned police and led them to Sarika's home, where the bodies were found. Gurel surrendered to police four days later.