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## PLAYTHINGS OF A KILLER

Police still seek leads in three cases that are linked by gruesome details.

By Ken Raymond Staff Writer

The head in the alley like an abandoned toy ...

As eyes were closed as if they had been hit the head could no longer dream. Arley Bell Killian's secrets and nightmares, fantasies and fears — everything that made her human — had spilled from it with her blood, and now she was no more.

Nothing but the playing of a killer. Between 1970 and 1980, the killer struck at least three times in near northeast Oklahoma City, walking through severely populated neighborhoods that had crumbled to make way for highway construction. His victims occupied the dark cracks in society's walls, poor and desperate, women willing to lie with strangers in exchange for drugs, booze, food or shelter.

They were the easiest of victims, approachable and alone, and he turned them into fuel for his grisly fantasies. Each was different, not with a surgeon's skill but with the rough wisdom of a huncher. He studied the face of at least one woman and used the bodies of the other two to play a twisted game with police — scattering parcels of flesh for them to find, then leaving more space than they had gone.

"This guy took great pleasure in placing the body out to be found and leading police and making sure that the portions that he wanted found were found ... They were placed in areas where he knew they would be found for their shock value," said Oklahoma City police cold case Inspector Kyle Eastridge.

The killer began his game nearly 32 years ago.

Police are still playing to win.

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View a slideshow detailing the slayings and check out the Cold Case Web site at [www.coldcaseok.com](http://www.coldcaseok.com)

## Cold Case OKC

Above: Police canvass a northeast Oklahoma City neighborhood during the death investigations.

Left: Homicide victim Cathy Lyn Stackelbeck.

Right: Homicide victim Tina Sanders.

Left: Homicide victim Arley Bell Killian.

Below: An area canvassed by police during the Killian investigation.

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## 5 legislators are warned for not filing

Capitol: Are officials complying with state tax laws?

Some say ripples of the job have kept them distracted.

By Nolan Clay and Randy Ellis Staff Writers

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Oklahoma House Speaker Lance Cargill failed to file his personal income tax returns for the last two years until getting a warning from state tax officials. The Oklahoman has learned.

Four other legislators also have overdue personal income tax returns, tax records show. One has not filed five years' worth of state income tax returns, the records show.

Intentionally failing to file a state income tax return is a misdemeanor, even if no further taxes are owed. The crime has a maximum punishment of a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

"I'm human. I made a mistake," said Cargill in an attempt. "There's nobody more upset over it than I am because I cost myself money because I was entitled to refunds."

Cargill, R-Harris, said he rushed to complete federal and state tax returns and sent them in Friday after getting a notice at his house from the Oklahoma Tax Commission. He blamed a miscommunication with an accountant. Legislators in a 2003 law required state agencies to fire state employees who repeatedly fail to file state tax returns. Cargill was among those voting for the law.

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## Drug inquiries continue

Crime: An arrest leaves some saddened in Bartlesville

A December death is now looked upon with suspicion.

By Johnny Johnson Staff Writer

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BARTLESVILLE — A Washington County sheriff's arrest on drug charges has split a city into two camps: those who can't believe he did it and those who fear the worst.

An police continue investigating with a few more arrests expected, some who have longtime county treasurer and community leader Stan Stevens say they are shocked and sad.

Those who don't know him are voicing concern about the tax dollars his office receives. And family members of one of Stevens' alleged "customers" who apparently committed suicide in mid-December suddenly have a lot of new questions about the death — including whether Jonathan David Ferguson Jr. actually took his own life, or whether his death resulted from something much more sinister.

How did investigation begin?

The fall of Stan Stevens began with Ferguson's death, said Tom Holton, Bartlesville's interim police chief.

On the morning of Dec. 16 police received a call from the residence of Jon and Paul Ferguson, indicating that Jon Ferguson had taken his own life.

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## Will S. Carolina win help McCain in Florida?

Arizona senator wins in state that dashed his hopes eight years ago.

By The Associated Press

Sen. John McCain won a hard-fought South Carolina primary Tuesday night, avenging a bitter personal defeat in a battle of conservatism and gaining ground in an unpredictable race for the Republican presidential nomination.

"We've got a long way to go," McCain said. The Associated Press in an interview. He quickly predicted that his victory in the first southern primary would help him next week when Florida votes and again on Feb. 5 when more than two dozen states hold primaries and caucuses.

McCain defeated former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee in a close race in the state that studied out his presidential hopes eight years ago.

The Arizona was gaining 31 percent of the vote in just under 30 percent for his closest rival.

"It just took us a while. That's all. Eight years is not a long time," McCain said.

Former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson was in a struggle for third place with about 10 percent, after saying he needed a strong showing to sustain his candidacy.

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Sen. John McCain

## Also in the news ...

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Tragedy nurses are helping parents with sick children — by telephone. **Page 6A**

**Courts: New chief**

Oklahoma City's Robert Henry is new chief of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. **Page 7A**

**Safety: Host law**

A law designed to curb underage drinking gets mixed reviews — and no party — on its birthday. **Page 21A**

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