

This article is included for two reasons. First the two murders (Anderson and Neufeld) were originally thought to be Bedroom Basher crimes. Both crimes predate the bulk of the BB crimes which started right after the Anderson murder. The Anderson case is even presented on the Cold Case Files episode in a background newspaper clipping. That crime was later solved when a workman at the Anderson home was arrested and later convicted of the crime. The Neufeld case is still unsolved and in 2006 her family tried using a psychic to solve the case (see <http://www.blinkx.com/burl?v=EqOx8fPCPSAXbX05Y63Oi4CV0txUZ5-4Errurw>) and that effort was featured on a tv show on the Discovery Channel called Sensing Murder. That case shows that there were other OC home invasion bludgeon murders that are still unsolved.

Police Try to Link Bludgeon Murders

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Fountain Valley—A possible connection between the bludgeon murder of a 28-year-old Fountain Valley housewife and other, similar Orange County homicides is being investigated, police said Tuesday.

Capt. John Beddow of the Fountain Valley Police Department said his investigators are looking into several unsolved murders as they seek leads and possible suspects in the killing of Joan Virginia Anderson.

The pajama-top-clad body of Mrs. Anderson, the mother of two small children, was found last Thursday in the bedroom of her home at 16587 Hemlock Street. She had been killed by a blow to the back of the head, according to the coroner's office.

One of the cases being compared to Mrs. Anderson's murder involved Patricia Neufeld, 34, a garden Grove housewife who was beaten to death in her home a few days before Thanksgiving.

"There are similarities between the two cases (but) there also are several dissimilarities," Beddow said.

Police believe Mrs. Anderson was killed Wednesday night while she and her 3-year-old son and 10-month-old daughter were alone in the home. The children were not harmed.

Mrs. Anderson's body was discovered by neighbors after her son, Mark, was found wandering on a neighborhood street Thursday morning.

The victim's husband, Mark Anderson, who was working in Northern California at the time of the murder, has since returned to Fountain Valley.

Beddow said the ten investigators on the case "have quite a few leads but no firm suspects so far." A criminalist and a fingerprint expert were going over the house a second time, Beddow said, adding that the residence is to be fumigated with a special chemical that can enhance fingerprints.