

Tie Hinted in Pair of Goleta Murders

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Goleta- There may be a connection between the murder of a couple here this week and the 1979 murder of a couple in the same neighborhood, Santa Barbara County sheriff's deputies said Tuesday.

Investigators of the 1979 murder developed a psychological profile of the killer that they said indicated he might strike again.

In the latest case, the bodies of Cheri Domingo, 35, and her boyfriend, Greg Sanchez, 28, were found about noon Monday in the front bedroom of a home.

Both had been beaten severely on the head and Sanchez had also been shot at least once.

Deputies said the woman had been house-sitting at the residence since the death several months ago of a relative who owned the property.

Neighbors said they heard loud reports and a scream about 3 a.m. Monday but ignored the sounds, thinking they resulted from someone setting off fireworks.

The bodies were discovered about eight hours later by a real estate agent who came to look at the house.

About three blocks away, on Dec. 30, 1979, orthopedic surgeon Robert Offerman and Santa Maria psychologist Debra Manning were found shot to death in Offerman's condominium.

Profile Developed

Deputies revealed few details about the 1979 crime, but officers indicated that a profile developed from evidence indicated that the murderer was a psychopath who might kill again.

There were a number of similarities in the murders. They occurred in the same neighborhood, they occurred at about the same time of day and the victims in both cases were unmarried couples whose bodies were found together in a bedroom.

Officers investigating the latest case said Sanchez was an electronics technician who lived in the Santa Barbara area. Mrs. Domingo, a divorcee, was laid off two weeks ago from her job at a computer hardware firm.

The woman had two children—a 15-year-old daughter who was staying with friends the night of the attack, and a 14-year-old son who lives with his father in the San Diego area.