

Investigators working round clock on slaying

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"I just can't imagine why anyone would want to brutally murder another person," said a still shocked Edwina Williams.

It has been 10 days since Williams' father, 68-year-old Dan Gunn, was found shot to death in his home, which is not far from her own residence on U.S. 41 near Byron.

"This is something that happens in another town, not here and not in my family," Williams said.

Gunn, a well-known farmer and owner-operator of Dan Gunn Farms and Packing House, had lived in Houston County nearly 50 years, moving here from his native Jasper County. Gunn grew peaches, wheat, oats, peanuts and corn on his 2,000-acre farm.

"My husband is in contact with investigators every day," said Williams, the mother of two. "I understand they're working round-the-clock on this case."

Houston County Sheriff's Department investigators are devoting 24

hours a day, seven days a week to the Gunn murder, said Lt. Harry Enckler, "but so far we've had no new developments."

Authorities speculate that burglary may have been a motive in the slaying. Investigators arrived at Gunn's home about 11 p.m. Feb. 27 after receiving a telephone call from someone who reported hearing gunshots near the peach farmer's residence.

A screen was torn from a bedroom window, and a side door was unlocked, according to reports. Gunn's body was discovered in a bedroom. Enckler said there appeared to be no signs of a struggle. Gunn had been shot once in the abdomen with a small caliber pistol, but no weapon has been recovered.

Williams said she can stand at her window and see the roof of her father's home. "The children and I were watching a television program that night, and we all were in bed together," she said, recalling the night of Feb. 27. "We didn't hear anything, no gunshots nothing."

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