

# Police compile profile in search for Md. killer

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — One of the six people killed in a suburban Washington shooting spree was buried Sunday as investigators completed a geographic profile they hope will help lead them to the killer.

Police also were awaiting an FBI psychological profile of the shooter, Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose said. The geographic profile maps the crime locations to possibly determine where the killer lives.

Moose said investigators were making progress, but added, "Some of the more desirable smoking gun leads just aren't there."

While the search continued, family and friends gathered to bury Prem Kumar Walekar, a taxi driver slain Thursday at an Aspen Hill gas station.

Nieces and nephews sang songs and remembered a man they called "Prem Uncle" while standing under a video screen that flashed snapshots from his life. Walekar, 54, was remembered as quiet, funny, generous and caring, a man who showed his affection with a gentle pinch of a child's cheek.

Walekar was one of five people shot to death at random in Montgomery County in a

16-hour span Wednesday and Thursday. A sixth victim was killed Thursday in Washington, D.C.

Tests conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms confirmed that the same weapon was used to kill Walekar and three other victims.

Investigators said Sunday that ballistics evidence also linked the shooting of a 43-year-old woman in Spotsylvania County, Va., on Friday with the Maryland murders. She was shot in the back in a parking lot at a Michael's craft store about 2:30 p.m. in Fredericksburg, Va.

She was in stable condition Sunday at INOVA Fairfax Hospital.

A window of a Michael's store in Montgomery County was shot out 45 minutes before the first killing, but ATF agent Michael Bouchard said Sunday that a bullet obtained from that scene was too badly damaged to be of any use in the investigation.

Tests were still under way to determine any links to the other fatal shootings, both in Montgomery County, on the outskirts of Washington. But Moose said Sunday he suspects all the shootings are linked.

No arrests have been made in the spree. A 33-year-old Maryland man was being held

on an unrelated charge, but Moose stressed that the man was not a suspect in the spree and no weapons were found with him.

Montgomery County Executive Dr. Duncan appealed to residents to continue calling police with any information that might be helpful, noting that about 4,000 calls so far have led to 800 leads.

The death of a 26-year-old Washington resident whose body was found Saturday night didn't match the pattern of the other killings, Howard County Police Officer Denise Walk said.

That man died from a gunshot, probably on Friday, Walk said. She declined to give further specifics.

Investigators hoped to learn more about the killer's location from the geographic profile, Capt. Nancy Demme, a spokeswoman for the Montgomery County police said.

Unlike psychological profiles, which are used to describe the killer, geographic profiles use crime locations to determine where the killer feels comfortable traveling and where he or she lives.

The typical geographic profile focuses the investigation on 5 percent or less of the area originally under consideration, according to police.

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# Universal smallpox vaccination not advised

CHICAGO (AP) — The American Academy of Pediatrics says the nation's smallpox plan should involve limited vaccinations if a case occurs, not universal inoculations before there's even an attack.

Potential side effects are too severe, and available vaccines have not been tested on children, who may be at higher risk for bad reactions, the academy said in a policy statement released Monday.

"We're talking about a disease that hasn't existed in the world since the 1970s and a vaccine that we know can cause death," said Dr. Julia McMillan, a Johns Hopkins School of Medicine pediatrics professor and co-author of the policy.

The academy's policy is essentially an endorsement of the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended response to a smallpox attack.

The Bush administration recently indicated it is leaning toward eventually offering the vaccine to all 280 million Americans, but has made no final decision.

The academy says unless there's a high risk of a smallpox attack, it makes more sense to vaccinate only if someone becomes infected. It recommends first vaccinating people closest to the infected patient, then others with whom those people and the patient may have come in contact.

A similar strategy of "ring vaccination" in the 1960s and 1970s eradicated smallpox worldwide, the academy said, noting that the last known case occurred in 1977 in Somalia.

The United States discontinued routine childhood immunization against smallpox in 1972.

Potential vaccine side effects range from severe rashes to encephalitis and death.

If all Americans are vaccinated, the incidence of severe reactions likely would be higher than in the past because there may be more people with ailments such as HIV infections that make them more vulnerable, the policy says.

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# New virus Bugbear infects computers all over world

NEW YORK (AP) — An e-mail-borne computer virus that lets hackers control infected machines remotely continues to spread and constitutes the most severe attack this year, experts say.

The worm, known as W32.Bugbear, or I-Worm.Tanatos, infects computers that use Microsoft's Windows operating systems. It was first spotted a week ago and has spread to dozens of countries.

Once a machine is infected, a hacker could steal and delete information from it.

Some subject lines for the e-mail are "bad news," "Membership Confirmation," "Market Update Report," and "Your Gift."

The worm replicates itself through a Windows machine's e-mail address book and can attach itself to previously sent e-mail messages. It also can spread through network systems

and can allow hackers to intercept passwords and gain access to computers over the Internet.

It attempts to terminate various antivirus and firewall programs, according to Symantec Corp., which has posted a downloadable repair on its Web site. Symantec has rated Bugbear as a severe threat.

Bugbear is currently the worst computer security outbreak globally.

Mikko Hypponen, manager of antivirus research at F-Secure Corp. in Helsinki, Finland, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that F-Secure also posted a fix on its Web site.

The worm is expected to last well into next year because many consumers will not realize their computer is infected, Hypponen said.

Microsoft issued a patch last year, Security Bulletin MS01-027. But many users do not keep their machines current with patches.

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