

Roundabout route mystery deepens with federal prosecutor's death in PA

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BALTIMORE — Electronic toll records show a federal prosecutor's car took a roundabout route from Maryland to the spot in Pennsylvania where his body was found, investigators say, deepening the mystery surrounding his slaying.

A federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Jonathan Luna's car passed through automated toll booths on highways leading toward the Philadelphia area.

The 38-year-old Luna was found stabbed and drowned around Thursday in a creek in Lancaster County, Pa., his bloodstained car idling nearby.

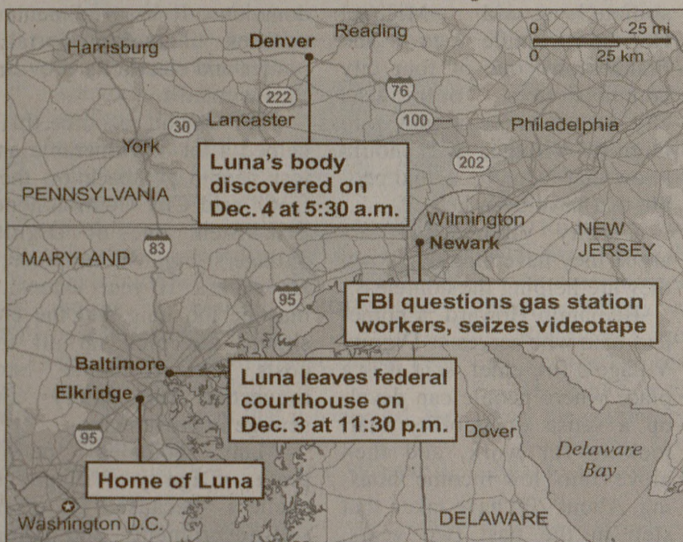
Investigators said they have found nothing to indicate the crime was connected to any cases he handled, and they have been looking into his private life.

Luna had traveled to Lancaster County several times in recent months, and authorities were not immediately aware of any work-related business that would have taken him there.

With the investigation in its

Prosecutor's roundabout route a mystery

Electronic records show Jonathan Luna's car headed toward the Philadelphia area on a circuitous path leading to a spot near Denver, Pa., where he drowned after suffering 36 stab wounds.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

fifth day, investigators trying to reconstruct Luna's final hours released photos of his 2003 silver Honda Accord, with his University of North Carolina license plate, in the hope that someone would come forward with information.

Officials earlier had said they

planned to release a timeline of Luna's movements, but a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio, said the information was not ready for release by Monday afternoon.

According to courthouse records, Luna left his office around midnight Wednesday. A direct

she believed A&M has one as well.

Diane L. Oswald, public relations coordinator for the College of Veterinary Medicine, said the college knows and understands the rules and regulations of working with animals and that A&M will continue to comply with the law.

"Texas A&M University complies with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies which impact the care and use of animals. The College of Veterinary Medicine, including its investigators, teachers, staff and students, accept responsibility for determining that research, teaching and testing involving the use of animals fulfill these regulations, principles and policies," Oswald said.

Barnato said she hopes to see even more improvement after all of the schools have made sufficient changes.

"I think these schools are sending a wrong message to the students," she said.

route from Baltimore to Lancaster County covers about 100 miles and would take under two hours. The route Luna took, however, covered about 135 miles and would have taken about 2 1/2 hours.

The source said Luna also made a cash withdrawal along the way and apparently used a credit card to buy gas outside Philadelphia.

FBI agents seized a surveillance video from an Exxon gas station at a rest stop on Interstate 95 in Newark, Del., between Baltimore and Philadelphia. Agents also visited a Mobil station at the rest stop, asking if any employees had seen Luna, said Ann Cochran, the station manager. She said she did not know whether they had.

Over the weekend, investigators showed pictures of Luna to Lancaster County hotel owners and asked them to review guest registers for Wednesday and Thursday nights. They also asked if the hotel owners had security cameras.

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were inadequate at A&M were not available for review, Barnato said almost every school was cited last April for failing to search for alternatives to harming and killing animals or for providing an explanation as to why such alternatives weren't being used. Among other things, schools were cited for duplicative use of animals and for the number of animals used.

Barnato explained that getting animals from shelters and then using them for research should not be an option. However, she said many schools have done this. She suggested a client donation program, under which which pet owners can donate the animals to the school if they have had to be put to sleep for illness, injury or other reasons.

Many schools use client donation programs, and Barnato said

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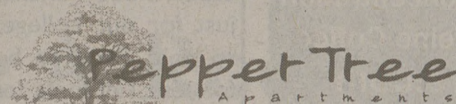
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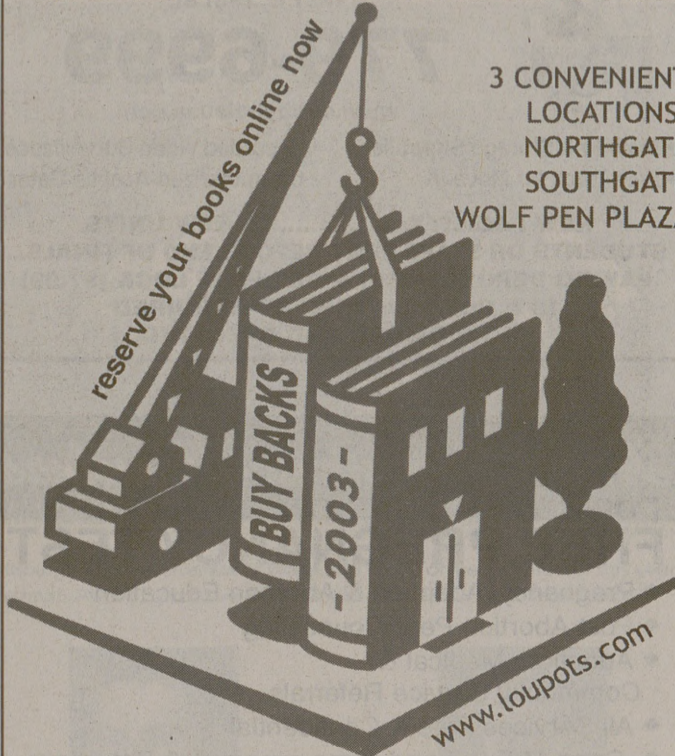
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