

Minneapolis woman missing after trip to Mall of America

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"We have had friends and family out scouring retail areas and parking lots for her car, but she has just disappeared," said husband Brad Dunlap, a sales manager for Environmental Graphics in Hopkins.

"This is so uncharacteristic of her. I just know something has gone wrong. You go from being angry to crying like a baby. This is just so frustrating," he said.

Minneapolis Police Sgt. Richard Edinger said there is no indication of foul play.

Minneapolis police were the first to receive the missing person report, so they are handling the case.

Dunlap said his wife had no reason to "disappear" because everything was going well. They are building a house in Minneapolis and are living temporarily with her parents in their home on Lake Calhoun.

Bloomington police and the mall security department have been notified of Dunlap's disappearance and have a description of her and her car, officials said.

"We get reports quite frequently that people are missing," said officer John Martin in Bloomington. "It is hard to say what the parties' reasons are for not contacting home or if anything else is involved."

He declined to say whether the circumstances of Dunlap's case seem more suspicious than other missing reports.

"We really don't know anything."

Dunlap's license plate number is 055 FDB. Anyone with information is asked to call the Minneapolis police.

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Body found in trunk of missing woman's car // Victim believed to be shopper who disappeared

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ABSTRACT (ABSTRACT)

The body of a woman thought to be Anne Barber Dunlap, missing since a shopping trip Saturday afternoon to the Mall of America, was found Monday in the trunk of her car parked in a Kmart lot in south Minneapolis. Police discovered the body after Dunlap's car had been found at the Kmart lot at n Lake St. and Nicollet Av. and towed to the police forensic garage in north Minneapolis. Dunlap's mother, Louise Barber, said friends who were blanketing the city with missing-person fliers discovered Dunlap's car about 8 a.m. Monday in the Kmart parking lot.

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The body of a woman thought to be Anne Barber Dunlap, missing since a shopping trip Saturday afternoon to the Mall of America, was found Monday in the trunk of her car parked in a Kmart lot in south Minneapolis.

Authorities cautioned late Monday that they had made no positive identification of the body, though they said privately that they strongly believed it to be Dunlap.

Police discovered the body after Dunlap's car had been found at the Kmart lot at n Lake St. and Nicollet Av. and towed to the police forensic garage in north Minneapolis.

The Hennepin County medical examiner's office gave no cause of death other than "apparent homicidal violence." An autopsy is scheduled for today.

Deputy Police Chief Greg Hestness said that pending formal identification, no official link could be made between the missing woman and the body. But, he said, "We're certainly thinking it might be her. . . . It's her car."

Dunlap's mother, Louise Barber, said friends who were blanketing the city with missing-person fliers discovered Dunlap's car about 8 a.m. Monday in the Kmart parking lot.

But in accordance with police investigative procedures, the car was not opened and inspected until police towed it to their garage several hours later.

Hestness said investigators are now trying to piece together how the woman died, whether or how she was abducted, and where she was when she ran into trouble. Her husband, Brad Dunlap, was questioned by police Monday, Hestness said, but is not considered a suspect.

They also have yet to determine a motive.

What police do know is that Anne Dunlap, 31, went to buy a pair of shoes at the Mall of America in Bloomington at about 2:30 p.m. Saturday and talked to sales clerks at Nordstrom and Macy's. From that point, her whereabouts were unknown - until her car was found at Kmart.

Family members said Dunlap was supposed to meet her husband at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and go out to dinner. She was always on time, a friend said. But she never showed up Saturday, and the disappearance baffled those who knew her.

"This is totally inexplicable," Jill Swenson, who was the maid of honor in Dunlap's wedding eight years ago, had said before the body was found. "She's very focused and extremely responsible. When she says she's going to be somewhere, she's there. . . . We have no idea what could have happened."

"I think someone had to have taken her. No way would she have gone willingly," Dunlap's mother had said earlier. "Someone abducted her; that's the only thing we can figure."

Dunlap, a Pillsbury marketing manager, and Brad Dunlap were living with Anne Dunlap's parents in Minneapolis while the couple built their "dream" home on 7 acres in Medina.

"They've been so happy," said Swenson. "She was happy in her job, and they were planning to have a family. Everything was coming together for her."

In an interview before the body was found Monday, Barber said she didn't know why her daughter's car would have ended up at Kmart. "She never would have driven there on her own," she said.

Barber said that her daughter's keys were left in the car and that the driver's seat was pushed back farther than her daughter, who is 5 feet 4 inches, would have had it if she were driving.

Swenson said Dunlap had just had brunch with about a dozen of her friends. She described Dunlap as very cautious. "She carried Mace on her key chain. She was always aware of what was around her."

And she's athletic and strong, Swenson said. She runs marathons.

Swenson recalled how Dunlap ran the last 16 miles of the 1995 Twin Cities Marathon with her just to lend support.

"She stuck with me to the very end," Swenson said.

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Investigators ask `who,' and family asks `why' // Family seeks clues in daughter's death

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With only a few hours of sleep and their worst fears realized, Louise and Donn Barber sat in their home Tuesday near Lake Calhoun pleading for information about who killed their daughter, Anne Dunlap. The Barbers' home, where Anne and her husband, Brad, had been staying for the past two months while their dream house was being built in Medina, was filled with reporters and friends all day Tuesday. Anne Dunlap was reported missing Saturday evening after Brad Dunlap told police she failed to meet him for dinner. He told police she had gone to the Mall of America for shoes. Now, however, police doubt that she went there.

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With only a few hours of sleep and their worst fears realized, Louise and Donn Barber sat in their home Tuesday near Lake Calhoun pleading for information about who killed their daughter, Anne Dunlap.

"We are a little numb," said Donn Barber. "When we have time to reflect, that's when it will be tough."

"We just want to know who did this," said Louise Barber.

The Barbers' home, where Anne and her husband, Brad, had been staying for the past two months while their dream house was being built in Medina, was filled with reporters and friends all day Tuesday.

A \$50,000 reward fund, sponsored by friends and the employers of Donn Barber and Anne Dunlap, 31, quickly jumped to \$75,000 within a few hours.

Police questioned Brad Dunlap extensively Monday night, but family members said they were told it was only a formality.

The Barbers' home was also searched, and police took several items.

"They said it was standard procedure," Louise Barber said. "It's uncomfortable, but that's what they have to do."

Meanwhile, the Hennepin County medical examiner's office announced that Dunlap died of "multiple sharp force injuries" to the face and neck.

Anne Dunlap was reported missing Saturday evening after Brad Dunlap told police she failed to meet him for dinner. He told police she had gone to the Mall of America for shoes. Now, however, police doubt that she went there.

"At this point we have not found any evidence that the Mall of America or the city of Bloomington played any part in this homicide," said Bloomington Police Chief Bob Lutz.

Investigators did not find any shopping bags in the car, Minneapolis officials said.

On Tuesday, friends who'd distributed fliers about her disappearance the day before set out again, but this time the fliers offered the reward for help in finding Anne's killer.

Early Monday, friends who were distributing fliers found her car in the Kmart parking lot at Lake St. and Nicollet Av. S. in Minneapolis. Investigators towed it to the Police Department's forensic garage in north Minneapolis where they found her body in the trunk.

Lt. Mark Ellenberg said police had not yet "focused their investigation" on a specific suspect and had not

established any "clear-cut motive."

Friends and family members contend that Anne was probably abducted.

"It seems nobody is safe," said Jill Swenson, one of her best friends. "Here is a person who was very safety-conscious," she said. "It makes you wonder what is happening to the world."

Family and friends said the Dunlaps were a loving couple who met at the University of Minnesota years ago. Since the mid-'80s, Anne Dunlap had worked as a marketing manager at Pillsbury. Her husband is a sales manager at Environmental Graphics in Hopkins. They were runners, and Brad even ran the Boston Marathon, said Louise Barber.

About 8:15 a.m. Saturday, Swenson, Anne Dunlap and members of their running team met at the Northwest Racquet, Swim and Health Club in St. Louis Park.

Dunlap ran 10 miles around the lakes before returning to the club for a shower. The group met later at a friend's house for brunch. Dunlap left for home sometime before 2 p.m. About 2:30, she left home for a quick trip to the Mall of America in Bloomington to get a pair of shoes, her mother said.

Barber, who was at a cabin with her husband when Dunlap disappeared, said Brad Dunlap told her that he and Anne had planned to meet for dinner between 5:30 and 6. In the meantime, she said, Brad ran a few errands. But when Anne failed to show up, Brad became worried, and about 8 p.m. called the Barbers, who rushed home. "Brad had called 14 Twin Cities hospitals at every hour to see if she was in an emergency room," Louise Barber said.

At 10 p.m., the Barbers drove to the mall, carefully following the route Brad said he thought Anne had probably taken. They combed all levels and every side of the parking lot. Then they searched the Southdale Shopping Center.

Later that night, Brad Dunlap drove to Medina to see if Anne had gone to the site of their new house, Louise Barber said.

Maybe she fell, they thought. Maybe she got hurt on the way.

"By then we were grasping for straws," she said.

At 4 a.m., the Barbers drove back to the mall by a different route.

Early Sunday, friends and family members started arriving at the Barbers' house in droves. Many were members of the running team, others were co-workers of Donn Barber and Anne Dunlap. Church members, and even some of Louise Barber's schoolmates, dropped by.

The Barbers called the news media, even delivering photographs to newsrooms. With the help of friends, they also made and distributed fliers.

"We thought we were doing something positive, and then it all went up in smoke," said Louise Barber.

Early Monday, Brad Dunlap helped organize a large group to distribute fliers and to map out a strategy to search for Anne's car, said friends.

By 7:15, the searchers had left the Barbers' home, and less than an hour later two people found the car and called the others.

Sometime Monday night, police called in Brad Dunlap and questioned him for nearly five hours.

By 10 p.m., the family had turned off the TV, and didn't hear that Anne's body had been found.

About that time, Brad Dunlap returned to the Barbers' home, which was filled with 25 friends and supporters. He walked into the family room, one of its walls filled with childhood photos of Anne and her two brothers. The Barbers hugged him and Dunlap broke down.

"He cried for nearly 15 minutes before we actually knew anything," said Donn Barber.

"He collapsed," said Louise Barber. "He couldn't talk . . . with that action we knew he had to have very bad news."

Anyone with information about the murder can call 45crime. Those interested in contributing to the reward fund can call Norwest bank's downtown office. - Staff writer Randy Furst contributed to this article.

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Dunlap probe met with disbelief // Family says husband may be suspected

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Her family and friends want to find Anne Dunlap's killer more than anyone. But they expressed disbelief Wednesday at the direction in which they say the investigation is going.

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Investigators were tight-lipped about the investigation in Dunlap's slaying and wouldn't discuss any suspects in the case.

"We are not saying anything at this point," said Lt. Mark Ellenberg.

Brad Dunlap has hired a lawyer and isn't speaking to the news media.

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"We go to the cabin together almost every weekend, we vacation in Mexico - we've spent weeks on end together," Barber said. "It's inconceivable {that Brad is a suspect} to friends, family, anyone who knows him."

The Dunlaps were staying at her mother's home for the past two months while their house was being built in Medina.

Anne Dunlap was reported missing Saturday evening after Brad Dunlap told police she failed to meet him for dinner. He told police she had gone to the Mall of America for shoes. She was found Monday in the trunk of her car in the Kmart parking lot at Lake St. and Nicollet Av. S. in Minneapolis.

Police doubt that she went to the mall. They questioned Dunlap for several hours Monday night. Police searched the Dunlaps' 7 acre property in Medina looking for evidence in the killing. They used a chemical to try to detect blood in the area, but found no evidence of any. Dunlap died from multiple "sharp force injuries" to her head and neck, according to the medical examiner.

The friends who ran with her will meet at 9 a.m. Saturday for the 10-mile run, which will be led by Dunlap's group, the Fire-ball Fuchsias. It will be a moderately paced run, and first aid will be available. Club members are encouraging people to run even if they can't run the whole 10 miles.

Group members will wear their Club Run buttons in a show of support for Dunlap and will probably name the route after her.

In addition to the memorial run, the group is planning to have some personal-safety classes for its members and will continue to distribute fliers asking for help and telling people of the \$75,000 reward being offered for information that leads to an arrest and conviction in the case.

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Police conduct second search of Anne Dunlap's parents' home

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Minneapolis police searched the home of Anne Dunlap's parents for a second time on Thursday, but investigators called the search routine.

Dunlap and her husband had been living with her parents near Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis for the past two months while their a home was being built in Medina. Officials would not say whether they seized anything from the house.

FULL TEXT

Minneapolis police searched the home of Anne Dunlap's parents for a second time on Thursday, but investigators called the search routine.

"It's routine follow-up. It was the last place where we know she was at for sure," said Minneapolis police Lt. Mark Ellenberg.

The body of Anne Barber Dunlap, 31, was found in the trunk of her car a day after her husband, Brad Dunlap, reported her missing. He said she did not return from a trip to the Mall of America.

Dunlap and her husband had been living with her parents near Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis for the past two months while their a home was being built in Medina. Officials would not say whether they seized anything from the house.

Thursday's search warrant, as with others police may have obtained to search elsewhere, have not been made public.

Authorities say Dunlap died of sharp force injuries to her head and neck, but have declined to say she was stabbed, which may indicate that she died from a cutting-type wound.

Officials said Thursday that an arrest was not forthcoming. And for the third day, they would not discuss whether the investigation was focused on a single suspect or if they even had a suspect.

Police have been fielding calls and following tips and leads, but declined to say whether there is any substantive new information.

Dunlap's funeral is set for 1 p.m. Saturday at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark in Minneapolis, with burial at Lakewood Cemetery.

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Police seek information about bottle in Dunlap car

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ABSTRACT (ABSTRACT)

Minneapolis police are seeking information about a plastic 1-liter bottle of Chippewa Spring Water left in the car of Anne Barber Dunlap, whose body was found in the trunk Jan. 1.

On Friday, after checking with dozens of stores to find out when and where the bottle was purchased, police turned to the public for help.

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The bottle has a bright yellow price sticker with "\$169" on the lid. There is no decimal point in the price.

"In many cases, what might appear insignificant can make or break a case," said police spokeswoman Penny Parrish. "This is just one lead to follow up on. We need to find the store" where the water was bought.

If investigators can determine what store sold the water, then they may be able to track down who bought it and when. "The location is the key that may lead us to other things," Parrish said.

Any information gained also could be used to rule out the bottle as a potential piece of evidence.

Dunlap's car was found in the parking lot of a Kmart store at Lake St. and Nicollet Av. S. early on New Year's Day after her husband, Brad Dunlap, had reported her missing. She was last seen at her parents' Minneapolis home, where she and her husband had been living for the past two months, at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 30.

Dunlap died of sharp-force injuries to her head and neck.

Police have remained tight-lipped about the investigation and have continued to maintain that their probe has not turned up a suspect.

No one had been arrested in the case Friday evening.

A WorldWide Web page set up to spread information about the \$75,000 reward for information concerning Dunlap's killer had logged more than 325 queries since it was established Monday.

Funeral services for Dunlap are set for 1 p.m. today at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, 519 Oak Grove St., Minneapolis.

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Hundreds run Anne Dunlap's route in her honor

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The women in Anne [Dunlap] Barber Dunlap's running club wept and huddled together in a moment of silence Saturday morning before leading 237 runners on the same Minneapolis route Dunlap and the group had run seven days before.

Hours before Dunlap disappeared Dec. 30, she had done her regular 10-mile run with her club, the Fire-ball Fuchsias. The group, which runs 9-minute miles, is part of Club Run at Northwest Racquet, Swim and Health Club in St. Louis Park.

"We're not going to call it the Two Lakes anymore. From now on, it's the Dunlap 10-Miler," Dan Finanger, the program director of Club Run, told the runners assembled in the health club's gym. "{The route} is very special, and Anne was very special."

FULL TEXT

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The women in Anne Barber Dunlap's running club wept and huddled together in a moment of silence Saturday morning before leading 237 runners on the same Minneapolis route Dunlap and the group had run seven days before.

That time, no one knew it would be the last time the 31-year-old marathon runner would lace up her running shoes. Dunlap, a marketing manager at Pillsbury, was found slain in the trunk of her car on New Year's Day. She died of multiple stabs and cuts to her head and neck. As of Saturday, no one had been arrested in the killing.

Hours before Dunlap disappeared Dec. 30, she had done her regular 10-mile run with her club, the Fire-ball Fuchsias. The group, which runs 9-minute miles, is part of Club Run at Northwest Racquet, Swim and Health Club in St. Louis Park.

Club Run sponsored Saturday's memorial run in Dunlap's honor and renamed the route, which had been called the Two Lakes because it weaves around Lake Calhoun and Lake of the Isles.

"We're not going to call it the Two Lakes anymore. From now on, it's the Dunlap 10-Miler," Dan Finanger, the program director of Club Run, told the runners assembled in the health club's gym. "{The route} is very special, and Anne was very special."

Dunlap's group also renamed itself Forever Fuchsia in her honor.

The runners, some from other Northwest clubs in the metro area, pinned fuchsia ribbons on their jackets and caps. Several also pinned posters on their backs offering a \$75,000 reward for the capture of Dunlap's killer.

Finanger said the club wanted to have the run as a way to support one another and to show support for Dunlap's friends and family.

Before heading out, Finanger told the group: "Now may the memory of Anne Barber Dunlap run with us forever."

After the first runners finished, they formed a tunnel that the others ran through and continued to build it until the majority ran through. Runners also were encouraged to post the reward fliers in their communities to solicit information that might lead to finding Dunlap's killer.

Later Saturday, Dunlap was remembered at her funeral at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark in Minneapolis.

Hundreds of mourners heard her eulogized as a woman of humor, modesty and humility. "Anne's was a life well-lived," said the Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, rector of St. Mark's. She told the crowd, "There is no meaning to be found in Anne's death. There is only loss. "We must go on to honor her memory," Budde said. "It is her life that we must cherish." Police said Saturday that there are no new leads in the case. They've said little about the investigation but have twice searched Dunlap's parents' house near Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis. Dunlap and her husband, Brad, had been living with her parents for two months while their house in Medina was being built. Investigators have declined to say whether they're focusing on any specific suspects, although family members have said they think police are unfairly pinpointing Brad Dunlap. Police said Saturday that they received more than 100 calls from the public about a clear plastic bottle of Chippewa Spring Water found in Anne Dunlap's car. They are trying to determine where the bottle, which bears a rectangular yellow tag and the price "\$169," was purchased.

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Source of bottle located in Dunlap case

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Investigators received more than 100 calls from the public. They declined Tuesday to name the store.

Dunlap, 31, was found dead in the trunk of her car Jan. 1, two days after her husband, Brad, reported her missing. She died of stab wounds and cuts to her head and neck, officials have ruled.

Last Friday police asked for help in finding the store that sold the 1-liter bottle of Chippewa Spring Water found in the car. Police will try to determine when the water was bought and by whom, to see if it is a piece of evidence or irrelevant to their investigation.

Authorities released no other details, but said Tuesday that they are growing increasingly frustrated by televised news reports quoting unnamed sources. Officials said much of the information in those reports has been wrong. They declined to elaborate.

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"There is a witness who discussed the fact that Anne was building a house," O'Keefe told reporters at a news conference Thursday in front of Anne Dunlap's parents' house in south Minneapolis. He said one witness could identify the shoes Dunlap was wearing when she disappeared.

"In our minds, it's very significant {to the investigation}," O'Keefe said. He said police are aware of the witnesses. The body of Anne Dunlap, 31, was found in the trunk of her car Jan. 1. Her husband, Brad Dunlap, reported her missing after she didn't return from a trip to the Mall of America on Dec. 30.

O'Keefe said he wasn't contradicting the police, but rather news reports, with his position that Dunlap did go to the mall and not return. Shortly after Dunlap's body was found, Bloomington Police Chief Bob Lutz said police had not found any evidence of her being at the mall. Lutz couldn't be reached for comment Thursday night.

Studies have shown that eyewitnesses have often been mistaken in their identifications. The Minneapolis Police Department continues to be tight-lipped about its investigation.

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Burying a daughter, defending a son-in-law // In interview, Anne Barber Dunlap's parents are steadfast in their support of her husband, Brad, despite all the talk

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"They had everything going for them," Donn Barber said Friday. "This is the end of all his hopes and dreams."

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Their lawyer, Bill Mauzy, said they agreed to the interview to let the public know that they know Brad like a son and they know he is not the killer.

As the Barbers described their life with their daughter ¹ ¹ son-in-law Friday night, their appearance and demeanor were a sharp contrast to the tumult in their lives.

They were calm and even joked with a photographer about their appearance.

Their speech was measured and controlled, and they reminisced about the good times they had - celebrating Brad Dunlap's birthday on the beach in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, sailing their catamaran at their lake home and sharing beer and pizza in their living room in south Minneapolis.

The Barbers have known from the beginning that their son-in-law was a target. They said that when he walked into

their house late Jan. 1 - after being interviewed by police for five hours - he collapsed into uncontrollable sobbing. When he finally spoke after 20 minutes, he said, "She's dead, and they say I did it," Louise Barber said Friday. Dunlap, through his own lawyer, has declined interviews. But the Barbers said that, to them, he has denied any involvement in her disappearance or death.

Intrigue and mystery

The mystery and surrounding rumors and police investigation have turned this slaying into the Twin Cities' primary drama of the new year. The parents - reserved, exceedingly polite and numbed by trauma - have been flushed out of an unassuming upper-middle-class life by a murder case that has riveted the community. The Barbers' home on the south end of Lake Calhoun has been lit with banks of TV news crews almost every night since Anne Dunlap's body was found.

They try to cope by returning to a semblance of their normal routine of work and exercise and visiting their cabin on weekends. They try to stay busy and almost seem to fear the time when events will slow down and they will be forced to face the loss of their daughter.

And their fear for Brad Dunlap holds their impending grief for her at bay. They believe that if the killer is never found, he faces a lifetime clouded with doubt and suspicion.

"This could hang over his head for the next 18 years," Donn Barber said.

So, what do Anne's parents think happened to her that Saturday afternoon?

"I think someone abducted her" during her trip to the Mall of America, said Louise Barber.

"I believe it was a random act of violence," Donn Barber added.

A riveting mystery

The fascination with this case is, in part, fueled by the whodunit angle of all good mysteries, experts said.

Moreover, Dunlap is not the typical city murder victim: She was white, upper-middle class and did not lead a life that would ordinarily put her at risk for a violent death.

"I think people have become accustomed, unfortunately, to young men being shot on the street corner in the city, and I think that people are more alarmed - and the media pays more attention to homicides - when it seems that the victim was supposedly shopping and ends up dead," said Minneapolis Deputy Police Chief Bill Jones. "So many people can identify with going to a mall and thinking they are safe doing that."

As Donn Barber said, "This has reached into our life. This could be you or me."

The family sparked media attention from the start. On Dec. 31, the day after they said Anne Dunlap failed to return from a shopping trip at the Mall of America, family and friends flooded the cities with leaflets and notified the media of her disappearance. The next day, television crews were on hand to record the irresistible drama of the discovery in Minneapolis of Dunlap's 1987 Toyota Celica in the Lake St. Kmart parking lot.

The trunk was opened only after the car was towed to a police garage - and there Anne's body, with numerous stab and cutting wounds on her head and throat, was discovered.

Since that point, homicide investigators have clamped down on any information relating to the investigation. But that has not stopped the rumor mill, public speculation or news leaks. And most of it has to do with the question of Brad Dunlap's involvement.

"It's a double whammy" for their son-in-law, said Donn Barber. "A terrible death." But the focus on Dunlap is far from unusual.

When a spouse is reported missing and later found dead, the other spouse becomes the prime suspect, said Vernon Geberth, a retired New York police lieutenant commander. Until he can be ruled out, the husband remains the prime suspect.

That is because statistically, the vast majority of homicides are committed by family members, and most women are killed by their husbands, lovers or partners.

"Despite what Johnnie Cochran said about a 'rush to judgment,' the police have to look to the immediate family first, and the husband is always the primary suspect," said Geberth, author of a commonly used textbook on homicide investigation.

Dealing with the rumors

The official investigation notwithstanding, the Barbers on Friday expressed frustration at the rumors, innuendo and false information that have cropped up.

They said they had heard a rumor that Brad Dunlap is gay - a rumor they find laughable.

"Brad can't fake it," Donn Barber said of his son-in-law's obvious physical affection for Anne Dunlap.

They have heard it reported that Anne's life insurance was recently upgraded. It's true, they said, but it was at the advice of a financial planner they visited at Anne Dunlap's suggestion. She had carried a policy worth \$100,000 that they raised to \$1 million. Brad Dunlap had carried a policy worth \$500,000 that they also increased to \$1 million.

The Dunlaps were designing and building their first home - a dream house on a 7-acre plot in Medina - which needed both of their substantial incomes to pay the construction and mortgage costs, Louise Barber said.

Moreover, the Barbers said, the Dunlaps wanted to increase their financial security because they were planning on having a baby.

"She was taking her temperature," Louise Barber said. "They were going at it very systematically."

Contrary to public reports, the Barbers say they did not refuse to give police blood samples: "We specifically suggested it, and they said it was not necessary."

And yes, police did take blood samples from the floor and remove the house door in the Barbers' garage, which Louise Barber believes may have had blood on it. But both parents said they had cut themselves recently and strongly believe the blood is theirs.

Louise Barber said that she cut her hand on a piece of broken glass while putting out recycling around Christmas and that she most likely got blood on the door and floor. She also bled in the bathroom sink.

Donn Barber said he cut his hand while installing a door latch to a new house door to replace the one police had seized two days earlier. He got blood on a chisel, which he later wiped clean with a tissue, and which police seized in a second search.

No, police did not rip out pipes from their home - but they did take the drain trap in the laundry room.

Then there are the rumors of marital problems. That's just wrong, the Barbers said. It was a storybook marriage, they contend. They both had good-paying jobs: He was a sales manager at Environmental Graphics in Hopkins; she was a marketing manager at Pillsbury, responsible for the Hungry Jack line of refrigerated dough products. Among all else, their deep affection for each other, the Barbers said, was remarkable and unshakable.

They should know, they maintained Friday, because their daughter and son-in-law spent virtually every weekend with them at their cabin, the foursome vacationed together and for the last two months, they all lived in the same home.

"You can't hide it; they were not that good of actors," said Donn Barber.

For years they have witnessed their son-in-law's love of their daughter, almost to the point that they thought he may have spoiled her, Donn Barber said.

"He is kind, polite, sincere and giving," he continued. "She took advantage of it, and he didn't mind doing it."

They offered an example of the couple's relationship. A week before Anne Dunlap disappeared, her mother said, the couple was trying to decide which movie to see and rather than argue, the two wrote lists with their choices, compared them and chose a film that was on both lists.

"It was amazing," Donn Barber said.

Anger was an emotion neither Barber ever witnessed in Dunlap, they said.

"It's out of his character. He never gets upset," Louise Barber said.

And on Christmas night, Louise Barber marveled at their affection, she said, after she caught a glimpse of the two - who had been married eight years - standing in a hall of her brother's home kissing.

"The one thing that makes me so sad is that she was so smart and was doing so well," her father said. "It bothers me that she had so much to contribute. . . . She was an asset to our society." Since the slaying, the family has been trapped in a dual tragedy.

"The Barbers are not only suffering from the tragic loss of their daughter at the hands of a murderer, but also from their shared anguish with another loved one," said Mauzy, the Barbers' attorney.

"Every day, they witness Brad grieving for his wife and enduring the horror of the thought that someone may think that he could have killed his wife."

Key dates:

- Saturday, Dec. 30

Morning: Anne Barber Dunlap runs with running group; group meets for brunch and she leaves for home sometime before 2 p.m.

2:30 p.m.: She is last seen at her parents' home. Her husband, Brad Dunlap, says she told him that she was going to the Mall of America to buy a pair of shoes and she'd meet him at the house between 5:30 and 6 p.m. to go to dinner. In the meantime, Dunlap said, he runs errands.

6 p.m.: She never arrives.

8 p.m.: He calls his in-laws, Donn and Louise Barber, who are at their cabin near Annandale. The Barbers head home.

10 p.m.: The Barbers drive the same route Brad Dunlap tells them he thinks his wife would have driven to the mall and search for their daughter's car, in parking lots and ramps. They don't find it. They drive to Southdale Shopping Center in Edina and comb that parking lot. Brad Dunlap remains at the Barber house, calling hospitals, Mall of America security, Minneapolis police, Bloomington police and the State Patrol every half-hour.

- Sunday, Dec. 31

1 a.m.: Brad Dunlap, on the advice of Louise Barber, drives to the Medina property, where the couple was building a home. He calls his mother-in-law to say she is not there.

7:40 a.m.: Brad Dunlap calls Minneapolis police to file a missing-person report.

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7:20 a.m.: He organizes friends to distribute posters.

8 a.m.: One group finds Anne Dunlap's car at the Kmart at 10 W. Lake St. in Minneapolis and calls the others, including Brad Dunlap. They run several blocks to a Perkins, where they had seen police cars. They alert the officers, who follow them to the lot. Officers tell everyone to stay away from the car. No one opens the trunk; the keys are in the unlocked car.

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Bloodhound arrives and sniffs toward the back of the Kmart. Police tow car to police forensic garage.

11:15 a.m.: Trunk is opened; her body is discovered.

4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Homicide investigators question Brad Dunlap for about five hours.

10 p.m.: He returns to Barber home to tell his in-laws that Anne is dead and that police suspect him as the killer. Police arrive and search the Barber property.

- Jan. 4: Police search Barber home again.

- Jan. 5-7: Police ask for the public's help in identifying a 1-liter bottle of water found in her car. More than 100 calls come in.

- Jan. 6: 9 a.m.: Her running group leads 237 runners in a memorial run. Her funeral is held.

- Jan. 9: Police say they have found the store where they believe the bottle was purchased. They refuse to name it.

- Jan. 11: An investigator, hired by Dunlap's attorney to search for clues, says he has found a number of people who can place her at the mall on Dec. 30. One person, he says, remembers having a conversation with her about building a house; another remembers the shoes she was wearing. Police indicate they have no solid evidence that could put her at the mall for a proven fact.

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The reporter's knowledge no doubt came from police sources, so an attribution such as, "police officials said," would have been appropriate.

The liberal slant

Lorin Derby said the Jan. 7 "Video watch" article in Variety was an example of why he considers the newspaper "liberal."

A review of the film "Priest" said: "The film scored high on provocation, drawing damning blasts from the likes of Sen. Bob Dole."

A subhead below said, "Five other films that Dole probably hates."

Derby wrote: "You are so far off in left field you cannot report the truth without infecting it with your politics."

Comment: Editors who handle political stories strive diligently to be fair. Snide shots at politicians by staff members in other sections must make them wince.

An 'honest' picture

Mary Holm and others protested a picture on the Variety cover Tuesday whose caption said, "During the most intimate part of her day, Susan Hoffman shares a quiet moment in prayer with her husband, Robbo."

They were sitting up in bed.

The complainants said the picture was "in poor taste."

The article was about Hoffman, who won the Mrs. International pageant that emphasizes family values as well as looks.

Variety supervisor Susie Hopper said, "I was convinced that the picture was an incredible look inside this couple's life, and that the photo, the moment and the intentions of the photographer and the couple were genuine."

Invalid comparison

Wade Yarbrough was perplexed. Why, he asked, did the Los Angeles Times interview with Hillary Rodham Clinton,

reprinted on the Jan. 13 front pages of both the Star Tribune and the St. Paul Pioneer Press, differ?

For example, the Star Tribune version said, "When she talked about Whitewater and other controversies, she displayed a steely legal professionalism." That did not appear in the Pioneer Press.

Only the Star Tribune used this comment: "The White House had deliberately reached out to journalists whose primary area of coverage is not politics. . . ."

Another paragraph only in the Star Tribune said: "Clinton seems to be seizing a new middle ground with child care as her platform, but also casting what has been regarded as her unorthodox style as completely mainstream."

Michiela Thuman, the copy editor who handled the story, said that after the state edition the Times dispatched a number of changes and additions. Those were edited into the story for the metro edition. The Pioneer Press did not make the changes.

Pardon my butting in

Ken Luke, Karl Starr and Clare Cox took offense at the use of "butt," the slang term for buttocks, in the lead sentence of a Monday front-page story about Green Bay football fans.

It said, "For four years, John O'Brien's butt has covered the northwest corner bar stool at Gabe's By the Park" watching Green Bay games.

Luke said, "The writer must be from the 'Beavis and Butt-Head' school of journalism." Cox said: "It would be acceptable in a quote or in a column."

Reporter James Walsh said, "My wife thought it was inappropriate, too. But given the rowdy spirit of the crowd and the personalities involved, I thought 'butt' was about right."

Comment: It could have said: "For four years, John O'Brien has occupied the northwest corner bar stool at Gabe's By the Park."

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Pressure of Dunlap case means frustration for police // It's typical in such cases, they say

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But if they are calling him, he knows, the stress inside the homicide unit must be intense. That is, in part, because the case of the slain 31-year-old Pillsbury marketing manager, whose body was found Jan. 1 in the parking lot of a south Minneapolis Kmart, is being examined under the news media microscope, which feeds the public's interest. Those internal and external stresses have led to disagreements among detectives looking into the Dunlap slaying and increased tension in the homicide unit, police said last week. And, they said, that isn't a bad thing.

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Lt. Mark Ellenberg calls those discussions "high-spirited conversations."

"We like it because it shows that everybody is thinking and the wheels are turning, and it shows that everybody working on this is concerned with this case," he said.

There has been debate about the focus and the path the investigation has taken. Some detectives are convinced that the only suspect is Anne Dunlap's husband, Brad Dunlap, while others want to explore other theories.

Some investigators also believe that the way one sergeant first approached Donn and Louise Barber, Anne's parents, may have hindered the police's continued - and much needed - relationship with them.

The Barbers said they were treated rudely by the sergeant, who showed up with other investigators the night that their daughter's body was found to search their house near Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis. They also said they think the police are unfairly scrutinizing their son-in-law.

"At the beginning of the investigation, there were some unfortunate misunderstandings between police and some family members," Ellenberg said. "I feel bad about that, and we are doing what we can to repair those misunderstandings."

He declined to elaborate.

Early in the investigation, officers gathered most mornings to critique the accuracy of the previous night's newscasts. As tidbits of information - some inaccurate - continued to leak out, officers grew frustrated and started pointing fingers at one another, their bosses and city officials as the sources.

Common frustrations

Such frustrations and disagreements are common in cases that draw such media attention and public fascination, said Vernon Geberth, a retired lieutenant commander who supervised the homicide unit for the New York City Police Department.

"The stress factor is enormous . . . what you have is too many people playing too many fiddles," he said. "It's not unlikely that you have a chief, an inspector or commander playing detective for the day. You have the tail wagging the dog."

Geberth, who wrote a textbook on homicide investigations, told of screaming matches between detectives during high-profile cases during his command of New York's unit.

"A lot of people have very strong feelings, and if I didn't allow them to do that, it only would add to the level of frustration," Geberth said.

Ellenberg said the pressure within the unit to solve the Dunlap case shows investigators' pride in their work. No pressure has come directly from his bosses or city leaders, he stressed.

"My superiors aren't calling me every day demanding to know why this case isn't solved," he said. "But I'm frustrated because we're not making much progress determining what happened. And I'd like to see it solved."

He said that this case is different from most and thus is being approached differently.

"Each homicide investigation has its own unique characteristics, but this is different than the majority of our cases because the motive is not readily apparent and the victim is not the average victim," Ellenberg said. "A lot of times, the victims had put themselves in jeopardy."

Not a matter of race

Deputy Chief Gregory Hestness bristles at the notion that police are probing Anne Dunlap's killing more diligently than they would another killing with similar mysterious circumstances.

"Some of the speculation has been that the effort would not have been the same if she were a black victim. I say, crap," Hestness said. "Look at 1030 Morgan, look at Earl Craig."

Helen Denise Hughes, a black woman, was killed last summer outside her apartment building at 1030 Morgan Av. N. during a drive-by shooting. The 24-year-old was walking toward an ice-cream truck to buy treats for her three children. Earl Craig, 52, a black civic leader in Minneapolis, was found stabbed to death in January 1992. Both cases received much media attention and pressure to solve the killings.

"{Homicide detectives} would like to give a 100 percent effort to every case and would like to run down every far-fetched lead that comes in, but you have to cut it off somewhere," Hestness said. "Nobody has alleged that homicide detectives are sitting around their office with a lot of time at their desk. They are extremely busy and have to manage their resources.

"And the cooperation level in a lot of street shootings, or {cases} that involve gangs or crack dealers, is very slim," he said.

In the Dunlap case, most of the homicide unit's 20 detectives worked some aspect of the case, but that number now is down to four. As tips and leads dwindle, so will the resources devoted to it.

"What happens to the case is that it may sit for months or for years until something breaks," Geberth said. "And those cases drive you nuts."

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Anne Dunlap's family withdraws most of reward money in case

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Their lawyer, Bill Mauzy, declined to elaborate on the family's decision.

"They are concerned with the number of rumors that are floating out there and that {someone} may use those rumors to provide information that isn't helpful," said Mauzy, who released the statement.

The move does not reflect a lack of support for the police investigation, Mauzy said, nor should it be seen as a wavering of their belief in the innocence of their son-in-law, Brad Dunlap, who is seen by many as the primary suspect in his wife's death, he added. The Barbers have said that Dunlap would have been incapable of harming their daughter.

Anne Dunlap's body was found in the trunk of her car in a Kmart parking lot on New Year's Day - two days after her husband said she failed to return home from the Mall of America and one day after he reported her missing. Police said that her head and neck had been stabbed and cut repeatedly.

Police have been unable to document that Anne Dunlap went to the Mall of America on Dec. 30. Investigators have declined to discuss the case or confirm whether Brad Dunlap is a suspect.

When informed about the reward revocation Thursday evening, Minneapolis Police Department Deputy Chief Greg Hestness said he was unaware of any reasons for the Barbers' action.

"I don't have an answer, but like everybody else I keep asking how the case is going," he said.

He said rewards can have various effects in solving a crime. The reward offered to find the killer of Minneapolis police officer Jerry Haaf played no role in cracking the case, he said.

"It's also possible that a reward may be large enough to tip somebody who is on the fence to come forward with information on a crime," he said.

The \$65,000 represents money offered by the Barbers, friends and companies associated with the Barbers, the press release said.

The remaining \$10,000 was a contribution made by Anne Dunlap's employer, Pillsbury. The revocation does not affect that portion or any of the private contributions to Norwest Bank or other rewards which may have been offered.

Officials in Pillsbury's human resources department learned about the withdrawal from Donn Barber shortly before the press release was issued.

"The family hadn't requested that we do likewise," said company spokesperson Terry Thompson. "The feeling I get is that the family wants to allow people to do what's appropriate for their own reasons."

He said the company wasn't privy to information that the reward had been disruptive in the search for Dunlap's killer.

"And unless we have strong evidence or receive advice that this was being ... contrary to Anne's best interests, we'll keep offering the reward," he said.

While the reward was clearly in response to this tragedy, Thompson said the company always believed the contribution was going to serve a larger good, even it didn't result in finding Dunlap's killer.

"I don't know the reasons why they're pulling back the reward," he said. "If I knew, then I could make a judgment. The press release was somewhat cryptic. The real answers are with the attorney and family."

The Barbers could not be reached for comment Thursday night.

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Police doubt that they'll solve Dunlap's slaying // The victim's husband remains the prime suspect in her slaying. But the lack of a motive and insufficient evidence linking him to the crime have police worried that they may never crack the case.

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Dunlap, through his attorney, Paul Engh, has maintained his innocence and has not been charged with any crime in the case. "I think he's been maligned by something he did not do," Engh said. Soon after Anne Dunlap's body was found, her husband was questioned by police for more than five hours. But now police say he has been uncooperative.

FULL TEXT

Five weeks after the high-profile killing of Anne Dunlap, Minneapolis homicide investigators are concerned that they may never solve the case.

This is despite the fact that her husband, Brad, remains the prime suspect, and that investigators believe they know how the knife slaying occurred and have a working scenario of where the crime may have taken place.

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Still, the case has stalled partly because of a lack of evidence concretely establishing the crime scene or linking Dunlap to the slaying, according to authorities close to the investigation.

For example, a bloodstain on the floor of the garage doesn't necessarily provide a link to the crime because the couple had been living in the home for nearly five months. And police may not have a weapon. They searched the

Barber home and inspected knives there, but the Barbers don't remember that the police took any knives, according to the Barbers' attorney.

Furthermore, the fact they received counseling does not in itself provide a motive.

Dunlap, through his attorney, Paul Engh, has maintained his innocence and has not been charged with any crime in the case. "I think he's been maligned by something he did not do," Engh said. Soon after Anne Dunlap's body was found, her husband was questioned by police for more than five hours. But now police say he has been uncooperative.

"They spent five hours with him. They asked what they asked," Engh said. "He's made his peace."

Engh declined to discuss what questions investigators asked him during the interview, but did say: "During five hours of questioning, he adamantly denied he killed his wife."

"He won't come in with his lawyer and answer questions at this point," said Lt. Mark Ellenberg, head of the homicide unit. "Anne's friends have all cooperated with us. But their mutual friends won't talk to us without lawyers and it's frustrating."

Reconstructing the case

Brad Dunlap has told police that his wife left the Barber home at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 30 to shop for shoes and that he ran errands while she was gone. When she didn't return that evening, he called her parents - who were at their cabin - and later called police. In the missing persons report, Dunlap said "the only place she would go would be the Mall of America, although she did not actually state that was her destination."

Anne Dunlap's body, dressed in jeans, a plum sweater and a leather jacket, was found in the trunk of the couple's Toyota Celica two days later, on Jan. 1. The car was parked in a Kmart parking lot at Lake St. and Nicollet Av. in Minneapolis, about 2 miles from the Barber home near Lake Calhoun. The keys were in the car and the doors were unlocked, fueling theories by investigators that the killer hoped the car would be stolen, thereby framing the thief. An autopsy hours later found that her throat had been cut and that she'd been stabbed repeatedly about the head. Further examination revealed the tip of a knife, believed to be the murder weapon, embedded in her skull.

Authorities also say that evidence indicates that she died Saturday, the day she disappeared, rather than on Sunday or Monday, the day her body was found.

In checking out Dunlap's explanation of his whereabouts after his wife left the house, police have interviewed the owner of a tropical fish shop in Plymouth where the Dunlaps regularly bought supplies for their saltwater fish tank. Brad Dunlap reportedly said that one of his errands was to pick up supplies, but that the store was closed. The owner told the Star Tribune that his store was open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. that day and that Brad Dunlap never came in. He said that he knew the couple and that they came in about every three or four weeks. He said they usually came in together, though Anne Dunlap sometimes came alone. The owner and his assistant said Friday they cannot recall Brad Dunlap ever coming in alone.

Police towed the car to the department's forensic garage before opening the trunk and finding Anne Dunlap's body. Soon, a \$75,000 reward - later reduced - was offered for information leading to the killer's arrest. Police, too, sought the public's help, and soon more than 100 tips came into the Police Department.

Through it all, police continued to focus on Brad Dunlap. In recent weeks, they took blood samples from Brad Dunlap and Anne's parents. They questioned the Barbers for more than an hour, and the couple answered every question, said their attorney, Bill Mauzy.

But many friends of the Dunlaps say they still believe Anne was probably abducted at the Mall of America, where Brad Dunlap said he believed his wife had gone to buy shoes that Saturday.

Police, however, have said they have no proof she was there that day. A salesperson at the Nordstrom shoe department reported possibly waiting on a woman close to Anne Dunlap's description, but is not sure it was her, according to Nordstrom Promotions Director Terri Rose. Police found no records, such as a check or credit card receipt, indicating Anne Dunlap bought anything that day.

However, it would not be unusual for Anne to shop at Nordstrom. A friend of the Dunlaps, Bob Stern, said Anne told him she had a personal shopper at Nordstrom - a person assigned to help her pick out clothes. Rose said, "We have

no idea if she had a personal shopper here or not."

The couple's recent purchase of large life insurance policies also has fueled speculation about the slaying.

Her parents said she had recently increased her life insurance from \$100,000 to \$1 million, and Brad had increased his from \$500,000 to \$1 million. At Pillsbury Co., where Anne Dunlap was marketing manager, employees also get free life insurance up to their salary levels and can buy about three times more. Her job paid about \$70,000, with the potential of several thousands more in bonus money.

Brad Dunlap is a sales manager at Environmental Graphics in Hopkins. In 1994, when he filled out a questionnaire after being called for jury duty in Hennepin County, he listed his salary at more than \$90,000.

Family members say the insurance was reasonable because the couple was planning on starting a family and had just started building a house in Medina. The \$231,000 house project sits on 7 acres worth another \$89,900.

Storybook marriage

Police also have questioned friends of the Dunlaps about possible problems in their marriage, including disputes or affairs.

Friends and family have insisted that the two had a nearly perfect relationship - affectionate and happy, with no evidence of problems. But according to Judy Bradford, a former business partner of Brad Dunlap, the couple had received counseling over a significant period of time in recent years. Bradford said Dunlap confided in her regularly, often telling her intimate details about his life, including information about the counseling. The two operated an employee benefits consulting company in Edina from 1991 until about 1993.

"I remember he told me I knew more about him than, you know, except his wife. Because he and I talked," Bradford said. "We talked about everything.

"She {Anne} was seeing {a counselor} separately and that they would go and he would meet with her therapist or her - I can't remember if it was a therapist or a psychiatrist or what it was - regularly, and he would go in for these meetings."

Bradford was reluctant to say more about the counseling, except to add: "It dealt with a lot of things. Personal items. Very personal." She said Anne Dunlap appeared to see the counselor most often, but that Brad also attended frequently.

Bradford, of St. Paul, insisted repeatedly, however, that she doesn't believe Brad Dunlap could have killed his wife and that she is stunned that police continue to view him as the main suspect. She described him as "a gentle soul."

Mauzy, the attorney for Anne Dunlap's parents, confirmed Friday that the couple had received counseling. "I can say the parents were aware that they were attending a few counseling sessions as a couple. It seemed to them to have nothing to do with any dissatisfaction with their marriage."

But Bradford, while supportive of Brad Dunlap, paints a slightly different picture. There were family tensions, she said. He sometimes was frustrated that his wife "would basically want him to spend 100 percent of his time with her," Bradford said.

And there was much tension between the couple and Brad's parents, she said.

"He didn't get along with his folks," she said, adding that Anne Dunlap didn't either. "I know that he did not have the most idyllic childhood, and he had feelings about his parents."

Dunlap's parents dispute that. "We've always had a good relationship with our son and his wife," said Donald Dunlap in an interview Saturday morning. They are certain that their son is innocent.

"They really should be looking for the person who did this," he said. His wife, Cherie Dunlap, said that police have never contacted them.

Police interviewed Bradford about two weeks ago, asking her if Dunlap ever lost his temper, or if he'd ever had an affair.

She insisted that she knew of nothing, she said.

"I always thought there was this real strong attraction and he loved her," she said.

Friends are perplexed

The Dunlaps' friends agree. And many are surprised that Brad Dunlap remains a suspect. In fact, it was Brad Dunlap who organized a search party of friends to look for his wife and hang up posters with her picture Jan. 1, two days after she disappeared.

And the builder of their new home noticed nothing unusual on the day before Anne Dunlap disappeared. He met with the couple for nearly three hours that Friday, as Anne Dunlap carefully pored over samples of siding in her usual deliberate fashion. After her disappearance, police searched the area surrounding the house but took no evidence away, said the builder, Mark Biermann.

Today the foundation is covered with snow and ice, and the project, like the police investigation, has stalled. Biermann, too, is confounded by the case. They were always positive, he said, never arguing about details of the house and appearing completely committed to one another.

Brad Dunlap's parents say their son has returned to work and is running again, perhaps even considering another marathon. But the investigation haunts him.

Said Donald Dunlap: "He has good days and bad days."

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Dunlap may have written big insurance policy

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Minneapolis police said Monday that investigators believe that Brad Dunlap wrote a life insurance policy worth nearly \$1 million on his wife, Anne Dunlap, whose body was found about five weeks ago in the trunk of her car. The policy was an upgrade from \$100,000 and was written a few months before her death, said Anne's parents, Donn and Louise Barber. They said the change was made on the advice of a financial planner they visited at Anne Dunlap's suggestion.

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Information about the new insurance policy has fueled speculation about the killing, in which Brad Dunlap, her husband, is a primary suspect. Dunlap has not been charged with any crime, however, and has said through his attorney that he is innocent.

Dunlap has been a licensed insurance agent for nearly 10 years. Although he dropped his half-ownership in an employee benefits company in 1993, his business partner, Judy Bradford, has said she believes he probably kept his license current because commissions were coming in after he left the business. Writing the insurance for his wife would mean he could collect commissions on that sale.

In addition to the \$1 million policy, Anne Dunlap was eligible for more than \$70,000 in free insurance through her employer, Pillsbury Inc. She could also buy three to four times that amount through the company.

Brad Dunlap also had recently increased his life insurance policy, from \$500,000 to \$1 million. The two were building a home worth more than \$300,000, and the Barbers said the couple wanted to increase their financial security because they were planning to start a family.

Investigators have declined to say how significant the insurance policy is to the investigation.

Anne Dunlap's car was found in the parking lot of a Kmart on Lake St. in Minneapolis. The couple had been living with her parents near Lake Calhoun while their home was being built in Medina.

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Barber home searched for the third time

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Dunlap sighting raises questions // Water bottle in car matches those sold in store

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FULL TEXT

A clerk at a Plymouth convenience store said he saw Brad Dunlap at the store shortly after 6 p.m. on the day his wife disappeared, an hour and a half after Dunlap said he planned to meet her. And a mispriced water bottle found in the car with Anne Dunlap's body matches bottles sold at that store. Dunlap said the weekend of his wife's disappearance that he was waiting for her to return from buying shoes on that Saturday, Dec. 30, and that they were going to meet at 4:30 p.m. However, a clerk at a Tom Thumb store on Hwy. 55 and County Rd. 101 told the Star Tribune on Wednesday that he saw Dunlap in the store shortly after 6 p.m. Minneapolis homicide investigators interviewed the clerk in late January. They reviewed videotape from the store's surveillance camera showing a man who the clerk said resembled Dunlap at about the time that he remembered waiting on Dunlap. The clerk said he also identified Dunlap, 32, from a police photo lineup as the man in the store that night. He said he remembered him as a customer who had been in the store on other occasions. The tape showed the man whom the clerk believed to be Dunlap walking to the cooler where the Chippewa Springs water was kept, then walking back to the front counter, he said. The clerk said store employees called investigators after police asked for the public's help in trying to find out where the bottle might have been bought, disclosing that the yellow price tag on the bottle cap was marked \$169, missing a decimal point. Employees at the Tom Thumb recognized the tag as matching ones on their bottles of Chippewa Springs water and called in their tip. Police interviewed the clerk later and reviewed the store videotape, apparently to get a positive identification of Dunlap and to determine if the time frame contradicted Dunlap's account of his whereabouts that afternoon and evening. The time frame of the purchase and the positive identification of Dunlap at the store is crucial to the case because authorities know that Anne Dunlap was killed Dec. 30. On Jan. 1, her body and the water bottle were found in the car at the Kmart on Lake St. in south Minneapolis. It is unclear whether police can prove that Dunlap bought the bottle of water found in the car, or that he even bought water at the Tom Thumb convenience store that Saturday evening. The clerk said he can't remember what

Dunlap bought, and added that the definition on the videotape wasn't clear enough to identify Dunlap positively. Dunlap, at first cooperative with the media, said in an interview on KSTP-TV in the days after his wife's disappearance that he was to meet her about 4:30 p.m. the day she disappeared. Louise Barber, Anne's mother, said Brad told her that he and Anne had planned to meet for dinner between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

As it has become clear that he is the main suspect in the case, Dunlap has refused interviews and has refused to answer questions from police. He has said through his attorney that he is not guilty. He has not been charged. Police are concentrating on a scenario that Anne Dunlap was stabbed to death after her body was placed in the trunk of the car. They think that she may have been overpowered by someone she trusted and that the killing may have taken place in the garage of her parents' house, where she and Brad Dunlap had been living. Police have speculated that the car may have been left in the Kmart parking lot - the doors were unlocked and the keys were inside - in hopes that it would be stolen, and the thief would be suspected in the slaying.

On Tuesday, investigators were back at the Barber house for the third time, searching for blood samples and other evidence, and videotaping the garage. The search lasted nearly 18 hours, ending about 7 a.m. Wednesday. Police had found samples of Anne Dunlap's blood during an earlier search of the residence. But investigators won't say how significant those samples might be to the case. Factors such as temperature, humidity and human enzymes can often make it difficult to determine the age of a blood stain. And Anne Dunlap had been living at the house since July.

Investigators also may have evidence to show when her car appeared in the Kmart parking lot. Police said Wednesday that a video camera is pointed at the lot and that investigators have obtained the tape. But they would not say what it shows.

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Edina woman escapes after kidnapping ordeal // Victim abducted from underground ramp

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ABSTRACT (ABSTRACT)

An Edina woman was abducted from an underground parking ramp at her apartment building at midnight Tuesday, driven around in her car Wednesday morning, sexually assaulted, beaten and finally put in the trunk, police said. But the 25-year-old woman escaped about 10 a.m. when her assailant left the car in the parking lot at the Martin Luther King Center in St. Paul.

Police Lt. Ron Ryan said that the woman was able to see into the interior of the car enough to determine that her attacker had left, and that she saw delivery trucks and people nearby. She kicked down the car's rear seat and got out through the passenger door, he said.

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She went to the center for help. Paramedics took her to St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center, where she was heavily sedated and in fair condition Wednesday.

"She was beat up pretty good," Ryan said. "Some of the grizzled old nurses {at Ramsey} had tears in their eyes. She's holding up pretty good, considering what she's been through."

Edina police Lt. Robert Clabo said, "{The hospital} backboarded her right away. If they backboard you, they're probably concerned about spinal injuries."

The extent of her injuries was unclear Wednesday, but a St. Paul investigator said the attacker may have used a tire iron or a knife in the assault.

Clabo said that investigators were unable to talk with the woman extensively, but that her account of the attack by a stranger was "entirely credible."

The attacker is described as a thin black man, with medium skin color. He is in his 20s with a thin mustache, protruding jaw and raised cheekbones.

Police think he returned to the parking lot and drove away in the woman's car, a 1994 Honda Civic. The black SI coupe has the Minnesota license plate number 024 KDG. Police are asking anyone who sees the car to call 911 immediately. Police advise not to approach the car.

"We have no reason to believe that anyone other than the person who assaulted her is in the car," Clabo said.

The Edina Crime Prevention Fund is offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the attacker.

Dick Mangram, executive director of the Martin Luther King Center, at 270 N. Kent St., said he was happy that the

center was able to help.

"Police feel very strongly that if this building wasn't opened, she wouldn't have been able to get in and she wouldn't have gotten any help," Mangram said. "She could be dead, but she's alive.

"It just worries the hell out of me that women have to be so conscious," he said. "And this is happening in a secure underground parking lot."

Speculation began Wednesday about any similarities in this case to the case of Anne Barber Dunlap, who was found slain in the trunk of her car Jan. 1 in Minneapolis.

Her husband, Brad Dunlap, is a suspect, but he has denied any involvement in his wife's death.

Minneapolis police Lt. Mark Ellenberg said his investigators will contact the Edina and St. Paul departments to see whether the cases are similar.

Clabo said that he would not immediately dismiss a connection, but that he sees no reason to think the cases are related at this point.

"I'm aware of the Dunlap case, and I guess I don't see that it's terribly similar," Clabo said. "Certainly, this is a stranger abduction; we don't know if that is the case in the Dunlap case."

He said he knows that this kidnapping and assault will scare people.

"It scares me," he said. "I've got a daughter that age living in an apartment building."

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Blood evidence scant in search of Dunlap home // Investigation of puzzling case goes on

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The home was searched for 17 hours more than two weeks ago. That search was important to police because no witnesses, no murder weapon and no clear motive have been established in the case.

Consequently, investigators have spent much of their time searching for scientific clues - such as signs of spattered blood, on constructing a time line of the whereabouts of her husband, Brad, on the day his wife disappeared and on searching for a motive by talking to friends of the couple.

Police have said that Brad Dunlap is their prime suspect. He has denied any involvement.

On Friday, police acknowledged that there were no new developments in the case. In a news release, they said Dunlap has not responded to a request they faxed to him and his attorney three weeks ago, asking for a timetable outlining his whereabouts on the day his wife disappeared.

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Brad Dunlap has said that he ran errands that afternoon while his wife was shopping for shoes. The liquor store is in the same plaza as a tropical fish store where the Dunlaps bought supplies for their aquarium. He reportedly has said he stopped at the fish store, but that it was closed. The store closed at 5 p.m. that day.

Supporters of Dunlap say they're not concerned about him being in Plymouth after he was to meet his wife. They say his purchase of champagne supports statements to police that he and Anne were planning to go to a New Year's Eve party.

"He was behaving like someone who doesn't know his wife is dead," said Bill Mauzy, an attorney working on behalf of Anne Dunlap's family. "I view that as a fact helpful to Brad's defense."

Since the day Anne Dunlap's body was found in the trunk of her car at the Kmart parking lot on Lake St. in Minneapolis, detectives have searched for a crime scene, focusing on the Lake Calhoun-area home of her parents, Donn and Louise Barber. But the exhaustive search of the house by forensic scientists failed to reveal any obvious signs of a slaying, said people close to the case.

Investigators have worked under a scenario suggesting that Anne Dunlap was overpowered at the home - probably knocked unconscious by someone she trusted - then placed in the trunk of her Toyota and killed there by someone using a knife to cut her throat.

Luminol not illuminating

Working at the home late at night, forensic experts used a chemical called luminol that detects on almost any surface blood that is invisible to the naked eye. It can even show patterns of blood cleaned with water or detergent and wiped up - days, months or years later, said Gary Kaldun, a forensic scientist with the Minnesota Bureau of Apprehension. Kaldun, who directed the forensic team, would not comment specifically on the case.

But it appears that no such patterns were found at the home that night. Although white powder from the luminol covered the floors, walls and furniture after authorities left, they did not remove carpet, floor or wall samples as they normally would have if they had found patterns of a cleanup or spattering of large amounts of blood.

In an earlier search, investigators found small amounts of Anne Dunlap's blood, but it might not help prosecutors. She had lived in the home for months, and spilling blood from an accidental cut would have been possible.

The autopsy performed on Anne Dunlap's body could provide other clues. She ate brunch with friends from her running club just after noon that day. That means authorities may be able to frame her time of death within two to six hours of that time, based on the breakdown of food in her digestive system.

Still, such an analysis can be tricky because of what is known as "flight or fight" condition, under which a person under stress experiences a strong rush of adrenaline.

"If the person has eaten a meal and they feel threatened or distressed, that can slow the {digestive} process," said Dr. Michael McGee, the Ramsey County medical examiner. "Did the person fear they were going to die? That can be very important."

A missing-person report on Anne Dunlap filed by her husband states, "the only place she would go would be the Mall of America, although she did not actually state that was her destination."

Was she at the mall?

Police said early in the case that they found no evidence to support Anne Dunlap being at the mall.

But it would be difficult to know for sure. More than 120 cameras are positioned in the mall's common areas and parking lots. But they tape for only four seconds of each minute. And those tapes were recycled every two hours, said Teresa McFarland, public relations director at the mall. That means that by the time police went to the mall on Jan. 2, there was no tape from the previous Saturday to prove whether Anne Dunlap had been there.

McFarland said the mall has since changed its policy, partly in response to the Dunlap incident. The mall now keeps the tapes for a week. However, the cameras still tape only four seconds of every minute.

Although Anne Dunlap's purse and credit cards were missing, police say there is no evidence of the cards being used since her death. Her wedding and engagement rings also were missing, and police continue to search for them by contacting jewelry dealers and pawnshops.

Brad Dunlap's supporters, meanwhile, say they still believe police should expand their investigation to look for other suspects.

"The family of Anne Dunlap supports the efforts of police to apprehend her murderer," Mauzy said, "and to pursue all leads, including the theory that Brad Dunlap is innocent and someone else committed this crime."

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Women's races created to honor the memory of slain Anne Barber Dunlap

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The Northern Lights race, held for 18 years, was first the Bonne Bell 10K and more recently the Bruegger's Run for the Bagels, a women-only event. It was canceled after a man sued to enter the race.

Moran, head of Apple Raceberry JaM, a race-results computing service, tried to organize a race at Lake Nokomis in Minneapolis, where the Northern Lights event was held most recently, but the traditional date, the first Sunday in June, was taken. Instead, he found an opening in the busy schedule at Lake Harriet June 8.

The event, called the "Anne Barber Dunlap Memorial Races, a Celebration of Women's Running," will include 10K and 5K races, both starting at the Lake Harriet bandshell. Entry forms should be in running stores by Friday, and in-person registration is available at Marathon Sports at 50th St. and Penn Av. S., Minneapolis.

Northern Lights is not involved in the race, said president Sue Wurl, but supports it and has encouraged its members to run and volunteer to help with it.

Women-only races are now legal because a bill sponsored by Rep. Phyllis Kahn, DFL-Minneapolis, allowing women-only races was signed last week by Gov. Arne Carlson. But Lori Kratchmer, a representative of Dunlap's team, said that the gender issue hasn't been formally discussed. The organizers hope to avoid controversy and keep the focus on Dunlap's memory.

The plan is to allow men to run if they like, but to encourage them instead to participate as volunteers.

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Police tape Dunlap in store // His image will be compared with figure on video

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Police asked Brad Dunlap to enter the store, walk back to a cooler where bottles of mineral water are displayed, and then to the front counter.

A bottle of water believed purchased from that store was discovered in the car in which Anne Dunlap's body was found Jan. 1. The body, repeatedly stabbed, was in the trunk of the car, which was in the parking lot of the Kmart on Lake St. in Minneapolis.

Police later traced the bottle to the Plymouth store.

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Police do know that Dunlap was in the general area that evening. Cash register records at the nearby Big Top Liquors store on Hwy. 55 in Plymouth show that he wrote a check for champagne at about 5:30 p.m.

The Tom Thumb store is at Hwy. 55 and County Rd. 101, several miles west of the liquor store.

The store was closed to the public for about 10 minutes in the late morning Thursday as police used their own video camera to tape Dunlap. A person with direct knowledge of the case said Thursday that police plan to enhance the new tape to see if the images are similar to those on the December tape.

Brad Dunlap, 33, has maintained his innocence, and has not been charged in the case.

Anne Dunlap, 31, was last seen alive early the afternoon of Dec. 30, a Saturday. Her husband has said that they were supposed to meet at about 4:30 p.m., before going out to dinner.

But the Tom Thumb clerk said in an interview weeks later that Brad Dunlap was in the store - miles from their home - just after 6 p.m. The clerk acknowledged, however, that the tape wasn't clear enough to positively identify Dunlap or show what the man purchased. And, he said, he didn't remember whether Dunlap bought bottled water that night.

If police could prove that the bottle found in the car was purchased by Brad Dunlap that Saturday evening, it could suggest that he was with his wife after he said he last saw her. Though her body was found two days later, autopsy results strongly suggest Anne Dunlap was killed that Saturday, within several hours of her noontime brunch with friends.

A homicide detective on the case has said that the clerk told authorities he'd seen Brad Dunlap in the store, but couldn't be certain he was in the store that Saturday. That's why matching the image on the old tape with that on Thursday's tape could be important to the case.

The clerk at the store, meanwhile, appears confident that it was Dunlap in the store that Saturday evening. In an interview recently, he reiterated that he believes he saw Dunlap in the store just after 6 p.m. that day.

Police would not comment specifically on the Dunlap walk-through on Thursday. Lt. Mark Ellenberg, head of the homicide unit, would say only that "there hasn't been any significant progress on the case recently."

One of the main investigators on the case recently was transferred out of the homicide unit. Two investigators remain on the case, on a part-time basis.

The murder investigation stalled within weeks of Dunlap's death, despite three intensive searches of the Lake Calhoun-area home of her parents, where the couple had been living. Police for months worked under a scenario that she was killed in the garage, perhaps after being stunned, then placed in the trunk of her car and stabbed. Brad Dunlap answered questions for hours immediately after his wife's body was found, but authorities later criticized his unwillingness to answer further questions about his whereabouts.

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FYI // Anne Dunlap race may draw 1,000

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The newest women's-only race in the Twin Cities - the Anne Barber Dunlap Memorial Race - is expected to draw around 1,000 runners Saturday at the Lake Harriet bandshell. The 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) race will start at 8 a.m. and the 5K at 9:30 a.m.

Four 1996 qualifiers from the U.S. women's Olympic marathon trials have registered: Margee Brown, Shoreview; Kari Beasley, Duluth, Minn.; Kari Pederson, Wayzata, and Jeanne Sapienza, Minnetonka.

The race was organized by running friends of the woman killed over last New Year's Eve weekend. Race-day registration will cost \$15. For more information, call 943-8133.

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1,200 women run in Anne Dunlap's honor // Friends and strangers gather on a sunny, fuchsia-filled day to try to focus on something positive and to celebrate 'a source of inspiration'

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At the starting line, 1992 Olympic marathoner Janis Klecker, of Minnetonka, praised Dunlap as "a source of inspiration to all she touched, demonstrating discipline and persistence in all areas of her life. Those who knew Anne miss her strong legs and steady pace, her laughter and her bright smile, and the gift of friendship she shared with so many."

Deb Gormley, 29, of Minneapolis, won the 10K in 36:06 minutes, followed by Kari Pederson, 24, of Wayzata, in 36:44.

Lori Kratchmer, 32, of Minneapolis, trained with Dunlap for their first marathon. She used this race to "focus on something positive to get through our grief," she said. "There's been a lot of negative publicity involved in her case, and we wanted to take it away from that."

Brad Dunlap, 32, is the chief suspect in the investigation into Anne's death, but he has not been charged.

"I think it's a great tribute to a wonderful person, and the turnout and the energy her friends put in show how much she was loved and cared for by so many people, nobody more than myself," he said of the race.

Donn Barber was pleased, too. "I think it's exciting," he said. "We're very happy. Everybody's having a good time, and we have a great day here. It's just wonderful."

Mary Alice Purcell, 38, of Bloomington, said, "I think it's great women have their own run. So often, as women, we're doing things for everybody else. I feel really bad about her death, and I'm going to think about that when I run, maybe pray for her."

"It's a great way to memorialize her, because this was a passion of hers," said Karen Peters, of Plymouth, who brought her 5-year-old daughter, Nicollette, to the run. Peters said she felt "anger that such a tragedy occurred."

The event was the first all-female race since Bruegger's Run for the Bagels was challenged last year by a St. Paul man who objected to a women-only race. Gov. Arne Carlson subsequently signed legislation sponsored by Rep. Phyllis Kahn, DFL-Minneapolis, permitting women-only athletic events.

It wasn't quite all women: David Flores, 41, of Apple Valley, said he didn't see the women-only designation when he picked up a race application at a health club.

"Now that I'm painfully aware I'm the only guy in the race, it is somewhat embarrassing," he said. Other than being called "beefcake" a couple of times during the race, Flores said he enjoyed the run.

Minneapolis police say there has been almost no progress in the Dunlap investigation in the past several months. On May 2, police videotaped Brad Dunlap in a convenience store in Plymouth to see if his image matched that of a man filmed on the store's camera the night his wife disappeared. Police have not said whether the images match. Authorities say that Brad Dunlap, who maintains his innocence, has refused to give police an hour-by-hour breakdown of his whereabouts on the day Anne disappeared. He said she was going shopping for shoes on the afternoon of Dec. 30, most likely at the Mall of America in Bloomington. Her body was found in the car trunk two days later.

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Gormley wins first Dunlap run

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"I like hills!" countered runner-up Kari Pederson, 24, of Wayzata, who finished in 36:44.

"It was good hill training," said Tami Oothoudt of Stillwater, the only wheelchair entrant in the race. She rolled across the finish line first in 31:58.

The other top 10K finishers were Kim Kauls, 37:19; Kari Beasley, 37:35; Marcy Gilles, 46, the first master's level runner, 38:09; Becky Burdick, 38:10; and Kari MacIntire Campbell, 38:15.

The 5K finishers were not tracked.

The race was created by the Forever Fuchsia group of the Northwest Club Run, of which Barber Dunlap had been an active member. She was slain last New Year's Eve weekend; no suspect has been charged. - Karin Winegar
Minneapolis native in volleyball finals

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After defeating Janice Harrer and Gayle Stammer 15-4, the pair will qualify for the Olympic team if they win in Potomac, Md., today.

Drake senior qualifies for trials

Drake senior Gina DeWitt has qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials by winning the 800-meter run Saturday in the North Carolina Olympic Trials Last Chance meet in Chapel Hill, N.C.

DeWitt, a native of Deer River, Minn., set a school record with a time of 2:05.15, which met the Olympic Trials qualifying standard of 2:05.50. The Trials will be held in Atlanta June 14-23.

City summer swim program set

Jeff Sanders, the girls' swimming coach at Minneapolis South and the boys' coach at Roosevelt, will conduct a swimming maintenance program at the Southwest High School pool between June 17 and July 25. All young competitive swimmers, fifth grade and up, are welcome. For information, call Sanders at 535-1343.

Oldsmobile pro-am tournament scheduled

The Oldsmobile Scramble golf tournament, a pro-am team event, will be held at the Chippewa Valley Golf Club in Menomonie, Wis., on July 6. Winning teams advance to the sectional championship at Eau Claire Country Club on Aug. 8.

Winning sectional teams, consisting of four amateurs and a PGA professional, will take part in the national finals

this fall at Walt Disney World.

Last year, more than 124,000 amateurs took part in the national pro-am championship. The local tournament is sponsored by Bill Keyes Oldsmobile of Menomonie.

Entry deadline for team registration is June 27. For more information, call Jim Kloiber at Chippewa Valley Golf Club at (715) 235-9808.

Women's tennis coach resigns at St. Thomas

Kathryn Nelson has resigned after three seasons as head coach of the women's tennis team at St. Thomas.

Nelson's 1996 team went 15-4 overall and 9-2 in the MIAC, and just missed receiving an NCAA tournament berth.

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Life insurance payout unlikely soon in Dunlap case

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About six weeks have passed since Dunlap filed to collect the life insurance on his wife, Anne Barber Dunlap, who was found stabbed to death in January.

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Insurance companies expect to pay legitimate claims, but they don't want to reward criminality, said Hopkins attorney Timothy Tobin, who specializes in insurance defense work.

Said a life insurance legal expert: "If there's an active law enforcement investigation, we wait."

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While they can't comment specifically on the Dunlap case, experts gave a general idea of the kind of scrutiny that Brad Dunlap's claim would attract. It might start by contacting the Minneapolis homicide unit.

"{Insurers} call you and say 'This is the beneficiary. Do you have any reason to believe that this person is involved in this person's death?'" said Lt. Mark Ellenberg, former head of the unit.

"Usually you say, 'No,' and that's all there is to it."

In cases where the beneficiary is clearly a suspect, Ellenberg said, the homicide investigator has to decide how much to share with the insurance company.

"Obviously, you don't want to tell the insurance agency much more than you tell the public," he said. "But you might be able to share some of your reasoning on why he's a suspect."

What an investigator shares with the insurer may also depend on other factors, such as whether the company is willing to assure confidentiality.

Insurers also conduct their own investigations, particularly in cases involving large sums of money, said Minneapolis trial lawyer Lindsay Arthur Jr.

The type of investigation varies, but it could include more interviews, handwriting analysis to see if the application was fraudulent or, in the case of the disappearance of local attorney James Moon, a search of Lake Calhoun for the body.

Private investigator Jill Seacrist of St. Paul said she looks at how soon the death occurred after the policy was purchased. She said she would investigate the marital relationship and interview neighbors, relatives and friends. An insurance investigation also might include checks of civil and criminal records as well as with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, she said.

Foul play's a factor

The insurance industry does not have a national database or statistics to show how often claims are denied because of foul play or fraudulent insurance applications. "We get foul play more often than some would think," said the insurance legal expert. "But we usually end up paying someone."

The expert, who asked that her name and company not be used, said the courts usually will back an insurer that decides to withhold payment during an investigation. If the beneficiary is cleared, he or she would get proceeds plus interest.

In most states, a criminal proceeding that ends in conviction resolves the issue; the guilty beneficiary can't legally question the denial of benefits, the insurance expert said.

Who gets the money in foul play cases depends on the insurance policy, the deceased's will and state law, she said.

When T. Eugene Thompson hired someone to kill his insured wife, Carol, in 1963, the insurance company paid, but not to Thompson. Rather, the money went to the couple's children. Thompson, a St. Paul attorney, was convicted of murder and served 19 years in prison.

Arthur said that if investigators fail to turn up tangible evidence of guilt, an insurance company probably would pay a claim even if it suspects the beneficiary was involved in the death.

So what options do beneficiaries have when the insurance company rejects a claim? They can file a lawsuit - a risky proposition, as one Minneapolis man discovered.

Burdens of proof

Lawsuits open up a whole new level of scrutiny that can produce fresh information through courtroom testimony, depositions and other types of legal discovery that can solidify a criminal case.

A person who has not been charged with a crime, or who has been acquitted, still can be found guilty in a civil proceeding because the burden of proof is not as high, Arthur said.

In a criminal case the prosecution must prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt. In a civil case, the standard is the greater weight of the evidence, he said.

Leonard Richards was caught in this trap during his quest in 1985 to collect \$450,000 worth of insurance benefits on his slain half-sister, May V. Wilson. Minneapolis police thought Richards killed Wilson in 1982, but they couldn't prove it.

Then came the civil trial on Richards' insurance claim: Not only did the federal court jury in Minneapolis find that he had killed Wilson and, thus, could not collect the insurance, but the trial turned up new information about Wilson's death that enabled prosecutors to charge Richards.

He was convicted of murder 12 years after the death, and is serving a life sentence.

It's unlikely that the public will know the outcome of Brad Dunlap's claim. So far he hasn't filed suit in Hennepin County District Court, which he could do if his claim is refused.

His attorney, Paul Engh, would say only that Dunlap has filed a claim.

Richard Stein, vice president of the Chubb Group of Insurance, said client information is confidential. He has said that the company has 60 days to reject or accept a claim after a death certificate is received.

Terry Thompson, a spokesman for Pillsbury Co., where Anne Dunlap worked as a marketing manager, said, "We do

view matters like insurance for employees or deceased employees as private and confidential.” Arthur, who is not involved in the Dunlap case, predicts that the insurance company won't willingly open its checkbook to Dunlap and will try to show that he caused his wife's death.
- Staff writer Anne O'Connor contributed to this report.

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Dunlap sues to collect wife's \$1 million insurance

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The \$1 million policy was written shortly before she was killed. Her parents, Donn and Louise Barber, with whom the Dunlaps lived, said the policy had been upgraded from \$100,000 on the advice of a financial consultant.

Dunlap has not been charged but has been a suspect.

Minneapolis police spokeswoman Penny Parrish said Wednesday that the case remains an active murder investigation although there is no new or additional information.

She said police have one investigator working on the case.

Jim Redman, a Minneapolis attorney who specializes in defending insurance agents and brokers, said a person suspected of homicide can be disqualified as a beneficiary.

He said the Minnesota probate code provides that an insurance company can obtain a court order saying the payment need not be made until the killing is resolved.

If it is established that Dunlap is not entitled to the proceeds, the insurance company would not keep the money. Rather, it would be paid to a secondary beneficiary or the estate of Anne Dunlap, Redman said.

Dunlap's attorney, James Crist, declined to comment on the suit Wednesday.

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Sweeps news tells a lot about priorities

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Looked at collectively, the topics chosen for these reports and other highly promoted stories say a lot about a news program's priorities. For the last sweeps period, Oct. 31 to Nov. 27, a few conclusions can be drawn:

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Cautious 'CCO often steered clear of controversy - perhaps because of the recent gut-punch it took over a complaint by Northwest Airlines - in favor of News Lite (behind-the-scenes looks at Timberwolves cheerleader tryouts and carnival games).

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- Underdog KSTP-Ch. 5 showed the most restraint and least pandering of the three network affiliates. KSTP also scored high on audience usefulness with a lot of consumer tips and stories of direct concern to a large number of viewers, such as an investigation into poor air quality in schools that resulted in the closing of one for repairs. But since KSTP's numbers continue to trail those of KARE (tops at 10 p.m.) and WCCO (tops at 6 p.m.), the latter

two stations must be giving more viewers more of what they want.

On the other hand: KTCA-Ch. 2's "Newsnight Minnesota," which airs 7 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and focuses on comparatively weightier issues, was up in ratings 40 percent from last November.

- Independent KMSP-Ch. 9 does not hype in-depth reports specifically for the sweeps, "because our viewer focus groups have told us they don't like it," said Stu Swartz, general manager. Although KMSP's hour-long 9 p.m. broadcast was down slightly in the ratings, its six-month-old 10 p.m. broadcast had a 5 audience share - a minuscule figure, but a 25 percent increase from the last ratings period.

Local films on IFC

Twelve short films made by Minnesotans will get national cable exposure on an Independent Film Channel special, "IFC Presents IFP/North," running noon to 2 p.m. Sunday (repeats Jan. 19, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.). Standouts include:

- "The Last Goodbye," in which Mary Ahmann perfectly captures the poignancy of a young woman bidding farewell to her dying grandfather without getting mawkish.

- "Sugar and Spice," a black-and-white tomboy's tale for which Kella Prill coaxed more subtle acting out of kids than many Hollywood directors do.

- The plainly powerful documentary "What America Needs," for which Matt Bakkom and Mark Wojahn listened to ordinary folks opine up and down the length of the Mississippi River.

The two-hour program, initiated by the local media-arts group Independent Feature Project/ North, is given that special Minnesota feeling (more than "Feeling Minnesota" did) by brief interviews with the filmmakers, shot on location last fall at the State Fair - crop art, butter sculptures and all.

IFC is currently available on Paragon Cable's Channel 28B only, but will be added to Continental Cablevision Dec. 27.

Station to station

- Word is that Mike Wallace's "60 Minutes" segment on the WCCO-Northwest dispute, airing at 6 p.m. Sunday, comes down mighty hard on CBS's Twin Cities affiliate, as did a recent Wall Street Journal article.

- Apparently, unfavorable publicity alleging overstuffed salaries and nepotism at Minnesota Public Radio has failed to weaken listener loyalty. MPR's week-long membership drive last month garnered \$758,000, surpassing the total for last fall's drive by more than \$100,000.

- Paragon Cable has announced a service upgrade to be completed by 1999 that will increase available channels from 56 to 79 for Hopkins, Minnetonka, Richfield, Eden Prairie and Edina.

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Unsolved murders // St. Paul man struggling to clear his name // In several ways, Bauer case mirrors that of the Dunlaps

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Anne Dunlap's slaying, with its contested life insurance policy worth more than \$1 million, captured the public's curiosity. Susan Bauer's strangulation, with a disputed \$15,000 of life insurance money, quickly vanished from public consciousness.

"But my family and I sure haven't forgot her," said Brian Kobilka, Susan's only sibling. "The holidays have been so tough without her and we're still hoping they find the guy who did it - whoever that might be."

Police and the Kobilka family, while hesitant to discuss the case publicly for fear of jeopardizing the investigation, consider Susan Bauer's ex-husband, Vince, the prime suspect.

"Husbands always are," Sgt. Rich Friechels, a St. Paul homicide detective, said early in the investigation. "He wasn't too happy about the divorce and you just have to ask yourself: Who had the most to gain?"

Vince admits he was devastated by their divorce three months before Susan's death, but insists he's innocent.

Found strangled

Susan Bauer was found strangled with a phone cord and coat hanger around her neck on the morning of March 20. Vince told police he had stopped by the house they had shared on Magnolia Av. at 8 a.m. to surprise their three children, then ages 7, 5 and 2. The oldest two are boys.

"I thought it would be something special for the kids, Dad coming over to see them before they go to school," Bauer

said. "Before I even got to the door, my boys came running out saying something had happened to Mom." Police aren't sure whether the children saw the killer. After a neighbor called 911, Bauer told police he found his wife sprawled across a living room hide-a-bed, naked from the waist down with a T-shirt pushed up under her arms. She was St. Paul's ninth of 29 homicide victims in 1996.

Police initially arrested another man whose girlfriend had confided details of their abusive relationship to Susan Bauer after befriending her on a CB radio. That man, Quang Tran, was released from jail two days after the killing when police apparently verified his alibi: He was at work.

Since then, police, the Kobilkas and Bauer have waited for and agonized over the results of DNA tests, hoping they would resolve the case. Apparently, those tests were not conclusive enough to prompt murder charges.

"We're still exploring our options with the county attorney's office," said Lt. Joe Corcoran of the St. Paul homicide unit.

Other traditional bits of evidence, such as fingerprints or hair samples, are of little help in confirming or refuting suspicions against Bauer because he lived in the tan bungalow on Magnolia Av. for most of the past five years.

A living hell

Since Susan's death nine months ago, Vince Bauer has served 30 days in the county workhouse for violating probation on an earlier child endangerment charge. He lost his job as an alarm monitor at the St. Paul School District's headquarters. He filed for personal bankruptcy after his house was repossessed.

"I think hell would be a better place to be right now, to tell you the truth," Bauer said.

Shortly after his release from the workhouse in April, Bauer was at a Radio Shack store on the East Side with a friend. Some kids came up to him, curious about the braces he uses to deal with the effects of polio he contracted when he was 3 in Vietnam.

"I was proceeding to explain to the children why I needed the canes when their mom yanked the kids away and said: 'Stay away from him. He's a murderer.' My friend started yelling and screaming. I just turned away."

Custody clash

The Bauers' children - now ages 3, 6 and 8 - have been living with her parents, Ronald and Joan Kobilka, in Cottage Grove. The children are undergoing counseling twice a week and "doing as well as can be expected," Ron said.

Bauer agreed to give the Kobilkas temporary custody initially because he knew he was going to the workhouse.

Now he would like to see his children - something he hasn't done since the day of the slaying.

Bauer compares his plight to O.J. Simpson's struggle to regain custody of his children. "All I'm asking the court is to at least let me see my children. If they feel I'm unworthy to have them, I can live with that. But at least let them know their father is alive. They lost their mother and - boom - right away, within a week, their father is gone with no trace, no words, no seeing."

Ron Kobilka said he and his wife have been honest with the children, telling them that Vince is "still out there." But they're concerned that visiting Vince could be traumatic, possibly because the kids might have seen something on March 20.

County case workers are doing a custody review scheduled for completion in February. Until then, Bauer is prohibited from any contact with the children. He and his attorney, Larry Nichols, accuse the county of stalling.

"Here we sit with nobody charged in this case and Vince's kids taken away . . . without him being allowed any contact," Nichols said. "You can't go around punishing people without giving them their day in court."

But Bauer also acknowledges his past might hinder his custody chances. He was accused in 1994 of sexual misconduct involving a 16-year-old babysitter and said he was pressured into pleading guilty to the lesser charge of child endangerment.

Susan also obtained a court order to bar Bauer from the house, accusing him of using his canes to discipline the children. Bauer and Nichols contend those allegations were simply common divorce ploys and point out that Susan never accused Vince of abusing her.

Bauer said he understood the pain of family separation and loss even before Susan's death, having been left at a Saigon orphanage in 1972 so Swiss and French missionaries could help him with his polio. He left Vietnam two

days before Saigon fell in 1975 and was adopted by a Hastings family. He doesn't know if his birth parents are alive.

He said he isn't bitter if the Kobilkas blame him for Susan's fate. "In our grief, we start to think crazy things," Bauer said. "I know my life is going to be rough and you can't change people's minds even if you stand up on top of a mountain and scream."

It's a realization that has led him to empathize with Brad Dunlap.

"I don't think police should put him through hell just because they want to be gung-ho to find somebody," Bauer said. "If they've got nothing on him, for heaven's sake, let him have his life back. And let me have my life back."

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Unsolved murders // Dunlap story still missing concluding installment // With a large insurance policy, a murder scene no one can find and an aggressive detective, the Anne Dunlap case is like a mystery novel without a conclusion.

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The Anne Dunlap case has unfolded like the plot of a mystery novel, with dramatic elements that include a \$1 million insurance policy, a crime scene no one has located and an aggressive detective. But today it's a story without a final chapter.

While the criminal case appears to be at a standstill, civil court action over the life insurance could bring out new information to revive the investigation.

Anne Barber Dunlap was found stabbed to death in the trunk of her car, which had been left in a Kmart parking lot in south Minneapolis last New Year's Day.

The death of the 31-year-old Pillsbury marketing manager was considered the city's first homicide of 1996.

Since then, the investigation has focused on her 33-year-old husband, who reportedly told his wife's parents that police believe he's the killer.

Anne's parents, Louise and Donn Barber, and Brad Dunlap did not return requests made through their attorneys to be interviewed for this article.

The lead detective said the case is active and vows it will be solved.

"Brad remains a suspect. I can't comment on what degree he's a suspect or anyone else is," said Sgt. David Voss. He is reviewing similar crimes from other places to see if any of the perpetrators was in Minnesota and had the opportunity to kill Dunlap.

Under a microscope

From the actions of the police, it has always seemed clear that Brad Dunlap was the chief suspect.

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Dunlap said he last saw his wife when she left her parents' Minneapolis home around 2:30 p.m. to buy shoes at the Mall of America in Bloomington. The two planned to meet for dinner between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Investigators said she was killed between 3 and 3:15 p.m.

Since his first interview with Brad, Voss said, he has made at least four unsuccessful attempts to get Dunlap and his attorneys to talk again under any terms or conditions. Dunlap could be questioned under oath if a trial is held in his lawsuit to get his wife's insurance money.

It appears that the searches of the Barbers' home have turned up little concrete evidence. Police have theorized that Anne was knocked out and her throat was cut in her parents' garage, but a 17-hour search there recovered only a few drops of blood. No evidence of blood spattering or of any attempt to clean up a bloody crime scene was found.

In fact, police don't even have a crime scene and that's a problem: If they don't know where Anne was killed, how do they look for evidence?

Voss confirmed that investigators are still waiting for laboratory results but declined to say if those are DNA results from blood found at the Barbers' house.

"Some things were done, some things were requested later on and some things we're taking another look at," he said, adding that he has gotten help from other investigative agencies.

Asked if he was hopeful those tests may help identify a killer, Voss said: "Absolutely."

But friends of the Barbers and Dunlaps have said Voss' energy is aimed in the wrong direction.

Brad Dunlap has always maintained his innocence and those around him have never publicly doubted him.

Court of public opinion

The continuing police and media attention, however, fuels speculation that Brad killed Anne.

Such focus is not uncommon of late - O.J. Simpson and also Richard Jewell, the former suspect in the bombing at the summer Olympics, are two national examples. But in a country where the premier legal principle is that people are innocent until proven guilty, some say heavy news coverage is unfair.

"I think Richard Jewell is a good example that there was a rush to judgment, fueled mainly by press accounts," said Barry Scheck, one of O.J. Simpson's attorneys in his murder trial last year. "When the media focuses and targets someone, that individual starts getting vilified. . . . Everything is admissible in the court of public opinion."

Those close to Brad Dunlap said the past year has been very difficult for him. He has been spit on while running, he is stared at - and whispered about - when he is out.

Voss said details about the case in newscasts and newspapers have hampered the investigation.

Voss vows, though, that the story will have an ending - eventually.

"I feel like I am progressing. . . . I will persevere until the killer is brought to justice," he said. "I'll work this till I retire because it is the right thing for the victim, for the family and to get somebody out of society who doesn't belong there."

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Reader sees editorializing in choice of sports photo

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ABSTRACT (ABSTRACT)

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"It was an unflattering caricature. There must have been a better one," Hanson wrote. "To me, at least, she appears pathetic, forlorn, in a give-up sort of picture."

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Editors narrowed their review of Wheeler's film to two pictures. Taken seconds apart, the one not used showed her pointing. "It was more assertive," Wheeler said. "Both pictures said, 'Where do we go from here?'"

Comment: Hill-MacDonald does look beleaguered, an expression that fits well with the story.

If her team had a winning record, the picture could be perceived as showing an educator doing her job.

Pass the selenium

The Dec. 25 headline said, "Selenium trial may show anticancer effect."

The Los Angeles Times story, based on a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association, said people taking a daily supplement of the mineral cut their overall cancer risk by almost 40 percent.

Callers wanted to know why the story didn't say which foods contain selenium.

The Star Tribune copy desk trimmed this paragraph:

"Selenium levels are normally met in diets rich in nuts, grains, eggs, meat and fish. The mineral is classified as a 'trace element,' because the body requires so little to function."

This is news?

Dave LaFontaine challenged the value of Tuesday's front page report, headlined, "Dunlap story still missing concluding installment."

Under the heading, "Today's focus: Unsolved murders," the 30-inch story was, in essence, a review one year later of

the unsolved murder of Anne Dunlap. Husband Brad Dunlap's photo appeared with the caption, ". . .remains a suspect."

"I looked for something of news value, but there was no news there," LaFontaine said.

Newsroom supervisor Paul Klauda said, "The reader was not the only one to make that observation. At Tuesday's critique some editors found the story excessive. Others found it interesting and irresistible because of the circumstances associated with it. One challenged the idea that it lacked news, saying the news was that the case apparently is no closer to being solved than a year ago.

"It's fairly common for the media to do 'anniversary' stories. It's challenging because the reason for doing the story can seem contrived to readers unless the story advances what they already know. In the Dunlap story the challenge was made even harder because the case has been thoroughly reported by the media in highly competitive fashion.

"The Dunlap story would have been more successful if we had been able to develop a fresh angle. But I'm comfortable with where we ended up."

Comment: It had all the fingerprints of a story prepared in advance for the holiday season news doldrums. It added to the boredom.

Cold either way

Was the 22 below recorded on Christmas Day a Twin Cities record, as a front-page picture caption stated? Or is the record 39 below, recorded in 1879, as the weather page reported?

The 22 below set a record. Recordings taken prior to 1890, when the National Weather Service moved its station from Fort Snelling to the Minneapolis courthouse, do not count.

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Dunlap claiming insurer is in cahoots with cops

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ABSTRACT (ABSTRACT)

Brad Dunlap, a suspect in the death of his wife 17 months ago, filed documents in federal court Thursday claiming that the Minneapolis Police Department and Anne Barber Dunlap's insurance company are working in unison to avoid paying him \$1 million in life insurance benefits.

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"Chubb has enlisted the help of the Minneapolis Police Department to support an allegation that Bradley Dunlap killed his wife," said a memorandum filed in federal court in Minneapolis to compel the police to turn over the information.

The allegation is being used, in part, so that Chubb can avoid paying more than \$1 million in death benefits, it said. Information being sought by Dunlap includes videotapes of witness interviews, interview summaries, the Police Department interview of Dunlap and results of forensic tests.

In response to a subpoena for the documents, the Police Department said that the information is confidential. But by sharing the police file with Chubb, the department waived any privilege claim, said the memorandum.

"The sharing of police information with Chubb while keeping plaintiff Dunlap in the dark offends not only the most rudimentary notions of due process and fairness, but it is also legally unsupported and unsupportable," it said.

A subpoena to Chubb's attorney yielded five pages of police records, said an affidavit from James Crist, one of Dunlap's attorneys.

Attached to his affidavit is an affidavit of Sgt. David Voss, who has had primary responsibility for the investigation into Anne Barber Dunlap's death. It said it was Dunlap's conduct during a videotaped interview on Jan. 1, 1996, that made him a suspect in the homicide.

Anne Barber Dunlap, 31, a marketing manager at the Pillsbury Co., was found stabbed to death in the trunk of her car, which had been left in a Kmart parking lot in south Minneapolis on New Year's Day 1996. It is unknown where she was killed.

Brad Dunlap has maintained his innocence and Anne's parents, Donn and Louise Barber, with whom the Dunlaps lived, have supported him. He sued in federal court in Minneapolis in October to collect proceeds from her life

insurance policy.

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Magistrate ponders issues between Dunlap, insurance company

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FULL TEXT

Brad Dunlap and the insurance company that had a \$1 million policy on his slain wife will have to wait to see how a federal magistrate rules on several issues that they argued Thursday.

Dunlap asked that information police allegedly gave the Chubb Life Insurance Co. of America be given to him as part of his lawsuit against the company.

And Chubb asked that it be allowed to amend certain documents to include further allegations against Dunlap, who is a suspect in the slaying of his wife, Anne. It said the policy was invalid because Dunlap was planning to kill his wife when he completed the application on Aug. 18, 1995. He has not been charged.

But the company also has asked that Dunlap be forced to reimburse it if the policy is ruled valid and if the company is forced to pay the death benefits to an innocent party, such as Anne Dunlap's family.

Dunlap sued in October after the company refused to pay the death benefits. U.S. Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson heard arguments for about a half-hour in the federal courthouse in Duluth and then took the matters under advisement.

The case is to be ready for trial Jan. 1.

Police have said little about the investigation, but in an affidavit filed this month one investigator said Dunlap is "the only plausible suspect." His motive was the \$1 million Chubb policy and \$745,000 insurance on his wife's life through her employment at the Pillsbury Co., the affidavit said.

Anne Dunlap was stabbed to death on Dec. 30, 1995, the affidavit said. Her body was found in the trunk of her car at a Kmart parking lot in south Minneapolis.

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Magistrate to review police file to decide if Dunlap can see it

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FULL TEXT

The Minneapolis Police Department will turn over its investigative file in the slaying of Anne Barber Dunlap to a federal magistrate for review.

Her husband, Brad Dunlap, sought the information that he said has been shared with the Chubb Life Insurance Co. of America, which had a \$1 million policy on her life. He filed suit last fall to collect insurance proceeds after the company refused to pay.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson in Duluth said in an order filed Monday that Sgt. David Voss, lead investigator in the case, should be present when the investigative material is reviewed.

Erickson said he will do the review as quickly as possible, weighing the benefits of disclosure to Brad Dunlap against harm such disclosure might cause to the police investigation and determining whether a protective order is necessary. "It is not disputed the police department has been cooperating with {Chubb} by furnishing information concerning the department's investigation of the plaintiff's wife," he said.

Anne Dunlap's body was found in the trunk of her car on Jan. 1, 1996, in the parking lot of a south Minneapolis discount store. She had been stabbed.

Erickson also said that Chubb can amend its stance on the claim to include a number of defenses such as fraud allegations that Dunlap planned to kill his wife when he took out the application in August.

Illustration

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Fancy Ray not about to fade into the crowd // Our own cable pretty face asserts himself during taping of Maury Povich's show

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FULL TEXT

Fancy Ray McCloney wasn't about to be ignored on national TV. To the credit of Maury Povich's staff, they tried. Trouble was, there were too many guests, said Ray, who slyly patted himself on the back. "To their credit, they had like the best cable-access people from around the country - guys who had won Emmys, been on MTV. But they had too many - eight different shows. They would show a clip of your show, and then Maury would interview you 4 or 5 minutes and then - bing! - onto the next one. . . ." The retiring soul who bills himself as "The Best Looking Man in Comedy" suddenly found being first a huge disadvantage. "Boom, I'm up there, I've got that big burst of energy. I wrote a poem especially for Maury's show. Got a big laugh. I'm cooking. I'm on fire," said Ray. "Then they bring out the next act . . . and then I'm pretty much sitting there like I'm watching traffic." As anybody who has seen Ray's "Get Down With It" knows, he's not a traffic-watcher - he's the traffic-stopper. "I just felt like I was being forgotten about. I thought, 'The hell with this; they're going to forget all about me.' So I started kind of asserting myself," he said, laughing that laugh. Ray began to pepper the show with comments. "At the end of the show, Maury's wrapping up," said Ray, "and he says I want to thank all my guests. Ray, is there anything else you would like to add?" Ray liked that. He found Maury cool, as in, "He wasn't Mr. Warm and Fuzzy." Ray's favorite guest spot to date was on "Jenny Jones" . . . what was different was that they tailored the show around me." And that returns us to our opening theme: You can watch Ray desperately seeking attention on the Povich show scheduled to air Friday at 2 p.m. on KARE-TV (Channel 11).

Marcia had no doubt

Marcia Clark said, "Yeah, it is true," when asked whether she got Robert Shapiro goooood in her book "Without a Doubt." Shapiro claimed that Clark flirted unsuccessfully with him during the O.J. Simpson trial. There's just something about Shapiro that's always given me the impression that a happy marriage has not prevented him from viewing himself as God's gift to womankind. When Clark's former prosecuting partner Chris Darden was here promoting his book, I asked him whether he thought Clark would use her wicked wit to cut Shapiro down to size. "Yes," said Darden. Marcia said, "Chris knows me. I flirted with {Shapiro}. You know something, during the trial he used to complain every day how badly I treated him, how much nicer I was to Johnnie {Cochran}. He did!" Clark told one book buyer that she hoped to return to prosecuting someday.

Dunlap form is curious

Raise your hand if you can spell Pillsbury. Is that your hand, Brad Dunlap? There's a curious spelling error in one of the documents included in the court filing created by Chubb Life Insurance Co. of America's refusal to pay Brad Dunlap \$1 million as the beneficiary of his wife's policy. On the line where the name of her employer is handwritten, it reads: "Pilsbury, Inc." Anne Barber Dunlap, a marketing manager, was an extremely meticulous person, based on media reports. Since someone who is marketing manager at the Doughboy's company probably knows how to spell Pillsbury - a brand most of us learned to spell from grocery shopping - the heavy speculation is that the document was filled out by Brad Dunlap. Not spelling Pillsbury correctly is, of course, the least of this fellow's

troubles. Chubb has invalidated Dunlap's claim and is going to fight him in federal court on the grounds that he killed his wife. Despite the passage of time and a lot of cop talk, Dunlap has not been charged with the crime. He has denied it, and her family stands by him. Why is it that sane, staid Minnesota seems to have more than its fair share of these kinds of cases? T. Eugene Thompson . . . and of course, Leonard Richards, whose claim to the benefit from the 1982 death of his sister May V. Wilson was invalidated by a federal court jury, which concluded that he killed her. Later, Richards was charged with murder and convicted.

Canova was a no-show

While I was on vacation, a woman on the street asked me to find out some info and promised to provide some insight on 332-TIPS. I got the feeling she knew the answer to the question: Did WCCO-TV news director Ted Canova attend Colleen Needles' anchors-away party when she left after 15 years with Channel 4? Ahhh, no. Canova had a long-standing family commitment that precluded his taking part in this celebration. This guy's not dumb. In his situation, would you give Needles another crack at making charges after she caused plenty such in-house grief? If Canova hadn't had another commitment, he'd have been wise to make one up so he didn't have to stand around looking uncomfortable - or, as in the case at some companies, making insincere parting remarks. There's continued gossip that he'll be parting himself. And speaking of people on the street, I also ran into Canova while vacationing in town and he was in incredible humor, and a fabulous green suit. He took me and a chum into WCCO-TV for a little tour that included the new set scheduled to be unveiled soon.

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Husband charged in woman's 1996 slaying // After Susan Bauer was found strangled in her St. Paul home, her estranged husband became the focus of the investigation.

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FULL TEXT

More than a year after Susan Marie Bauer was found strangled in her house on St. Paul's East Side, her estranged husband has been charged with her death.

Vincent Bauer, a prime suspect in the killing almost from the start, was indicted Thursday on charges of first- and second-degree murder by a Ramsey County grand jury. He turned himself in Friday morning, then made his first court appearance in the afternoon. He remained in the Ramsey County jail Friday night in lieu of \$500,000 bail. During his court appearance, Bauer, 35, did not look at several members of Susan Bauer's family who attended the proceedings. The family had long suspected that he was responsible for his wife's death. He told police that he found her body on March 19, 1996, when he came to visit her and their children.

Her brother, Brian Kobilka, said Friday that he was happy to see Vincent Bauer in custody, "although it's just the first step. We . . . would like to be done with this so we can move on, so we can remember {Susan} for who she was, not for how she was killed."

In arguing for his client's release from jail Friday, attorney Larry Nichols said, "He does not represent a flight risk. He has been a suspect for more than a year. . . . If he was going to take off he would have done it a long time ago." Assistant County Attorney Jeanne Schleh countered by saying that until this week Bauer had no reason to leave because he had not been charged.

Susan Bauer, 31, was most likely killed between 11 p.m. and midnight on March 19. Police said she told a friend over the phone that night that she heard something outside but did not see anything.

The next morning her body was found by her three children, ages 3, 5 and 7 at the time. Also at the house that morning was Vincent Bauer, who said he often came by at her behest, even though she had filed an order for protection against him. He said he had come by to drop off clothing.

Friday's arrest and charges ended 14 months of intense investigation by St. Paul police. The case, although not as publicized, drew comparisons to that of Anne Dunlap, killed in Minneapolis 2 1/2 months before Susan Bauer. As did Dunlap's husband, Brad, Vincent Bauer maintained his innocence even as the criminal investigation focused on him. Bauer even compared his plight to O.J. Simpson's struggle to regain custody of his children. The Bauers' three children remain in the custody of their maternal grandparents.

Said Kobilka, "It's nothing but lies and deception, what he said. As you follow the court case now you'll see the truth."

In search warrant affidavits unsealed Friday by court order, police said Susan Bauer was so afraid of her husband that she had the locks changed on the house they had shared. They also asserted that Vincent Bauer's initial alibi for the night of the killing was disproved, although they did not say how.

Search-warrant affidavits do not constitute formal charges, but state facts and allegations collected by law

enforcement officials to justify to a magistrate that there is reason to conduct a search.

The affidavits, dating from days after the killing to as recently as two months ago, also detail how investigators gathered hair, blood, saliva and handwriting samples.

In one search, police seized some of Vincent Bauer's underwear from his home in Oakdale. Susan Bauer's blood was found on it; police say he had no explanation of how it got there.

The couple, who had been going through an acrimonious divorce, had been separated for months. Vincent Bauer told police it had been almost six months since they had had sexual intercourse.

During the search on March 21, 1996, police also took a wet shoe that appeared to have been soaked recently, and a leg brace. Vincent Bauer had polio and uses braces and a cane to walk.

The Ramsey County medical examiner's office concluded that markings found on Susan Bauer's inner thigh appeared to have been caused by "the knee mechanism of the metal brace Vincent Bauer wears on his right leg," one affidavit said.

It quoted the medical examiner as saying that Susan Bauer's injury "is consistent with having been inflicted while pinning the victim down and strangling her."

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Brad Dunlap, suspect in wife's slaying, is moving out of state

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FULL TEXT

Brad Dunlap, the prime suspect in the slaying of his wife, Anne Barber Dunlap, has quit his job and is moving to the Southwest to gain privacy.

He left his sales manager position at Environmental Graphics in Hopkins this month, said customer service representative Chuck Campbell. Dunlap's attorneys said Wednesday that he will be moving to get a fresh start in life, but wouldn't say where or when.

Police investigated Dunlap after his wife's stabbed body was found Jan. 1, 1996, in her car trunk in a Kmart parking lot in south Minneapolis. He was not charged.

His wife's parents, Donn and Louise Barber, with whom the couple lived while their house was being built, have supported Dunlap, saying he never would have harmed their daughter.

Anne Dunlap, 31, a marketing manager at the Pillsbury Co., was insured for more than \$1 million. Dunlap has sued to collect the death benefit. Chubb Life Insurance has refused to pay, citing a police affidavit that says the lead investigator believes Dunlap killed his wife. Chubb alleges the policy is invalid because Dunlap was planning to kill his wife when he completed the application Aug. 18, 1995. The case is pending in federal court in Minneapolis and is expected to go to trial next year.

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Dunlap wins release of police documents

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Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson said he sealed the information regarding what parts of the police file would be disclosed, but court documents filed by Dunlap in May said he was seeking videotapes of witness interviews, interview summaries, his interview with police and results of forensic tests.

Dunlap, a suspect in the 1996 death of his wife, Anne Barber Dunlap, claimed that police and Chubb Life Insurance Co. of America were working in unison to avoid paying the insurance benefits. Company officials had said the policy was invalid because Dunlap was planning to kill his wife when he completed the application less than five months before she was stabbed to death. Her body was found on Jan. 1, 1996, in her car trunk in a Kmart parking lot in south Minneapolis.

FULL TEXT

A federal magistrate judge ruled Tuesday that Minneapolis police must turn over investigative documents to the attorneys of Brad Dunlap, who is a suspect in the death of his wife and suing to get \$1 million from her life insurance.

Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson said he sealed the information regarding what parts of the police file would be disclosed, but court documents filed by Dunlap in May said he was seeking videotapes of witness interviews, interview summaries, his interview with police and results of forensic tests.

The judge also ordered that attorneys be allowed to inspect all physical evidence related to the case. An attorney for Dunlap hadn't seen the ruling Tuesday evening and was unable to comment.

Dunlap, a suspect in the 1996 death of his wife, Anne Barber Dunlap, claimed that police and Chubb Life Insurance Co. of America were working in unison to avoid paying the insurance benefits. Company officials had said the policy was invalid because Dunlap was planning to kill his wife when he completed the application less than five months before she was stabbed to death. Her body was found on Jan. 1, 1996, in her car trunk in a Kmart parking lot in south Minneapolis.

In response to a subpoena for the investigative file, the Police Department said the information was confidential. Erickson said months ago that it was not disputed that the Police Department was cooperating with Chubb by furnishing information about the killing.

Police have said little about the investigation, but in an affidavit one investigator said Dunlap is "the only plausible suspect." His motive was to collect on the insurance policy, the affidavit said. Dunlap was not charged.

Tuesday's ruling states that all the documents produced under the order be considered "confidential materials" and be disclosed only to "qualified persons," defined as the court, counsel to the parties, the clerical staff and court reporters. The materials can't be disclosed to Dunlap or others unless ordered by the court.

Bill Mauzy, who represented Dunlap's in-laws earlier in the investigation, said the judge had to find a balance in what he would allow to be disclosed. He said there is an essential need for all parties to have access to as much information as possible and to protect the sensitive portions of any investigation.

"The more information the plaintiff gets, the better off he is," Mauzy said. "It gives them the opportunity to rebut any specific allegations if an insurance company improperly tries to deny benefits."

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to gain privacy. His attorneys said he wanted to get a fresh start in life.

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Anne Dunlap's father, Donn Barber of Minneapolis, was involved in the suit as the personal representative of her estate.

"We're pleased and he's pleased," Barber said by phone Wednesday night. He offered nothing else about his son-in-law or the suit.

Donn and Louise Barber, who let their daughter and her husband live with them while the couple was building a house, have consistently supported Dunlap. They've said they don't believe he would have harmed their daughter. Police have theorized that Anne Dunlap was knocked out and her throat slit in the garage of her parents' home on New Year's Eve, but little evidence was found.

Her husband wrote a policy increasing her life insurance from \$100,000 to \$1 million about five months before her death.

Dunlap was the beneficiary. The Chubb Life Insurance Co. refused to pay, contending that he was planning to kill his wife when he wrote the policy. Dunlap sued in October 1996.

Anne Dunlap also had a \$745,000 policy through her job as a marketing manager for the Pillsbury Co. Pillsbury hasn't been willing to say whether Brad Dunlap received those proceeds.

Dunlap has been "the only plausible suspect" in his wife's death, according to an affidavit filed in the suit by Minneapolis police Sgt. David Voss. Many of the other documents in the case were sealed as they were filed.

Dunlap won a ruling last year that forced police to turn over investigative documents to him. They weren't made public either.

Meanwhile, several dates for a civil trial before U.S. District Judge John Tunheim in Minneapolis were postponed,

the most recent of which was Sept. 1. A new date had not been scheduled.

If the suit had gone to trial, Dunlap would have risked a ruling that he killed his wife. The standards for proof in a lawsuit are lower than in a criminal case.

Police released a statement Wednesday through spokeswoman Penny Parrish:

"The only comment we can make at this time is to reiterate the fact that the Minneapolis Police Department still has an active criminal investigation in the case of the murder of Anne Dunlap.

"Because this is an ongoing case, the investigators have asked me to send out this release and note that they are not available for interviews."

In July 1997, Dunlap quit his job as a sales manager at Environmental Graphics in Hopkins and moved to the Southwest for privacy. His attorneys said at the time that he wanted to make a fresh start, and they wouldn't say where he moved.

Attorneys for Dunlap and the Barbers didn't return calls Wednesday.

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Multimillionaire marriage hardly worst of sweeps

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And this was all before the tearful unraveling of the prime-time nuptials of Darva Conger and Rick Rockwell. So without a doubt, this was the nadir of February TV, right?

Dream on. "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire" wasn't even the worst program Fox put on last month.

At least the people who were demeaned on "Multimillionaire" were consenting adults. Far more worrisome and blatantly offensive were several programs that oozed into the verboten realm of child pornography.

On Feb. 21, shortly after 2 p.m., a reader phoned to say he had been channel surfing and was stunned by a "Maury Povich" show that KARE-Channel 11 was broadcasting. He urged me to drop whatever I was doing and flip on my TV set. He said it was "like kiddie porn."

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Between segments, viewers could read a guests-wanted announcement on screen: The Povich show was seeking teens who have "overdeveloped breasts and are proud of them."

KARE should be very proud.

Still, Povich's lolly-trollops weren't the worst of February's bottom-feeding. "Perfect Murder, Perfect Town," a two-part CBS docudrama about the JonBenet Ramsey case that aired Feb. 27 and March 1, was even more grotesque and exploitative than Fox's one-hour drama about the 6-year-old murder victim shown earlier in the sweeps period. "Perfect Murder" was video pedophilia. The movie included a slow pan up the body of a child actress wearing nothing but underpants and ice-blue body makeup as she lay "dead" on the coroner's examining table. Later, there was a scene of police detectives questioning JonBenet's grandmother explicitly about the child's needing an adult to assist her when she went to the bathroom.

Who do you complain to in a case like this, the Federal Communications Commission or child protection services? But wait, it gets worse. While WCCO-Channel 4 had no choice but to show the movie - the station is owned by CBS - the network didn't force WCCO to include JonBenet-related stories in its 10 pm. newscasts both nights the movie was on.

The first night, WCCO pandered to people who had watched the CBS movie with a CBS News correspondent's rehash of the case and his report of a possible new witness. By the time he added disclaimers about the woman's shaky credibility, it was clear that there was no real news, just more reckless speculation.

The night that "Perfect Murder" concluded, WCCO led its news with old video of JonBenet's parents denying any involvement in her murder, then segued into a report about Minnesotans who have had to live under clouds of suspicion of murder. Getting the Ramseys and Brad Dunlap into the same story, that's a daily double of sensationalism.

Compared with what WCCO did, KSTP-Channel 5's effort to milk "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" for a little ratings juice seemed harmless, and even KMSP-Channel 9's unnecessarily graphic expose of a body-painting parlor seemed tasteful.

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