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Family of 4 Killed

Officers Probe Brutal Slaying

"There seems to be no rhyme or reason to the killing. They were a happy, close-knit family with no problems or enemies.

"It looks to me like they were just herded into the bedroom and shot."

Those were the comments by the victim's brother and a San Bernardino County deputy coroner after the brutal slaying of an Orange County family of four over the weekend at Crestline.

The bullet-riddled bodies of James A. Boles, 41; his wife, Darlene, 37; and their two sons,

Bobby, 13, and Tommy, 12, of 15947 Silver Tip Court, Fountain Valley, were found in the bedroom of their recently built cabin.

The slayer even killed the family dog.

Boles, a Hughes Aircraft engineer, was found sprawled on the floor. The mother and one of the boys were in a blood-stained closet, while the other youth was slumped against a wall.

Deputy Coroner A. J. McCann said that there appeared to be no evidence of any struggle and nothing in the cabin was disturbed.

Sheriff Frank Bland told The Sun-Telegram late last night, despite radio reports to the contrary, "We do not yet have any clues to the identity of the killer. I wish we did. We have found some leads on which we are working, however."

The victims were found Monday by Mrs. Boles' brother, Floyd Rice, 54, of Long Beach. Rice came to the cabin in the San Moritz Chalet area looking for the family after they failed to return home Sunday night.

McCann pinpointed the time of

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San Bernardino Valley residents relaxed in comparative comfort yesterday as temperatures remained in the mid-90s for the third consecutive day.

The cooling off period followed a 10-day 100 degrees-plus "heat wave" which toasted the city from Aug. 5 through Aug. 14.

The 90-degree temperature is expected to last "at least a few more days" according to the weatherman who forecast a temperature high today of 90 to 96 for the valley.

San Bernardino's temperature range yesterday was 94-63. Relative humidity at 1 p.m. was 40 per cent.

Thundershowers fell sporad-

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DEATH SCENE—Living room of the James A. Boles family cabin near Crestline undergoes close inspection for clues leading to slayer of Boles, his wife and two sons. Body of family dog, also killed,

lies on couch. Murders apparently took place late Saturday night. Investigators are San Bernardino County Sheriff's Detectives Charles G. Reek (left) and Charles E. Callahan.

Clues Sought In Slaying Of 4 Persons

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death of the family as Saturday night.

Investigators found over a dozen empty shells on the floor in the cabin. The weapon, a .22 caliber rifle or pistol, has not been found.

However, early yesterday morning, detectives located the family's missing 1962 red Dodge sedan that was the subject of an all-night search in the Crestline area. The car was found near the cabin.

Officers from the identification bureau went to the scene to dust the car for fingerprints.

Sheriff Hland indicated that robbery may have been a motive since all identification and money had been removed from a wallet found on a table.

"Maybe the motive was robbery . . . but we don't know," Hland said.

Investigators said the family was last seen alive early Saturday evening strolling in the nearby Crestline shopping center.

Detectives were making a house-to-house canvass yesterday trying to locate persons who may have seen suspicious persons in the area of the habitation or who might have heard shots.

Investigating for the sheriff's homicide division are Sgt. William Paterson and Detectives Charles E. Callahan and Charles G. Reek. Detectives Marcus P. Grounds and Robert Martinsek from the I.D. bureau were also called in.

Woman Dies Of Injuries in Desert Crash

Multiple injuries she suffered in a crash on the High desert Monday night claimed the life of a Las Vegas woman yesterday.

Dead is Elita Dora Sanchez, 42, Corner Edward Doyle said the victim also was known as Elita Dora Landis.

Doyle said the woman was known to have been in Pioneertown the past four or five days looking for work.

The accident occurred about 7 p.m. Monday as she was northbound on the Pioneertown

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Road, about three miles north of the Twentynine Palms Road.

Doyle said the car went off the right side of the road down the embankment, hitting a boulder.

Mrs. Sanchez was taken to High Desert Hospital, then transferred to County Hospital in San Bernardino, where she was admitted at 2:18 a.m. yesterday. She died at 12:30 p.m. yesterday, Doyle said. A post-mortem examination is pending.

The body was taken to Mark R. Shaw Co., where services are pending.

Social Security Not Going Up

County Oldsters Are Disappointed

Recently approved increases in social security payments will not mean more money for about 3,100 county recipients of old-age assistance grants, it was learned yesterday.

Congress approved a seven per cent increase in social security benefits, but county welfare recipients will not see a corresponding increase in their monthly income, Welfare Director Roscoe Lyda said.

There is a top limit on funds that can be received by recipients of assistance programs administered by the county.

An increase in social security benefits must be met with a decrease in the supplementary old-age assistance benefits, Lyda said.

Directly affected are 70 per cent of the county's 11,700-person old-age assistance program.

The other 30 per cent were not eligible for social security benefits and thus will also not be eligible for increased benefits, said George H. Jeffrey, assistant welfare director.

Jeffrey said the news may come as an unpleasant surprise for recipients who had been following progress of the federal legislation.

The state had the option of increasing the limit for funds recipients are permitted to receive, but chose not to do so, Jeffrey said.

Also affected are about 518 recipients of other aid programs, who are entitled to social security benefits.

The increased social security grants will be reduced a corresponding amount, Lyda said. A slightly different procedure will be used in handling adjustments for others affected by the program.

The retroactive lump-sum payments, varying from about \$40 to \$200, are expected about mid-September, Jeffrey said.

Rousselot's Talk Canceled Because Of Riot Situation

A public speech by John Birch Society leader John H. Rousselot, scheduled last night in San Bernardino, was canceled.

Local spokesmen for the Birch Society said the talk was canceled because of the tense Southern California riot situation.

Rousselot, public relations director of the ultra-conservative organization, was to have spoken at the National Orange Show.

Tickets sold for last night's appearance will be honored when the speech is rescheduled, probably in October, a spokesman said.

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