

# Detectives Seek Help in Finding New Clues in City Priest's Killing

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Homicide detectives are looking for new clues that would enable them to find the person who killed an Oklahoma City priest last November, a police spokesman said.

Police efforts to find the killer have been stymied, and detectives seek the public's help in identifying the killer, said officer Roger Wagnon.

The body of the Rev. Richard Frank Dolan, 66, was found at his apartment, 134 NW 17, Nov. 30. Police said the priest was beaten to death, and may have been dead for at least two days before his body was discovered.

Detectives said the apartment was ransacked, but are unsure whether anything was stolen. Authorities believe Dolan may have known his killer because no sign of forced entry was found. Dolan's light blue 1974 Oldsmobile station wagon apparently was stolen after the killing, but was recovered Dec. 1 under a bridge at SE 6 and Byers.

Detectives have never determined a motive in the killing.

A Colorado priest who befriended Dolan told The Oklahoman last December that Dolan had been the target of at least two previous near-fatal attacks, including one at a home he established for recovering alcoholics.

Dolan, a self-admitted recovering alcoholic, was known locally for helping other alcoholics in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

In 1968, Dolan established The Main Artery, 3501 NE 23, one of the few alcohol recovery programs at the time. Although The Main Artery closed in the mid-1970s, Dolan continued programs funded through donations and the sale of his paintings.

Dolan was an artist who operated several art shops, and was known in the 1970s as the city's "Bingo King" because he operated several bingo halls.

Police said Dolan frequented the Oklahoma City downtown area and sometimes hired men to work for him at a flea market at NW 10 and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Anyone with information about Dolan's death should call Crimestoppers at 235-7300. All callers will remain anonymous. Callers can earn a cash reward, Wagnon said. BIOG: NAME:

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