

Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office

Cold Case Division – Investigative Report

Case Number: B2002-17654	Incident Type: Armed Robbery, Homicide (Cold Case)
Date of Incident: October 25, 2002	Incident Address: Green Pearl Vintage Gifts 23 Rose Street
Victim: Kathy Poindexter (DOB: 08/13/1981)	Victim Address: 2360 Yucca Road
Agency Cross-Referenced Case Number: B2022-16584	

On July 1, 2022, Investigator Carrie Fitz (#625) notified Detective April Marshall that a black in color Glock 17 pistol, 9x19 mm caliber (S/N: obliterated) was found by homeowners at 620 Mason Street, in the Shady Brush neighborhood. And that upon forensic testing conducted by the ABC Forensic Services Laboratory – Firearms Unit, a test-fired cartridge case from this firearm was found to potentially be associated to a fired cartridge case recovered in the Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) cold case file B2002-17654 via a NIBIN hit. Upon receipt of this information, Detective Marshall reviewed the cold case file and conducted an online search of the history of the Shady Brush neighborhood to develop potential leads. Detective Marshall learned that Shady Brush was a longstanding neighborhood that had recently gone through some property line changes after locating plat maps of the neighborhood property lines (see below).

Shady Brush Plat Map, 2022	Shady Brush Plat Map, 1985-2021
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shady Brush (2022)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shady Brush (1985-2021)</i></p>
<i>Note: Red "X" indicates the location where the Glock 17 pistol, 9x19 mm caliber (S/N: obliterated) in Bramblewood County Sheriff's Office Case Number B2022-16584 was recovered.</i>	

After reviewing the property ownership of the plots, Detective Marshall identified Gerald Gillespie (DOB: 01/17/1967) as being the longtime property owner of 225 Evans Road, the property address where the Glock 17 pistol, 9x19mm caliber (S/N: obliterated) was likely buried prior to 2021 given the vegetation and undisturbed nature of the landscape in the surrounding area.

On July 7, 2022, Detective Marshall went to Mr. Gillespie's home and was invited into his living room to talk. During this discussion, Mr. Gillespie indicated that Shady Brush has been a relatively safe neighborhood and that he had been the property owner of 225 Evans Road since 1989. He indicated that he had mostly lived alone other than a few instances where he had opened his home to his younger brother, Ryan Gillespie (DOB: 11/28/1982), and elderly aunt, Rita Gillespie (08/01/1928). Ryan Gillespie stayed at the house on and off between 2001 and 2003 while he had fallen on "hard times." Over these two years, it was also common for Mr. Gillespie to see a couple of Ryan's friends, who would help around the house and perform yardwork, and his girlfriend. He believed their names were Richard, Trevor, and Candice, respectively, though he could not remember their last names. Ryan Gillespie moved out of Mr. Gillespie's home around June of 2003 when he moved in with his girlfriend, Candice. Mr.

Gillespie stated that he last heard from Ryan on December 25, 2021. Rita Gillespie lived at the house in 2010 and Mr. Gillespie helped care for her prior to her death in December 2010.

In the discussion, Detective Marshall noticed a gold pocket watch in a decorative shadow box on the wall of the living room. On closer look, the pocket watch seemed to match the description of one of the items reported stolen from the Green Pearl Vintage Gifts armed robbery and homicide incident (“Pocket watch on chain - 14k yellow gold, open face, navy blue face with gold center containing small black symbols, Roman numeral hour markers, 12” chain, circa 1900”) per BCSO Incident Report filed October 27, 2002.

When asked about the pocket watch, Mr. Gillespie said it had been in his family for generations and was passed on to him in the 1990s by his grandfather. He has had it ever since and had it restored some years ago so that it could be displayed. Detective Marshall asked if she could take a photograph of the pocket watch to which Mr. Gillespie agreed (see below).



Pocket watch displayed in a decorative shadow box on the living room wall of 225 Evans Road. [Image credit: Shutterstock. Stock Photo ID: 521402581. Contributor: pepsee30. <https://www.shutterstock.com/image-photo/old-pocket-watch-chain-on-box-521402581>].

Detective Marshall asked Mr. Gillespie if she could obtain a buccal swab and fingerprint standards for elimination purposes due to an ongoing investigation involving a pocket watch of similar design. Mr. Gillespie agreed to supply the standards. Consent forms for the buccal swab and fingerprint standards were provided by Detective Marshall and were signed by Mr. Gillespie. The buccal swab and known fingerprint standards were submitted to the ABC Forensic Services Laboratory on July 7, 2022. The fired cartridge case originally entered into NIBIN in 2002 was also resubmitted for Firearms comparison on July 7, 2022. See table below.

Agency Item Number	Agency Item Description	Disciplines Requested
BCSO-8	Known fingerprint standards bearing the name Gerald Gillespie (DOB: 01/17/1967)	Latent Prints
BCSO-9	Buccal swab standard collected from Gerald Gillespie (DOB: 01/17/1967)	DNA
CW-8A	(1) Fired bronze and silver in color cartridge case (headstamp: 9mm Luger), collected from floor near decedent	Firearms

No further action taken.

Responding Officer: Detective April Marshall (#CCD2)	Date of Report: July 7, 2022
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