

WAS GORENBERG'S KILLER TARGETING HER HUSBAND?

March 2007 killing

Randi Gorenberg, 52, was last seen alive as she left the Town Center mall. Her body was found in a park west of Delray Beach.

Case details

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He met prostitutes
in high-crime areas,
investigators allege

By Marc Freeman
STAFF WRITER

Randi Gorenberg's killer may have been targeting her husband, who investigators think frequented crime-ridden areas of Broward County to meet prostitutes, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office revealed Friday.

Stewart Gorenberg's activities are at the forefront of the high-profile investigation into the abduction and slaying of his wife nearly 19 months ago, Sgt. William Springer said at a news conference. Gorenberg has not been charged with any crimes related to the new information. But he "has not been totally eliminated as a suspect," Springer said.

Randi Gorenberg, 52, was last seen alive as she left the Town Center at Boca Raton mall in her black Mercedes SUV at 1:16 p.m. March 23, 2007. She was found about 40 minutes later, shot in the head and dumped at a park west of Delray Beach.

The mother of two, who lived with her husband and son in a \$2.2 million home in the Boniello Acres west of Boca Raton, was robbed of her purse, phone and shoes.

Springer said Stewart Gorenberg, a chiropractor with offices in Fort Lauderdale, usually drove the Mercedes.

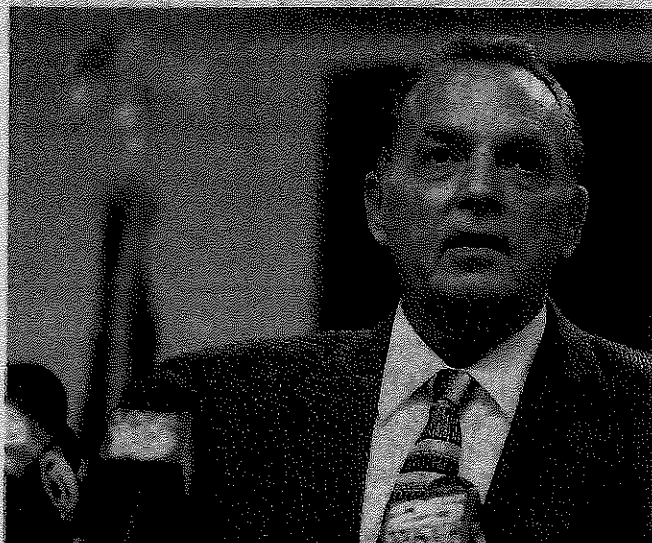
"We believe it may be possible he was the intended target that day," he said.

But Gorenberg's attorney, Guy Fronstin, said the authorities are wrong.

"He did not frequent prostitutes," Fronstin said. "It's

Sheriff's investigators

focusing on husband



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Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Det. Sgt. William Springer, of the Violent Crimes Division, said Friday that Stewart Gorenberg's activities are at the forefront of the high-profile investigation into the abduction and slaying of his wife in 2007.

that simple."

The crime is unsolved despite the efforts of more than a dozen detectives, and national and local media attention.

Gorenberg, who is not cooperating with authorities, was seeing a prostitute twice a week up to his wife's murder and "had contact" with a prostitute after his wife's death, Springer said.

When reached by phone Friday, Gorenberg referred all questions to Fronstin.

"Dr. Gorenberg had absolutely nothing to do with his wife's murder and he is a victim of this crime," Fronstin said. "It is unconscionable that Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office detectives are treating a victim this way.



Randi Gorenberg, 52, was found dead in March 2007.

Unfortunately, detectives have no leads and their statement is a desperate and misguided attempt to create a lead."

Investigators have also looked into whether Gorenberg's killer had a role in the carjacking, robbery and murder of Nancy Bochicchio, 47, and her daughter, Joey Bochicchio-Hauser, 7. They were shopping at the same mall hours before they were found bound and shot to

death in their SUV in the mall's parking lot on Dec. 12, 2007.

But Boca Raton Police Chief Dan Alexander said last week no forensic evidence links the crimes.

On Friday, Springer said the Sheriff's Office needs the public's help for information about Stewart Gorenberg's alleged use of prostitutes in Deerfield Beach and Fort Lauderdale, and the areas he's thought to have visited since 2001.

Detectives have been focusing on Gorenberg for the last four to five months, Springer said.

They revealed these new details from the investigation:

Gorenberg, 53, was the primary driver of the Mercedes his wife was using

the day she died. He had been seen driving the SUV often in Broward County where "high-end" vehicles stand out. Springer did not name the specific areas.

As a john, he used the name "Mike" and paid \$100 to \$150 for each sexual encounter with women he met through escort services. Detectives have interviewed some of the women, whom Springer did not identify.

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Each morning at about 8, Stewart Gorenberg would push into the guest bedroom where Malitz and his wife were sleeping and sit at the foot of the bed.

"I don't know what I'm going to do," he would tell them, tears welling in his eyes. "I can't believe she's gone."

"This house is Randi. Everywhere I look is Randi." Malitz just let him talk.

So far, answers to key questions in the case have remained just beyond detectives' reach. No discernible motives and no suspects make it the archetypal murder mystery, said Sgt. Rick McAfee, whose five-man squad worked on the case for two weeks without a break. A minority of homicide cases fall into this category, he said.

Malitz returned to Washington on March 31.

There, he carefully considered every possible explanation for his sister's death.

"I've pictured this," he said. "Somebody's in the driver seat, Randi's in the passenger seat, and somebody had to have a gun right to Randi's temple."

In the end, Malitz said, he hopes the investigators discover that Gorenberg was killed as part of some plot. The alternative, that she was the victim of random violence, would be too maddening to endure.

"I don't want to think that," he said. "I don't want to think that anything she could have done would have changed what happened that day."

Staff writer Lona O'Connor contributed to this story.

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Gorenberg lawyer disputes latest claim

Investigators say the slaying victim's husband was seeing prostitutes.

By CHRISTINA DeNARDO
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An attorney for Stewart Gorenberg on Saturday accused Palm Beach County sheriff's investigators of wasting taxpayer money investigating the Broward chiropractor and said his client had never seen prostitutes, as the investigators alleged a day earlier.

Sheriff's Sgt. William Springer said Friday that Gorenberg was seeing prostitutes in a high-crime area of Broward County and thus may have been the target instead of his wife, Randi Gorenberg, when the Boca Raton woman was fatally shot and shoved from the couple's black Mercedes sport utility vehicle behind the South County Civic Center west of Delray Beach in March 2007. Stewart Gorenberg, not his wife, usually drove the vehicle.

But Springer also said Stewart Gorenberg had not been eliminated as a suspect in his wife's death.

Guy Frostin, a West Palm Beach attorney, responded Saturday: "Dr. Gorenberg had abso-



Gorenberg

lutely nothing to do with his wife's murder. Unfortunately, detectives have no leads and their statements are a desperate and misguided attempt to create a lead. As long as detectives continue in this direction, this heinous crime will never be solved."

Frostin said Gorenberg had never consorted with

prostitutes.

Investigators said Friday that Gorenberg had been seeing prostitutes in high-crime areas since 2002 and someone who knew his black Mercedes from his visits may have followed the vehicle intending to rob him.

Randi Gorenberg shopped at the Town Center at Boca Raton shortly before she was killed. Several items including her \$600 purse, Puma sneakers and wallet were missing from the Mercedes when it was found.

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A SEARCH FOR ANSWERS

Family pleads for help

Daughter, mother of murdered woman turning to the public

By Jerome Burdi
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The mother and daughter of the woman slain a week ago cried uncontrollably, begging for the public's help in the hunt for her killer.

"My mom would help you," wailed Sarie Gorenberg, 21.

As Palm Beach County Sheriff's Capt. Jack Strenges told what detectives know of Randi Gorenberg's final hour, Idey Elias and her granddaughter overshadowed his voice with the emotion of their loss.

"My daughter was brutally murdered, thrown out of a vehicle with a bullet in her head," Elias said. "Help us find this monster who did this to my darling daughter, Randi. He took the life of a beautiful woman who was so good."

Elias shook with her pleas.

"Help us," she said. "Please help us."

Detectives are going through surveillance videos to see if they can help find the killer in Gorenberg's black 2007 Mercedes Benz GL450 sport utility vehicle.

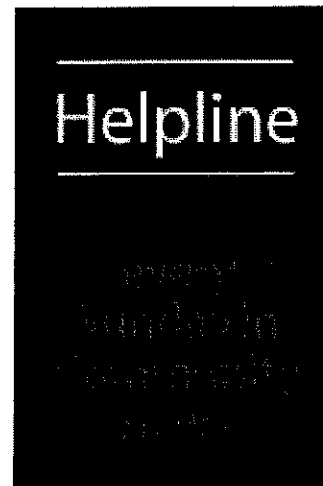
At 1:16 p.m. March 23, surveillance cameras captured Gorenberg leaving the Town Center mall in Boca Raton near Neiman Marcus and talking on a cell phone. Detectives think Gorenberg made it to her car safely, but don't know what happened after that.

"We're keeping an open mind on this. I'll leave it at that," Strenges said during a news conference Friday.

At 1:54 p.m., a witness heard gunshots and saw Gorenberg pushed from her Mercedes at Gov. Lawton Chiles Memorial Park, on Morikami Park Road and Jog Road west of Delray Beach, about five miles from the mall.

At 1:59 p.m., surveillance cameras captured the SUV entering the Home Depot parking lot at Atlantic Avenue and Jog Road, less than two miles from the park. Detectives found the Mercedes shortly after, behind the Home Depot. The gun and Gorenberg's Puma sneakers and brown Kooba purse are missing.

Detectives have searched Gorenberg's Boniello Acres home west of Boca Raton and the retention pond behind Home Depot.



Gorenberg, 52, who also had a son, Daniel, was married to Stewart Gorenberg, also 52, a chiropractor at the Fort Lauderdale Accident and Injury Center. Stewart Gorenberg was not at the news conference. The Gorenberg family has offered \$10,000 for information leading to an arrest.

"There has to be one person out there who can break this case open," family attorney Guy Fronstin said. "That is the sole objective of this family now. Our goal is to get the public talking about it."

In a written statement late Friday, Town Center general manager Sam Hosn said, "The safety of our shoppers and tenants is always our foremost concern."

He declined to comment on any details of the case.

Strenges said Gorenberg's family wanted to come forward.

"The mother is never going to be the same again, the daughter is never going to be the same again," Strenges said.

Anyone with information should call Sgt. Rick McAfee at 561-688-4012 or Crime Stoppers at 800-458-8477.

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Boca mall victim's husband charged with insurance fraud

Chiropractor allegedly billed services twice

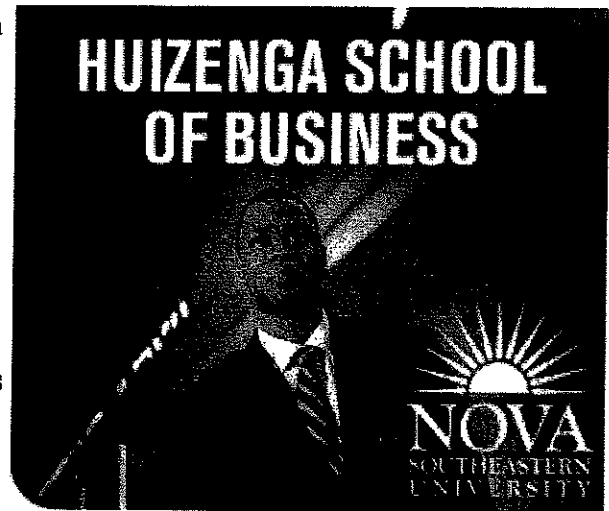
By Leon Fooksman

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Another family member of Randi Gorenberg, the woman mysteriously slain last year after she left Town Center mall in Boca Raton, has been arrested.

Her husband, Stewart Gorenberg, 53, was taken into custody Wednesday at his Fort Lauderdale chiropractor office on two insurance fraud charges. He was released the same day from Broward County Jail after posting a \$2,000 bail. His practice is accused by the Florida Department of Financial Services of billing private insurance twice for patients who weren't seen on the days they were billed for, said Guy Fronstin, Gorenberg's attorney.



Gorenberg's arrest comes less than a month after his son pleaded guilty to illegally trying to buy prescription drugs. Daniel Gorenberg, 25, was sentenced to three years of drug offender probation and is required to enroll in a residential drug treatment program in Ocala that can take up to two years to complete. He suffered from a drug addiction that was exacerbated by his mother's murder, Fronstin said.

Randi Gorenberg, 52, was shot to death on March 23 and dumped on a road behind a civic center west of Delray Beach. Investigators are looking at whether her killing is related to the Dec. 12 murders of Nancy Bochicchio and her daughter, Joey, who were found at the Town Center mall, and the Aug. 7 abduction and robbery of a woman and her son at the mall.

Stewart and Daniel Gorenberg were not suspects in Randi Gorenberg's murder, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office investigators have said. But the same detectives have added that the father and son were unwilling to answer many questions in the early days of the investigation.

Fronstin said they talked to detectives three times within a week of the slaying. Daniel Gorenberg also spoke to investigators in November and Stewart Gorenberg talked to them three or four times in recent months, Fronstin said.

Stewart Gorenberg will fight insurance fraud charges, Fronstin said. His practice has paperwork showing the two patients were treated on the same days and the billing was done properly.

The charges against Stewart Gorenberg come as the murders tied to Town Center mall have gained renewed local and national prominence.

In January, Boca Raton police and the Sheriff's Office created a joint task force to investigate leads and work on the cases. Last month, the TV show *America's Most Wanted* came to the Boca Raton area to produce a segment on the Gorenberg and Bochicchio murders and the August crime at the Town Center.

America's Most Wanted host John Walsh said he believed a serial killer was responsible, but authorities have stopped short of making the same statement.

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Husband of slain woman arrested

By MICHAEL LaFORGIA

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The husband of a woman who was shot to death and dumped in a park west of Delray Beach last March was arrested Wednesday on insurance fraud charges at his Fort Lauderdale office.

As detectives struggled with solving the murder of Randi Gorenberg, 52, during the past year, Broward County fraud investigators began looking into the chiropractic practice run by her husband, Stewart Gorenberg.

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Nancy Bochicchio
Joey Bochicchio-Hauser



On the afternoon of March 23, Randi Gorenberg was shot in the head and pushed from her black Mercedes-Benz sport utility vehicle near Jog and Morikami Park roads, 39 minutes after leaving the Town Center Mall in Boca Raton.

After the slaying, detectives said her husband's lack of cooperation - he went weeks without sitting for a formal interview with authorities - was harming the investigation.

Guy Fronstin, Gorenberg's West Palm Beach attorney, said the Broward fraud investigation arose from detectives' efforts to compel his client's cooperation.

"This entire investigation was created as a result of the sheriff's office putting pressure on Dr. Gorenberg immediately after Randi was murdered," Fronstin said. "The detectives told us at the beginning of the

Randi Gorenberg

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murder investigation that they were going to turn his life inside out."

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Officials denied involvement in the fraud probe.

"It is our understanding that, prior to Randi Gorenberg's murder, there was an investigation being conducted by law enforcement authorities in Broward County," said Paul Miller, sheriff's office spokesman. "We did not initiate this investigation."

Eventually, Stewart Gorenberg did meet with detectives, but the Broward probe continued.

The chiropractor, whose office stands on Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, billed two clients for visits that never occurred, Broward authorities said.

He was arrested at work Wednesday morning and taken to the Broward County Jail, where he was released on \$2,000 bail.

"We will present evidence that will completely prove that those allegations are false," Fronstin said.

Gorenberg's arrest was only the latest legal problem for the grieving family. Since Randi Gorenberg was killed, her son, Daniel Gorenberg, 25, has been arrested on prescription drug charges on a handful of occasions. On Feb. 15, he pleaded guilty to obtaining prescription drugs by fraud and agreed to enter a treatment program.

"It's a horrible time for Dr. Gorenberg now as you can imagine," Fronstin said. "His son is getting treatment and trying to turn his life around, and then they hit him with this."

As the anniversary of Randi Gorenberg's death approaches, her case is getting a fresh look because of its similarities to another sensational crime with links to the Town Center mall.

On Dec. 13, Nancy Bochicchio, 47, and her daughter, Joey Bochicchio-Hauser, 7, were found bound and shot to death in an idling SUV in the shopping center parking lot.

Similarities between the murders - in both instances, the victims left the mall through the same exit and got into black 2007 SUVs with dark, tinted windows - have prompted the sheriff's office and Boca Raton police to form a joint investigative task force to probe the killings.

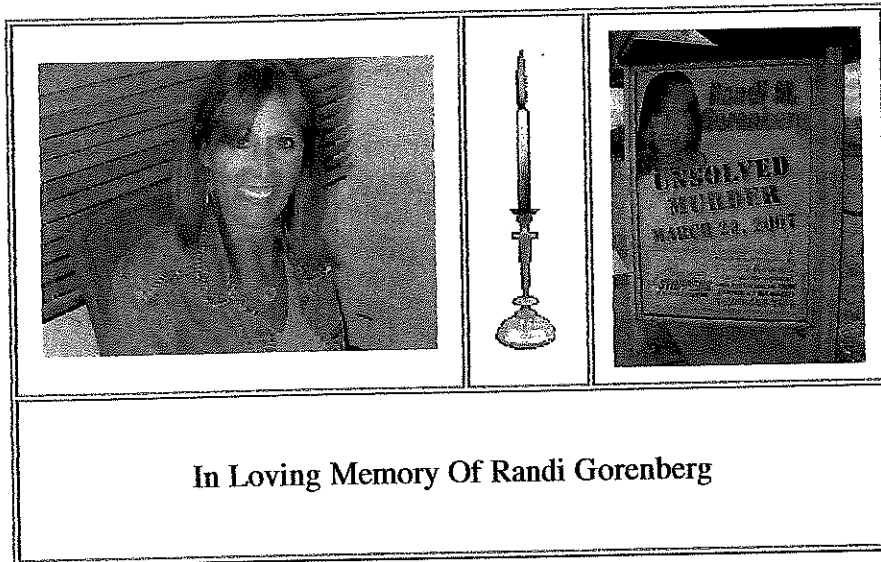
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SLAYING VICTIM'S SON HELD ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG CHARGES (10/26/07)



Gorenberg, Florence, of Delray Beach passed away June 4, 2007.

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MURDER INQUIRY IN A 'BIND' - DISCREPANCY SUGGESTED IN WARRANT
 South Florida Sun-Sentinel (Fort Lauderdale, FL) - July 7, 2007
 Author: Leon Fooksman Staff Writer

More than three months after his mother was mysteriously killed near a park west of Delray Beach, Daniel Gorenberg is still grieving every day, his family's attorney said.

"He's withdrawn and depressed," attorney Guy Fronstin said. "He and his mother were extremely close, as close as a mother and son could be." Yet the 25-year-old's behavior in the hours and days following the slaying of Randi Gorenberg, who lived west of Boca Raton, on March 23 continues to intrigue sheriff's detectives.

Two hours after the homicide, deputies spotted Daniel Gorenberg quickly driving his Volkswagen car into his parent's garage, opening the trunk and removing a spray bottle and roll of paper towels, according to a search warrant obtained by the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Minutes later, he paced on his parent's driveway, ran his hands through his hair, smoked a cigarette and was "displaying visible signs of stress," the document said.

At that time, detectives had not notified the family that Randi Gorenberg was shot and pushed out of her Mercedes SUV at Gov. Lawton Chiles Memorial Park off Jog Road.

More questions followed the next day when Daniel Gorenberg turned over to investigators only some of the attire he wore on the day of his mother's death. Deputies saw him a day earlier wearing black shoes and a black belt, but he gave detectives white shoes and no belt, the document said.

Two days later, he claimed to have been working at a Boca Raton jewelry store at the time of the homicide, the warrant said.

The store had no record of him working there that day, the warrant said.

Sgt. Rick McAfee said Daniel Gorenberg is not a suspect in the high-profile slaying, which was featured on America's Most Wanted. There are no suspects yet, he said.

Still, McAfee said, he wants Daniel Gorenberg and his father, Fort Lauderdale-based chiropractor Dr. Stewart Gorenberg, to be more helpful. They have not been willing recently to sit down with detectives and answer more questions about their whereabouts that day, he said.

"We're in a tremendous bind," McAfee said.

Fronstin said the father and son already have answered questions in person and through a questionnaire. He acknowledged that Daniel Gorenberg's behaviors could be construed as suspicious but his actions are all explainable.

"Daniel has nothing to do with this," Fronstin said.

On March 23, Randi Gorenberg, 52, a mother of two who lived in a \$2.2 million home in the Boniello Acres community west of Boca Raton, left the Town Center Mall in Boca Raton alone in her SUV at 1:16 p.m., detectives said.

At 1:54 p.m., a passer-by reported hearing two gunshots and seeing the mother's body pushed from her SUV.

Five minutes later, surveillance cameras captured the SUV entering the Home Depot parking lot at Atlantic Avenue and Jog Road. The vehicle was left there, but the cameras did not clearly show who was behind the wheel.

Detectives are still poring through surveillance footage, awaiting DNA analysis and considering working with the U.S. Attorney's Office to broaden the scope of the investigation, McAfee said. Yet the number of detectives assigned to the case has been reduced from six to two because there are other unsolved killings needing attention, he said.

The pace of the investigation has upset Randi Gorenberg's brother, Jerry Malitz, who lives in Washington, D.C.

The Sheriff's Office turned down his request for a copy of the Home Depot surveillance video so a family member with a production company could review it, he said. And detectives did not initially interview people the family recommended who could know something about the killing, he said.

"I'm frustrated both by the seemingly lack of progress and them seemingly not being as forthcoming with the family as they were the first week," Malitz said.

McAfee said the video was not handed over because his agency didn't want a family member reviewing it, a potential for a conflict in court if an arrest is made. Detectives have not talked to everyone Malitz's family suggested because they still want to talk further to Daniel and Stewart Gorenberg.

"The rhythm and rhyme of what we do to a layman may seem like we're dragging our feet. But there's a process we use and it's a thinking of two or three steps ahead," McAfee said.

Fronstin explained that there isn't anything unusual about Daniel Gorenberg pacing and smoking on the driveway of his parent's home. He's not allowed to smoke inside.

As for him failing to turn over his shoes and belt, the attorney said the son gave detectives everything he had. Investigators had a chance to go through his room in the three searches of the house, he said.

Fronstin declined to comment on why Daniel Gorenberg told detectives he was working at the store at the time of the homicide, even though detectives said he wasn't.

Malitz remembers his sister being a "champion" to Daniel Gorenberg and would always support him and care for him.

The son had studied criminology at the University of South Florida and planned to become a police officer, he said.

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Delray Beach

Man arrested in attempt to get prescription drugs

The son of a West Boca woman mysteriously killed near a park has been arrested for fraudulently trying to obtain prescription drugs, police say.

Daniel Gorenberg, 25, was arrested Monday at a Walgreens in Delray Beach after he tried to get Xanax, police say.

His mother, Randi Gorenberg, 52, was shot to death and dumped on a back road near The Morikami Museum and Japanese Garden Park on March 23. Her slaying remains unsolved.

Palm Beach County sheriff's detectives have said Daniel Gorenberg and his father, chiropractor Stewart Gorenberg, need to be more helpful in the homicide investigation. Neither has been willing to answer more questions about their whereabouts on the day of the slaying. Daniel Gorenberg was charged with an attempt to obtain a controlled substance.

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SLAIN WOMAN'S SON FACES PRESCRIPTION CHARGE

Palm Beach Post, The (FL) - August 29, 2007
Author: MICHAEL LaFORGIA, Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

The son of Randi Gorenberg, the suburban Boca Raton woman who was fatally shot in the head and thrown from her black Mercedes west of the city in March, was arrested Monday on a prescription drug charge.

Daniel Gorenberg, whose mother's murder has gone unsolved these five months, despite efforts of Palm Beach County sheriff's detectives, walked into a Walgreens on South Federal Highway about 7:20 p.m. and tried to fill a fake prescription for Xanax, according to his arrest affidavit. The 25-year-old man was booked into the county jail about 12:30 a.m. on a charge of attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud. He was released on bond at about 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Gorenberg's attorney, Guy Fronstin, said the arrest shows how profoundly his client was affected by his mother's death.

"He's been struggling every day since this murder. I think his arrest last night is an indication that Daniel's not thinking clearly," Fronstin said. "I think it's got to be put in context."

Randi Gorenberg, 52, was a prominent member of the close-knit Jewish community west of Boca Raton. She lived with her husband, Stewart, a Fort Lauderdale chiropractor, and son in a 7,000-square-foot home in Boniello Acres, near Clint Moore and Jog roads. Her daughter, Sarie Gorenberg, attends the University of Florida in Gainesville.

The last images of her were captured by a security camera at the Town Center mall in Boca Raton on the afternoon of March 23, 39 minutes before she was killed. The footage showed her pause with a cellphone to her ear before striding to her car, a characteristic bounce in her step.

At 1:54 p.m., a witness at Gov. Lawton Chiles Memorial Park near Jog and Morikami Park roads heard gunshots and saw the woman pushed to the street from her black Mercedes GL 450. She lay facedown and bleeding on the asphalt as bystanders dialed 911.

Five minutes later, at a Home Depot at Jog and Atlantic Avenue, a security camera trained on the southeast corner of the parking lot recorded the Mercedes as it flashed by and turned left toward Atlantic.

A sheriff's community service aide found the Mercedes abandoned behind the hardware store, less than 2 miles from the crime scene, about an hour after the shooting.

Forensic investigators found blood and fingerprints inside the SUV but gleaned few clues from them.

Gorenberg's \$600 Kooba purse, cellphone and black-and-white Puma sneakers - she was thrown from the Mercedes in her socks - have never been found.

The killer remains on the loose.

In the weeks following Gorenberg's death, sheriff's investigators expressed frustration with her family, citing a lack of cooperation from Daniel and his father, Stewart.

Members of the family, in turn, are frustrated that the sheriff's office hasn't made more progress, Fronstin said.

Not long after the murder, family members quit dealing with sheriff's investigators face-to-face and directed detectives' questions through Fronstin, who was hired as family spokesman in late March.

Neither Stewart Gorenberg nor his son has sat for a formal interview with detectives, said sheriff's Sgt. Rick McAfee, whose violent crimes squad is handling the investigation.

"It's definitely a huge hurdle," McAfee said. "We can't 100 percent rule out that they didn't have any involvement. We can't rule that out."

Sheriff's investigators said Daniel Gorenberg, whom family members say struggled with substance abuse in the past, lied about his alibi on the day his mother was killed.

He told authorities he was working at a shop that cuts diamond saw bits on the afternoon of March 23, but his employer told detectives he never showed up for work.

Sheriff's investigators learned of Daniel Gorenberg's arrest Tuesday, McAfee said.

After he was taken into custody Monday, a Delray Beach police officer took him to the police station's temporary holding area and interviewed him, according to reports.

Afterward, the officer noted, Daniel Gorenberg's attorney, Fronstin, called the officer and asked him "not to question his client anymore."

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SILENCE HURTS SLAYING PROBE, OFFICIALS SAY
Palm Beach Post, The (FL) - September 20, 2007
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The mother and brother of a wealthy suburban Boca Raton woman who was murdered six months ago met with top sheriff's officials Wednesday to encourage cooperation between the victim's family and frustrated detectives.

The investigation into the March 23 murder of Randi Gorenberg, 52, a wife and mother who was shot in a park west of Delray Beach, has been

hindered in recent months, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office says. The reason, the sheriff's office says: Gorenberg's husband, Stewart, and son, Daniel, have refused to meet with detectives and answer questions.

Their refusal to cooperate has baffled investigators and some family members alike, who can't understand why two men, whose wife and mother was taken so violently, would fail to do everything in their power to bring her killer to justice.

Gorenberg's brother, Jerry Malitz, 56, couldn't be reached Wednesday.

Sheriff's investigators said they were pleased with the meeting's outcome but held out little hope that Malitz or his mother, Idey Elias, could persuade relatives to talk.

Neither Stewart Gorenberg, 52, a Fort Lauderdale chiropractor, nor his 25-year-old son, who last month was arrested on a prescription drug charge, will speak to detectives. Instead they've directed all questions to Guy Fronstin, a West Palm Beach attorney whom Stewart Gorenberg hired after his wife's murder.

The unusual move has been frustrating, detectives said. The family, in turn, is upset that investigators haven't made more progress in the case.

Sheriff's Sgt. Rick McAfee, whose violent crimes squad is handling the investigation, said Wednesday that detectives shouldn't have to send reminders. "It's an open invitation. He (Fronstin) knows we want to sit down and talk to them," McAfee said, adding: "I don't know if it's going to take place."

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Palm Beach County

Son of slain woman faces more drug charges

The son of a West Boca woman mysteriously killed in March in a park faces more charges for illegally trying to buy prescription drugs in August, an arrest report said.

Daniel Gorenberg, 25, was booked in the Palm Beach County Jail on Thursday on two counts of obtain/acquire a controlled substance by misrepresentation.

He was also arrested in August for allegedly trying to fraudulently obtain prescription Xanax in a Walgreens in Delray Beach.

His mother, Randi Gorenberg, 52, was shot to death and dumped on a back road near The Morikami Museum and Japanese Garden Park on March 23.

Sheriff's detectives have said Daniel Gorenberg and his father, chiropractor Stewart Gorenberg, need to be more helpful in the homicide investigation.

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SLAYING VICTIM'S SON HELD ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG CHARGES

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The troubled son of a woman whose sensational murder has gone unsolved for the past seven months was taken into custody Thursday on prescription drug charges in his second such arrest since August.

On Aug. 28, Daniel Gorenberg, 25, was jailed by Delray Beach police after a city pharmacist suspected him of trying to fill a fake prescription for Xanax. The next day, agents with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office pharmaceutical crimes unit got a tip that Gorenberg had used similarly suspicious prescriptions for Xanax and Valium at a Walgreens store on South Federal Highway in Delray Beach. Two months later, investigators swore out a warrant for his arrest on charges of attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

His attorney, Guy Fronstin, said Thursday's arrest was another sign of how profoundly his client was affected by the loss of his mother.

Randi Gorenberg, 52, was a popular member of the close-knit Jewish community west of Boca Raton. On the afternoon of March 23, she was shot in the head and pushed from her Mercedes sport utility vehicle in a park west of Delray Beach, near Jog and Morikami Park roads.

An hour later, authorities discovered her bloodstained SUV abandoned behind the Home Depot store at Jog Road and Atlantic Avenue.

Certain details of the slaying have intrigued detectives.

The last recorded images of Randi Gorenberg showed her holding a cellphone to her ear as she strode from the Town Center at Boca Raton mall 39 minutes before she was killed; five minutes after the crime, Home Depot security cameras captured fleeting video of her SUV, apparently driven by her killer; and several things the victim carried that day remain missing, including her Kooba purse, wallet, cellphone, shopping bags and, most curiously, her black-and-white Puma sneakers.

The killer remains on the loose.

Since the slaying, Fronstin said, Daniel Gorenberg had slipped into drug abuse as a means of coping. However, the attorney added, the son had been improving since his arrest in Delray Beach.

"It's a shame that the detectives are coming after him now," Fronstin said.

That sentiment hints at tension that developed between homicide detectives and Randi Gorenberg's family in the weeks after her death.

Investigators first spoke to the victim's husband, Stewart Gorenberg, 52, a Fort Lauderdale chiropractor, last week.

Previously, both father and son had referred questions to Fronstin, and the delay had hindered the investigation, detectives said.

"There's been some new open dialogue between Stewart and us," said Sgt. Rick McAfee, whose violent crimes squad is handling the case. "I'd say his attitude has changed 180 degrees."

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Randi Gorenberg's credit card**

Gorenberg family provides lead to authorities regarding fraudulent use of murder victim Randi Gorenberg's credit card

According to Guy Fronstin, the Gorenberg's attorney, "While reviewing a credit card statement, Dr. Gorenberg noticed charges made on his wife's credit card after she was murdered." "Dr. Gorenberg brought this information to me and I immediately provided the lead to the PBSO Detectives working Randi's murder investigation," said Fronstin. Although the investigation into the compromised credit card is in its early stages, Fronstin says "the Gorenberg's remain extremely hopeful that the lead they provided is the break Detectives need to find the monster responsible for Randy's murder."

Gorenberg's Husband Discovered Credit Card Charges

The attorney representing the husband of a slain Boca Raton woman said that Stewart Gorenberg provided authorities with the newest lead in his wife's unsolved murder.

The Broward chiropractor was reviewing a credit card statement and noticed charge credit card 17 months after she was killed, according to his lawyer, Guy Fronstin.

Randi Gorenberg, 52, was shot in the head and shoved from her Mercedes-Benz sports utility vehicle in Delray Beach in March 2007. Her Kooba purse and Puma sneakers have never been found. The murder happened about 40 minutes after she finished shopping at the Town Center Mall in Boca Raton.

The Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office on Friday released photos of the men accused of using Gorenberg's credit card number in Massachusetts and Connecticut. One of the men wore blue jeans and a black T-shirt. The other wore jeans and a multi-colored shirt with a black ball cap.

They don't know who the men are, or whether they had Gorenberg's card or had stolen clone of it.

The Sheriffs Office said the men purchased two portable Playstation hand-held game systems from a Sears at the Holyoke Mall, Holyoke, Mass., north of Springfield on Aug. 12. The men also purchased food in Springfield and a Playstation 3 from a Toys R Us in Newington, Conn.

Frostin said the family left Gorenberg's credit card accounts open in case someone used them. As a former prosecutor, Frostin said criminals would often steal credit cards or clone them and wait months before using them. But he added that the card could have been sold and then re-sold and there is no certainty the men had anything to do with Gorenberg's murder.

"It could be totally irrelevant," he said. "But this is a little something for them to hold onto. The person who did this did not leave a lot of evidence.

Police also believe there may be a connection between Gorenberg's murder, an August 2007 attack during which a mother and her son were carjacked in the Nordstrom parking garage of the mall and the December murders of Nancy Bochicchio and her 7-year-old daughter, Joey.