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Attendant killed in robbery

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Law enforcement officers have issued an all-points bulletin in search for two Hispanic males, 18

to 20 years of age, who are wanted for the aggravated robbery of the Littlefield Jolly Roger and homicide of an attendant who was

working alone.

Angie Cruz, 32, who had worked at the Hall Avenue convenience store only two weeks, and who had

only lived in Littlefield about three months, died early Tuesday in the emergency room of Lamb Healthcare Center, after suffering gunshot

wounds to her body and head.

She received multiple gunshot wounds from a 22-calibre weapon, according to Wes Campbell, investigator with the Littlefield Police Department.

Investigator Campbell said Mrs. Cruz dialed 9-1-1 at 2:08 a.m. after she had been shot, and officers arrived at 2:10 a.m. An officer had cruised by the business at 1:50 a.m., and observed that everything was all right.

When officers arrived, the victim was conscious, and described the two men and the gold-colored car they were driving. One of the men had short hair and the other's was shoulder length.

The two men had gathered some items and laid them on the front counter, and when the attendant opened the cash register, she was shot at close range nine times--eight times to the body and once in the head.

A co-worker at the store said she doubted if they got very much money, since not much is kept in the registers at night.

"We're trying to pull out all the stops on this one," said Campbell.

Officers from the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab at Lubbock, two Texas Rangers, two Lubbock Police Department fingerprint experts, and local police and sheriff's officers worked most of the day Tuesday, searching for clues.

The store's video camera wasn't working, so the incident was not recorded.

The Jolly Roger convenience store is a part of the Lowe's stores, and is located next door to the corporate offices on South Hall

Avenue.

No one would make a statement from Lowe's corporate offices Tuesday. According to a person answering the phone in Rogi Lowe's office Tuesday afternoon, "We are not allowed to make a statement yet, because the local boys are still here." When asked when the store would re-open, she said, "We haven't set a time to open yet, since the investigation is continuing."

The investigation was completed and the store was turned over to the managers at about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Justice of the Peace Carolyn Harmon of Amherst ordered an autopsy, and Hammons Funeral Home transported the body to University Medical Center's Pathology Department.

The autopsy was completed Tuesday.

Details about the arrangements for Mrs. Cruz's funeral were not available at press time Tuesday.

Lamb County Crimestoppers are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the pair. Call the cellular number, 638-6700, which is not a long distance call on GTE.

Persons with information do not have to identify themselves, nor testify in court if they do not wish to do so. The informant is given an identification number, and the informant instigates all contacts with the Crimestoppers number concerning the results of the case.

Also, any of the above-mentioned investigating officers may be contacted with information, if preferred.



LITTLEFIELD POLICE and other law enforcement officials were busy most of the day Tuesday working at the cordoned-off scene of an aggravated robbery and homicide that occurred shortly after midnight. In the morning at the Jolly Roger Convenience Store. Here,

Police Chief Gary Lightfoot answers questions for a KAMC television crew at about mid-morning. The store's attendant, Angie Cruz, 32, died of multiple gunshot wounds shortly after being taken to Lamb Healthcare Center. (Staff Photo by Joella Lovorn)

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