

# POLICE SEEK CLUES IN SLAYING OF 2 ON L.I.

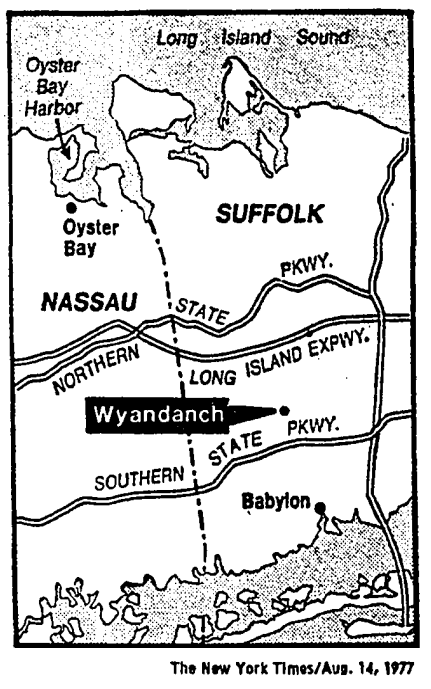
## Motive Unclear in Shotgun Killing of Father and Daughter in Car —5-Year-Old Son a Witness

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**WYANDANCH, L.I., Aug. 13**—The Suffolk County police today sought clues and a killer in the shotgun slaying of a 57-year-old Hempstead man and his 24-year-old daughter in a luxury car parked in a deserted industrial district here last night.

The woman's 5-year-old son was said to have been in the back seat of the 1976 red Mercedes-Benz when the shootings occurred, but he was found unharmed and wandering near the scene shortly afterward.

The motive for the murders was unclear, but detectives said there were no



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evident similarities to the attacks of the "Son of Sam," who shot six persons to death and injured seven others in a series of ambush shootings, some in lover's lanes, in New York City in the last year. A Son of Sam suspect was seized on Wednesday.

The victims in last night's attack here were identified early today as Isaac Dinkins of 212 Wellsley Sreet and Mrs. Cheryl Laverne Bogan of 204 Dartmouth Street, both of Hempstead. The father and daughter lived about a block apart in homes owned by Mr. Dinkins, according to neighbors in Hempstead.

### Fired Through Window

The police said the two were slain shortly after 9:30 P.M. by a shotgun blast or blasts fired through the open window on the driver's side. The car was parked on Governor Avenue near Wyandanch Avenue in a light industrial district of small factories in the Town of Babylon in southwestern Suffolk County.

Mr. Dinkins, who was in the driver's seat, was shot under the left arm, and Mrs. Bogan, alongside him was shot in the head. The killer, described by the police only as a man 18 to 25 years old, fled on foot.

Mrs. Bogans' young son, Alibert, was found wandering nearby shortly after the shootings by police officers summoned by nearby residents who had heard the shots. The police declined to say whether there were any witnesses other than the boy, who told authorities the victims were "Grandpa and Mama."

There were unconfirmed reports that a large sum of money was found in the possession of the victims, but detectives declined to discuss this. The police said, however, that Mr. Dinkins's wallet and Mrs. Bogan's pocketbook were found inside the car, a Mercedes 300-D retailing for more than \$16,000.

### 30 Miles From Home

The police said that the car's parking lights and air-conditioning were on when they arrived at the scene, which is just outside the Bantam Vinyls Company, about a half-mile from Straight Path Road. The spot is about 30 miles from the victims' homes in Hempstead, and it was unclear why they were in Wyandanch.

The bodies were taken to the Suffolk County Medical Examiner's office in Hauppauge, where autopsies were to be performed. The victims' car was loaded onto a truck and taken away for detailed analysis early this morning.

Detectives, meanwhile, spent much of the night combing the area of the attack for clues and possible witnesses. Reporters, photographers and even a television crew from New York City swarmed through the area overnight, drawn apparently by what at first seemed like comparisons with the .44-caliber killer attacks.

The investigation was being supervised by the Suffolk County Police Commissioner, Donald Dilworth.

Wyandanch is a predominately black community of 15,000 people just north of the Southern State Parkway.

Both Mr. Dinkins and Mrs. Bogan lived in modest, two-story red-brick homes in a mostly black area of Hempstead. No one answered the door at Mrs. Bogan's house late this morning. A man who identified himself as a nephew of Mr. Dinkins answered the door at Mr. Dinkin's home a short while later and said he had just heard about the murders and could make no comment.

Neighbors said they believed Mr. Dinkins was a real-estate man and owned the house into which Mrs. Bogan and her son moved about a month ago. A newly listed telephone there is under the name Lee Bogan.