

Detectives with the Sheriff's Department continue to comb through evidence, collect tips and corroborate facts as the second week of investigation begins into the shooting deaths of Michele R. Brewer, 45, and Jesse Willard "Willie" Bowling, 51.

Both were apparently shot some time on Monday evening, March 28, at Brewer's mobile home along State Road 356 east of Lexington.

A family member who had been concerned about not hearing from Brewer found their lifeless bodies on the floor of the kitchen area in the single-wide mobile home. Both had died at the scene of their wounds, advised Scott County Coroner Jerry Buchanan.

Sheriff Dan McClain stated in an interview on Wednesday morning, March 30, that no signs of forced entry were found at the mobile home. The victims' clothed bodies bore no other signs of violence or conflict.

Bowling was a friend who had been "...down on his luck..." and had been living with Brewer at the residence, located perhaps a mile west of the Scott/Jefferson County line on a winding stretch of S.R. 356. One neighbor interviewed by Louisville television media described the area as "...quiet and peaceful..." and its views of a variety of large and modest homes tucked into woods and on pasture-like lawns appear just that to the casual motorist.

Sheriff McClain declined to speculate on what led up to the violent deaths of Brewer and her friend. The mobile home was heavily searched for clues, officers with the Indiana State Police, Sellersburg post, lending a welcome hand from the beginning of the investigation. Several items were sent to the ISP lab for evaluation, and the Sheriff's Department is awaiting those results.

Detectives, other officers and the sheriff stayed on the job throughout that first night of investigation. The bodies were sent early Tuesday, March 29, to the Medical Examiner's Office

in Louisville. Sheriff McClain and others were on hand during the autopsies that were performed that same morning.

Sheriff McClain said he learned from family members that they had not heard from Michele for a short while and became concerned. When the bodies were discovered, relatives called 9-1-1. The hesitation in naming Bowling as the second victim was due to the man having had no identification on him at the time of his death. His relatives later confirmed his identity, the Sheriff stated.

Sheriff McClain's office was packed with officers on Wednesday as the investigation progressed. "We are continuing to interview people, and we are continuing to follow leads. No tip is too small for us to consider; we appreciate information from the public so that we can track down who killed these people as quickly as possible," McClain said.

The Sheriff's Department can be reached by calling 812-752-8400 during the day or through its confidential, 24-hour Tip Line at 812-752-7898. The Sellersburg post of the Indiana State Police can be reached at 1-800-872-6743.

Funerals for Brewer and Bowling were conducted at the Collins Funeral Home in Scottsburg last week.