

Stabbing death remains unsolved

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Henry County Police may be a step closer to solving the county's first homicide of the year.

Henry County Police Detective Renee Swanson said she has sent suspects' fingerprints to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation crime lab to see if they match fingerprints found on a knife used to stab Charles Geiser III, 25, in the late morning hours of Jan. 18. Geiser's roommate, Tammy Gagnon, discovered his body in his home on Clark Road in Ellenwood around 3:30 p.m. that day and called 911.

Swanson said they also will try to match fingerprints to Geiser's cell phone, which also was found at the scene. She said fingerprints were lifted from the knife and cell phone in mid-May, and she is waiting for the results.

The detective said she has "several suspects," and that Geiser's widow, Amy, is "not ruled out."

"I hope I solve that really soon," said Swanson, who did not say if and when they would make any arrests.

It would be nearly two months following Geiser's death before authorities determined it was a homicide. The Feb. 2 shooting death of Stockbridge resident Catina Jordan, 32, previously was ruled the county's first homicide of the year. Swanson said Geiser and Jordan's deaths are the county's only homicides reported so far this year.

The slain man's mother, Denise Geiser, said she hopes the case will be solved soon.

"It's just frustrating for the family on this end of it... to keep waiting and waiting and waiting," said Denise Geiser, whose family speaks with authorities regularly.

Amy Geiser, 29, said police aren't speaking to her since she spoke with the media in February about her husband's death.

"(I'm) just waiting for information," Amy Geiser said.

In the meantime, her mother, Trish Coneff, keeps in contact with authorities.

"I call every week to ask about the fingerprint results," Coneff said. "It just seems ridiculous to me that it's taking so long."

Geiser and his wife separated about five months before his death. During the separation, Amy Geiser said she and her husband gave his mother temporary guardianship of their 3-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter.

Amy Geiser also granted temporary guardianship of three children she has from a previous marriage to her mother. Amy Geiser sees the two children she had with her deceased husband every other week, and she said she is challenging the temporary guardianship granted to Denise Geiser, a Stockbridge resident.

Denise Geiser said the death of her son and the temporary guardianship have strained her family's relationship with her in-laws. She said her grandchildren really miss their father, and she and her husband miss their son.

"I miss him everyday. We spent every day with him," Denise Geiser said. "There's something missing."