

Autopsy shows two gunshots killed Camden County store clerk

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HERMITAGE — Gunshots to the right temple and back of the head killed a Camden County convenience store clerk, according to a preliminary autopsy.

Medical experts estimate Trudy Darby died at 11:45 p.m. Saturday — about one hour and 45 minutes after she apparently was abducted from K and D Country Corners store near Macks Creek where she worked, Hickory County Coroner Rusty Boller said Wednesday.

Darby's nude body was found Monday about five miles northeast of the store in the Little Niangua River near Hickory County Farm Road 200 and Hickory County BB. The weapon has not been found, Camden County Sheriff Ralph Rider

said. Authorities would not speculate on the caliber of gun used.

The preliminary autopsy failed to indicate whether the 42-year-old woman had been sexually assaulted, Boller said. There were no other wounds on her body, Boller said.

Dr. Jay Dix of the Boone County Medical Examiner's office performed the examination, Boller said.

Further testing is under way at the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Crime Lab in Jefferson City, Boller said. The final autopsy report is expected next week.

Meanwhile, authorities from Camden and Hickory counties sheriff's departments and Missouri State Highway Patrol troops F and D continue searching for clues. But Rider said they had no suspects Wednesday night.

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"We have a lot of things to follow, but we don't have anything to solve it," the sheriff said.

Darby telephoned her 22-year-old son, Waylon Darby, just before 10 p.m. Saturday and told him a "strange man" was outside the store. Darby asked him to come to the store, but she did not sound alarmed, authorities earlier said.

Waylon Darby told police he arrived within five minutes and his mother was gone. A little more than \$200 was missing from the cash register. Her car, coat and purse were left behind, authorities said.

Anyone with information in the case should contact the Hickory County Sheriff's Department at 745-6415 or the Camden County Sheriff's Department at (314) 346-2243.