

A mom suffers her worst fear



Sharon Eady, 20, with her two children, Tiffany, 4, Devan, 2. Her body was found Sunday in vacant lot. She'd been stabbed repeatedly, once in the heart.

Daughter identified as stabbing victim; was 8 months pregnant

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Mildred Eady lived in fear that something awful would happen to her 20-year-old daughter.

Sharon Eady — the mother of two toddlers and eight months pregnant with her third child — was a prostitute, her mother knew.

And she had been missing for nearly a month.

So when Mildred Eady heard news reports Sunday that a partially decomposed body had been found in a vacant lot, she knew it was Sharon.

"I just got so nervous. I couldn't sleep at all," she said.

Police yesterday matched the fingerprints of the brutally slain woman to the younger Eady, of 177 Clifton St.

An autopsy showed Eady died from a stab wound to the heart. She also was stabbed 12 to 13 times in

various parts of her body, said Lt. Thomas Jones, commander of the city police Physical Crimes Unit.

Sharon Eady was seen for the last time at about 2 a.m. on Nov. 18 when her 18-year-old sister, Tracy, saw Sharon leave her Clifton Street apartment and get into a car with an unidentified man, Mildred Eady said. When the family did not hear from Sharon for four days, they reported her missing.

"I had told her so many times not to get into cars with men she doesn't know. But she'd just say, 'Mom, I know how to take care of myself,'" Mildred Eady said last night at her home at 155 Bronson St.

"I really believe that (prostitution) had something to do with her death."

A man walking his dog found Sharon Eady's partially clothed body about 4 p.m. Sunday in bushes on a vacant lot at McKee and Buffalo roads. Investigators from the Monroe

County Medical Examiner's office estimated the body had been in the lot about four days.

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Whoever killed Eady can't be charged with causing the death of the fetus because New York's murder statute does not cover an unborn child.

Eady was due to deliver on Jan. 7, her mother said.

Mildred Eady said Sharon had transferred between three city high schools before finally dropping out at the end of her sophomore year.

But she had a bright, positive attitude and was a quiet and loving woman with many friends, her mother said.

"She always said she wanted to be like me," said Mildred Eady, weeping. "She wanted nice things. She would always say, 'Mom, someday I'm going to have the things that you have.'"

Jones wouldn't discuss Eady's criminal record. But Mildred Eady said her daughter told her that she had been ar-

rested twice in connection with prostitution.

Jones also wouldn't discuss the condition in which the body was found. But he said Eady was wearing a light blue sweater and white socks.

He said there was no evidence of a sexual assault, but investigators were waiting for more autopsy results.

Police started their search for the identity of the body with people reported missing, Jones said.

That list was narrowed to missing persons with criminal records and fingerprints on file. Investigators tried Eady's fingerprints first and made the match, Jones said.

Police believe Eady was killed somewhere else and then brought to the vacant lot and dumped, because there was little blood near the body, Jones said.

Tire tracks were found running from McKee Road across the field toward the body.