Police probing death of man ruled homicide by examiner

PROVIDENCE — Police last night were investigating the death of a 72-year-old Smith Hill man which, police said, was ruled a homicide by the state medical examiner's office.

The victim, Abraham L. Hayman of 24 Richter St., died of a heart attack yesterday that apparently resulted "as he was being victimized in some kind of a crime," according to Lt. James Higgins of the Detective Division.

Hayman's body was found by passersby about 11 a.m. in the front passenger seat of a car parked at Bucklin and Burnett streets in the West End, police said.

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Ptlm. Herbert Tilson was sent to the scene and reported an apparent death, and began questioning people near the scene, police said.

Charles F. Newell Jr., 65, of 45 Glengrove Ave., Cranston, told police that shortly before 11 a.m. he saw a woman getting out of Hayman's car, police said.

Based on Newell's description of the woman, police began searching for a Friendship Street woman, and about 2:30 p.m., Ptlm. Richard Snead found her near her home and took her into custody without incident, police said.

The woman was questioned, but her name was withheld pending completion of the investigation, police said.

"We're still trying to prove that a crime did in fact occur," Higgins said.

Rescue workers who took Hayman to Rhode Island Hospital administered cardio-pulmonary resuscitation en route, but he was pronounced dead when he arrived there about 11:40 a.m., police said.

The body was taken to the state morgue where an autopsy was performed, Higins said.

Mr. Hayman had worked as a glazier for the Providence School Department for more than 25 years prior to retiring six years ago.

He had served in the Army during World War II.

A son of the late Isaac and Etta (Ruthstein) Hayman, he was born in Providence and had lived here all his life. He was a member of the Congregation of the Sons of Jacob.

He leaves a sister, Sally Hittner of Pawtucket.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. in Mount Sinai Memorial Chapel, 825 Hope St. Burial will be in Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick.

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