

JANORAH ROBIN AUSTIN OBITUARY

13 December 1962 – 30 December 2004

TRACY, California -- Janorah Robin Austin, 42, passed away Thursday, 30 December 2004. Service : Saturday, 8 January 2005 at 9:30 a.m. at Tracy Community Church, 1790 Sequoia, Tracy, California.

REFERENCE

The Record newspaper (Stockton, San Joaquin County, California), page B4 on 7 January 2005.

I went online to see if I could find anything more and located the following article in the *TriValley Herald*:

TRACY MAN SUSPECTED OF KILLING WIFE

Stabbing Incident is City's Second Homicide in 2004

By Aaron Swarts, San Joaquin Bureau

TRACY — A Tracy man is being held on homicide charges after police responded to a 9-1-1 call from his residence Friday afternoon.

Michael Austin, 50, has been booked at the San Joaquin county jail and will be arraigned early next week for the death of his wife, 42-year-old Janorah Robin Austin, who died of multiple stab wounds.

Tracy Police responded to the Austin residence on the 1300 block of Pickford Court after a frantic 9-1-1 call from an individual later identified as the Austins' 14-year-old daughter.

“Officers cleared the residence and found the injured woman,” said Detective Sgt. Mark Wanta. “The suspect was taken into custody at the scene.”

Wanta said officers worked into the night collecting evidence and that “the investigation is still ongoing.”

Wanta said the Tracy Police Department was not prepared to release any other information at this time.

Neighbors in the small neighborhood nestled just behind Hirsch School were still reeling from the events as of Friday.

“This has been a shock to everyone on the street,” said Lisa Modder, who lives a few houses from the Austin family. “They would fight on occasion, but nobody thought anything like this could happen. It is all unbelievable.”

Modder said that at this point, her primary concern is with the couple's three children.

“I believe all three children were home at the time,” she said. “It is just tragic.”

The couple's children are reportedly now staying with relatives.

The incident was only the second homicide reported in Tracy during 2004.

This article was submitted by Marilyn Nickless of Stockton, California on 7 January 2005.