

VIOLENT FILM FOUND WITH VICTIM OF SUICIDE HE'S ALSO SUSPECT IN DISAPPEARANCE OF CHANDLER WOMAN \

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Before a suspect in the disappearance of a Chandler, Ind., woman shot himself in the head, he apparently watched a violent film about a disillusioned man who went on a rampage and was killed by police, investigators said.

The movie "Falling Down," a film about an unemployed defense worker who wreaks havoc across central Los Angeles, was found in a Posey County, Ind., motel room where Jack Barnett, 33, shot himself. His body was found there Sept. 10.

Investigators said the fact that Barnett watched the film before his suicide is unusual, considering the circumstances of his death.

"We thought in some strange way it was related," said Indiana Police Detective Marvin Heilman.

Like the character portrayed by Michael Douglas, Barnett may have suddenly snapped, police believe. They suspect he killed Theresa "Terry" Rideout before his death. She has been missing since Sept. 2.

Friends told police Barnett showed no indication of being despondent before his death. He was dating Ms. Rideout, and they shared a home together in Chandler. They were planning to marry, friends said.

No one reported Ms. Rideout's disappearance until after Barnett's suicide. Friends told police they saw Barnett at a local bar without Ms. Rideout, and he offered no explanation about why she wasn't with him. His suicide note didn't make any mention of his would-be bride, something investigators found unusual. She was last seen when she finished her shift at a local restaurant. Her paycheck was never picked up, investigators said.

Heilman said he is convinced Ms. Rideout is dead. There have been no leads to indicate she is still alive, he said. Relatives and friends told police they haven't heard anything from her. She left with no money, had no vehicle and took nothing. Only her dog is missing.

Barnett's red pickup truck, which Ms. Rideout had been driving because her car was disabled, was found outside the motel room.

"Everything's at a standstill. All of the best evidence we have is that she is probably deceased," Heilman said.

That feeling is shared by Mike Rideout, who lives outside Las Vegas at Nellis Air Force Base. He was once married to Ms. Rideout and the couple have a 14-year-old son who lives with him and his new wife.

"I can't imagine that if someone is distraught, ready to kill themselves, that they wouldn't leave a note to their loved one," he said. "Even if there was some disagreement, they would want to say goodbye. And he didn't."

Heilman said he suspects Ms. Rideout may have been associated with people who used drugs. Rideout said he believes that may keep some people, who might know something about her death from coming forward.

"Someone should come to the plate because that's my child's mother," Rideout said. "She needs to have a decent, Christian

burial. But it doesn't look good."

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