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NEW 'PHANTOM' MURDER

Widow, 85 battered

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SCOTLAND YARD men investigating the brutal murder of an eighty-five-year-old widow believed last night that she was the **SECOND** victim of a "phantom killer" . . . someone who strikes swiftly and escapes silently.

The widow, Mrs. Elizabeth McGill, was found battered to death in the bedroom of her flat in Kennington Park-road, London, yesterday. She had apparently disturbed her killer, who is believed to have sneaked into her flat with the intention of ransacking it.

The Yard believe that Mrs. McGill was murdered by the same person who, a month ago, killed Mrs. Harriet Randall, 67.

Mrs. Randall, also a widow, lived in Peabody Buildings, Rodney-road, Walworth—about a mile from Mrs. McGill's home.

Missing

LIKE Mrs. McGill, Mrs. Randall was battered to death.

LIKE Mrs. McGill she is thought to have been struck down when she disturbed an intruder.

IN BOTH cases the murder weapon is missing. IN BOTH cases it is believed to have been an iron bar.

The detectives called to yesterday's murder were the men who are still investigating the murder of Mrs. Randall.

Detective Chief-Superintendent John Capstick and Detective Superintendent Bayfield are in charge of inquiries.

SECOND IN A MONTH

They are anxious for anyone who saw a man of untidy appearance near Mrs. McGill's flat to get in touch with the police.

People living in the flats—the Guinness Trust Buildings—were asked yesterday if they had seen anything suspicious.

The last person—apart from the killer—to see Mrs. McGill alive was her unmarried daughter Margaret, 50.

They shared the flat. Miss McGill left to go to work at eight o'clock yesterday morning.

Three hours later Mrs. McGill was found dead by a neighbour, Mrs. Clara Allard, 75.

Mrs. McGill was lying on her bed. Her skull and jaw had been fractured.

One neighbour said Mrs. McGill was "a very refined old lady, very frail and extremely quiet."



Mrs. McGill's daughter Margaret leaves the flats with detectives, after seeing her mother's body.



Superintendent Capstick leaves the flats. A policeman stands guard.

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