

## COCAINE WORTH \$47,500 WAS FOUND IN APARTMENT OF SLAIN LEXINGTONIAN

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Cocaine valued at about \$47,500 was found in the apartment where Kevin Blaine Mullins was shot to death Saturday afternoon, police said yesterday.

"There is evidence of large-scale drug dealing having taken place out of the apartment," Apt. 8 at The Landings complex, 2414 Richmond Road, said Lexington police Sgt. Fran Root.

Root also released new information about the suspects.

Witnesses saw two white males leaving the scene about 3 p.m., the time neighbors heard shots at Mullins' apartment, he said.

One of the suspects was generally described as stocky, the other thin, Root said.

"There's also a possibility that one of them had an arm in a sling," he said.

Police are asking anyone with information about these two men to call the detective bureau at 258-3600.

Mullins, 21, began renting the apartment Dec. 1, according to police.

He had been arrested on drug possession charges in Richmond and convicted in Madison Circuit Court in February and was on probation, Root said.

Root said police had interviewed "dozens of people who had relationships" with Mullins.

"He certainly chose his own crowd," Root said. "They were a lot of young middle- to upper-class kids who obviously had some contact with drugs."

Still, some of his friends and relatives painted a sympathetic picture of Kevin Mullins.

"He was a sweet, wonderful person," said Judy Granlund, 22, a Lexington woman who dated Mullins briefly last spring.

Ms. Granlund said that Mullins told her he had owned and operated a clothing store in Richmond, where he was a student at Eastern Kentucky University. He intended to open a store in Lexington, she said.

"No matter what people say about him, he had a really good side," she said. "He was the kind of guy who wouldn't hurt anybody. He just got mixed up with the wrong bunch of people and got in over his head."

Mullins' grandfather, Ray Willoughby of Frankfort, agreed. He described his grandson as a kind, loving young man whose problems stemmed from being "involved in the wrong crowd."

Root also described Mullins as "atypical of his crowd."

In addition, Willoughby said his grandson had "been through hell." He said Mullins' mother, Wanda Willoughby Mullins, was killed five years ago.

Mrs. Mullins, 34, a real estate and insurance broker in Frankfort, was fatally shot just inside her back porch door on Sept. 25, 1982, according to Woodford County Deputy Coroner Don Clark.

Willie Joe Smithers, 35, shot Mrs. Mullins and two other people after an apparently friendly card game, according to news reports. After a four-hour standoff with police, Smithers fatally shot himself.

A motive for the slayings was never discovered.

Kevin Mullins later underwent treatment for drug addiction at Possibilities Unlimited, a Lexington drug rehabilitation center.

In 1985, he charged that staff members at the center forced him from his Frankfort home and held him against his will at the center for an hour.

George Ross, director of Possibilities Unlimited, was later acquitted. Charges against other staff members were dismissed after Mullins failed to appear in court.

- Caption: Kevin Blaine Mullins was shot to death Saturday.

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