

Warrants Issued In Woman's Killing

Warrants were issued today charging Rodney L. Lincoln, 37, with capital murder and first-degree assault in the killing of Jo Ann Tate, 35, and the physical wounding of her two daughters.

Bond for Lincoln, who was arrested Sunday afternoon, was set at \$1 million today by Circuit Judge James R. Dowd. Mrs. Tate was stabbed to death April 27 in her home in the 1400 block of Farrar Street, in the Hyde Park area. Her daughters, Melissa Davis, 7, and Joanna Renee Tate, 4, were stabbed.

Police said an artist's sketch, based on descriptions from the two girls, had been used to identify Lincoln, who lives in the 8100 block of Minnesota Avenue. Relatives of Mrs. Tate recognized Lincoln, and then positively identified him from photographs, police said.

The girls remembered the man as a former acquaintance of their mother, police said. The girls said they spent a night with their mother last summer in a 2000 St. Louis home where Lincoln lived with his own mother, police said.

Police said that the girls were recovering from their wounds, but that they probably would undergo extensive psychological counseling. They were turned over to the Missouri Division of Family Services after discharge from an undisclosed hospital about two weeks ago, police said.

Police said Lincoln had a record of convictions for first-degree murder and burglary. Records show that he was paroled from prison in December 1975 after serving two years of a 10-year sentence on a murder conviction in St. Louis County in February 1973.

He also went to prison in June 1977 to serve a five-year burglary sentence. Police said they did not know when he had been released on that conviction.

obituaries

Alfred B. Mueller Services

Funeral services for Alfred B. Mueller, a historian of the Waterloo area, will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Waterloo. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Mr. Mueller was found dead Friday of natural causes at his home in Waterloo. He was 72.

Mr. Mueller ran a television shop from his 11-room home. Part of the home had once housed the old Needles and Gail general store that operated from the early 1830s until about 1948. His home was filled with historical material that was being stored for the Monroe County Historical Society.

Mr. Mueller was instrumental in restoring the Moore Cemetery of Bellefontaine, now part of Waterloo. The site was an Indian cemetery taken over by Capt. James Moore, who first came to the area with explorer George Rogers Clark.

Mr. Mueller was featured prominently in the book, "Echoes of Their Voices," by Carl Baldwin. The book documented the history of the early settlers of Southern Illinois.

Mr. Mueller also was instrumental in saving Peterstown House, the last of the old stagecoach inns on the Cahokia-Kaskaskia Trail. He formed and was president of the Peterstown Heritage Society dedicated to saving the house. He was a member of the Maceystown Heritage Society. Peterstown is now part of Waterloo.

Surviving are two sisters, Laura Clopein of Pasadena, Calif., and Laura Kirchner of Los Angeles.

F. Donald Blake Funeral

Funeral services for F. Donald Blake of Ferguson, president and owner of the Northwest Animal Hospital in Bridgeton, will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Ferguson Presbyterian Church, 461 Darst Avenue. Burial will be in Lake Charles Memorial Park.

Dr. Blake died Saturday of a heart attack at Christian Hospital-Northwest, 1225 Graham Road, Florissant. He was 54.

Dr. Blake was born in Morse Mill, Mo. He was a graduate of Hannibal LaGrange College in Hannibal, Mo., and the School of Veterinary Medicine at the



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