

Final rites held for murder victims; detectives still without major leads

JUNCTION CITY — Murder victims Terry Dade and his wife, Julie, were buried Saturday morning after services conducted by the minister who had married them in 1968.

Meanwhile Lane County sheriff's detectives continued their investigation of the baffling deaths. Capt. Ronald Eggleston said there had been no major breaks or significant leads in the case.

In the brief funeral service before about 80 persons at the First Christian Church in Junction City, Rev. Gilbert Knox reviewed his acquaintance with the couple and recalled assisting them in arranging their marriage ceremony in 1968. They were buried in Rest Lawn Cemetery.

Two two were murdered early Wednesday morning in a series of incidents which apparently began at their apartment between 2 and 3:30 a.m.

Officers said Dade, 19, apparently was beaten to death in bed. His wife, 20, was taken from the house and murdered sometime later. She was beaten and strangled and her body was stuffed beneath a parked car in a trailer court south of Junction City.

The killer then punctured the gas tank of the vehicle and ignited the fuel. Trailer court residents and firemen found the body beneath the blazing car.

The couple's one-year-old son, Mark, was found uninjured in the apartment by police officers. He is being cared for by Mrs. Dade's parents.