Patter begins to energe in Junction City slayings

JUNCTION CITY—Lane County deputies were still without fresh leads Friday in their investigation of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Dade of Junction City. But officers were able to begin piecing together a probable version of some of the events surrounding the slayings.

Mrs. Dade's charred body was found beneath a blazing parked car at a trailer court here at 4:50 a.m. Wednesday, minutes after residents of a nearby neighborhood observed a girl screaming and attempting to escape from a man in a white station wagon.

An autopsy later revealed that she had been beaten and strangled to death.

Her husband, who had been bludgeoned to death, was found sprawled across the bed of their apartment at 151 Maple St., Junction City, at midmorning Wednesday. The couple's one-year-old son, Mark, was unharmed in his crib in another room of the apartment.

Sheriff's Capt. Ronald Eggleston said Mrs. Dade apparently was knocked out shortly before her husband's death in the apartment.

According to a probable se-

quence of events reconstructed by officers, Dade had returned about midnight from his night shift job at American Can Co.'s Junction City plywood mill.

The couple went to bed and sometime between 2 and 3:30 a.m. Mrs. Dade was awakened by someone at the front door of the apartment.

She answered the door and apparently was knocked unconscious or stunned almost immediately after opening it. Her husband probably was killed in bed a few moments later, Eggleston said.

Mrs. Dade apparently was taken from the apartment by the killer, who kept her in his car for some time, officers theorized. She apparently jumped from the vehicle and fled at about 4:20 a.m. in a S.W. Laurel Street neighborhood about

Judge dead at 60

PORTLAND (UPI)—Superior Court Judge Virgil Scheiber of Clark County, Wash., died Friday in Good Samaritan Hospital here. Scheiber, 60, entered the hospital Jan. 7 for treatment of a kidney disorder.

1½ blocks southeast of the apartment.

Witnesses to an incident there said a woman fled to the door of a house and was dragged into a white station wagon by a husky, medium-built man. The man searched the street with a flashlight, then drove away.

He returned a short time later, again searched the street and apparently found something, which he put into his pocket.

Minutes later, residents of a trailer park several blocks to the south were awakened by an explosion and saw an auto blazing in a carport at the park. Firemen were summoned and Mrs. Dade's body was found beneath the vehicle.

Eggleston said the sheriff's department had been notified of the Laurel Street incident by a resident and officers were en route to the area when the explosion and fire occurred. He said Junction City police also had been called and were patrolling in the vicinity where the two murders occurred.

Eggleston said 10 to 15 officers have been working up to 16 hours per day on the case. Questioning of friends, neighbors and witnesses will continue through the weekend, he said.