

Raymon Ellis, Jr., Class of 1955.



SHOOTING OF MAN IS BLAMED ON ARGUMENT IN CEMETERY

An argument during a visit to a grandchild's grave apparently led to the shooting death of a Memphis man found in a cemetery.

Asst. Chief Sheriff's Deputy W. A. Crossno yesterday identified the man as Raymon Ellis, Jr., 47, of 1890 Ozark. His body was found at a cemetery on Ellis Road near U.S. 64 and Germantown Road.

Crossno, chief of detectives for the Sheriff's Department, and his assistants have been questioning the former wife of Ellis, but no charges had been filled last night.

He said a woman called an attorney Tuesday and the attorney called the department. The decomposing body was found about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Crossno said the woman told investigators she and her former husband met at the cemetery to visit the grave of a deceased grandchild. An argument developed, she was frightened and shot him; she told investigators.

The detective chief said, however, that some aspects of the woman's story haven't been verified.

"We need to check her story out a little bit further," he said. She is not in custody and Crossno would not identify her further.

Crossno said the body had been at the cemetery about three days and was in such condition that the cause of his death could not be verified. An autopsy is being conducted.

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Raymon Ellis, a steam fitter, was shot to death, Tuesday night in a cemetery on Ellis Road east of Germantown Road. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and a 32nd degree mason. He was also a member of Berclair Masonic Lodge.

He leaves two daughters, Miss Mary Ann Gray, and Miss Emma Dawn Ellis, both of Memphis, a son, Charles Raymon Ellis of Memphis, his mother, Mrs. Mildred Ellis, and a brother, Kenrid Ellis, both of Milledgeville.

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