

THE CRIMES

FIVE DEATHS: Five people have died in three separate attacks within about 10 miles of each other around the town of Gaffney, in Cherokee County.

THE COMMUNITY: Gaffney is a mostly rural community of 54,000 people set amid peach orchards and farms off Interstate 85, about 20 miles east of Spartanburg.

LINKS: Cherokee County Sheriff Bill Blanton said forensic evidence links the killings. Officials have not discussed a motive. They also said they haven't determined whether the killer knew any of the victims or whether those killed were linked in any way.

THE VICTIMS

JUNE 27, 4:30 p.m. — Peach farmer **Kline W. Cash**, 63, is killed in his living room on Battleground Road. He is found by his wife when she returns from shopping. Police think the suspect talked to the wife earlier in the day about buying hay and believe she was the intended victim.



Cash

WEDNESDAY, 2:25-3:03 p.m. —



Linder



Parker

Hazel Linder, 83, and her 50-year-old daughter, **Gena Linder Parker**, are bound and killed in their home on Buck Shoals Road, 10 miles from first crime scene.



Tyler



Abby Tyler

THURSDAY, 5:30 p.m. —Stephen **Tyler** is shot and killed in the family's Tyler Home Center store, on East Frederick Street near downtown Gaffney. His 15-year-old daughter, **Abby**, is shot and critically injured when she goes to check on him. She is airlifted out.

SATURDAY —Abby Tyler dies.

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