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Old Folks' Fears After

BIG POLICE HUNT FOR HER KILLER

ELDERLY tenants on the Regent's Park Estate are living in fear since last week's brutal killing of 62-year-old "campaigner" Mrs. Rosina Gavin. Mrs. Gavin was found dead in her bath by her daughter at her Camden Council flat in the Mosedale block, Cumberland Market.

Murder squad detectives from Albany Street are trying to trace Mrs. Gavin's last movements and appeal to anyone who saw her shortly before her death or noticed anything suspicious, to contact them.

Her body was discovered on the afternoon of Wednesday of last week by her daughter who had noticed that three days sup-

her body was found.

They say there seemed to be no motive for the killing. There was no sign of a struggle and no evidence of robbery.

AN APPEAL

"We appeal to anyone who might have seen her recently, particularly on Saturday, Sun-

District office.

VERY UPSET

Mrs. Elsie Comley, secretary of the Regent's Park Tenants Association told this journal: "Everyone on the estate is very upset; I felt quite sick about it. It is terrible that a thing like this should have happened.

"Now the elderly people on the estate are terribly frightened and horrified," added Mrs. Comley.

Mrs. Comley, who had known her for about 15 years, said Mrs. Gavin was quite an active person. "She would often get bees in her bonnet over certain things such as getting a post office on the estate.

"She would talk to a lot of people but I think she was more interested in being secretary of the local branch of the Camden



Picture shows the ground floor flat (on left) at Mosedale, on the Regent's Park Estate, Cumberland Market where Mrs. Rosina Gavin was found dead last week in a partially filled bath of water.

ply of milk had been left outside the front door.

She found her mother's body, partially clothed, lying in the bath.

LARGE TEAM

Police were called and extensive inquiries in the area were started by a large team of detectives led by Det. Chief Supt. John McFadzean.

Home Office pathologist, Dr. James Cameron was called to Mrs. Gavin's ground floor one-bedroomed flat and conducted an examination of the body.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Later Scotland Yard said Mrs. Gavin had been sexually assaulted and had sustained multiple bruising.

Police believe Mrs. Gavin may have admitted her killer to her small flat several days before

day or Monday, to come forward. We also want to hear from anyone who might have seen anything suspicious or any elderly person who might have received a strange caller recently. It doesn't matter how vague the information is and everything will be treated in the strictest confidence," said Det. Chief Inspector Ronald Dickinson, one of the senior detectives in the hunt.

The Albany Street police phone number is 387 1113.

Mrs. Gavin was well-known in the area. She was an active member of the Regent's Park Tenants Association and recently led a campaign for a sub-post office in Robert-street. She was also a founder member of the Camden Trade Unionists' and Old People's Committee and was secretary of its Regent's Park



The late Mrs. Rosina Gavin

Trade Unionists' and Old People's Committee than in social activities," added Mrs. Comley.

A CAMPAIGNER

Camden Task Force leader, Mr. Richard Carson-Kitchen, described Mrs. Gavin as a "tireless campaigner" for better conditions for pensioners.

"She was the sort of person who could mix with everyone. She seemed to be liked as a person and we always had a good laugh."

Her inquest was opened at St. Pancras Coroner's Court last Thursday and adjourned for 28 days.

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