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Intruder kills man aiding neighbor

Police search for assailant who shot father of three on northwest side

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Police were searching late Sunday for the person who shot and killed a Milwaukee man when he came to the aid of a neighbor who feared her house was being burglarized.

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Frank Moore II, 38, a father of three, was the kind of man most people would like to live next door to, someone who was always willing to help a neighbor in need, according to a relative. Saturday night he was shot to death doing just that - helping a neighbor in the 5100 block of N. 65th St.

Police Capt. Tim Burkee said a woman who lives next door to Moore arrived home about 10 p.m. and saw someone in front of her house, apparently trying to get inside. She called her husband, who told her to stay out of the house and called police. He then called Moore, who did security work.

Moore's brother-in-law, Craig Berry, said Sunday that Moore had been home with his three sons, ages 14, 11 and 9.

Moore told his sons to stay put. He grabbed a baseball bat and left his house. By the time he arrived at the neighbor's home, the front door had been kicked in and he saw an intruder leaving by the back door.

Armed with the bat, he confronted the intruder, who pulled a handgun and shot Moore.

"His 14-year-old son ran out and saw his father lying on the ground," Berry said. "He blames himself, thinking he could have saved his father."

Berry said Moore was head of security for the Jack L. Marcus department store at 5300 W. Fond du Lac Ave. No one from the store could be reached Sunday for comment.

Moore also worked as a bouncer at a night club Berry runs.

"He was so honest, I'd trust him with anything," said Berry. "He was the perfect citizen. Frankly, if I had come out here and found that he hadn't

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come out when he heard about the burglary, I would have been more surprised."

Moore's wife, Terita Buchanan-Moore, was visiting her mother when the shooting took place.

The couple had lived in the neat, brick bungalow for about two years, Berry said. The house sits on a quiet, tree-lined street where the lawns are plush, edged and surrounded by flower beds. A homemade birdhouse hangs in the front yard of the Moore home.

A member of the Greater New Birth Baptist Church, 2207 W. Center St., Moore did security work for the church and never missed a service, Berry said.

Berry said Moore loved children.

"He'd buy a case of candy and just give it to the kids in the neighborhood when he saw them," Berry said.

Police said they have no suspects in custody.

"This violence has got to stop," Berry said. "When is Milwaukee going to wake up?"

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