

Argument Could Have Led To Killing

Woman Reported Missing Since Saturday

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FORT WORTH, Texas -- Information contained in a search warrant shined new light on the case of a missing 62-year-old Plano woman. According to a search warrant obtained by Plano police, Paul Hancock's girlfriend said she saw the man stab to death his mother.

Paul Hancock was arrested in connection to his mother's disappearance.

The girlfriend told police Paul Hancock stabbed his mother, Ellen Hancock, several times in the chest at the apartment where she lived. The girlfriend also said the son dragged his mother's body downstairs and placed it in a pickup truck.

"We think that Ms. Hancock may have been concealed, uh, her body was concealed inside some large, yard-sized trash bags," Plano Detective Jerry Minton said.



Police have not found Ellen Hancock's body. Investigators called in cadaver-seeking dogs to search the area immediately adjacent to and surrounding the apartment complex where the woman lived and worked.

According to the warrant, the mother and son engaged in a heated argument. Neighbors told NBC 5 Paul Hancock ran up large credit card bills. Paul Hancock said he could not recall events surrounding his mother's disappearance. He said he might have blacked out the night she was reported missing.

Ellen Hancock was reported missing Saturday and has not been seen since.

Friends, Family Shocked

Residents at the Plano apartment complex where she worked as a security officer said the woman had watched out for them for years and were eager to

have her return to her post.

"We are just kind of numb about it ... to think that somebody would do that to their mother," said Ellen Hancock's friend Debbie Boyd. Ellen Hancock's older son isn't sure what to think about his stepbrother's arrest and told NBC 5 that he hoped Paul Hancock is not responsible for the woman's disappearance.

Police are continuing to search for the woman's body while Paul Hancock's friends told NBC 5 that they believe police might have the wrong man in custody.

"Paul is not that kind of guy. He is not violent. He is sweet, he's caring ... he is trying to get engaged. Why would he do something like that?" said friend Vera Knief.

"He talked about his mom a lot ... stuff he wanted to do to help her out and everything. But, obviously, with these charges, they are trying to say otherwise," said co-worker Keith Scott. Hancock is being held on \$50,000 bail.

