

Police hunting for leads in murder

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Ruston Police are seeking additional leads in the case of a local man who was found murdered in the woods last week.

The body of Christopher Tillman, 36, of 980 Louisiana 146 (Martin Luther King Drive), was discovered about 3 p.m. Thursday in a wooded area near Cornell Avenue, about a mile from Tillman's residence.

"Our investigators are looking into several aspects of the case, and, hopefully, one of these leads will play out," RPD Public Information Officer Lt. Curtis Hawkins said.

The murder of Tillman, who had no known employment, did not appear to be a random killing, Hawkins said.

"This guy seemed to be specifically targeted," he said. "It appears somebody was after him."

Police are unsure at this time if the murder of Tillman, who was arrested Nov. 5 for marijuana possession and distribution charges, was connected to his alleged illegal activities.

Hawkins encouraged anyone with information about the case to call Crimestoppers at 255-1111. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the crime. Callers do not have to give their names.

Hawkins said tips from the public have played a large role locally in stamping out crime.

"There is no doubt information from the public has solved many crimes in the Ruston/Lincoln Parish area," he said. "Police can't be everywhere all the time, but concerned citizens are everywhere."