

# Fugitives linked to meth lab

Ontario police allege people of interest in Mansfield slaying also had mobile drug operation

Joseph Paul Simon, who is sought by Mansfield police in connection with a stabbing death Tuesday, also is wanted for questioning by Ontario police.

Ontario police allege he may have been operating a mobile meth lab Sept. 11.

Ontario police were called to South Sunset Road in the early morning hours Sept. 11 regarding a pickup blocking a resident's driveway.

"The chemicals were cooking when officers approached the [truck](#)," Ontario Detective Jon Sigler said Friday.

Police later learned the truck, a 1999 Dodge Ram with Missouri plates, was stolen from Bucyrus. It had not been reported stolen as of Sept. 11.

"As far as the driver's identity, METRICH was able to determine the driver and meth lab suspect is Joseph Paul Simon," Sigler said Friday.

Christopher M. Simon, 45, of 103 Marion Ave., is the chief suspect in the stabbing death Tuesday night at 103 Marion Ave. He should be considered armed and dangerous, Mansfield police Detective Sgt. Joe Petrycki said.

Christopher M. Simon is wanted in connection with the killing of David A. Clinage, 49, 464 Daisy St. Joseph Paul Simon, 38, is Christopher Simon's nephew.

Police believe Joseph Paul Simon, 38, and Tammy Lynn Bolyard, age unavailable, of Crestline, were at the scene of the stabbing. Police think they may be traveling with Christopher M. Simon.

Joseph Paul Simon is wanted in Richland County on a charge of [identity theft](#), police said.

"When we began investigating it that night, we found out that this individual, Joseph Simon, fraudulently obtained Christopher Simon's personal information

and took it to the BMV (Bureau of Motor [Vehicles](#)) and obtained a State of Ohio ID with his photo, but Christopher Simon's information," Petrycki said.

Bolyard, Joseph Simon's girlfriend, is a person of interest, he said. Obstruction of justice charges may be sought against her, police said.

Sigler said Ontario police received a call at 4:01 a.m. Sept. 11 from a homeowner on South Sunset Road, reporting he needed to get to work and a truck was blocking his driveway.

Sigler said officers found a mobile meth lab in the back of the truck -- "chemicals and everything."

Ontario police called the METRICH Task Force to process the evidence. Chemtron Corp. of Vermilion came to clean up the scene.

Sigler said the driver of the pickup fled, but police allege Mindy Rae Brown, 32, last known address 1192 Fairfax Ave., was a passenger in the pickup. Police reported they found her hiding behind a residence on Sunset Road.

Brown is the wife of stabbing victim Clinage, authorities confirmed Friday.

Ontario police issued Brown two summonses, for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct by intoxication, Sigler said.

Additional charges of possession of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs could be considered against Brown and Joseph Paul Simon by the Richland County Prosecutor's Office, Sigler said.

Brown is scheduled to appear Sept. 29 in Ontario Mayor's Court.

Petrycki said witnesses reported a dispute between Christopher Simon and Clinage in Apt. 1 at 103 Marion Ave. Christopher Simon lives at the apartment. He also has residences in Florida, police said.

Police received the fight call at 10:44 p.m. Tuesday.

Witnesses told police the argument began in the apartment and then led into the yard, where Clinage was stabbed.

Petrycki said authorities have been notified and teletypes have been sent nationwide.

"They were spotted in Shelby and in Bucyrus Walmart Thursday," Petryski said.

"They're also traveling in a black 1998 Ford Mustang," he said. The [car](#) was stolen in Galion, he said. The Ohio registration is ESP8818.

After the stabbing, Clinage was taken in a private [vehicle](#) to MedCentral/Mansfield Hospital, where he apparently walked into the emergency room alone, police said.

Clinage was pronounced dead at 11:06 p.m., Richland County coroner's investigator Tom Stortz said. The body was taken to Summit County for an autopsy.

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