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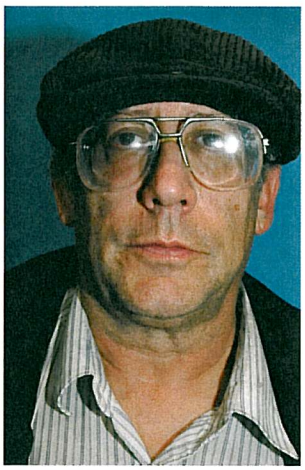
POLICE SEEK SUSPECT IN PALM CITY MURDER; VICTIM IDENTIFIED

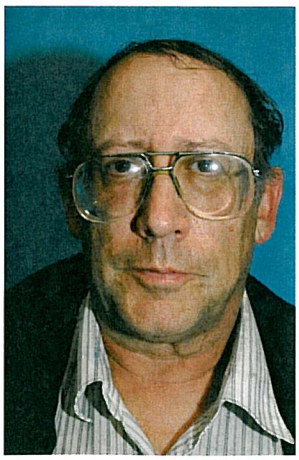
San Diego Police Department Homicide detectives have identified Gerald Michael Nash as a suspect in the murder of Allen Burton Hawes, whose dismembered body was found earlier this week in Palm City.

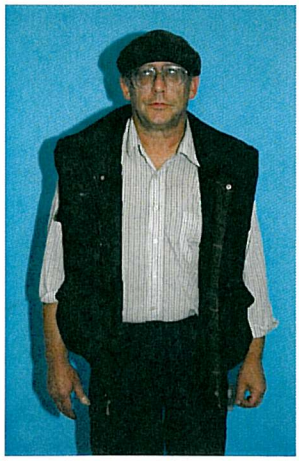
On February 26, 2007, Hawes' torso was found in the Otay River near the 300 block of Hollister Street. On February 27, a human head was found along southbound I-5, near 28th Street. A short while later, a human hand was found along southbound 163, at the exit for southbound I-5. Both are believed to be from Hawes' body.

Hawes was 57 years old. He was homeless and frequented the neighborhoods of Old Town, Park West and Egger Highlands. He and Nash were acquaintances. The motive for the murder is not known.

An arrest warrant for murder has been issued for Nash. He is described as a white male, 61 years old, 5-11, 210, with brown balding hair and brown eyes. He is known to frequent Egger Highlands in South Bay. (*see photo of Gerald Nash below*)







Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of Gerald Michael Nash, or with other information about this case, is encouraged to call San Diego Police Communications at (619) 531-2000, the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293, or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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