

Bruce Andrews

Bruce Michael Andrews, a part-time bartender at the Gas Station Lounge in Detroit, was killed in his Sterling Heights home on Saturday, October 17. The autopsy report indicated that Andrews was involved in a "big altercation" in his home during which he was stabbed multiple times. Sterling Heights police have arrested Robert Michael Richmond, 20, of Warren in the murder. Richmond was arraigned on an open murder charge and is being held in the Macomb County jail without bail.

Police are still piecing together the details of the case. "I don't know the exact relationship between the two parties, but we can say the suspect is an acquaintance of the victim," said Sterling Heights Detective Jerry Myny. Police do know that Richmond had visited Andrews on at least one previous occasion. A preliminary hearing in the case against Richmond will be held on Thursday, October 29.

Andrews, 33, grew up in the Detroit area going to school in Troy and Sterling Heights. Prior to moving to Sterling Heights he had lived in Ferndale. At the time of his death, in addition to working part-time at the Gas Station, he was employed as a maintenance supervisor at the Birchcrest Manor senior citizens complex in Sterling Heights. Previous employment had included working for ManCor Construction and as an assembly worker at Ford Motor Company.

This latest job was a perfect fit for Andrews. He was a "Mr. Fix It" for many people — a real repair master. "If Bruce couldn't fix it, it couldn't be fixed," said a friend of his repair skills. In addition, his open and friendly manner was perfect for dealing with the residents of the complex where he worked. Many of the residents were shocked to learn of his brutal death, and were full of stories of how Andrews had gone out of his way to help them. Management of the facility



brought in crisis counselors to help the residents who were upset by the murder.

Andrews, the youngest of seven children, is survived by his father, three sisters, three brothers, nieces, nephews, and a host of friends and acquaintances. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, October 21 at the Wujek-Calcaterra Funeral Home in Sterling Heights. His remains were cremated, with his ashes sent to Florida to be with his mother's.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at the Gas Station on Sunday, November 1 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Donations received will be conveyed to the family to help pay funeral costs.