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BLOOD-STAINED SOCKS VITAL MURDER CLUE

A PAIR of black, blood-stained socks could be vital in the hunt for a Sydney killer.

The nylon socks, found in the hallway of a Paddington flat, are now being examined by forensic experts.

Police believe the killer, a homosexual, tore off his socks and ran from the flat leaving the naked body of Gerald Leslie Cuthbert lying face down on a blood-soaked bed.

Cuthbert, 27, was found dead in the Stephen Street flat shortly after 6 pm on Sunday, October 18. He had been

stabbed 62 times.

Blood found on the black socks has been identified as Cuthbert's but more tests on them were expected to turn up vital clues, a senior detective said.

Detective Sergeant Hagen of the Homicide Squad said: "From our inquiries and clues to date we believe Cuthbert went to the flat with his killer between 1 am and 2 am and he was murdered within an hour."

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