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Mr Richard Slater . . . killed for his Christmas money.

KILLER CLUE IN WALLET

A small black wallet may provide the only clue to the killer of a 69-year-old man who was beaten and robbed of his \$30 Christmas shopping money.

Richard Slater, of Cooles Hill, Newcastle, was attacked in Birdwood Park on Friday afternoon and bashed unconscious.

Slater died in Royal Newcastle Hospital yesterday and police stepped up the man-hunt for his killer.

Slater's wife Gwen appealed today to anyone who saw her husband around the time to contact police.

Police said Mr Slater had his Christmas shopping money — \$30 — in a black vinyl clip wallet.

They asked anyone who may have found such a wallet in or

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near Birdwood Park to contact them.

Mrs Slater said her husband left home only 30 minutes before the attack to walk to a shopping centre.

His body was found in a lavatory in the park opposite the shops.

Relatives said Mr Slater, who retired as a crane driver four years ago, was a kindly man who never harmed anyone.

"He never drank or smoked and he always had a friendly word for his neighbors," one said.