

Dealer stabbed in shop struggle

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A 47-year-old antique dealer was stabbed to death yesterday as he tried to fight off a thief in his Parramatta store.

Although bleeding from stab wounds, the dealer tried to chase the thief as he fled from the shop.

Mr Walter John Bedser was alone in the store in an arcade off Darcy St when he was attacked shortly before 2 pm.

Detectives believe the murderer held up Mr Bedser with the long-bladed sheath knife they found on the shop floor.

Mr Bedser apparently put up a fierce struggle with his killer — in the shop display cases were overturned, antiques and shattered glass were strewn over the floor.

After the attack Mr Bedser followed the thief from the shop and staggered about 15m to a greengrocer's store opposite where he died.

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