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Plea for information on mystery killer



Identikit picture of the suspect

Police have appealed to the public in an attempt to catch the murderer of an antique dealer who was stabbed five times in his Parramatta shop.

Yesterday they released an Identikit picture of the suspect, pieced together from descriptions by people who saw him running from the scene on December 2.

Parramatta detectives are baffled by the murder because the victim, Mr John Bedser, 47, was known as a quiet person. There was no evidence to suggest robbery was the motive, although police said it could not be ruled out.

Mr Bedser, of Sheffield St, Merrylands,

was attacked shortly before 2 pm at the shop in Darcy St. He was stabbed five times in the stomach by a man police described as tall and solid and wearing a fawn safari suit.

The attacker fled down Darcy St and into a churchyard.

Mr Bedser stumbled out of the shop, across an arcade and into a greengrocery where he died.

Detective John Wakefield, from Parramatta police, said hundreds of people had been interviewed about the murder.

"We're just hoping someone knows this man or saw him running from the scene," he said yesterday. *By Vincent*

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