



James Meek

# Death turns to murder

THE death of a former security guard in his Surry Hills unit last week became a murder hunt yesterday when police discovered he was bludgeoned before he died.

Pensioner James William Meek, 51, was found lying dead in the hallway of his unit in Belvoir St last Wednesday afternoon.

A post mortem on his body revealed several blows to the head with a blunt instrument, police said.

Police and Meek's 26-year-old daughter, Wendy Griffin, said they could think of no motive.

Ms Griffin, a sales consultant, said her father was a "very kind and generous man who helped a lot of people".

She said Meek, who lived alone, had "worked tirelessly" to help his community.

He had also worked as a volunteer for local Independent MP Clover Moore.

"There is no reason why anyone would want to kill him," said Ms Griffin, the youngest of Meek's three children.

"Please, if anyone who knows anything, or if they saw him before it happened, just tell Surry Hills police."

A reward of \$1000 would be offered by Crimestoppers to anyone who gave information that led to an arrest, Detective Sergeant Tony Tanos said.

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