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a.m. appointment. She did not show up for a luncheon date with two other women.

Kirkland said she believed Rogers had left from her home on Flamingo Drive Southwest in Roanoke County to meet a client at the house, which was nearby.

Kirkland said agents drove around the Foxcroft Circle neighborhood Thursday afternoon looking for Rogers' car, but never saw it. She said one of the agents then entered the home where Rogers' body was found, saw a bloody footprint and told co-workers to call the police.

Kirkland said the Rogerses had a son and daughter, both grown.

"She was the most wonderful and reliable and knowledgeable and methodical person in her work. What can I say? She was just a lovely person," Kirkland said of the North Carolina native.

Other agents were shocked and saddened. All described Rogers as a friendly person to work with.

Many of the agents also said

that the incident has them scared. Some said it was a real estate agent's worst nightmare.

"I've already said there's no way any of us are going to show a

house alone again," Kirkland said.

Staff writers Mark Morrison and Victoria Ratcliff contributed information to this article.