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Roanoke County police gather evidence at the house where Carolyn Rogers' body was found.

Valley real estate agent slain

County woman discovered in house she was selling

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A Roanoke Valley real estate agent was found fatally wounded Thursday evening in the basement of a new house she was attempting to sell in an upscale Roanoke County subdivision.

The body of Carolyn Horton Rogers, 55, an agent for Mastin, Kirkland and Bolling Inc., was lying fully clothed in a pool of blood near a wall in the basement of a house on Foxcroft Circle.

Another of the company's real estate agents discovered the body after going to look for Rogers about 5:30 p.m. The house, which had a sign in front listing Rogers as the sales agent, is in the Kings Chase subdivision. The subdivision, which has houses ranging in price from \$150,000 to \$190,000, is just off Buck Mountain Road.

Roanoke County police continued looking for evidence Thursday

evening and had cordoned off the yard of the house with evidence tape. A police spokesman said that as of late Thursday night, neither the nature of the wound nor what had caused it had been determined. The medical examiner was still on the scene as well.

A police spokesman said investigators had not had a chance to comb the house and yard for evidence. Police found that Rogers' gray 1988 Oldsmobile was not at the new house or at her home. It was found by a Roanoke County patrolman about 10 p.m. at Tanglewood Mall. Officers who had one side of the car illuminated by a patrol car searchlight said the vehicle was being taken to an impound lot to be examined for evidence.

There were files on the front seat, but there were no visible signs of anything unusual inside or on the exterior of the car.

Rogers' husband, Chet, called state police dispatchers about 6 p.m.

and asked them to check whether the car had been in an accident. The dispatchers referred the call to county dispatchers.

Chet Rogers later identified her body for police.

"We haven't found any witnesses yet," the police spokesman said. "We have interviewed a lot of people."

Carolyn Rogers, who had been a real estate agent for Mastin, Kirkland and Bolling for about five years, had lived in six states because of her husband's work with Burlington Industries. Chet Rogers is listed in the city directory as being the company's assistant controller. She had been a real estate agent for about 10 years.

Betty Kirkland, a partner in Mastin Kirkland Bolling Inc., reached by telephone at the firm's real estate office on Chaparral Drive, said that several agents went looking for Rogers on Thursday af-



Carolyn Rogers
Found dead in basement of house

ter she didn't return from an appointment.

Authorities said Rogers had a 9

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