

# DEATH SUSPECT SEEN IN TAVERN

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BURLINGTON, IA. — The man suspected of killing Mrs. Dorothy Miller, 48, Burlington real estate agent, was seen in a local tavern the afternoon of the murder, police said Wednesday.



The slaying occurred late Monday in a vacant Burlington house that Mrs. Miller was to have shown to a prospective buyer. Police say the murder



## Suspect

Composite drawing of man suspected of killing Mrs. Dorothy Miller, 48, a Burlington real estate saleswoman late Monday, was prepared by Burlington police with the co-operation of Des Moines police. Authorities, who believe the man is from Des Moines, described the suspect as having dark hair, being about 5 feet, 9 to 5 feet, 11 inches tall, and weighing about 175 pounds.

took place between 7:45 and 8:45 p.m.

The suspected killer was seen in a tavern about 4 p.m. Monday, Police Inspector Jim Ewing said.

Officers described the man as dark-haired, 5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 11 inches tall, and weighing about 175 pounds. Police said the man is "good looking" and has a "normal" haircut.

Authorities have been unable to identify the man, but they say they believe he is from the Des Moines area. Ewing said the man told Mrs. Miller he was from Des Moines when he telephoned her for an appointment.

The body of Mrs. Miller, 48, was found in an upstairs closet of the old two-story frame house by police.

Police said she had been sexually molested and stabbed 23 times. She was found lying face down on the floor of the closet, partly disrobed and with her hands tied in front of her.

Police also were searching for a black pick-up truck, believed to have been used by the killer. Ewing said the truck was "unusual" because the paint appeared to be rough "unlike a factory paint job."

The truck was last seen within a half a block of the spot where Mrs. Miller picked up the man from Des Moines, Ewing said.