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Man linked to double slaying

By William Kaempffer
Register Staff

Police stakeout on 1 killing provides surprise lead in others

NEW HAVEN — Detectives Tuesday had a vehicle under surveillance, hoping it would lead them to a man wanted for questioning in the killing of a University of Connecticut student last week.

Instead, they nabbed a person of interest in a June shooting outside a strip club that left two people dead.

Markease Hill, 33, was being held in lieu of \$1 million bail in Meriden Wednesday. State police originally set bail at \$500,000, but a judge doubled it after the

prosecutor indicated a warrant would be "forthcoming" charging Hill in a double homicide, Meriden Supervisory State's Attorney James Turcotte said Wednesday afternoon.

He declined further comment

about the homicides, but New Haven police confirmed Hill was wanted for questioning in two June 11 slayings near the Cat Walk club on East Street.

He had not been charged with the killings Wednesday night,

and police said an arrest was not imminent.

Joseph Reed, 25, of North Branford, and his friend, Ensley Myrick, 27, of East Haven, both were shot in the head in a parking lot after leaving the club. Police said Wednesday night the two men were part of a group engaged in a heated argument with another group of men and women, when someone with Reed and Myrick's group used a racial epithet. Police said a member of the other group then pulled a gun and shot Reed and Myrick.

But, it wasn't Hill who police

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DEMOCRATS UNITE TO NOMINATE OBAMA BY ACCLAMATION

HISTORIC MOMENT

Illinois senator 1st black to gain major party nod

Associated Press

DENVER — Barack Obama stepped triumphantly into history Wednesday night, the first black American to win a major party presidential nomination, as thousands of Democrats transformed their convention hall into a joyful, shouting celebration.

The son of a black Kenyan father and a white American mother is now one victory from becoming president of a nation where, just decades ago, many blacks were denied the vote.

Competing chants of "Obama!" and "Yes we can!" surged up from the convention floor as the outcome was announced. Later, when their nominee paid a late-night visit to the hall, Obama embraced running mate Joe Biden and implored the delegates to help him "take back America" in the fall campaign against Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona.

"Change in American doesn't start from the top down," he told the crowd, "it starts from the bottom up."

Obama will face McCain, who will accept the Republican nomination next week in St. Paul, Minn.

Earlier, former rival Hillary Rodham Clinton asked the convention to interrupt its roll call of the states and make its verdict unanimous "in the spirit of unity, with the goal of victory." And they did, with a roar.

The polls show a close race ahead with McCain, and Obama

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ABOVE: Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., right, joins his running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., on stage after Biden's speech at the Democratic National Convention in Denver Wednesday night.

LEFT: Former President Clinton addresses the convention Wednesday. See story, A4

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Democratic delegates from the New Haven area blog from Denver.

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Pioneer rescued clinics for needy

Hill Health director sought dignity for all

By Mary E. O'Leary
Register Topics Editor

NEW HAVEN — Five years ago, almost 1,000 people gathered at Woolsey Hall to pay tribute to a man who helped save federally supported community health clinics and put them on solid financial footing.

Standing to the side and out of the spotlight was the honoree and, when it was time for him to speak, he praised others, not himself.

"His comments were characteristic. He talked about what others had contributed. ... He was the most humble, self-effacing man I have ever met," said Marna Borgstrom, president and chief executive officer of Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Cornell Scott, 73, executive director of the Hill Health Corp. with which he was associated for 40 years, died Monday after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Hill Health was one of the first clinics for low-income residents in the country and the first in Connecticut. Under Scott's leadership, it expanded to 17 sites in four cities with a \$40 million budget, nearly 500-member staff, and last year served more than 28,000 patients.

"Scotty treated everyone with dignity and was as comfortable in a boardroom or on a street corner. Hill Health stands as permanent legacy to his extraor-

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Scott

Adult store owner battles police chief

'Love Shack' in Derby remains open, despite July order to close doors

By Marianne Lippard
Register Correspondent

DERBY — The police chief wants the city's sole adults-only business shut down, but the shop is battling to stay open.

The Love Shack, at 1 New Haven Ave., advertises DVDs, magazines, novelties, lingerie and shoes.

Police Chief Eugene Mascolo sent a letter to the store last month denying the business a license because it is located within 250 feet of a residential zone, and within 1,500 feet

of a private school.

Mascolo's letter advises the store to cease operations "effective immediately," but the store remains open.

Daniel A. Silver of New Britain, a lawyer for the Love Shack, said a hearing on the appeal will be held at the end of September. No date has been set.

Aldermanic President Kenneth Hughes said the hearing was originally scheduled for next week, but had to be postponed.

Frank Rosa, a representative for Beyond Distributors, which oper-

ates the Love Shack, said there have been many problems with how the city has dealt with the business, adding that there is a federal lawsuit in progress.

An adult store ordinance requires an FBI check on those applying for a permit to open. When the FBI check took longer than expected, the store took the city to court. The store was allowed to open in June while the background check was in progress.

In May, the Board of Aldermen

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Derby officials want to shut down The Love Shack on New Haven Avenue, but the adult emporium is fighting the order.

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