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Piecing it together

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Nassau homicide detectives remained tight-lipped about evidence or possible suspects in the slayings of Jaspal Singh, 46, and his wife, Geeta Singh, 38, in their Syosset home. But the few specifics made public give some insight into aspects of the investigation, police sources and experts said.

What could police interpret from knowing there were no signs of forced entry and that the home's front door was locked?


"There are so many variables and it could mean a lot of things," said Peter Massey, a lecturer at the University of New Haven and training coordinator for the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science. Theories include: The killer or killers locked the door; the victims knew the killer or killers; the murderer was a stranger but the victims had not felt threatened by that person, Massey said.

Jaspal Singh's body was downstairs and Geeta Singh's body was upstairs. Nassau police said the locations of the bodies and other factors led them to believe the deaths were not a murder-suicide. What else might the location of the bodies mean to police?

"It might suggest the possibility of more than one perpetrator," said Charles Patrick Ewing, a forensic psychologist and professor of law at the University of Buffalo Law School.

Most residents said they didn't hear anything unusual the day of the killings. How could someone hearing gunshots help police?


"It could help [investigators] build a timeline," Massey said. If someone heard a gunshot, he said, police could ask if he or she happened to see someone or a vehicle leaving the area around that time.



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