

Suspect In L.A. Killing Was ‘Sons Of Anarchy’ Actor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Court records show “Sons of Anarchy” actor Johnny Lewis was released from jail a week before being found dead in his driveway after police say he apparently killed his landlady.

Los Angeles police said Thursday that the 28-year-old Lewis is the only suspect in the death of 81-year-old Catherine Davis, who was discovered slain inside the hillside home in Los Feliz.

Authorities say they are investigating Davis’ death and that it appears she was beaten. They say the actor died Wednesday after climbing atop the home and either jumping or falling to the ground.

Lewis played Kip “Half-Sack” Epps in the FX show. According to records, Lewis pleaded no contest to assault with a deadly weapon and attempted burglary this year.

He spent time at a drug- and psychiatric-treatment center, and he was released from county jail Sept. 21.

Lewis’ attorney Jonathan Mandel said Thursday he was “surprised” and “baffled” by the deaths.

Mandel declined to immediately comment on Lewis’s criminal history or possible drug problems pending consideration of client confidentiality requirements.

Before Lewis was discovered Wednesday morning, neighbors reported hearing a woman screaming in the home, said Los Angeles Police Cmdr. Andrew Smith.

Neighbors also told authorities that a man had jumped a fence, assaulted a painter and homeowner next door and jumped back.

It’s unclear whether drugs or alcohol were involved, Smith said.

Lewis had a career spanning more than a decade, mainly in small roles. He played Ricky in the 2007 movie “AVPR: Aliens vs Predator — Requiem” and was Dennis “Chili” Childress for two seasons on TV’s “The O.C.”

His role in “Sons of Anarchy” came in 2008 and 2009.

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church by then, “There was a sidewalk about twelve feet long leading out from it and a raised block of cement at the end of it to accommodate people getting in and out of their buggies.”

Her church and community linked together. Whole families attended Sunday school and church. Epworth League for youth met on Sunday evenings. Ladies Aid included all women of the community.

Youth practiced for the Christmas program. “Afterwards, every child received a paper sack filled with an apple, hard candy and peanuts in the shell,” she said.

When attendance dropped in the 1930s, parishioners moved their membership to Clark and sold the church. “My father bought the church for one dollar and had it moved one mile to the farm where I lived with my family,” she said in the story. “We lived in the basement for years, saving money to have the church remodeled into our living quarters. Gas lanterns lit the basement.

After high school, Olverson attended South Dakota State University, graduating in Home Economics. She began her teaching career at Platte, and later returned to the Clark area where she married and taught in Henry, Logan, Doland and Clark. She made life-long friends at these schools.

Olverson and her husband lived in the former church and farmed there. Their three children grew up in the remodeled church. “Once finished, it served as our home for forty-five years...,” she said. Some of the original wallpaper is still upstairs.

Since moving to Yankton, Olverson has shared her poems and stories with care center residents and staff and with many friends by mail. An avid reader, she also enjoys her family, visiting neighbors, social activities, and crafts. About the book launch, she is glad for the chance to share with a wider audience. “This story tells what life was like for me,” Olverson said.

According to South Dakota Humanities Council sponsor, the book is a collection of stories “by and about South Dakotans.” Other books in this series include One Room Country School, Country Congregations, On the Homefront, and Life on Farm and Ranch. Olverson also has an entry in the latter book.



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