Robbery possible motive in Carthage man's Nov. 21 death

The robbery could be the motive for the murder of a 26-year-old Carthage man whose body was found Tuesday morning near the city limits.

The body of Robert Lee Brooks, 26, was discovered in the 500 block of South Main Street on Tuesday morning.

The victim had been shot to death, and his body was found next to his car. The car was later reported stolen.

The Caruthersville Police Department is investigating the murder, and no suspects have been identified.

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Murf, Snow tie for CVFD Fireman of Year

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Future location, opening date of driver's license-office unclear

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Gala Auction set for Saturday night

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Carthage, Gary choirs offer holiday programs

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Pups' A falls to Pine Tree

Lady Eagles nudge Carthage gals, 57-55

Lady Dog jvs win by 27-12 over Tatum

Lady Pups' B nips Pine Tree

Sports

Panola's offense, defense in hiding

TVCC juggernaut guns down Ponies by 104-83

Gary boys fall to Rams, 65-53

Joaquin batters Gary girls 70-12

Lady Pups' B nips Pine Tree
Dawgs win to reach .500 level for season

Carthage was able to move into second place in District 11-AA, but it was the Carthage Bulldogs who were the losers in the contest.

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Leopard jv's rally late, nip Carthage

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Dear Fellow Texans:

Since 1928, only three people have represented this area of Northeast Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. I was privileged to be one of those three. I am honored to have been given this opportunity for service.

This is a time to reflect on where we have been and where we are going. I have worked hard to represent your values and to make government work with you as a partner, not just on the big national issues, but at home as well.

Reflecting on the last 11 years, I think of the people I met and the friends I made, the values we share and our pride in our East Texas roots. Together, we worked to build the roads and the water and sewer lines to help attract good jobs to our region. Three times we beat the odds to keep open the Red River Defense Complex, that keeps thousands of people at work protecting our national security. We see the efforts to preserve Caddo Lake and develop Cooper Lake for this generation and those to come.

Of course, we fought the big fights together on the budget, on Medicare and Social Security, and on defense. But, usually very quietly, we also worked together to improve our local communities and to help our neighbors and their families.

This report is about those little things we did together that may not have made national headlines or the network news. They just make East Texas an even better place. Together, we got results. Together, we made life better for the people of East Texas. Together, we made a difference.

Sincerely,

Jim Chapman

KEEPING PROMISES

My 11 years in the House of Representatives took place during an exciting — and sometimes turbulent — period in the history of East Texas, our nation and the world. As my time in office draws to a close, I hope I helped build a foundation for a stronger, safer, better East Texas.

When I came to Congress in 1985, I promised the people of East Texas to emphasize jobs and economic development, protect Social Security and Medicare for our seniors, to increase educational opportunities for our young people, to promote sensible agricultural policies, to fight for a balanced budget, to effectively fight crime, and to treat our veterans with the respect and dignity they earned in the service of our country. As your Congressman, I have kept my word. Working together, we accomplished some great things.

Sometimes we had to play defense. With the overwhelming support of East Texans, I helped lead the fight to keep open the Red River Defense Complex, saving thousands of jobs. The Central Distribution Supply Center, targeted for years to be killed, is now nearly completed and will soon be up and running, helping to save nearly 1,000 jobs.

Working with local officials, we started the Economic Development Infrastructure Grants Program, a unique program created by Congress especially for East Texas. Millions of dollars were invested in our region for new or existing enterprises that have created or retained thousands of jobs. This program will continue as a Revolving Loan Fund, which will fuel economic development into the next century through the Ark-Tex and East Texas Councils of Governments. Our unique First-Time Homebuyer’s Downpayment Program, also administered by Ark-Tex COG, helped nearly 100 East Texas families buy their own homes, which they otherwise could not have afforded.

We secured a much-needed veterans outpatient clinic in Texarkana, and just recently expanded its services. We waged war on crime in our neighborhoods by passing laws to make violent criminals serve their time and creating boot-camp prisons for first offenders.

With the combined efforts of Delta, Hopkins and Hunt counties, I was able to secure $130 million to build and develop Cooper Lake, one of the few Corps of Engineers lakes built in the last decade. This project will create recreational and economic opportunities for generations to come. And the Cypress Valley Initiative is creating jobs, protecting Caddo Lake and building for the future. It is a project not duplicated anywhere else in America.

Keeping your promises. It is all part of the Texas tradition of working for what is fair, expanding our economic horizons and finding common-sense solutions.
DURING 11 YEARS IN CONGRESS, I TRIED TO MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK FOR PEOPLE, TO PROVIDE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO GENERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO INCREASE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN, TO PROTECT OUR SENIORS, TO PRESERVE OUR ENVIRONMENT, TO PROTECT OUR FARMERS, TO BUILD THE ROADS, WATER LINES, SEWER LINES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE THAT MAKE GROWTH AND NEW JOBS POSSIBLE.

That is why I fought to save the Red River Defense Complex, to improve I-49 and I-65, to construct and develop Cooper Lake, to preserve Caddo Lake and launch the Cypress Valley initiative, and to create the Chapman Grant and loan programs to create or keep thousands of jobs in East Texas.

DELTA
Cooper Lake: More than $130 million secured over 11 years for construction of the lake, parks, roads, utilities and other infrastructure for water supply, flood control and to attract development, including $1.5 million in 1996 for infrastructure for a proposed cultural center.
Sewer system expansion, Cooper
Delta County Library literacy program
Cooper Lake marketing and economic development study
Sewer line improvements for Cooper Industrial Park
County courthouse improvements
First-time Homebuyer’s Program

TEXAS
Mickey Leland Urban Air Toxics Center
NASA Paxon Station
El Paso Veterans Hospital
Veterans Cemetery, Dallas
Colonias water/sewer improvements
Natural gas in saleable oxygen standards
1990 agriculture disaster relief

HUNTSVILLE
Cooper Lake construction
Dairy Pollution Research
Drought Assistance
Railroad spur for industry and railroad
Head Start
Saline Springs Technical Center
Hopkins County Civic Center expansion
Northeast Texas Rural Rail District
Cooper Lake marketing and economic development study
Cooper County Jail, community center, building addition
First-time Homebuyer’s Program
Airport Improvement

LAMA/RED RIVER
Carus Civic Center
Cooper Lake
Grant, regulatory relief, 1996
Red River Citrus Complex
Red River County community/civic center
Water/sewer improvements, downtown Paris
First-time Homebuyer’s Program
Airport Improvement
Groom Carpet Round
Highway 24 improvements
Lake Pat Maye camping and recreation areas

MORRISTITUS/FRANKLIN/CAMP
Northeast Texas Rural Rail District
N.E. Texas Community College
Business Development Center
DoD Procurement
Water/sewer projects, Franklin
Defeat of the proposed toxic waste incinerator
Franklin county airport
Factory conversion grant, National Foam Manufacturing
Pittsburg water/sewer system upgrade
Tritus County center for seniors and low-income residents
County jail, sheriff's office and community center renovations
First-time Homebuyer’s Program
Green Carpet Route

HENDERSON/CHEROKEE/SHELBY
(through 1992)
Henderson water system improvements
1990 disaster relief

HARRISON
Cypress Valley Initiative
Caddo Lake Park expansion
Caddo Scholars Program
Cypress Valley Watershed study
Highway 59 improvements
Lake O’ the Pines boat lane
Deep intrusion helicopter
Fire Department Open Door
courthouse renovation
Senior Center improvements
National Guard Army
Airport Improvement
Amtrak Extension

NACOGDOCHES
(added to I-15 District 1993)
ILS at Mangham Airport
149 feasibility study
Highway 59 improvements
SFAU debris harvesting
Suburbia Abuse Prevention Center
Plant Materials Center
Brown Forest wastewater treatment
Forestry programs

BOWIE
Red River Defense Complex
EIA Distribution Center
VA Outpatient Clinic
Leopard Drive
I-49 authorization
I-69 feasibility study
Highway 59 improvements
Carver Terrace Superfund buyout
Stopped incineration at Texas Waste Superfund site
Red River Chokecherry

DOMINICAN SCALE
Bowie County Law enforcement
Agriculture flood relief, 1990
AI Hardwoods expansion
Wade Village road improvements
FM 2146 water lines
Kanaff Mill construction and economic impact study
Water line improvements
New Boston
Millsboro Basin water quality
New Boston National Guard Armory
Airport Improvement
Amtrak Extension
Economic Development Grant program
Revolution Loan Fund

CALS
Hughes Springs sewer system improvements
GAF Industries
Road 1925 improvements
Resource recovery facility
Highway 99 improvements
First-time Homebuyer’s Program
Airport Improvement

MARRION
Caddo Lake Lake Initiative
Caddo Lake State Park expansion
Port of Jefferson
Highway 59 improvements
Environmental Education Center
Caddo Scholars Program
Caddo Lake Water Quality
Environmental Protection Initiative

TEXAS
Wake Forest Science Facility
Advance Computational Technology Initiative
NASA aeronautics observatory (SOFA)
Patterson Research Center/Nuclear Weapons Complex
Superconductivity Partnership Initiative
Lake Worth project
University of Texas Health Science Center emergency response
Washington-on-the-Brazos
Natural gas research and development
Sargent Beach restoration
Intercoastal Waterway improvements
CHAPMAN RURAL WATER AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE

I authored legislation in the Clean Water Act to provide assistance to rural areas for water and sewer treatment facilities. And since joining the Appropriations Committee in 1989, I have led the annual fight to secure millions of dollars in funding for rural water programs in Texas, and across the country. This rural water assistance provides affordable water resources and environmental protection for small and rural communities and helps promote economic development in rural areas. Caddo Lake (right) is just one area that benefited.

RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT

In June, 1995, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission voted to overturn the Pentagon's recommendation to close Red River Army Depot, saving thousands of direct and indirect jobs and preserving a vital component of our national security. I fought in Washington and assisted the fight in Texas against the Pentagon's ill-advised proposal. Working together, we got results.

CADDYO LAKE

Working with state, local and federal officials, I drafted a proposal to preserve the ecology of the Caddo Lake watershed while laying the groundwork for environmentally friendly economic development. The Caddo Lake Initiative, the environmental education center, the Caddo Lake Scholars Program, the Port of Jefferson restoration project and other initiatives are expected to create hundreds of jobs while protecting one of the nation's great natural wonders.

LAW AND ORDER

The Chapman Truth-in-Sentencing Act in the 1994 Crime Bill provided states a half-billion dollars to build prisons to ensure that criminals serve their full sentences. My Boot Camp Prison Demonstration Program Act, to develop state-style boot camp prisons for young first-time offenders, was successfully implemented across the country. I worked to install the death penalty for drug kingpins, and to strengthen provisions of law protecting women from domestic abuse and other forms of violence, and obtained funding for a women's shelter in Texarkana and a toll-free statewide hotline for domestic violence.

REGULATORY REFORM

In response to pleas from East Texas small-business owners, I introduced in both the 103rd and 104th Congress The Regulatory Sunset and Review Act, an important reform measure that would subject existing federal regulations to review and eliminate those that are obsolete, inefficient and redundant. Like my support of the Balanced Budget Amendment and the Line-item Veto, this exemplified my commitment to making government more flexible, responsive and responsible.
A member of Congress does much more than debate and vote on issues on the floor of the House of Representatives. In Texas and in Washington, a fundamental responsibility of a Congressional office is to help folks back home obtain the services and benefits they have earned as U.S. citizens and taxpayers. To serve the people of the First Congressional District, I have three offices in East Texas — in Marshall, New Boston and my hometown of Sulphur Springs. These offices provide the sort of one-to-one, personal service that is the essence of representative democracy. I am grateful that so many sought my assistance, and I am proud that I was able to find solutions and get results.

During the past 11 years, my office worked on some 500 grant requests and was contacted more than 500,000 times by constituents seeking results and answers from federal agencies, to obtain government information and to learn about past, present and future legislation in Congress. And many, of course, wanted to register their opinion about legislation, about our federal government or about my performance. Some requests were relatively routine. Others had serious implications for individuals and communities. Some requests have been literally a matter of life and death. But whether it was a civic group asking for a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol or obtaining an emergency medical procedure for an ailing constituent, all inquiries were treated with importance and everyone who asked for my assistance was treated with courtesy and dignity. After all, in America, the people are my boss.