

Senenfelder had cuts and wounds that were perhaps too numerous to count, and that what killed her was a stab wound to her heart. Witnesses to the scene reportedly said that her throat was cut as well.

Officials found a kitchen knife in the home that they suspect was the murder weapon, and found blood smears on a door inside the house.

No forced entry was apparent on the home, and investigators turned their attention to virtually everyone who knew the woman, who family members said had no known enemies.

Senenfelder's second husband, John Senenfelder, was serving a 54-month sentence in prison for first-degree criminal sexual conduct when she was killed.

Her first husband, Casimer Flak, was deceased.

Senenfelder had five children, three with her first husband and two with her second. The children were said to be from six to 16 years old, and all were living in foster homes.

Although she still owned the home on East Fourth Street where she was found murdered, Senenfelder was reportedly living on and off with a man named Clyde Dwaine "Bobby" Fort, 67, on Wilson Street several months before the murder.

In November of 1984, police questioned Senenfelder about Fort being involved in a buying and selling ring for stolen goods.

Senenfelder reportedly told police Fort was a broker for transactions that included stolen boat motors, chain saws, guns and coins. She is also said to have identified two men who did the stealing and other men who purchased items from Fort at his residence.

In January of 1985 Fort was sentenced to five years of probation and 150 days in the Winona County Jail for two counts of theft and one count of receiving stolen property.

He was still incarcerated when Senenfelder was killed.

Police followed numerous leads and sifted through mountains of evidence, even garbage from the neighborhood, looking for clues to the killer's identity.

But after developing strong suspects and questioning more than 100 people about the crime, the case soon grew cold as concrete evidence eluded investigators.

The crime is Winona's only unsolved murder in modern memory.