

Transient Sought For Ritchie Murder

Hastings (AP)—First degree murder charges were filed here Tuesday against Carl G. Williams, 47, in connection with the death of Mrs. Mae Ritchie, 81, whose body was found in her home Saturday morning.

Adams County Atty. Donald Brock, who filed the charges, said Williams, a transient whose last known address was Ol-Hill, Ky., was known to be in Hastings as late as Monday morning. He is still being sought



Police File
Photo of
Carl Williams

He is described as being about six feet, one-half inch tall, weighing about 180 pounds with brown eyes and black and gray hair.

Mrs. Ritchie, who lived alone in a two-room house just outside the Hastings city limits, apparently was killed Friday night or early Saturday.

Adams County Sheriff Robert Anderson said the home showed signs of a struggle.

Death appeared to be caused by strangulation or a blow on the head.

The body was discovered by Lloyd Dragoo, Hastings, nephew and guardian of the victim.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ritchie will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Methodist Church in Bartley