

Police release sketch of murder suspect

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MOORESVILLE —
Mooresville police on Tuesday released a composite sketch of an unidentified suspect they are seeking in last summer's shooting death of a Mooresville man.

Capt. Phil Blocker said the sketch is the result on the ongoing investigation into the June 9 murder of Matthew Ryan Stewart, 31.

Blocker declined to give details of who supplied information for the sketch.

Stewart was fatally shot in his bed shortly after midnight on June 9 during what has been called a home invasion in the Gabriel Estates neighborhood in north Mooresville.

Stewart's wife, Angela, said she, her husband and youngest son were in bed when a gunman entered their bedroom at 158 Shephard Hill Drive and began shooting. She was able to escape to a neighbor's house with that son after suffering a gunshot wound to her left arm. The other two children were not harmed.

According to autopsy results released in late July, Stewart sustained gunshot wounds to the



face, chest, back and arm as well as stab wounds in the neck, face and shoulder. His body also showed blunt-force trauma wounds and defensive wounds

from trying to fight the attacker, officials said.

Though police have followed up on every lead they've received in the last six months, Robbins said, they lack enough information to identify a suspect in the murder investigation.

In August, police hoped an \$11,000 reward — up to \$5,000 from the state and Gov. Beverly Perdue as well as \$5,000 from Stewart's family and \$1,000 from Mooresville-South Iredell Crime Stoppers — would help crack the case open.

"That reward money, it's still out there," Police chief Carl Robbins said in December. "We're disappointed that we didn't get flooded with information (from the reward offering)."

If you have information about the Stewart case, you are asked to call Crime Stoppers at (704) 658-9056 or the MPD at (704) 664-3311.