

Seeking Information On the Murder of Thomas C. Wales

A gunman killed Thomas C. Wales at approximately 10:40 p.m. on October 11, 2001. The gunman, standing in the backyard of Wales' Queen Anne home, fired several shots through a glass window, hitting Mr. Wales. He died at the hospital the next day.

Forensic scientists have determined that the murder weapon was a Makarov semi-automatic handgun fitted with an aftermarket barrel. Soviet Bloc countries manufactured the Makarov through approximately 1968. The aftermarket barrels are stainless steel, rifled with six lands and grooves and a left twist. Because there are a limited number of aftermarket barrels that were sold in the United States, investigators have been working to identify and test fire as many as possible.

