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## Suspected Robber's Arrest Uncovers Body in Batley Home, Police Search for Two More

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A routine armed robbery arrest has spiralled into a major murder investigation after police discovered a young woman's body in a Batley property and launched a search for two others feared to be in danger.

It all began last Saturday when West Yorkshire Police confirmed they were called to an Asda store in Dewsbury following reports of an armed robbery. A 37-year-old man was arrested at the scene, and a knife was recovered. But what followed has sent shockwaves through the local community.

During questioning, the suspect informed officers that a woman was believed to be dead inside a house on Norfolk Street in nearby Batley. Officers promptly attended the address where they found the body of a woman, thought to be in her 20s. Formal identification is still pending.

The man initially arrested for the robbery has since been detained on suspicion of murder, as detectives from the force's Homicide and Major Enquiry Team begin to piece together what led to the young woman's death.

In a disturbing development, officers also revealed that they are actively searching for two other individuals, a man and a woman, who they fear "may have come to harm" in connection with the same case. Extensive searches have been underway across Dewsbury, particularly around the town centre, Westtown, and areas close to the River Calder.

Detective Chief Inspector Dan Bates said the investigation is a top priority: "This is clearly a very serious incident, where a young woman has lost her life. There is a heightened police presence in Dewsbury today as we work to establish the full circumstances surrounding this incident."

He continued, "Our immediate priority is to identify and locate the two people and establish whether or not they have come to any harm. A murder investigation is also under way and we do not believe there is any wider risk to the public at this time."

West Yorkshire Police have issued an appeal to the public, asking anyone with relevant closed-circuit television (CCTV), doorbell, or dashcam footage to contact them. The force is particularly interested in footage captured in and around the areas currently being searched.

While the incident has raised alarm in the community, the police have reassured the public that they are stepping up efforts to maintain order and safety. "We recognise this inquiry will cause concern in the community; we are working closely with our colleagues in the local neighbourhood policing team, who have stepped up patrols in the town centre," DCI Bates added.

This latest tragedy brings renewed attention to the rise in violent crime in certain towns, placing further pressure on local forces already stretched by under-resourcing and rising demands. It also highlights the urgency for swift justice in cases where criminal acts escalate to fatal consequences.

As the murder investigation continues, the priority remains locating the missing individuals and confirming the identity of the deceased woman. Until then, the community remains on edge, hoping for answers and swift action.