

Big reward in triple murder still available

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A \$100,000 reward to solve a 2004 triple slaying in Markham is still up for grabs.

York's police services board has renewed the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the Mirage Spa deaths.

Zhu Xia Lin also known as Judy, Amy and Sally, 41, of Markham, Yan Jun Liu also known as Rita and Julia, 35, of Scarborough and Walter Xian Chen Zhang, 40, of North York were shot inside the licenced body rub parlour Feb. 8, 2004 at about 12:50 a.m.

Their bodies were bound and taken to the back of Victoria Square United Church in Mr. Zhang's 1999 red Ford Explorer.

"When we get to the stage of asking for a reward, we've pretty much concluded as much investigative activity that we feel is going to assist us in resolving the case," homicide Det. Randy Martin said.

"I guess in one sense, the people who probably have the information are people who

aren't normally good citizens who would come forward."

Ms Lin was the Mirage Spa operator. She is believed to have had a number of enemies and been involved in a number of massage parlours as an attendant and an owner/manager, according to police.

Ms Liu, an educated, married woman, was an employee and friend of Ms Lin. She had been in the spa business for a number of years, according to police.

Mr. Zhang, a friend of the two women, but more so with Ms Liu, had been asked to go to the spa in the late evenings for safety reasons, Det. Martin said.

Mr. Zhang was in the wrong place at the wrong time and had no enemies in his background, according to Det. Martin.

Police believe more than one person participated in the murders.

If you have information, leave a tip at Crime Stoppers (www.1800222tips.com or 1-800-222-TIPS) or contact police at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7865.

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