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An arrest warrant for three counts of first-degree murder has been issued for Lakshminivasa Rao Nerusu, the father and husband of a family found slain in their Novi apartment.

Nerusu, who is not in custody, is suspected in the deaths of his wife, Jayalakshmi Nerusu, 37, and two children, daughter Tejasvi Nerusu, 14, and son Siva Kumar Nerusu, 12.

If convicted as charged, Nerusu would face life in prison without parole.

Novi officers found the bodies at the family's apartment on Oct. 27 after Nerusu's brother went to the police station, saying he hadn't heard from them in several days. Police said the three died of extensive head and neck trauma.

Investigators do not know where Nerusu is, but they have confirmed that he left the United States. Anyone with information should call police at 248-348-7100 anytime.

BLOOMFIELD TWP.: Photos released of suspect in bank robbery

Township police released photos Monday from a security camera showing the man who robbed a Fifth Third Bank on Wednesday.

The suspect – described as about 6 feet, 2 inches tall and weighing 260 pounds – walked up to a teller at a Fifth Third branch at 6801 Telegraph Road, helped himself to a lollipop, unwrapped it, then handed the teller a note demanding money, according to police.

He was wearing a black jacket with a large "D" on the left side and "Detroit" in white letters on the back, white T-shirt, black baseball-type cap and eyeglasses.

Anyone with information is asked to call the police at 248-433-7755 anytime.

ROCHESTER HILLS: Former minister aide charged in sex case

A former assistant youth minister at the Rochester First Church of the Nazarene has been charged with sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Gideon Slusher, 25, of Oakland Township was arraigned Wednesday at 52-3 District Court in

Rochester Hills on two charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and two charges if fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

He was released on a \$75,000 personal bond. Slusher is not allowed to have unsupervised contact with minors.

Police said that Slusher sexually assaulted the girl in a youth group room at the church in February.

The teen and her dad, both from Rochester Hills and members of the church, reported the incidents last month to the Sheriff's Office.

The teen told police that the incidents with Slusher started while he and the girl were working on a church project together.

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