

Union City, Ohio - A former resident of Portland and Geneva was stabbed to death Thursday afternoon here, and authorities said charges would be filled against his wife today.

Daniel Smith, 28, died of puncture wounds to his heart about 4 p.m. Thursday, police in Union City said this morning.

Authorities believe Smith's wife Karen Louise (Lanning) Smith, whose arrest record includes two knife-related incidents in Portland, stabbed him at their residence at 121 S. Sycamore St. in Union City, where he collapsed on the sidewalk.

Mrs. Smith is being held at the Darke County Jail in Greenville, Ohio. Darke County prosecutor Lee Fry said charges would be filed against Mrs. Smith this afternoon, but would not reveal what charges would be.

One of Smith's relatives said this morning that the couple had a history of family disruptions, including several incidents of physical violence. "They were always in one scrap or another," the family member said.

Mrs. Smith, 34, was arrested twice in recent years in knife-related incidents in Portland. She was acquitted of one charge, in large part because her husband, and the other count was dismissed when the victim of an alleged knife attack fled the state.

A Jay Circuit Court jury found Mrs. Smith not guilty of resisting law enforcement in August 1981. She was accused of pulling a knife on then Sheriff William C. Upp and Portland police officer Bruce Hoosier, who were attempting to serve a body attachment warrant in connection with a civil case.

At issue in her trial was whether she was threatening the officers with the knife or was surrendering it. Smith's testimony supported that she was giving the knife over to police. The earlier incident involved the February 1978 stabbing of Darlene Farber after an apparent argument in the 100 block on North Meridian Street, authorities said. That charge was dismissed Dec 26, 1979 after Mrs. Farber, who faced an unrelated forgery charge, fled the area. Mrs. Farber later returned to face the charge.

The Smiths were married in 1979, and lived in Portland before moving to Union City. At the same time of her 1st arrest, Mrs. Smith gave a Portland address.

Daniel Smith was born Dec. 31, 1954 in Hartford City to Leonard and Helen Smith, who survive. The Smiths currently live in Geneva.

Other survivors include four Brothers, Leonard Jr. Geneva, Jim, Portland, George, Geneva, and John, Bluffton; two sisters, Mrs. Kathy Foreman, Montpelier, and Diana Smith, Geneva; and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller, Portland, and Lafayette Smith, Berne.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Downing and Glancy Funeral Home, Geneva. Burial will be at Limberlost Cemetery east of Bryant. Calling hours are after 5 p.m. Sunday.

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