

Murder of the Ding family – Northampton

The Ding family were first generation from China, Helen (Helen Chui) and Jeff (Jifeng) settled in Wootton, Northampton, Jeff lectured during the week in Manchester University and Helen had previously run herbal remedy shops in the west midlands and Northampton.

Helen and Jeff had two daughters, 12 year old Alice and 18 year old Xing (*zing*), both went to school locally.

Alice was a bright, attentive student who participated in a broad variety of school activities. She had a wide circle of friends in school.

Xing was in the County Orchestra (1st violinist) in the process of taking her A Levels and had a promising future studying medicine. Both were known for their kind and compassionate natures.



On the day of the Royal Wedding, Friday 29th April, the family were brutally stabbed to death in their home.

The prime suspect for this horrible murder is Mr Anxiang Du, a previous business associate of Helen and Jeff-. The business relationship had soured and was the subject of a court case which reached a climax the week of the murders.



Chronology of Events:

Thursday 28th April

- Mr Anxiang Du is served a court order freezing his assets at 10.30pm at night

Friday 29th April – Royal Wedding Day

- 10.00am (approx) Anxiang Du leaves home (Coventry) for work (Birmingham)
- 10.30am Anxiang Du CCTV travelling by train from Coventry to B'Ham
- 11.22am Anxiang Du arrives at his work place in the Palasides shopping centre Birmingham
- Anxiang Du walks to B'Ham New Street train station



- Approx 11.30am Anxiang Du catches a train from B'Ham New Street to Northampton
- 12.35pm Anxiang Du arrives in Northampton train station
- Anxiang Du walks through Northampton town centre to the bus station



WE HAVE LIVE CCTV FOOTAGE

- 1pm Anxiang Du arrives at Northampton bus station, looking unsure where to go he finally arrives at the correct terminal – bay 19



- 1.07pm Anxiang Du catches Bus 15 to Wootton, he asks people on the bus and the bus driver to confirm his stop and for directions to the Dings address
- 1.22pm he gets off the bus in Wootton, Northampton



- The next 1 ½ to 2 hours are unclear – we believe Mr Du went in the wrong direction and could have been walking the estate for this time
- The family are believed to have been killed between 3pm and 4pm that afternoon, each by stab wounds to the chest. The parents downstairs and the children upstairs
- Anxiang Du is then believed to have taken a hire car in the possession of the family – a silver Vauxhall corsa registration BG60 PMO



**replica car*

- CCTV places the car at the services at J15a of the M1 between 9.45pm and 10.15pm on that Friday evening – where was he in the previous six hours?



- CCTV shows Anxiang Du in Venables Street, Westminster at 2.27am Saturday 30th April

Mr Du's exact whereabouts are since unknown.

Mr Du is:

- **52 year old**
- **5ft 9ins tall** and of **slim build**
- He was last seen wearing a **white baseball cap, brown waist length coat, grey trousers, a blue woollen top, black leather shoes and carrying a yellow rucksack**



Call Northamptonshire Police incident room for Operation Nene on 0800 096 1011 or 0207 158 0126. www.northants.police.uk

Or Call **Crimestoppers anonymously** on **0800 555 111** reference Op Nene