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Buck White Murdered

**Gangland-style shooting of
popular owner of Pappy’s Pizza**

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His sister found him shot dead in his kitchen at Pappy’s Pizza.

Beloved local business leader Buck White, owner of Marshall City’s hallmark family pizza parlor, died yesterday in what appears to be a gangland-style killing. Police state White was shot in the head at close range.

Police investigators would not otherwise comment, pending the outcome of their investigation of the murder. Sources inside the Marshall City Police Department state the investigation is crossing state lines into Kentucky.

Rose Marie White told reporters, “This is a tragedy for our family and this city.”

When questioned by reporters, she said, “I have my ideas about who wanted to do this terrible thing to Buck. But I want justice and look to the police for our family’s revenge.”

Ms. White, co-owner of Pappy’s, said that the restaurant would close for a week in respect for Buck. “Then we will hold an ‘open house’ for people to come together to remember Buck White and to celebrate his life.”

“We need to heal. And we’ll have free pizza. That’s what my brother would have wanted,” she said. “Pappy’s is timeless. I’ve lost my father and now my brother, but we’ll all always have Pappy’s as their legacy.”

His niece, local celebrity Pat Morton-McCafferty, issued a statement through an assistant: “Uncle Buck was a great man who contributed to this city’s rich culinary ambience. My grandfather established Pappy’s in 1922. Our family is proud of how Uncle Buck created Pappy’s as a special place for all the people of Marshall City. We shall miss him greatly.”

Everyone in town knew the little poem on the menu at Pappy’s:

*The pizza pie is the pie to eat,
Imbedded with cheeses, tomatoes, and meat;
Anchovies and spices, and sauce --
What a crisis!
Oh, please bring to me, sir,
Your platter of pizzer! [Copyright]*