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Elderly Ontario couple slain in Mexico home invasion

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Nina Discombe and Edward Kular were killed in their Mexican home. (Facebook photo)

An elderly Scarborough man and an Ottawa woman were killed in a home invasion in Mexico over the weekend.

Edward Kular, 84, and Nina Discombe, 72, were murdered in their house in the state of Jalisco, in western central Mexico.

“They were brutally beaten and stabbed. They were targeted. At this point we have more questions than answers. I hope they catch these bastards,” Kular’s daughter-in-law, Christine, said Monday from her Aurora home.

The couple arrived six months ago in Ajijic, a town 50 kilometres south of Guadalajara, where they had purchased a house.

“My father-in-law had been going down for years and never had any problems. He used to rent and they had just taken possession of the house,” Kular said.

A gardener found their bodies Sunday morning, police chief Ernesto Robles said.

Robles said a gang of thieves who had been active in the area may be responsible.

“They stole everything. They even took their two vehicles. We are just in shock and can’t believe it. I wouldn’t wish this on anyone,” Kular said. “It hasn’t hit home yet.”

Family members are in contact with the Canadian consular officials, but have no plans to travel to Mexico.

“Forensics (officers) down there still have to do their testing. We will probably have the bodies cremated and sent back,” Kular said.

“This is just a bad dream. At this point we have to wait and see what happens.”

Kular said her father-in-law and Discombe were both retired snowbirds and had been dating for seven years.

Kular was a retired printer and Discombe was a writer.

John Friesen, a friend of Discombe, said she had recently published a novel and was “just a wonderful person.”

Kular was “a terrific guy, always friendly, always upbeat” and was “madly in love” with Discombe, Friesen said.

Foreign Affairs had no comment Monday on the killings.