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The father of a Capitol Heights woman slain Monday morning in a double murder and suicide was charged with assault with a deadly weapon yesterday after he allegedly shot a neighbor in a dispute over a parking spot for the undertaker who had come to discuss funeral arrangements.

Police allege that Jack Mitchell, 58, of 1332 Levis St. NE, shot Leland Thomas, 49, who lives in a basement apartment at the same address, after Thomas refused Monday evening to relinquish a parking space for the hearse that the undertaker was driving.

The hearse drove off before the shooting, police said, adding that during the course of the argument, Mitchell went to get a gun and a scuffle ensued. A first shot, fired accidentally, according to police, hit Mitchell, who received a flesh wound and powder burns. Thomas was struck in the leg and stomach by a second shot. Both were taken to D.C. General Hospital, where Mitchell was treated and released. Thomas was reported in stable condition yesterday.

The incident added a bizarre twist to events in the aftermath of the shootings. According to friends, the slain woman, Jacqueline Kellibrew, stayed away from her home Sunday night to avoid her estranged boyfriend, Marshall Brent Williams, 43.

Monday morning, according to police, Williams dragged Kellibrew from a friend's car to her nearby home where he killed her, her 13-year-old son Anthony Cepas, and then turned the gun on himself.

Williams, who had been convicted of murder in 1971, was described yesterday as a "good prisoner," by warden Robert Verdeyen at the federal penitentiary in Petersburg, Va., from which Williams was released on Dec. 8, 1982.

Verdeyen said Williams was a "very congenial individual who abided by our rules and regulations. He did everything expected of him. His adjustment was good."

Verdeyen said Williams was committed to the federal prison system in November 1971 and served 11½ years in institutions at Talladega, Ala., and Petersburg for a second degree murder committed on the Quantico Marine Base in Virginia.

An FBI spokesman said the agency's records show Williams had also been charged with desertion from the military in 1971.

"Just prior to his release, we moved him into minimum security housing," Verdeyen said. His last detail in prison, the warden said, was with the industrial operations unit, where prisoners construct electronic cables for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Following his prison term, Verdeyen said, Williams spent several months at a halfway house on Park Road NW in Washington.

"Obviously, he completed the transition fairly well," said Verdeyen, asserting that Williams would otherwise have been returned to prison.

Carrie West, a friend and neighbor with whom Kellibrew spent her final hours, said Williams was a vegetarian who repeatedly castigated the two for drinking beer and smoking cigarettes. "He just kept telling us it wasn't good for us," said West. But she said she also knew that Williams had a darker side.

"He would beat her [Kellibrew] for little or nothing," West said. "She would come here and hide out, just like she did yesterday, or call her parents or her brother. She told him a couple of weeks ago she'd prefer him leaving so she could just be with her kids," West said. "He just didn't act normal."

West said Kellibrew met Williams earlier this year while going for a walk on Larchmont Avenue, a nearby road. She said Williams, of Alexandria, was unemployed, and would frequently visit a friend in the neighborhood.

Kellibrew, 30, a welfare recipient with five children who was separated from her construction-worker husband, had lived in the two-story, four-bedroom house at 5018 Gun-

ther St. since last November, according to Archibald Alexander, acting director of the Prince George's Housing Authority.

"She was very congenial; everybody really liked her," Alexander said. "She was always very proud of her family." Alexander said she was especially proud of her 10-year-old son William Kellibrew, who police said witnessed the shooting but was unhurt. "The little boy got As and Bs. She used to show the report card to the caseworker," Alexander said.

"Most of my [rent subsidy caseworkers] staff are ladies," he said. "They could theoretically walk into a situation like that. They're a little bit apprehensive today, saying, 'It could be me.' They're a little queasy," he added.

Carrie West was no less upset yesterday. After helping Kellibrew's mother remove some of her things from the house where the shootings occurred, she said, "I just wish it would get over. It's over now. It's just getting me upset. I'm trying to live it down."

Kellibrew's father, she said, "probably just wasn't in his right frame of mind" when he allegedly shot Thomas in the parking space dispute. She said Kellibrew's mother, with whom her daughter's children are staying, was "trying to stay strong, for the kids' sake."

Washington Post staff writers Lyle Harris and Al Lewis also contributed to this report.