Gambler Linked To Mafia Slain In Ill. Home

DETROIT Dec. 7 (UPI) — Sol Shindel, a professional gambler and known Mafia associate, indicted twice this year on gambling charges, was found brutally slain in his suburban Southfield home Monday night.

Cpl. John M. Hood, spokesman for the Southfield police, said today that Shindel "appears to have been possibly beaten to death or shot or maybe both." He said "there was considerable damage in the area of his head."

Hood said Shindel's family had been visiting or living in New York state and that Shindel apparently had been living alone. Shindel had been named by police as an associate of such reputed Mafia leaders as Matthew (Mike) Rubino and Dominic J. Allevato.