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# Arlington tipster collects large reward

**Jenny Yeager receives a  
\$10,000 check for offering  
information on a slaying.**

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ARLINGTON — For nearly two months, a woman's body pulled from Lake Arlington in August 2007 had no name.

Were it not for Jenny Yeager, it still might not.

"She helped break this case," Tiara Ellis, a police spokeswoman, said Tuesday. "If she had not come forward and talked, others would not have come forward."

On Tuesday, during a special presentation at the Arlington City Council meeting, Yeager, 32, received a \$10,000 check from Schepps Dairy for telling police that a man she knew named Randy Wilson had bragged about killing Brittany Rapoza, 20, and dumping Rapoza's body in Lake Arlington.

Yeager testified against Wilson during his trial in November, but until Tuesday, she had not been identified



Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck congratulates Jenny Yeager after she received a \$10,000 check from Schepps Dairy for a tip that led to the capture of a murderer.

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as the tipster who named the body and the killer.

Wilson was convicted of murder and is serving a life sentence in prison.

Wilson was a pimp and controlled Yeager, Rapoza and others through violence, beatings and intimidation, according to trial testimony.

In an interview Tuesday, Yeager described Wilson as a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" who

could be "nice one minute and a monster the next."

Yeager said she saw a police officer in October in Fort Worth and thought it was her chance to get out from under Wilson's thumb.

"I was running from him because he knew what I knew," Yeager said through tears. "He told me that he did it."

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the Schepps' reward when she talked to police, she said.

"My friend was dead, and he was probably going to kill other women — me included," Yeager said. "No woman was safe around him. It made him feel good to have that much control."

Yeager said she planned to use the money to try to turn her life around and finish school.

"Rewards are an incentive for people to come forward when they otherwise might not," Arlington Police Chief Theron Bowman said in a news release. "By partnering with us, Schepps is providing a service to the community, and that service has proven to be successful."

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