

BURY AND FORGET¹

With some trembling I want to raise a question that may well be crazy and callous. I just read in the *VS* about Vancouver's 12th 2008 homicide and a rash of shootings in the general area. And then all about the immediate police action that comes with such shootings. I can only imagine all the time, effort and money police spend on pursuing such cases.

The question: What would be wrong with just burying murder victims who are themselves involved in the violent world of gangs, guns, murders, drugs, crime, etc. and forget them? No further police action needed. They are victims of their own choice. If these people knock each other off, we have fewer to worry about. It would save the police a lot of work and allow them to engage in more useful work, not to speak of taxpayers' savings.

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