

Deputies Still Lack Clues To Victim's Identity

Despite a flood of calls, Thurston County sheriff's deputies Tuesday morning reported no few firm leads on the identity of the slain woman found last week in Margaret McKenny Park.

"We have been busy, but there are no new developments. There have been lots of calls and lots of visitors," explained Inspector Charles Graef.

Last Thursday Mrs. Dale Saling found the woman's partially nude body near a parking area at the park. Mrs. Saling's husband has contracted with the Department of Natural Resources to keep the Capitol Forest park clean.

Since the body was found, deputies have been unable to find a clue to the woman's identity. No purse, wallet or identification for the woman have been found.

The woman has been described as 15 to 20-years-old, wearing shoulder length, straight brown hair, and weighing 120 pounds. She had pierced ears with gold cross earrings.

Deputies said she was wearing a brown mock suede coat, a peasant blouse and blue jeans with an embroidered dragon patch on the left rear pocket.

Chief Criminal Deputy Dwight Caron said his office is receiving information from all over the Northwest. None of the leads, however, has gone very far, he said.

Caron said he was amazed there are so many spouses and children missing from this area who were not reported gone until the body was found.

Deputies still are requesting that persons report suspicious or unusual activity they may have witnessed. Anonymous calls will be accepted. Dial Crime Check at 357-6668 or 753-8100.

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Tacoma, Wash., Wed., Dec. 12, 1973

Father identifies slain girl

OLYMPIA — A girl whose knife-slashed body was found in a wooded area south of here last week has been identified as Kathleen Merry Devine, 14, of Seattle.

Thurston County Coroner Hollis Fultz said the girl's father, William, identified the body.

The girl's partially clothed body was found in some brush near a picnic area in the Capital Forest last Thursday. Officials said she died from knife wounds of the throat.

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office is spearheading an investigation.

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Victim identified

The body of a girl found last Thursday at Camp Margaret McKenny, north of Little Rock, was identified Tuesday as Katherine Merry Devine, 14, of Seattle. The girl had been stabbed to death and left near the edge of a clearing. She had last been seen in Seattle and was thought to have been hitchhiking to Oregon.

The Chronicle

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Tuesday, December 11, 1973

Slain girl identified

OLYMPIA — The identity of a girl whose body was found last Thursday in a park near Littlerock was established as Katherine Merry Devine, age 14, Tuesday morning, according to the Thurston County Sheriff's Department.

The girl daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Devine, Seattle, was identified by her uncle, Delmar Bennett. The girl's body was found partially disrobed at the edge of a clearing in McKenney Park. She had a knife wound in the neck and her wallet and purse were missing.

The uncle and parents of the girl had been working with detectives from the Thurston County Sheriff's Department and detectives and juvenile authorities from the Seattle Police Department. Bennett traveled to Olympia Tuesday.

The girl was a runaway and was last seen in the Seattle area by a girl friend Nov. 23, according to Dwight Caron, chief criminal deputy for the Thurston County Sheriff's Department.

Caron said the girl was seen to leave the area by hitchhiking. He said his office is working with Seattle authorities to obtain information on a suspect.

Slain girl, 14, identified as Seattle hitchhiker

A girl found slain last Thursday south of Olympia has been identified as a runaway from her Seattle home who last was seen hitchhiking in Aurora Avenue North the evening of November 25.

Kathleen Merry Devine, who would have been 15 Christmas Day, was identified yesterday by an uncle. Her throat was cut. The Thurston County Sheriff's office is investigating the death as a murder and attempted rape.

She had been reported as a runaway to Seattle police November 26 by her mother, Mrs. Sally Anne Devine. Kathleen who lived with her mother at 743 N. 92nd St. was a student at Ingraham High School.

Workmen cleaning Camp Margaret McKenny in the Capitol State Forest near Olympia found the partly clad body.

Thurston County officials believe she died about December 1. They asked that anyone who saw the girl or knows of her activities contact Seattle homicide detectives.

Kathleen was seen hitchhiking about 8:20 p.m. November 25 at Aurora Avenue North and North 90th

Street. The girl, about 5 feet 8 and 120 pounds, had shoulder-length brown hair parted in the middle.

She wore "waffle" stompers, a peasant blouse, navy ball-bottom pants and an imitation suede coat with fur trim.

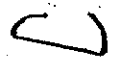
The slaying of another young hitchhiker, Laura L.

Brock, 20, is still unsolved.

Her nude body was found on a Whidbey Island logging road September 14, 1972.

A student at Western Washington State College.

Miss Brock was on her first hitchhiking trip, a three-day excursion to the Olympic Peninsula.



HOMICIDE

TCSO 13-17592-12

11 DECEMBER 1973

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VICTIM UNIDENTIFIED

FOUND IN CAMP McKENNY STATE PARK, NORTH OF LITTLE ROCK, WA. ON 6 DECEMBER 1973. FOUL PLAY OBVIOUS. VICTIM HAD BEEN DEAD FOR SEVERAL DAYS. CAUSE OF DEATH APPARENTLY KNIFE OR STAB WOUND TO THROAT.

CAUCASION, FEMALE, 15-20 YRS., 5'8", APPROX. 120 LBS., LIGHT BROWN HAIR, SHOULDER LENGTH, BLUE OR GREY EYES, TWO COSTUME JEWELRY RINGS AND GOLDEN CROSS EARRINGS.

FINGERPRINT CLASSIFICATION, DENTAL CHART AND IDENTI-KIT COMPOSITE AVAILABLE.

BROWN MOCK SUEDE COAT WITH FUR TRIM, NAVY TYPE BLUE DENIMS WITH DRAGON PATCH ON LEFT REAR POCKET, WHITE PEASANT TYPE BLOUSE, BROWN WAFFLE STOMPER TYPE BOOTS.

IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, CALL CRIME CHECK 357-6668, OR CALL THE SHERIFF PERSONALLY. YOUR IDENTITY WILL BE PROTECTED.

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Thurston County Sheriff's Department

Supplementary Report

Date:

Case No.

73-17592-12

12 DEC 1973, 2330 HOURS:

NOTE ATTACHED NEWS ARTICLE, SEATTLE TIMES, 12 DEC 73, E-14.

"HOMICIDE, NUDE BODY

BROCK, LAURA L, AGE 20 YEARS

WHIDBEY ISLAND LOGGING ROAD

14 SEP 1972

STUDENT AT WESTERN STATE COLLEGE, FIRST HITCH HIKING TRIP, 3-DAY TRIP TO OLYMPIC PENINSULA."

RECOMMEND WE OBTAIN A COPY OF THEIR REPORT, OR THE BASIC INFORMATION ^{WHY MURDER} PERHAPS.

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CHARLES H GRAEF
INWP, TXSO #5

HOW ABOUT OTHER CASES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS?

PERHAPS WE SHOULD PLAN A MEETING WITH ALL OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES!

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