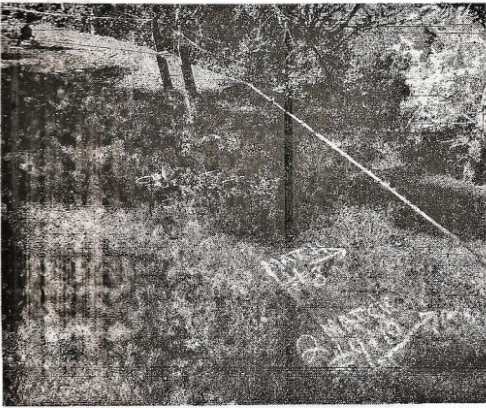


Another Slain Girl Found East of SR



MARKS ON PAVEMENT ABOVE EMBANKMENT WHERE BODY FOUND
Officials Angered at Possibility Killer Is Playing Games

By JAMES E. REID

The spectre of a maniacal killer with an insane sense of humor loomed over Sonoma County this morning following discovery of the body of a nude woman yesterday at the same spot off Franz Valley Road where the remains of two girls were found last December.

"She was lying face down, not four feet from the exact, same spot" where the skeletal remains of Maureen Sterling, 12, and Yvonne Weber, 13, were found, Sheriff Don Striepeke said.

A \$2,500 reward is being offered through the Secret Witness program for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of the girl found yesterday, Press Democrat Editor Art Volkerts announced this morning.

Striepeke said identity of the victim had not been established, but fingerprints and dental charts would be taken during the autopsy today.

He said a complete physical description of the woman will be released as soon as it is available. The area where the

body was found was too dark last night to allow officials to give a positive description.

He said his office received a call at 4:35 p.m. from Randall Apel, who reported finding the body while riding his motorcycle in the remote area of upper Franz Valley Road two miles north of the Porter Creek Road intersection.

The Sonoma County homicide team, including sheriff's officers, Deputy District Attorney Gary Antolini, and Deputy Coroner Don Tannehill were at the scene until 3 a.m.

But the chilling possibility of an insane killer stalking young women in Sonoma County, laughing at efforts to identify him, angered law enforcement officials today.

Striepeke said discovery of the latest victim indicated the killer was eluding game-watching officials to catch him, by disposing of the body in the same spot where his earlier victims were found.

He said the young woman found yesterday had apparently lain in the remote area 72 hours to a week, but the exact time of

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FRANZ VALLEY ROAD WHERE THREE BODIES FOUND
Evidence Being Sifted by Investigators Today

—Staff Photo by Joe Price Jr.

Body Found

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her death would be established by the pathologist today.

The body was removed late yesterday and guards were posted at the scene. Identification experts combed the area for evidence today.

But he admitted there were a bunch of discouraged guys out there last night.

He said Detective Sgts. Robert Walker and Joseph Thibodeau were assigned to the case this morning.

Officials were checking missing persons reports to assist in possible identification of the victim.

Anyone knowing of a missing person who has not reported it to authorities was asked to contact the sheriff's office as soon as possible.

The remains of the two Herbert Slater Junior High School students were found Dec. 28.

They had been missing since Feb. 4 when one of their mothers left them at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena at 7:30 p.m.

Then when she returned to pick them up at 11 p.m. they were missing.

The Secret Witness program has posted a \$1,000 reward for information about the girls' disappearance or slaying.

Officials said the cause of their death has never been determined.

The girls disappeared exactly one month prior to the day Kim Wendy Allen dropped out of sight while hitchhiking from San Rafael to Santa Rosa. Her nude body was found March 5 down an embankment on Enterprise Road between Sonoma Mountain Road and Bennett Valley Road.

She had been raped and slowly strangled to death, her wrists and ankles bound with a thin cord or wire.

A \$1,000 reward was also offered through the Secret Witness program for information leading to the capture of her killer, as well as a similar reward for information about the death of 13-year-old Lori Lee Kursa, whose nude body was

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found Dec. 14 of Calistoga, apparently alive when she was thrown down the steep embankment, but was apparently a broken neck.