

SKELETON

Dental charts to be checked

Homicide experts will begin comparing dental charts this afternoon in an attempt to identify the skeletal remains found hog tied Friday in a ravine off Calistoga Road near Santa Rosa.

Sheriff's deputies believe the apparent murder victim is a young woman but won't know for sure until San Francisco forensic anthropologist Dr. Rodger Heglar completes his analysis at San Francisco State University.

The skeleton, found by hikers, was in a spot not far from where the body of another young woman, Lori Kursa, 14, was found in 1972.

She was one of at least six young women whose bodies were found in remote areas in the county that year.

The newest corpse had been hog-tied, with a rope around her neck, feet, and hands, much the same as Therese Walsh, whose body was found in December, 1973. Miss Walsh died of strangulation.

Sheriff's office homicide detective Rick Oliver said several items of physical evidence were found at the scene, but he declined to elaborate. There were no weapons, he said, nor were there any signs of clothing.

One of the first sets of dental charts to be checked will be those of Jeannette Kamahele, 20, who was last seen April 25, 1972, hitchhiking at the Cotati freeway on-ramp.