

SECRET WITNESS

Officials seek killer of woman

Sonoma County Sheriff's Identification Technician Lou Doolittle has been in Southern California to contact friends of Theresa Dianne Walsh in efforts to locate her killer.

The nude body of the 23-year-old Humboldt County woman was found hogtied in Mark West Creek north of Santa Rosa on Dec. 28.

She had been traced to Zuma Beach near Malibu, where friends said they left her to hitchhike Dec. 22. She was headed to spend the holidays with her parents and son near Garberville.

Officials said she was strangled about a week before her body was found here.

The Secret Witness program has a total \$9,500 in rewards offered for information leading to

the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for her death, as well as the deaths of five other young girls whose nude bodies were found off remote county roads during the past two years and two men slain last year in the Russian River area.

The program guarantees persons sending information will not be identified to authorities and no contact will be made unless a specific meeting is requested by the person.

In addition to the \$1,000 reward offered for information in Mrs. Walsh's death, the following rewards are also offered:

— \$2,500 for information in the slaying of Caroline Nadine Davis, 15-year-old Shasta County high school student whose nude body was found

within a few feet of where the remains of two Santa Rosa girls were found off Franz Valley Road. Her body was found July 31, but she was last seen hitchhiking in Garberville headed southbound on Highway 101. Officials said she was killed by strychnine poisoning.

— \$1,000 in the slaying of Kim Wendy Allen, popular 19-year-old Santa Rosa Junior College student whose nude body was found March 5, 1972 off Enterprise Road southeast of Santa Rosa. She disappeared while hitchhiking the previous day in San Rafael heading north on Highway 101 toward Santa Rosa. She had been raped and strangled to death, officials said.

— \$1,000 in the deaths of Maureen Sterling, 12, and Yvonne Weber, 13, whose remains were found Dec. 28, 1972 off Franz Valley Road. The cause or time of their deaths has never been established by officials. The two Herbert Slater Junior High School students disappeared Feb. 4, 1972 after one of their mothers left them for the evening at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena.

— \$1,000 in the death of Lori Lee Kursa, 13, whose nude body was found Dec. 14, 1972 down a steep embankment on Calistoga Road. She died of a broken neck, which she apparently received when she was thrown down the hillside some two weeks before her body was discovered, according to officials. She ran away from home Nov.

11, but people who knew her reported seeing her in Santa Rosa until she dropped from sight around the first of December.