

Lawmen Say Woman's Killer Could Be Injured

Whoever dumped the body of the strangled young woman over a 20-foot embankment on Enterprise rd. south of Santa Rosa may have injured his leg or arm.

That possibility was released by sheriff's officials this morning in further efforts to identify the victim or her slayer.

Sheriff's Lt. Charles Kishbaugh said there was a mark at the top of the embankment where the body was found indicating someone may have slipped and fallen down the incline.

About 10 feet below that spot, he said, there was an impression in the moist loam about a foot long and 14 inches deep that may have been made by a person's leg.

He said sheriff's officers were working on the theory that whoever threw the woman over the bank may have slipped and fallen part way down himself.

Detective Sgt. Timothy Brown said it is possible the person may have even broken his leg or sustained an injury serious enough to have required medical treatment.

As to the identity of the woman, officials say they are still

unable to say who she is or where she came from.

Coroner Andrew Johansen said preliminary reports from the pathologist indicated she died sometime around midnight Saturday.

He said previously the woman may have been tortured to death because she was slowly strangled by a cord or wire around her neck for at least a half hour before she died.

Detailed analysis of further evidence is being conducted by doctors prior to completion of a more complete medical report, the coroner said.

He said tests also were being run to determine if the woman's body showed any signs of drugs or other foreign substances in the blood.

Sheriff Don Striepeke yesterday said his identification technicians had prepared 500 circulars containing a description of the woman and a photograph, which were sent to all local law enforcement agencies, as well as other governmental offices, to assist in trying to identify the victim.

He said the circulars also would be sent statewide within a few days.

The woman is described as 18 to 26 years old, 5-4 to 5-5, about 135 pounds, measuring 38-31-38, hazel to blue eyes, shoe size 6½ to 7, light brown to reddish brown hair about 22 inches long.