

Dental Chart May Provide Girl's ID

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A step-by-step ground search was made in Franz Valley today for the clothing of the latest victim whose body was found late Tuesday off the narrow county road running through the remote area.

Sheriff Don Striepeke said his Special Enforcement Detail (SED) will comb the hillsides and both sides of the road in the search, as well as interviewing residents of the area who may have been something unusual about the time the young girl died approximately two weeks ago.

He said her identity is still a mystery and the pathologist has been unable to determine what caused her death.

Dist. Atty. John Hawkes said a dental chart made of the young girl's teeth now offers the best possibility of identifying her.

He said a dentist who worked with the pathologist said the girl had a normal set of teeth and mouth, except for the crossbite position of the lower right first molar.

The dentist who worked on that tooth would be able to recognize it immediately and provide authorities the girl's name, Hawkes said.

The sheriff asked anyone finding female clothing on their property or seeing a bundle of female clothing anywhere in the county contact his office immediately at 527-2511.

A partial search of the Franz Valley area was made yesterday by sheriff's officers.

The victim has been described as 14 to 16 years of age, five feet seven inches, with blondish-brown hair 10 to 14 inches in length.

A hole in her right ear was

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being carefully examined this morning to determine if it was torn by brush when she was thrown from the road down the steep embankment where her body was found around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday by a motorcyclist who stopped when he smelled a foul odor.

The pathologist estimated the girl died 10 to 14 days prior to discovery of her body. He said it was impossible to tell if she had been sexually assaulted prior to her death because of the badly decomposed condition of her body.

While the search was being conducted in Franz Valley, sheriff's investigators in the Santa Rosa office were going through the hundreds of missing persons reports on file there to pick out those with a physical description close to the victim's.

Numerous calls were received from other law enforcement agencies, such as San Francisco where the bodies of four young women have been found strangled and hidden in that city in recent weeks.

Sheriff's Det. Sgt. Erwin (Butch) Carlstedt was expected to return today from Canada where he questioned Albert Richard Voorhes, 27-year-old accused murderer of Lawrence LeGrand, whose body was found June 7 over a steep cliff north of Jenner.

It was learned Voorhes had "passed through" Santa Rosa around July 18, but sheriff's officials said Carlstedt reported earlier by phone the suspect refused any comment about the other slayings being investigated by Sonoma County authorities.

The body of the latest victim was found within four feet of the same spot where the skeletal remains of two Herbert Slater Junior High School students were found Dec. 28.

Maureen Sterling, 12, and Yvonne Weber, 13, disappeared the evening of Feb. 4 while at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena.

Officials have been unable to determine cause of their death.

The Secret Witness program has offered a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of the latest victim found off Franz Valley Road.

A \$1,000 reward has been offered for information about the deaths of the other two girls.

Sheriff Striepeke said the latest victim was probably slain by the same person who killed the other girls.