

KIM WENDY ALLEN MURDER

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RAPE CASE

Sonoma Man Held for Trial

A 20-year-old Sonoma County man was held Tuesday for trial in the rape of a 19-year-old woman. The man, who was charged with rape, was held for trial in the rape of a 19-year-old woman. The man, who was charged with rape, was held for trial in the rape of a 19-year-old woman.

Nine Woman, Three Man Jury Picked in Rape Trial

A jury of nine women and three men was selected Tuesday for the trial of a man charged with the rape of a woman. The jury was selected for the trial of a man charged with the rape of a woman.

Seven Injured In Lake County Cycle, Car Accidents

Seven people were injured in two accidents involving a motorcycle and a car in Lake County Tuesday. The accidents occurred in Lake County.

SR Husband Drops Out Of Sight

A husband of a woman who was reported missing last week has been found. The husband was found in a location.



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Bar Fight Testimony Denied

Corona Prosecution Loss

By Jerry Heller

FAIRFIELD — An obdurate jury today ruled the prosecution may not introduce testimony by which it hopes to link murder defendant Juan Corona to a victim slain in a Marinville bar.

Richard Patton delivered the decision emphatically and immediately as he stated limits under which Juan Corona, victim of the attack, could testify.

Rays may, the judge said, testify about a conversation with Corona the night of Feb. 25, 1970, in which Corona offered him and another man a job on the Sullivan Ranch, where the bodies of 25 men were uncovered, and offered to drive them there.

But he may not — and the judge stressed the point several times — go beyond that.

Cite Old Hope

The ruling apparently cut off the prosecution's hope it could "Guadalupe incident" in which Ray was severely mutilated in an assault in Marinville later that same night.

Patton's law was amended, it seemed, by the prosecution's repeated attempts to get that story before the jury in case of his prior convictions he would not permit it.

Rays was badly cut and scarred about the face in the men's room of the bar, an alleged homosexual rendezvous. He was a civil judgment for \$500,000 against Natividad Corona, Juan's brother who was held responsible for the attack and who subsequently disappeared.

The prosecution tried to bring Juan Corona into the picture today in the absence of the jury by having a translator read to Rays a statement he made to detective Jerry Gregory in June, 1970.

Identified

In it, Rays identified Natividad as "the person who did me and hurt me . . . I must have been him."

He denied to the detective he had ever had trouble with Juan and, in response to a question, said he had "three" that Natividad "knew more" than women.

But he said he did not know and had never heard of Juan having a similar preference.

His statement concerning

the attack said Natividad had made homosexual advances to him, and that he refused. The attack came when he went to the bathroom, and he was alone there except for Natividad, the statement continued.

Job Offer

It also said Juan had made the job offer to him and another man earlier that evening at a nearby bar known as El Centro. They did not accept because they did not want to visit the ranch at that hour, the statement added.

Once the statement had been read, special prosecutor Bartley Williams and Ronald Fisher attempted to determine who the assailant (at Guadalupe) was.

Fisher had said on Friday, again in the absence of the jury, that Rays would now testify that it was Juan who attacked.

The judge did say he would permit further questioning of Rays later this afternoon. (To determine whether he is competent to testify concerning alleged similarities between the attack on Rays and those on some of the 25 victims Corona is accused of killing in the spring of 1971.

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Inmate at Chino Killed; 2 Injured

CHINO — (UPI) — One prisoner was stabbed to death and two others wounded yesterday in a fight which broke out at the Reception and Guidance Center of the California Institution for Men.

The dead man, Rudolph Corona, 35, Bakerfield, was stabbed at least 30 times, according to the San Bernardino County Coroner.

The injured man, Gilbert Sandwell, 36, who was reported in very critical condition at the USC County Medical Center, and Steven Corona, 36, who suffered only minor injuries.

Sandwell was sentenced from Los Angeles for integrated prison Corona was sentenced from Monterey County for robbery.

Prison officials said the fight erupted shortly after officers opened the doors on the second level of cells to release 30 prisoners into a recreation yard.

During the brief fight, Corona and Sandwell were either pushed or fell from the second floor down to the first level.

Prison spokesman C. J. Villalobos said reports that the fight was related to racial hatred at the prison were "absolutely untrue."

"We feel it may have been connected with a stabbing incident last Friday," he said. "In that case, two brothers were attacked and stabbed as they were about to step into the recreation yard."

The brothers, Ernest Aranda, 31, and Ramon, 22, were in satisfactory condition at the prison hospital.

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Bay Group Scotland Bound

The impulsive them who came from the Bay Area boys and girls. After five years at the University of California, the members of the Prince Charles Junior Pipe Band will fly to Scotland to play in three bannings.

To do it, the youngsters—14 to 18 years old—have raised over \$2,000 money in box office receipts from concerts they've been giving since 1968.

The band is composed of about 200 members from the Bay Area, with the balance coming from throughout the Bay Area.

It will spend three weeks in Scotland.

Possible Link in Girls' Deaths

SANTA ROSA — A possible link between the deaths of five young girls over the past year in rural areas here has been under investigation by the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's office.

Three of the bodies were found in the exact spot, two last February and the third in July. Each had been found in a ditch or ditch-like area where bushes and trees grow.

Under Sheriff H. B. Hays said there was a similarity in the pattern of the deaths. In each case, the girls were found in the ditch or ditch-like area, and all found in the same way.

Fremont Blazes Under Control

A grass and brush fire on Nine Canyon Road in Fremont, Calif., burned out of control for about 10 minutes before it was brought under control by firefighters.

The fire burned up the steep hillside and threatened the homes of about 100 people. It was controlled by firefighters from the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

Talks Start on Airline Pact

Negotiations for a new contract were under way today between the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and United Airlines.

The IAWA is bargaining for 21,000 United employees nationwide, including members of Lodge 1781 in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Bridges Sees AFL-CIO Pact

Harry Bridges said today a possible alliance between the AFL-CIO and the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILA) is the result of a growing rift between the dockers and the Teamsters.

The ILA President said the international executive board of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union "has instructed the union's officers to 'get into' the AFL-CIO as soon as possible."

CTA Opposes Tax Initiative

The California Teachers Association has announced its opposition to the tax initiative on the November ballot.

The CTA's policy-making body, the State Council of Education, voted to oppose the measure by a margin of 14 to 1, according to CTA president Bruce Stevens.

Raymond Burr Must Rest

LAFES (Ames): (AP) — Actor Raymond Burr will likely be hospitalized here for two weeks, according to the U.S. Air Force hospital today.

Burr, 46, collapsed last Friday aboard a Portuguese airliner as he was about to return to the United States. Officials said he had an apparent heart attack.

Mullin's Case Goes To Jury

A Prison or A Jail?

By Don West

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SANTA CRUZ — The libel case against Mayor William J. Mullin's case went to the jury today. The jury will decide whether Mullin's case should be tried in a prison or a jail.

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It was a clear cut case. He didn't have a case," said jury foreman John Nolan.

"Mr. Pope was not a gangster or anything like that," said Nolan. "I personally met Mr. (Richard) Nixon and Mr. (Lyndon) Johnson and they were not the kind of men who would do what they did. They performed a very honorable service for America."

BCDC Seeks to Block 'Rape' of Bay Herring

By Alan Choe

The Bay Conservation and Development Commission wants to head off what one member considers a "rape of the bay" in San Francisco Bay waters.

Napa County Supervisor Henry W. Wigger visited fishermen last spring bringing the bay to the attention of the board in Seward, Alaska, but he and the board did not discuss the case.

He told fellow BCDC members yesterday that the case, a delivery in the Bay, was bringing \$25 a pound and the State Fish and Game Commission today planned to consider violations for herring harvest.

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No-Navel Rapist in 2nd Case

A Link to an Earlier Attack

By Malcolm Oliver

The sadistic rapist who beat, shot, stabbed and sexually abused an attractive Napa model for nearly 24 hours is believed by police to be the same man who committed a similar attack on another young woman in a Fisherman's Wharf hotel last February.

Doctors at San Francisco General Hospital who treated the latest victim described her condition as "good" today.

A doctor who treated her earlier at Central Emergency Hospital said it was "the worst case of cruelty I have ever seen."

The 35-year-old model suffered a beating and sexual abuse of the back, a possible broken rib and a broken nose. She had been beaten with a belt and a knotted belt, and whipped and forced into "every kind of sex act that could be performed."

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Stabbed Con Recovering

An Alameda County rapist was recovering in San Quentin Prison hospital today of stab wounds suffered when attacked while returning from dinner to his cell in the East Block.

Joseph L. Barry, 36, who was convicted of sexual assault in 1968, was on the way to his cell in the East Block.

A prison-made 10 inch knife was found near the scene of the attack.

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Defense in Zebra trial chips away at witness

By Gale Cook

In a slow, chipping process, the defense in the Zebra murder trial today worked away again at the prosecution's chief witness, Anthony Cornelius Harris.

Harris was on the stand for the eighth day.

Under cross-examination by defense attorney John Crankshaw, Harris was asked about a watch he bought to one of the Zebra victims, that the witness earlier had admitted passing for \$10.

Harris had testified he was present for money and passed the watch after learning it also a tape recorder at the black kidnapping living Co., where he worked.

The watch belonged to Larkin Brown, slain in his store Nov. 20, 1973.

"Was the need for \$10 very strong?" asked Crankshaw.

"Yes, it was," Harris said.

"In other words, you stole that watch?" the attorney asked.

Gossage testimony: Amy's boy friends

By Dick Alexander

Elen Gossage said his sister Amy had "30 or 35 boy friends" and at one time he had to beat one of them up, a Superior Court jury heard today.

The testimony was from a prosecution witness, homicide inspector Ben McVey, who testified from notes a statement he had taken from Gossage, who is accused of the Feb. 13 murder of his brother.

McVey said the statement was taken at Central Police Station at 2:30 p.m. after he had interviewed Gossage and a seven-member five-man jury brought out these developments.

■ Robert Bruce Loveless, who occupied a cell in city prison directly across from Gossage, testified Elen told him Feb. 14 he killed his sister and ran home with the blood on his face.

"A few days later he told me he didn't kill her, he was present when someone else killed her—someone they owed a lot of money to," said Loveless, who has since served his time for auto burglary.

Asked under cross-examination who he reported of the conversation later to police inspectors Corcoran and Manley, Loveless replied:

"Because I thought it was a pretty sick thing to do—kill your sister—I was a pretty sick murder."

■ Alice Peterson, a pretty brunette model who lived in an apartment two doors from Miss Gossage's, testified that Elen Gossage made two visits to her apartment the morning of the murder—at about 11:30 and 12 noon.

The first time Elen was very nervous—spat—choking," said Miss Peterson, and told her he lived upstairs and told "something terrible was wrong with Amy."

On the second visit, said Miss Peterson, Elen "knocked on my window and he had blood around his lips and on his hands."

A Police Inspector Thomas H. Murphy, a fingerprint expert, testified he lifted from the kitchen sink in Amy's apartment a palm print "with a redness, time, time, time" that appeared to be blood.

The print matched the left palm of Elen Gossage, Murphy said.

The prosecution expected to wind up its case today.

Zebra raid lawsuit filed

Two young San Francisco couples sued Mayor Moscone and top police brass for \$24 million today as a result of a raid carried out early last May in the search for the Zebra killers.

The suit was filed in federal court here on behalf of James E. Edwards, 23, U.S. Army, his wife Monica, 21, and his wife Monica, 21, and his wife Monica, 21, and his wife Monica, 21.

The effect on the jury of seven women and five men cannot be gauged.

The couples are residents of an apartment building at 400 Green St., where the raid, described in the complaint as a "commando operation," took place.

Harris gave a curious description of the apartment on the afternoon of the raid, which he said was a "commando operation" led by Mayor Moscone.

Q — "What about your feelings toward whites?" A — "I don't have any feelings toward whites."

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Slaves for afterlife

Maniac-killer theory backed

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San Jose County authorities who believe a lone, maniac killer is stalking young women in western America, perhaps collecting slaves for the afterlife, received some qualified support from other law enforcement officers today.

The effect on the jury of seven women and five men cannot be gauged.

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Some of these gaps were noted, and that doesn't rule out the "Z" as the killer, he said.

Detective Sergeant Kevin (Hank) Carls of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office said he has not seen any of the 20 killings or disappearances of girls and young women in Northern California dating back to 1960, which he thinks could be the work of one killer.

Strow said his list of like killings contains only 14 names, but does not include names he's have disappeared under circumstances fitting the pattern.

Carls, originally assigned to investigate the like killings of six young women over Santa Rosa and the disappearance of a seventh, has broadened his knowledge to include the "Z" theory.

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Evacuation deal reported

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attack Saigon until at least Monday.

"I don't know anything about that," Kissinger said. "I asked him (Browne) where he got that information. I don't know what he's doing in the diplomatic area, but I don't know what he's doing in the military area."

Browne did not identify the third country that acted as the go-between.

In other evacuation developments:

• A Senator, Secretary of State Philip Habib told the Senate committee the United States will have to negotiate with the majority of the evacuated South Vietnamese at the rate of more than \$100 a day.

The United States asked the Philippine government to ease restrictions on refugees passing through that country.

Operation Babylift resumed after a two-day suspension as two jets flew 100 Vietnamese children out of Saigon.

As estimated 1,300 U.S. citizens were reported missing in the Saigon region, the State Department said. Thousands of South Vietnamese were evacuated to the United States.

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Deserters leave, too

United Press International

WASHINGTON — As a large number of deserters slipped into Vietnamese territory during the war, many surfaced when U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam. Five years ago and they could no longer use their military skills and U.S. privileges to get by in the South.

They did not say just how many deserters turned out at the U.S. Embassy seeking assistance.

"We aren't asking questions. If an American wants to go home, we'll get him home," one official said.

The Defense Department said it was not aware of any deserters leaving the country.

As of noon today, 12,115 refugees, the majority of them Vietnamese, had arrived from Saigon and from the Philippines.

Officials said one Vietnamese woman gave birth to a boy only minutes before her plane landed here.

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Tough Ford speech on law, order

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NEW HAVEN (Conn.) — In a tough law and order message, President Ford called for "virtually all of the convicted of a violent crime."

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Federal transit man named BART boss

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Sinatra shows the big draw

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Saigon asks Hanoi for talks

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add it would settle for nothing less than full compliance, and that the living regime was not acceptable.

"However, he will be, the one who will assume power in Saigon must fully meet the above-mentioned requirements," the statement warned.

• It will demand the following conditions for the new Saigon administration and "be rigorous in its demands."

• It must "renounce all claims to power, independence, democracy, national sovereignty, and the application of the 1975 Paris peace accord."

• It must "renounce all dependence on the United States, ask the United States to evacuate all military personnel, and ask the United States to evacuate all military personnel."

• It must also "request" the Americans to withdraw all U.S. naval vessels and Marines from South Vietnam waters.

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Death census—young women, hitchhikers, strangulation

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Profile of a killer: He sees women as garbage

By Stephen Cook

SANTA ROSA — He interviews for his victims, selecting them carefully according to established criteria.

He apparently is sophisticated enough to approach without frightening them.

He kills to cleanse the world of women he considers as "garbage" to be dumped along the side of the road and not even receive a decent burial.

This is the killer Sonoma County Sheriff Don Strupke believes has slain seven girls and young women near Santa Rosa and more than 20 others elsewhere in California and other Western states.

The prosecution also has the psychological makeup of the killer—Strupke believes he may be the Zodiac—come from a psychological profile drawn by Dr. Edward Dyer, a San Francisco psychiatrist.

The sheriff told a crowded news conference here yesterday to ask the public the same question in the bathroom.

A privately denied bill



Loni Lee Kura



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Carolyn Davis



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800 request will go to anyone spreading information leading to his capture and conviction, the sheriff said.

The information can be passed directly to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office (707) 527-5311, or by writing an unsigned letter to Sheriff William P.O. Box 369, Santa Rosa, CA.

To collect the reward at secret witness, the writer should include a code such as ADE-154, in the text of the letter, then write the same code on the bottom right-hand corner of a page

of the letter, tear off the corner and retain it as identification, the sheriff said.

The killer may be a student or practitioner of witchcraft, Strupke said.

A witness, however, from the sheriff's office identified two women after whom three bodies were dumped in a wooded area, a witchcraft practice, it means to "spread the word" to the public.

The psychiatrist has told him the killer probably

wants to be caught, Strupke said.

"The symbolic signs that were left behind would make one feel that he is challenging you to capture him," the sheriff said.

The killer takes the bodies of his young women victims of the road into the bushes and dumps them "eventually to be found in order for the game of cat and mouse to continue," said Dr. Dyer.

The killer is probably "intellectually quite cunning and probably selects his vic-

tims by picking up girls and continuing them and taking them to them before he dumps them," said the psychological profile.

"He selects his victims quite carefully, after first interviewing them when he picks them up," it continues.

All of the victims, Strupke said, were of small to medium build and had long hair parted in the middle. They had pierced ears and were casual street clothing.

Their bodies were all in

similar areas — usually dumped over the side of a remote road, near water. Their clothing and other belongings were never found.

Police agencies in California and other states have theory of a lone killer being responsible for 30 to 40 murders.

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By yesterday, the sheriff had lured down his public

statements regarding the Zodiac.

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And don't forget the witchcraft symbol, referring to the article, he said.

"Zodiac said he would continue to kill and add to his slaves for the afterlife. He's also used some strange symbols," he said.

He also denied that his investigators believe that the killer is strangling a victim, he said, does not mean he hasn't done it.

Their victims: The Aged

6 indicted as 'night stalkers'

By Alan Chin

The district attorney's office indicted the East Oakland gang the "night stalkers" for three murders, terrorized and robbed the elderly.

Women in their 70s and 80s were beaten and killed during early morning hours. One woman of 80 had liquid poured over her body. And a lighted match was put to her leg. The first turned out to be manslaughter.

During her ordeal, the gang tried to strangle her.

Yesterday, six youths were indicted by the Alameda County grand jury for the January 1974 slayings. They face 30 counts of burglary, robbery, assault and

grand theft. All are to stand as adults, although one is 18 and another 17.

Bail for four — Calvin Harris, 18, Steven Hill, 17, Elbert Hopkins, 16, and Rick Reed, 15 — was set at \$250,000 each.

Bail for the other two — Philip Clark, 21, and Billy Martin, 18 — was set by Superior Judge George Phillips Jr. at \$100,000 each.

The six are in Alameda County Jail. Seven others are awaiting disposition in juvenile court.

In two days, the grand jury heard 20 witnesses. They includedumping, elderly people using coins and other walking sticks.

Police reports say the ter-

rorists ransacked the neighborhood where they lived, breaking into homes after cutting telephone lines in the bedrooms.

Of 17 victims, only one was not elderly. Almost all are pensioners.

"The victims were bound, beaten and assaulted with weapons, matches, and chemicals," police said.

No fatalities were reported, but police said a 75-year-old woman was stabbed in the hospital after her assailants hauled her body with a pipe. He never recovered his full

On March 2, shortly before the final arrests were made, two women aged 70 and 80 were locked and beaten in their home. They tried \$60 in cash and their TV set.

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Sawhill on energy: Do we need a Pearl Harbor to face facts?

By Alan Chin

The last oil embargo may not have lasted long enough, says John Sawhill, former Federal Energy Administrator.

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Smog chief says engineer lied

By Alan Chin

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Yerba center ready to start?

By Alan Chin

The coalition with free office space and other services.

The coalition is composed of 20 community organizations of every ethnic platoon. The coalition's concept was of a new center to serve the needs of the Hispanic community in the Tenderloin area.

Another coalition, already agreed by Melin, is that 150 low-cost apartments be built on the site.

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Zebra informer: A man of many sides

By Gale Osk

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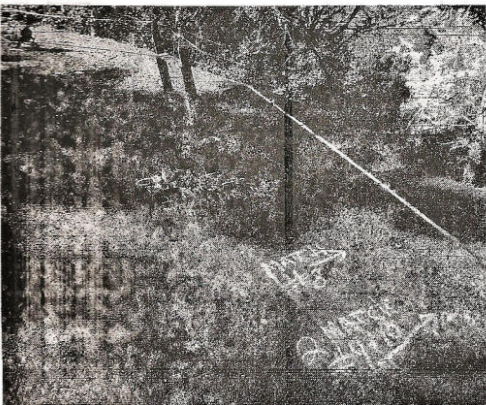
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MARKS ON PAVEMENT ABOVE EMBANKMENT WHERE BODY FOUND
Officials Angered at Possibility Killer Is Playing Games

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 Volkers 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 staking 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 "playing games," taunting 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 Photos 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, entirely alive when she was thrown down the steep embankment. Officials said she died of a broken neck, but was apparently

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STRIEPEKE, Donald L. — Died in Davis, California, January 23, 1988. Loving husband of Helen Striepeke of Davis. Dear father of Donald R. Striepeke of Healdsburg, Debra L. Lander of Sebastopol, Scott B. Striepeke of Woodland and Darren L. Striepeke of Davis. Dear brother of Dan Striepeke of Marina del Rey, Gilbert Striepeke of Saudi Arabia and Edward Striepeke of Santa Rosa. Loving grandfather of Robin and Bobby Lander of Sebastopol and Trinity and Garrett Striepeke of Healdsburg. A native of California. Age 58 years. A graduate of Santa Rosa High School and Santa Rosa Junior College. A member of the State Peace Officers Association, the California Sheriffs Association, California State Employees Association and the Yolo Sportsman's Club. Former Sonoma County Sheriff from 1970 to 1978.

Friends may pay their respects at EGGEN & LANCE MORTUARY after 9:00 AM, Wednesday, January 27, 1988 and are invited to attend funeral services on Thursday, January 28, 1988 at 1:00 PM at EGGEN & LANCE MORTUARY with Pastor Ronald R. Cundall of the Hessel Union Church, Sebastopol officiating. Interment, Santa Rosa Memorial Park. Those desiring may make donations to The Heart Association of the Redwood Empire, P.O. Box 844, Santa Rosa, 95402 or their favorite charity.

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FEMALE HITCHHIKERS

The Pain of Kim Wendy Allen's Mother

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spur store March 4, trying to hitch a ride back to Santa Rosa.

She got a ride with two men, who told sheriff's officers they let her out at a northbound on-ramp at Belle ave. and Highway 101 in San Rafael around 5:30 p.m. that day.

The only person who has seen her after that was her killer.

Det. Sgt. Brown said he questioned the driver of the car who gave Kim a ride that far, but he has been cleared of suspicion in the killing.

As for memories of her daughter, Mrs. Allen said, "she was never a speck of trouble to anyone from the day she came on this earth. She trusted everyone, believed that people were good."

One of her teachers at Santa Rosa Junior College said Kim had "an absolute openness to any kind of teaching one could offer her. There was an air of innocence about her."

Warnings

Mrs. Allen said she had warned Kim numerous times about the danger of hitchhiking. "It used to be you'd tell a child not to ride with strangers, and they'd mind. But these days you can't tell a child any more."

Elizabeth Barr, one of Kim's junior college teachers, said af-

ter the death of the attractive 19-year-old coed, "I am haunted by what she must have suffered in her ordeal, not only physically but in the utter disillusionment she must have felt that, indeed, there is such evil in the world.

"I do believe she loved everyone, and felt everyone to be god.

"One night she started to leave my class early, because she said she had to hitchhike home. I called her back and spoke to her at some length about the danger she was placing herself in.

"I told her of another girl student of mine who had recently been murdered hitchhiking, and of yet another who spent five months in the hospital with her whole body broken as a result of this practice.

"I begged her not to do it any more and on that particular night asked if anyone in the class would take her home. We did get a ride for her."

But Mrs. Barr said, "About two weeks ago (before her death), Kim came to see me and we chatted for a while and she told me she had this job in Larkspur. I asked her how she could get there and back such a distance, and once again she said she hitched rides.

"I begged her again to reconsider, but she felt it was all right, and there seemed to be nothing more to be done. How I wish I could have convinced her!"

Two Students Killed

Mrs. Barr said, "It is indeed true that in the two years I have been teaching at junior college, two of my girls have been slaughtered thus and a third, a student at Sonoma State College and a friend of my daughter's barely survived.

"I think that for my part and in order to make Kim's memory meaningful I shall set about finding some way at our school to re-educate these girls to the fact that the practice of hitchhiking can be deadly."

It is believed many young hitchhiking girls these days are raped — and only a small number of them report the incidents to the authorities.

After Kim's death was reported in the newspapers, Lt. Kishbaugh said several girls called the sheriff's office to report they had been raped after being picked up while hitchhiking.

They were trying to offer information that might help in finding Kim's killer, but by the time they reported their own cases many of them were

months old, he said.

100 Rapes Last Year

In Sonoma County alone, "We have had more than 100 rapes last year and about 80 per cent of them have involved hitchhiking. Heaven knows how many girls have been assaulted and don't report it," Lt. Kishbaugh said.

Left now with only memories of her daughter's brief life, Mrs. Allen said, "I don't hold any malice in my heart for the person who did it, because I think they must be so sick, so emotionally distraught."

She has turned to the living, the young people who continue to beg for rides every day, hoping to warn them not to hitchhike.

"If only we can reach them before any more are taken from us," she said.

Tri-Hi-Y Plans To Wash Cars

The Rincon Ninth Grade Girls Junior Tri-Hi-Y will hold a car wash from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Montecito Car Wash, 704 Benicia dr. The cost is \$1 per car, which includes interior vacuum. Proceeds will be used to finance various club projects.

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SECRET WITNESS

No progress on slayings

Sheriff's detectives admit puzzlement in their investigation into the deaths of six young girls whose nude bodies were found in isolated areas of Sonoma County during the past two years.

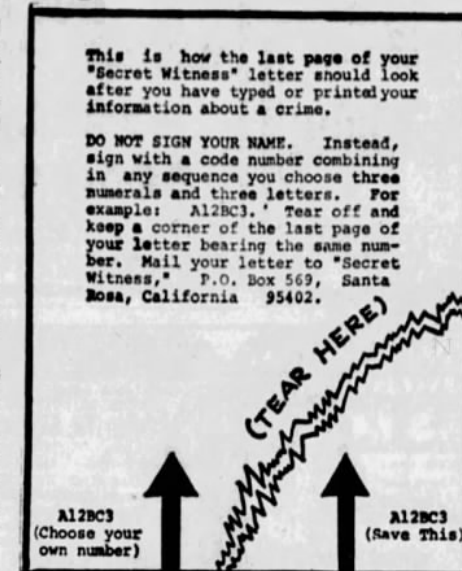
The Secret Witness program has a total \$6,500 in rewards offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the deaths.

All six young victims were either known to hitchhike, or were hitchhiking when they disappeared.

The Secret Witness rewards are offered in the following cases:

— \$1,000 in the death of Theresa Dianne Walsh, who was found dead Dec. 28 in Mark West Creek, six days after she was last seen by friends in southern California. She was strangled to death.

— \$2,500 in the slaying of Caroline Nadine Davis, 15, found July 31 off Franz Valley Road within a few feet of the spot where the remains of two Santa Rosa junior high school girls were found seven months be-



fore. The Shasta County girl was killed by strychnine poisoning. She was last seen two weeks earlier hitchhiking in Garberville.

— \$1,000 in the slaying of Kim

Wendy Allen, popular 19-year-old Santa Rosa Junior College coed found March 5, 1972 off Enterprise Road southeast of Santa Rosa the day after she disappeared while hitchhiking

from San Rafael. She had been raped and strangled.

— \$1,000 in the deaths of Maureen Sterling, 12, and Yvonne Weber, 13, found Dec. 28, 1972 off Franz Valley Road. The cause or time of their deaths has never been established. The girls disappeared after one of their mothers left them Feb. 4, 1972 at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena.

— \$1,000 in the death of Lori Lee Kursa, 13, found Dec. 14, 1972 off Calistoga Road. She apparently died of a broken neck received when she was thrown down the embankment two weeks before her body was discovered. She ran away from home Nov. 11. Several people reported seeing the Herbert Slater Junior High School student in Santa Rosa until around the first of December.

— \$1,000 in the slaying of Walter Eugene Gladstone, 20, ex-Wheeler Ranch resident found June 15, 1972 floating in the Russian River near Mirabel. He died after his throat was slit during a fight at a party the previous night on Steelhead Beach.

— \$500 in the slaying of Richard William Asbury, 33-year-old associate of two motorcycle clubs in the Redwood Empire. His body was discovered Dec. 11, 1973 at the end of Odd Fellows Park Road east of Guerneville. He had been shot four times in the head and then set afire.

— \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in the illegal manufacturing of restricted, dangerous drugs in Sonoma County.

Donations to the Secret Witness Fund may be sent to Box 569, Santa Rosa, 95402.

Cox forgery trial opens

A jury of nine women and three men was sworn in Superior Court yesterday to try Frederick Cox, accused of forging six checks of his girl friend after her death last spring.

Dep. Dist. Atty. Edward Krug was scheduled to begin the prosecution today after seating of two alternate jurors.

Cox, represented by Zachary Wasserman, Oakland, is accused of forging and cashing checks of Mrs. Greta Nansen

Modecke, 37, of Guerneville divorcee, at the Safeway Store in Guerneville on May 27 and June 1.

Mrs. Modecke vanished May 25 and her body, stuffed in a sleeping bag, was found June 7 off an embankment on Old River Road, just east of Guerneville.

She was employed at the time as a parole agent at Los Guillicos School.

Cox, a 21-year-old CYA parolee from Oakland and formerly confined at the school, was living with Mrs. Modecke at her Guerneville home at the time of the disappearance.

He was twice charged with her murder, but on each occasion the charges were dismissed for lack of evidence.

He, however, still remains as the prime suspect in the slaying.

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Bodies Identified As Two Missing SR Girls

by BONY SALUDES

Skeletal remains found Thursday over an embankment on Franz Valley rd. have been identified as those of two Santa Rosa girls, missing since last Feb. 4.

The coroner's office today identified the victims as Maureen Sterling, 12, daughter of Mrs. Arleen Sterling Place, 3545 Midway dr., and Yvonne Weber, 13, daughter of Mrs. Sheila Herrington, 3365 Holland dr.

Coroner's Investigator Donald Noriel said the girls were identified yesterday through dental charts.

Santa Rosa police, who have been investigating the girls' disappearance, suggested to the sheriff's office that the remains were those of the two girls.

Maureen and Yvonne were reported missing from the Redwood Empire Ice Arena where one of their mothers left them off about 7:30 p.m., Feb. 4, but could not locate them when she went to pick them up at 11 p.m.

According to authorities and friends, the two girls, students at Herbert Slater Junior High School, were last seen getting into a car, either voluntarily or forcibly, on Guerneville rd.

The girls disappeared exactly a month prior to the discovery of the body of Kim Wendy Allen, a 19-year-old Santa Rosa Junior College student on Enterprize rd.

Miss Allen's nude body was found over an embankment on March 5.

Circumstances also are similar to the discovery of the nude body of another Santa Rosa girl, Lori Kursa, 14, over an embankment on Calistoga Grade early last month.

Sheriff's officials said there was no evidence that there was

any clothing on the remains found on Franz Valley rd.

Should it be determined that Miss Sterling and Miss Weber were victims of foul play, they would be the 20th and 21st homicide victims in Sonoma County this year more than twice the previous record of nine in one year.

Both the sheriff's office and Santa Rosa police are now investigating the deaths.

Miss Weber's stepfather, David Herrington, pointed out that all along Santa Rosa police insisted the two girls were runaways.

"It is obvious that they weren't," he said.

He said the girls may have been hitchhiking and added, "I hope other girls will learn by this and not hitchhike."

Among Miss Weber's other survivors are her brothers, Mark Weber; Aaron Herrington and Emily Herrington, who was born after Miss Weber disappeared.

Other survivors of Miss Sterling are a sister, Theresa Sterling, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo H. Siri, Santa Rosa.

Body of Young Woman Found Off Calistoga Rd.

The nude body of a young woman was found yesterday some 30 feet off Calistoga rd. down a steep embankment. Sonoma County sheriff's officials issued an appeal for help in identifying her.

She was between 16 and 23 years of age, about five feet three inches and 103 pounds.

She had red chipped polish on her toes, pierced ears, very light blonde hair that almost appeared bleached and two large front teeth that were irregular.

Her hair was cut in shag style.

Preliminary autopsy information indicated she may have died from a dislocated vertebrae in her neck, but the exact cause of death will be established later with further tests, according to sheriff's officials.

The girl apparently died at the scene between Dec. 1 and 8, the autopsy surgeon reported.

Undersheriff Robert Hayes said this morning there was nothing to indicate the young woman had been assaulted or attacked.

Sheriff's Lt. John Hess said

the several officers assigned to the case this morning returned to where the body was found to look for further evidence.

A young couple discovered the body around 3:20 p.m. yesterday near the top of Calistoga rd. on the grade northeast of Rincon Valley.

It had apparently been thrown over the embankment about 30 feet before being stopped by some trees.

Lt. Hess said the area where the body was found indicated it may have been there at least a week before being discovered.

As soon as more information is available the sheriff's office will send a teletype to all law agencies in the Redwood Empire to assist in identifying the woman.

Anyone with information that might help the sheriff's investigation was asked to call 527-2511.

If the autopsy indicates the girl was murdered, she would become Sonoma County's 18th homicide victim this year, which is double the county's previous record of nine killings within a single year.

Bones tell tortured tale of murder

By JAMES REID

The bones of a young woman who died a violent, tortured death have been found in a shallow Rincon Valley grave near where the body of another young woman was found seven years ago and it was suspected this murder victim had been trussed much like a third murdered woman.

Friday's grisly discovery dredges up the still unsolved murders of numerous girls in Sonoma County during the 1970s, with all the mysterious similarities that link them together and that seem to point to a single murderer.

Hikers found the latest body Friday in a steep ravine along a spring-fed creek west of Callanaga Road, about 100 yards from the spot where 14-year-old Lori Kirsau's body was found in December 1972 and trussed like the body of Therese Walsh, whose body was found in December 1973.

In all, the bodies of six young women were found in the Santa Rosa area in 1972 and 1973 all of them in remote spots, near creeks with steep slopes on either side.

Still missing is Jeanette Kamahele, a 20-year-old Santa Rosa Junior College student who was last seen April 28, 1972, hitchhiking at the Cotati freeway on-ramp. Officials have long suspected she was murdered.

No one was saying positively the (Continued on Page 3A)



Forensic anthropologist Rodger Heglar directs search of creekbed where bones were found. Members of the investigation team surrounding him are, from left, Detective Trish Flint,

Identification Technician Nick Flint, Deputy Coroner Tom Siebe and Homicide Detective Rick Oliver.

Murder

remains found Friday are Kamahele's, but sheriff's homicide Detective Rick Oliver said the initial indications point in that direction. "It falls in her approximate age group and the body has been here about seven years," he conceded cautiously.

However, Kamahele had a dental bridge and nothing like that was found at the scene he emphasized.

Walsh and Kirsau were also known to hitchhike, as was Kim Wendy Allen, a 19-year-old SRIJ coed who disappeared March 4, 1972, while hitchhiking from Marin County to Santa Rosa. Her body was found the next day off Enterprise Road.

The bodies of Yvonne Weber, 13, and Maureen Sterling, 12, were found in Frans Valley in December 1972, some 10 months after they were lured away from the Redwood Empire Ice Arena.

And at almost the identical spot where their bodies were located, officials found the body of Carolyn Davis, 15, in July 1973. She dropped out of sight after she ran away from her Shasta County home Feb. 6, 1973. She too was believed to have been hitchhiking.

After Friday's discovery in Rincon Valley, sheriff's investigators concluded the victim had been tied in a position similar to the way Walsh was bound before her killer threw her into the icy water of Mark West Creek. Walsh's body was found in December 1973, her hands bound in front of her and pulled down between her legs, her feet tied and pulled back by a rope that also was tightened around her neck, strangling her.

In the Rincon Valley case, investigators found the remains of a rope loop with ankle bones sticking through it. The rope stretched up the back vertebrae and wrapped four times around the second and third neck vertebrae.

They also found a slip knot in the clothesline or venetian blind cord used to bind the victim, as well as grommets and pieces of fabric that indicated the body may have been put in a duffel or laundry-type bag before it was dumped in the isolated spot, accessible only by a washed-out fire trail.

The cord was wound around the victim so many times someone even suggested she may have been alive



JEANETTE KAMAHELE
Body never found

when her killer threw her down the steep embankment and had to be securely tied to prevent her struggling or escaping.

There was no other evidence to indicate a cause of death. Dr. Rodger Heglar, a forensic anthropologist from San Francisco State University who was called in to assist in the investigation, said preliminary evidence from the bones indicate the victim was in her late teens.

Although it was impossible to determine the sex of the victim without technical analysis, the investigators seemed to assume the small body was a female's and they referred to it as "she" and "her."

A guard was placed at the site Friday and Saturday morning. Deputy Coroner Tom Siebe, Oliver and Dr. Heglar began painstakingly uncovering the remains, using brushes, knives, small shovels, probe pick and tweezers, plus a metal detector.

Each shovelful of dirt and rocks was carefully sifted by detectives Trish Flint and April Ross, as well as identification technician Robert Volmer, who found several teeth and a hard contact lens.

The contact lens may provide the clue needed to identify the victim, and it tends to confirm Dr. Heglar's preliminary conclusion that the remains are five to seven years old because soft contact lenses were developed relatively recently.

Another clue that may help in identifying the victim is a rib that had apparently been broken some time before her death and healed. It is sometimes possible to make identification by comparing X-rays of old injuries.

A skull and femur lay exposed on top of the ground when the team of investigators arrived at the remote spot, and early in his examination of the scene Dr. Heglar said several bones appeared to be missing, carried downstream in heavy winter rains or perhaps removed by animals. Reserve sheriff's deputies Devo Cooper and Jim Edwards volunteered to search the surrounding area for them and located a half dozen possibilities that were marked to be checked later.

She found several samples of reddish or Auburn hair and Oliver also said he found fragments of what appeared to be brown thread, and the items were bagged with the other evidence to be sent to the state crime laboratory at Los Gatos for positive identification.

FRANZ VALLEY REMAINS

2 Young Women?

By JAMES E. REID

Speculation by a pathologist who examined the remains of two bodies found late Thursday just off Franz Valley rd. indicate they may have been two young women.

Extensive tests will be made later to establish the approximate time the two died and possible cause of death.

After a brief examination Friday the pathologist opined they died approximately six months ago.

Two clues were found by a team of sheriff's investigators who combed the steep hillside where the remains were found.

One is an earring found near where one skull and a portion of what appeared to be human hair were picked up.

Undersheriff Robert Hayes, who found the earring, said it has a circular piece of what may have been gold or brass, with a filigree, lace-like pattern, from which several clear, or-

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GOLD CROSS FOUND NEAR BODIES
Clue May Assist Identification

Photos by Jeff Lee



EARRING FOUND NEAR ONE SKULL
Metal Circle, Lace Pattern, Orange Beads

Remains Those Of 2 Women?

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ange beads are hanging.

He said it was for a pierced ear.

The other was found by Undersheriff Hayes in dirt beside the road, directly above the spot where one of the skulls was found.

A thin gold chain, its clasp broken off, was hidden under the dirt, partially encircling a gold cross.

The cross has an unusual basket-weave design on its front surface, with "14k" marked on the rear near the bottom.

Investigators focused on the two pieces of jewelry as soon as they were found. Sheriff Don Striepeke and the undersheriff went through a stack of missing persons reports at the sheriff's office late Friday for a description of jewelry that matched the pieces.

Deputy Coroner Richard Adams said approximately 48 bags of varying size were used to preserve bones and other evidence from spots between Franz Creek and the road.

"Not a speck of clothing was found at the scene," no buttons, zippers, clasps, or belt buckles, he said.

Quite a few teeth were recovered, indicating both people "had very good dental treatment." A dentist has been asked to develop an approximate dental chart for each, Adams said.

Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Lee James, in charge of the site Friday, directed efforts of Identification Technicians Robert Stowe and Robert Vollmer in making precise measurements of the area and photographing the bones where they lay before placing them in plastic bags.

Stowe carried a small tape recorder to record details about each of the spots and also marked them on a diagram of the area.

Nothing has been found to indicate how the two people died.

Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Spaulding and Stowe were led to the site by two youths who found the first skull while hiking in the Franz Valley hills.

The boys spotted the skull as they were climbing the steep embankment to reach the narrow county road and notified one of the fathers as soon as they reached home.

Sheriff Striepeke ordered the area around the bones roped off after deciding late Thursday that the darkness and steep terrain would hamper further investigation then.

He placed a guard at the site and sent a team of investigators back at dawn.

Hayes spent several hours going over the ground with a metal detector Friday. The two pieces of jewelry were the only things uncovered.

Officials said a specialist from the University of California, Berkeley, an expert in determining age and height based on evidence from bones, will be asked to assist in the effort to identify the two bodies.

A pelvic bone can establish a person's age within a few months by reading lines formed inside it, much as a tree's age can be determined by counting the internal growth lines, officials said.



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History & Information

The history of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office began prior to California receiving statehood. In fact, when California became a territory of the United States after the Mexican-American War in 1847, the state was under control of military law. The vast countryside that started north of San Francisco Bay and stretched to the Oregon line and west of the Sacramento River was declared the Sonoma District. The District Agent was a gentleman by the name of Mariano Vallejo and the acting Sheriff was one, Thomas M. Page.

The headquarters for the Sonoma District were located in the small village of Sonoma and remained there until all county offices and government were moved to Santa Rosa between the years 1845 and 1855.

After California gained statehood, the area of jurisdiction was eventually reduced to what constitutes present day Sonoma County, in addition to the southern part of Mendocino County from Ukiah and Big River south. It wasn't until March of 1859 that the boundaries of Sonoma County were changed to what we have today.



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Sheriff Brockman
1849-1852

During these early years, Israel Brockman served as Sheriff. Appointed in 1849, Brockman would eventually be elected to his post and would serve as Sheriff until 1854. Benjamin Snoddy and James Reynolds served under Brockman's command and in 1852 they became the first sworn deputy sheriff's of record.

The first jail in Sonoma County was located on General Vallejo's property in Sonoma. It remained operational from 1850-1853. The building was constructed of adobe so jailbreaks were common, despite the fact that inmates were often times kept in chains. Inmates used various methods of escape, including lock picking, filing bars, tunneling and some prisoners simply walked away. One night, in 1852, the notorious Sarabouse d'Audeville escaped after cutting off his leg irons. The soon to be executed d'Audeville left two men sleeping and a letter of farewell on the table. He was the third prisoner under a death sentence to escape from this jail.

In her book, *Santa Rosa – A Nineteenth Century* [Photo courtesy of Depot Park Museum] Town, historian Gaye LeBaron relates one of the first documented hangings to occur in Sonoma County. It occurred in the spring of 1854 when a mule rustler by the name of Ritchie was accused of absconding with a band of mules. Some of the animals belonged to Captain Hereford, who lived on Santa Rosa Creek, and two were the property of another valley settler, Mart Tarwater.

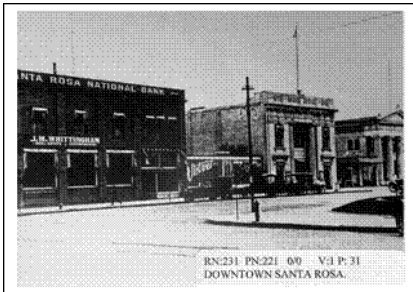


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Ritchie was tracked down, arrested and brought back to the old Carrillo adobe. Several Santa Rosa settlers opposed his immediate hanging, which was considered the customary punishment for the times. James Bennett, the Bennett Valley pioneer and soon-to-be legislator, was rumored to be among the men appointed to escort Ritchie to Sonoma City, which was still the county seat. The next day, Ritchie's body was found hanging from an oak tree on Joe Hooker's property in Agua Caliente. The grand jury convened, but all participants who showed up for the

inquest, wore sprigs of oak in their buttonholes and refused to testify.

A new bill was passed which authorized a vote concerning the removal of the county seat. As a result of the passing of this bill, an election was held in Sonoma County. On September 6, 1854, election poll results showed 716 to 563 votes favored moving the county seat from Sonoma to Santa Rosa. Santa Rosans staged a victory celebration that lasted for two full days.



Downtown Santa Rosa

The County's third courthouse at Sonoma (or the building briefly utilized as such), was scarcely mentioned in record and apparently has no relic. December 13, 1854, marks the first documented plans of an official courthouse and jail.

When the county seat was moved to Santa Rosa, a jail and courthouse were built on the northwest corner of Mendocino Avenue and 4th Street. During the summer and fall of 1855, the courthouse/jail was built for \$22,107.23, and included a lower story with space for the sheriff's office, jail and judge's chambers.

In 1856, A.C. Bledsoe was elected Sheriff. He only had six deputies, three of which were jailers. During this time, deputies were sworn in only as needed and served specific jobs, such as law enforcement, tax collecting, jailer, prisoner transport to San Quentin, and janitorial services. Other deputies would serve an entire year then have to be sworn in again to serve for another year at the Sheriff's pleasure. Deputy Jacob M. Gallagher, was the first permanent jailer and held this position from 1856 to 1861. A contemporary of Gallagher, Deputy Nalley, was sworn as the first recorded bailiff.

The first few decades were a period of growth and stabilization of Sonoma County's government. In the mid-1850's, problems included lynchings and later a Squatters' War at Bodega Ranch that involved mercenaries from San Francisco. Luckily, no

hostilities erupted, there were no shots fired, negotiations were conducted and the mercenaries went home.

At the beginning of the Civil War a large segment of the population in the county was sympathetic with the South. This caused a lot of political tension in the county. As a result of this tension, Sheriff Bowles had 23 sworn deputies in the early 1860's. During another Squatters' War in the Healdsburg area, a standoff occurred between Sheriff Bowles, his 200- man posse and 60- armed squatters. One of the posse was shot and killed by a squatter and the squatter was not held for the death. This same thing happened to a deputy at Stony Point while executing a court order, but the shooter again was not held to answer for the incident. These were the first two men to die while acting on behalf of the Sheriff's Office.

In the mid 1860's there was a hanging for a murder, which was the only execution in Sonoma County. The murder was documented with the following historical quote:

"On February 7, 1865, Mrs. Ryan was brutally murdered by her husband Michael Ryan, by striking her on the head with a pick. They had been residents of Santa Rosa but a short time and lived unhappily together, the husband being addicted to dissipated habits. On June 29th, he was arraigned before Judge Sawyer and sentenced to death, this being the second conviction of murder in the first degree, which had taken place in the county since its organization. The murderer was decreed to pay the extreme penalty of the law on the 17th of August, but in the meantime a stay of proceedings was granted upon motion of a new trial. He was hanged on March 23, 1866, within the jail yard of Santa Rosa – the only execution which, up to the present time, 1879, has occurred in Sonoma County."



With the maturing of the sciences, law enforcement adopted new tools; the telegraph was used extensively and the implementation of "mug shots" came about in the late

1860's. Like today, deputies investigated robberies, burglaries, assaults and homicides. The difference between today's offenders and yesterday's was that a great majority of the culprits were tramps – tramps in every sense of the word: non-resident, homeless, down-and-outs, transients. The only similarities were the homicides. A great majority of the parties involved were county residents whom knew each other.

In February 1871, Sonoma County had its own stagecoach gang of robbers, which worked along the mail road from Healdsburg to Ukiah. They were known as the Houx Gang and consisted of John Houx, "Big Foot" Andrews, Lodi Brown and "Rattle Jack." Rattle Jack and a stagecoach passenger were killed during their fourth hold-up, and several other passengers were wounded. With a concerted effort by Sheriff Potter and Wells Fargo, a Wells Fargo agent went under cover. After the sixth robbery, the law went to work arresting the gang that by then had grown to five members. They were apprehended in various locations in the north county. Even though armed, not a shot was fired by either side. John Houx spent about a year in prison then was paroled; "Big Foot" was killed in prison; Lodi Brown was paroled and left the state. The remaining two were released – not guilty.

As stated previously, deputies were sworn in for one year or less and re-sworn for a new year. With such hiring practices it would be difficult to be a career lawman. However, one deputy, Edward Latapie, was able to work up the ranks and was elected Sheriff. He had first been sworn in as a deputy in 1859 and was elected to office in 1872. He retired in 1876.

In 1876, the third lynching occurred. However, this event was different than the previous two. Charles Henley, 57-years-old, would let his hogs run wild up around Bidwell Creek, much to the irritation of one of his neighbors, especially his neighbor, James Rowland. It finally happened one too many times and Rowland kept Henley's hogs. Henley went looking for them (accompanied by his shotgun) and finally found the wayward swine on Rowlands property. An argument ensued between Rowland and Henley, which came to a sudden end with a shotgun blast killing Rowland.

That night Henley rode into Windsor and surrendered himself to a deputy sheriff. Henley was held for a month at the county jail.

Word spread about the death and on the night of June 9, 1876, nightriders went to the home of Jailer Wilson on Fifth Street. Terrorizing Wilson's family, they took Wilson down to the jail and forced him to open Henley's cell. As four masked men grabbed him, Henley cried out: "Oh Lord boys, spare my life." They were the last words he said. Quickly gagged, he was trussed up and taken to Gravel Slough (west Roseland District) and lynched from a tree along the bank. A reward went out by Sheriff Wright for \$500 for the capture of the perpetrators. It was later increased by \$500 from the Board of Supervisors and again by \$1,000 from the California Governor. No one was ever arrested and Henley's widow eventually claimed her husband's body. This was the first time a suspect was taken from a Sonoma County police agency by force and it would happen again.

In the mid-1860's, the county jail was designed to hold approximately ten inmates, with a maximum of thirteen. In the late 1870's, there were 22 prisoners, which required an extra jailer. Everything had reached its maximum in the jail. For over seven years, the Grand Jury and the Sheriff requested and pleaded with the Board of Supervisors for a new jail, and if not a new jail, than at least an extensive renovation. The Grand Jury responded with the following statement in 1877: "The jail is clean as possible under the circumstances, but the stench from the [privy] is so great as to render it unfit for the confinement of human beings."



A glimpse of the treatment of inmates shows that they were given two meals a day (8 a.m. and 3 p.m.) at a cost of 35 cents per day. The guard was paid \$1.50 per day; this was not the jailer. The purpose of

the guard was due to the in-house count. It had reached 22. The Grand Jury of 1878 wrote: "The jail is neat and clean but very unsafe." And in 1879: "Not a safe place to confine prisoners."

Every Grand Jury up until the year 1882, said basically the same thing.

Finally, the Board of Supervisors decided that all county departments were to be in one building, and agreed to have a new combination Courthouse and county offices built. As a result, the seat of county government was moved across Fourth Street to the plaza in the center of town and it was finished in 1885. The Sheriff's office and jail were in the basement. The office had three rooms, one 21 x 35 feet, the second 14 x 27, and a storeroom 19 x 21 feet. The height of the walls was 12 feet (the shortest in the building). The jail section was 38 x 59 feet with twelve iron cells 7 x 7 feet, and three cells 5 x 7 feet. The entire jail was lined with iron plates. With the establishment of a new office and jail the Supervisors officially wrote a new menu for inmates:

“Jail meals for prisoners –

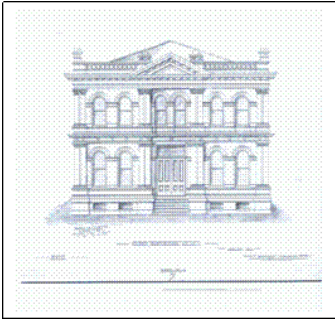
Breakfast: ½ loaf of bread; ½ lb.

steak, potato, coffee.

Dinner: ½ loaf of bread, ½ lb. mutton stew,

beans or stewed fruit, potatoes, tea.”

The jail was adequate for only four to five years. Because the law required separation of classes of prisoners, there was such a lack of space that the County was forced to build another jail at a cost of \$40,000. The construction lot, 60 x 140 feet, was on 3rd Street just east of Hinton Avenue in Santa Rosa. It was built in 1891-1892 with two tiers of cells and one cell was designated specifically for women. It didn't take long before the residents of this hoosegow lettered on the walls “God bless our Home” and “Eat, drink, and be merry.” The jail was noted as one of the best and most substantial on the Pacific Coast,” until May of 1892, when a convicted murderer escaped. The statistics at the end of 1892, the first full year of the jail, showed that there were 500 prisoners of which 346 were misdemeanants. At the time, there were thirteen homicides and attempted homicides, at a rate of one per 2,960 people.



One of those convicted of murder was George Bruggy. He escaped by sawing through the bars of the jail and was captured a few weeks later. After numerous reprieves on his death sentence George Bruggy escaped once again, this time,

never to be recaptured.

In 1893, Sonoma County was shaken by the largest earthquake in recorded history, up to that time. There was some damage to county structures, but none to the new Sheriff's office/jail. There were no physical injuries to the inmates. When repairs were made to fix minor damage in the jail, electricity was installed in the Sheriff's office and by 1904 the office had a telephone installed.

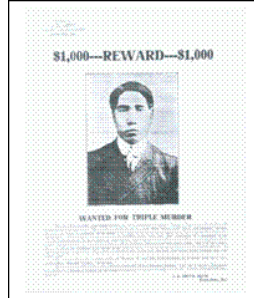
Early in 1897, Sheriff Samuel Irwin Allen owned a couple of young bloodhounds called "Sam" and "I" (Eye), to be used as trackers. These whelps were the pioneers of our K-9 units. Deputy Ed Wilkinson began our modern day Deputy Dogs in the late 1960's with his Doberman pincer "Cupid."

The quake of 1893 was a practice exercise for the North Bay, the Sheriff's Office and the jail. On April 18th the famous 1906 earthquake occurred. While all the brick buildings in Santa Rosa collapsed, including some wooden structures, the county jail of 1892 withstood the shake. The town counted over 100 killed, but no major injuries were reported among the prisoners. The jail remained in use until it was torn down circa 1969, some 76 years later.

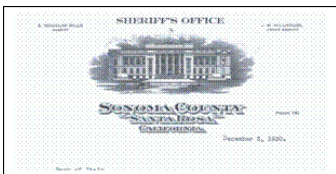
The county was focused for the next couple of years regrouping its losses and rebuilding. With the courthouse totally disabled, a temporary structure was built across Hinton Street next to the Hall of Records. The Sheriff's Office suffered only minor damage. When the new courthouse was dedicated in 1911, the hall of Records was included in the building. The Sheriff's Office took over the Hall's old site off Hinton and Third [Reward Poster] Street

adjoining the combination Office/Jail on Third Street. A new building was erected and the jail was expanded into the front of the old Sheriff's Office resulting in a reverse "L" shaped structure when viewed from Third Street.

Crime and law enforcement continued its dance, each switching the lead to sounds of guns and wails of victims. In July 1910, the county and Northern California was shocked to learn about a triple murder above Cazadero at Lions Head ranch.



Twenty seven-year-old "Harry" Yamaguchi, a ranch hand who worked for Enoch Kendall, committed the killings. On the July 23rd, he killed Enoch, his wife and their son. The bodies were dismembered and parts were found in the home stove and cast about the property. The Governor of California offered a reward of \$500 and the San Francisco Examiner added another \$500. Yamaguchi fled to the East Bay and revealed the murders to an acquaintance. After being notified by the acquaintance the police arrived, but Yamaguchi had gone and was never found.



Apparently, since the County was spending vast amounts of tax dollars because of the quake, a decision was made to have every office

display the new courthouse on its letterhead. To assist the county spending, the Sheriff was authorized, for the first time, to hire permanent deputies. Four deputies were sworn in by Sheriff J. K. Smith, at a wage of \$1,025 per year. Sheriff Smith's salary was \$2,000 per year.

On December 2, 1920 in San Francisco, three members of the Howard Street Gang lured two young girls to a home, where they were "brutally assaulted." The three members, Terry Fitts, George Boyd and Charles Valento, promptly



left the city, but their trail was traced by two San Francisco Detectives to Santa Rosa. The detectives contacted Sheriff Petray and they combed west Santa Rosa in search for the perpetrators. They were found at 28 West 7th Street and in a gun battle, Sheriff Petray and Detectives Jackson and Dorman were killed. In her in-depth history of Santa Rosa, Gaye LeBaron writes that in December of 1920 a mob of people disguised and masked, “overpowered” jail personnel and removed the three prisoners who were being held for the murder of Sheriff James Petray and two San Francisco police detectives. The mob took the three prisoners to the Rural Cemetery on Franklin Avenue. An area 50 feet from the street was lit up by car headlights. The three bound prisoners were dragged beneath a locust tree and lynched. The leader of the vigilantes made everyone remain at the grisly scene until the three were dead. It was the next to last lynching in California.



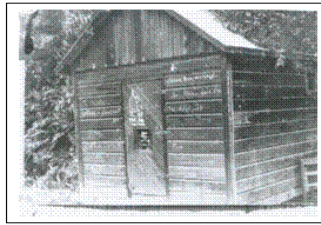
Terry Pitts, George Boyd and Charles Valente

During Prohibition, the main task of law enforcement was to suppress the making, shipping, dispersing and consuming of alcohol. The raiding of county residences or barns for the illegal product was almost a daily

occurrence. From Sonoma to the sea, bottles and barrels were confiscated and the suspected parties arrested. A location four miles west of Santa Rosa had five stills producing 680 gallons a day “of the best moonshine obtainable in the county.” Guilty suspects were generally sentenced to four to six months in jail, plus a fine.

The jail count for arrested persons in 1927 was 745. Liquor violations accounted for 104, while disturbing the peace was 115. The infractions occurred mostly at the summer resorts and dance halls. Most violations were handled by the justice courts in the outlying communities of the county without them being brought to the county jail. Many communities had their own places of incarceration; wooden boxes called a jail and paid for by the respective townships through taxes.

In 1928, Guerneville got a new jail. As reported in a newspaper article in February 1928: "Guerneville is to have a branch 'office' of the county jail for the accommodation and incarceration of drunks, peace disturbers and other miscreants during the summer, when the population of the Russian river section is larger than that of the county's three chief cities combined."



The Guerneville Jail was located along north side of railroad, east of town

Through the efforts of Supervisor Willard Cole at the suggestion of Sheriff Douglas Bills, the count has acquired a huge steel tank from the phenol plant at Guerneville, now being dismantled. As large as a boxcar, which is its general shape, and of solid steel, the tank will be remodeled, equipped with sanitary conveniences and barred doors and windows, and divided into two or three cells. It will stand on a strip of land just outside the town, between Rio Nido county road and the railroad right of way.

This plant will be of great convenience to county officers and special deputies in the river section. Under present conditions, sheriff's officers from Santa Rosa are called upon at all hours of the night during the resort season to go to Guerneville and bring arrested persons here, and later have to return them to the river town for hearing. Otherwise the special deputies bring them to the jail here, in which case it is necessary to bring them back to [Text Box:] Guerneville for trial.

Keeping the prisoners in a convenient local 'county jail ' will pay for the cost of the tank in a short time it is estimated.

Guerneville at one time had a prison, a wooden structure, for the temporary incarceration of arrested persons. But the first man, who decided he did not want to remain locked up just kicked the side out of his cell and walked out, so the jail was abandoned. Monte Rio has a strong and, sufficient branch county jail at present.

At the height of the resort season, because of the great influx of a temporary population, many arrests were made in the river section. They are mostly for misdemeanor offenses, peace disturbance at dances being the most common offense.”

Thus, the first of three future and “permanent” satellite county jails came into being. Prior to this time, jails were of local jurisdiction, in city police departments and judicial townships. The future would see the construction of the Honor Farm/North County Detention Facility and the Sonoma Valley Substation. The holding cells at Guerneville and Sonoma are no longer used.

The “dry” Roaring 20’s gave way to an even more “dry” and “depressing” 1930’s. Besides, or because of, a lack of jobs the labor unions were very active, not only in industry but also in agriculture. Many people at this time put union recruits in the same category as communists. The political atmosphere was tense as well as dangerous in 1935.

In 1935, a 77-year-old rancher, Al Chamberlain, was a person trapped in the past. He had acres, horses, cattle, and was a rancher in every sense of the word. He lived in the hills around St. Helena Road and couldn’t (or wouldn’t) master the mechanical things of the day, especially automobiles. Even in the 1930’s, he rode to town on horseback and was teased and became the butt of jokes. The city had problems with him because of the smelly corral he had near the center of town. The city ordered him to close it down with Chief O’Neal signing and delivering the order. Chamberlain’s problems with cars came to a head when he struck a pedestrian. O’Neal charged him with reckless driving and he was sentenced to a month in jail and \$100 fine.

It was June 1935. Life and society had become too much for Chamberlain to deal with. He loaded up his guns and came to Santa Rosa. He walked into the police station and saw Chief of Police O’Neal. He shot the Chief three times and left, heading across the parking lot to the Sheriff’s Office intending to shoot Sheriff Patteson. Patteson heard the shots and went out unarmed. He saw the man with two guns. As they walked toward each other Chamberlain asked him “Are you Harry Patteson?” The

Sheriff said no as they continued towards each other. Then Chamberlain recognized him, raised his gun and fired a shot, missing. Patteson hit Chamberlain with a body block and they both went down. Patteson, with the aid of two citizens, captured the old man. Chief O'Neal died two days later and Chamberlain later died in prison.

Two months later, Sheriff Patteson had his hands full with union organizers. There were marches by the organizations in the county and there were strikes by more than 500 crop pickers. Sheriff Patteson deputized in excess of 140 men. Later his posse grew to 500 special deputies. He was ready if there was a riot out in the fields or packing plants. Additionally, during this turbulent time there were more than 200 vigilantes looking for "Reds." Night riding vigilantes rounded up some registered communists and took them to a warehouse down at the railroad tracks in Santa Rosa. There they made the captives kneel and kiss the flag. A couple refused and were promptly beaten, tarred and feathered then thrown into a car.



1939 Sheriff and Staff: Back row- Leo (the Cook), Allen Early (Civil), Primo Rocco (Bailiff), Bill Bannell (Deputy & I.D.), Paul Noonan (Jailer), Cedric Cutter (Valley), Front row- Grace Birby (Matron), Ted Lewis (Undersheriff), Al Wilke (Sheriff), Stuart Rich (Chief Deputy), and John Ellis (Deputy)

A parade of cars went around and around the downtown Courthouse, past the Santa Rosa Police Department and the Sheriff's Office, firing guns, honking and yelling. No deputy or police officer made an appearance at the sound of the disturbances that night.

The two beaten men were taken out to the City limits by the nightriders and given 24 hours to get out of the County with their families.

Twenty-two people were charged with various crimes against the two men and the State. At the preliminary examination among the defendants were two highway patrolmen, a member of the coroner's office, a future deputy sheriff and a future police officer. After the examination, ten defendants of the 22 charged were discharged. The remainder were found not guilty at trial.

Patteson's career was interrupted by the election of Andrew Wilke in 1939. Wilke's staff consisted of ten deputies. Among these were future sheriff's captain Bill Barnett, Bill's future boss, Sheriff John Ellis, and matron Grace Bixby, grandmother of television star Bill Bixby. By this year the Sheriff's Office had a radio and dispatcher.

Wilke's term was during the beginning of World War II. Being close to the Bay Area, and with two air bases in the county, the military men had to go somewhere to let loose. Many would visit the River Area on Liberty. Big Bands, bars, and ladies of the night all prospered. Almost all visitors that came to the river resorts came from places where law enforcement officers wore uniforms. The Sheriff's Office had no requirement to wear a uniform, but those who worked and lived in the river [Text Box:] resort area had to have them. When a plain-clothes deputy would put the arm on some miscreant, a confrontation usually occurred. To make their job easier, Resident Deputies Tunis "Pete" Bever, "Tex" Nicholes and Bill Moore purchased their own outfits, which were basically tan, with some personal variation. The shirts they bought to wear didn't match. They were issued badges by the Sheriff's Office, and as there was no Sheriff's insignia in existence, their sleeves were slick.

Sheriff Patteson was re-elected in 1943 and stayed in office for another 15 years, with a total of 19 years as Sheriff. His record tenure still stands today.

Post war law enforcement continued in the pre-war style, responding to calls, on-view violations, and helping overcome family tragedies.

Such a tragedy happened in November 1949 at Wohler Ranch. The screams of five5-year-old Esther Silvas and the repeating sound of a shotgun attracted a neighbor rancher who armed

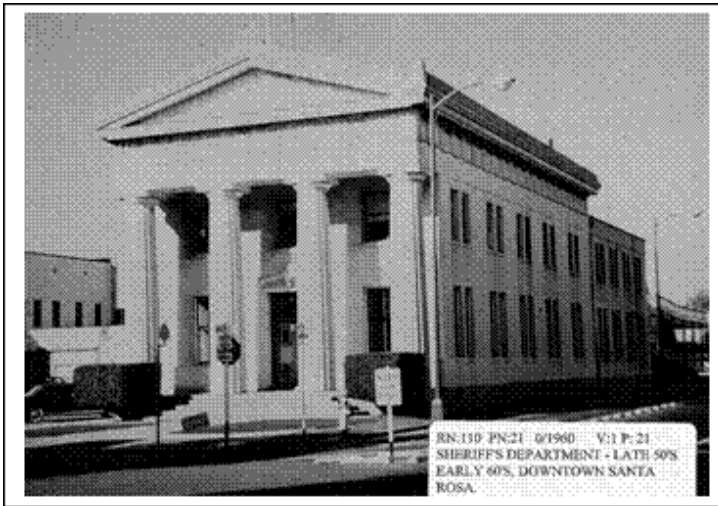


Deputy Pete Bever, Beat Klein and
Deputy Bill Moore

himself and ran to the scene. At a farm worker's cabin on the Wohler property he found three bodies, Clyde Howard 23, his wife of one week Louise, and Esther Silvas' mother, Maria. A few minutes later Tony Abaya was shot at his cabin at the Grace Ranch. Other armed neighbors came to the scenes and promptly called the Sheriff's Office. The suspect, Polcerpacio "Henry" Pio was captured on the outskirts of Santa Rosa by the police at College Avenue and Link Lane. Pio gave no resistance. His loaded shotgun was in the car. Sheriff's Investigator Robert Dollar, with others, found fifteen gun shells at the first cabin and nine at the second. Pio admitted to shooting the four. He was sentenced to life with the possibility of parole.

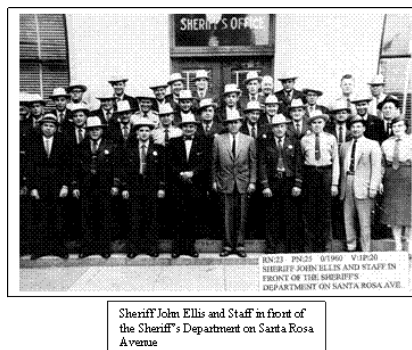
The post war era, 1945 to 1960, was a boom time for the County and the population grew with both residents and vacationers. Law enforcement was always doing catch-up with both the criminal element and casual violators. During the summers, the Sheriff would hire "summer" deputies to work in the River Area and Sonoma Valley. Many were schoolteachers on summer breaks, while others were college students breaking into law enforcement.

The Valley Substation would get three or four temporaries and the River Substation would have as many as six or seven. Even though there was radio dispatch for the deputies the broadcast signal didn't reach into the outlying areas of the county. They were too far away or intervening mountains and hills blocked the signal. To get a deputy to respond to a call out in the hinterlands the dispatcher in Santa Rosa would land wire the sub-station. A red light would turn on outside the station so when a deputy saw the light he would call Santa Rosa for his instructions. In the central county there was no problem except when one patrolling deputy wished to talk to another. If one deputy wanted to, he had to request the dispatcher to connect him to a direct two-way communication. The dispatcher threw a switch so the two deputies could talk to each other with dispatch listening in. After every transmission by dispatch, F.C.C. dictum required them to state the Sheriff's station call letters, "KMA 392."



The dispatcher's office in the main office was at the front door of the building alongside the main hallway. The Sheriff's secretary, besides regular duties, handled the front counter during the day while the dispatcher handled the swing and graveyard shifts. Though these two shifts were the busy hours for deputies, the number of inquiring people assisted by the dispatcher was low because these were not regular business hours. There were four dispatchers to cover all shifts. The dispatch office was a single room 10 by 10 feet. There was a little room to the side, with sound proofing, where the teletypes were located. Other dispatcher duties, besides logging phone and radio calls, included monitoring the teletype and occasionally "baby-sitting" a newly arrested person when the jail was too busy booking a large number of incoming arrestees.

Patrol cars during the early 1950's were, by today's standards, very basic. There was a white spotlight on the driver's side and if the deputy had to go Code two or three, he slipped a red lens with springs over the light. The



siren was driven by an electric motor. When engaged, the electricity drawn from the car would slow the car down. The vehicles were unmarked and were mostly two-door sedans. They were without a divider between the front and back seats as there

are today for deputy protection. In some cases an early 50's car had a 6-cylinder flat head engine, an example of law enforcement playing catch-up.

The County would experience mob violence in the second half of the 20th century. The first occurred in March 1953, at Los Guilucos School for Girls. This was the official title of the California Youth Authority for the juvenile female detention facility. (This would eventually become the County's Juvenile Hall and the States Police Academy).

The inmate count at Los Guilucos was over 150. Led by a young teenager, a group of twenty escaped, breaking furniture, windows and anything valuable. After a night of chaos, destruction and freedom, some 30 girls were injured. The Sheriff's Office, Santa Rosa Police, California Highway Patrol and Sonoma State Hospital Security force from Glen Ellen quelled the riot.

Election year 1958 saw John Ellis, Chief of Police in Sebastopol and former deputy, run for Sheriff on the platform of having patrol cars marked and deputies in uniform. Very few police agencies in the state were without public identification. The platform proved to be a winner, however, it would be a year and a half before the promise appeared on the streets. What type of uniform, its material, shoulder patch design, and patrol car markings took time to select.

In the mid-1960's, the new uniform to be worn consisted of forest green "Ike" jacket and pants with blue and yellow stripes around the cuffs of the jacket and down the legs of the pants. Shoulder patches were silver lettering on a blue field and Vallejo's Petaluma Adobe in the middle. The hat was Ellis' favorite: a Stetson 3X Beaver, Open Road, light gray in color. The necktie was blue, similar to Greyhound Drivers or the Boy Scouts.

Under John Ellis' administration, some modern, contemporary ideas and facilities were implemented. The County had purchased a 470-acre parcel north of Santa Rosa in 1955. With the opening of the freeway in 1955 and suburban development of

east Santa Rosa, the County was looking at more expansion of its legal offices. In 1962 plans were drawn up for the construction of a new courthouse combining the Probation Department, Courts, County Clerk's Office, Sheriff's Office and Jail. The Jail of 1892 with the Sheriff's Office and the Courthouse of 1910 were long outdated.

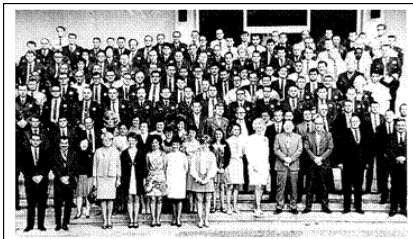


The first women deputies in uniform did not work full time, but on a time-share basis. They were Viola Maguire, Loretta "Mom" Derry, Esther Joliff and Dorothy Jarvis. They worked the jail, patrol and the courts.

It was also at this time that the racial line was crossed and then eliminated. The first African American hired by the Sheriff's Office, and probably the first in law enforcement in the county was Jim Brown. He was hired around 1962-63.



College educated, he was at first a jailer then made sergeant. He eventually made lieutenant and was night watch commander. Lt. Brown retired in January 1985.



Sheriff's Staff on the steps of the Sheriff's Department at 600 Administration Drive (1971)

Prisoners in civilian clothes would no longer be marched across Hinton Avenue from jail to court every morning in a chain gang. It was a daily ritual for friends and many other people to line up on the

sidewalks and watch the procession proceed to Court. In 1965,

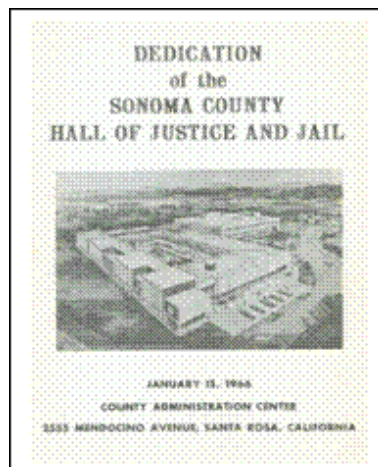
the new Hall of Justice and Jail was completed at a cost of \$3,854,000. The new jail had a capacity of 214 males and 36 females and was occupied in January 1966. There were a total of 75 sworn personnel, including all sheriff's administration, secretaries, clerks, radio dispatchers, jailers and deputies.

The new Sheriff's Office was expansive. The front lobby waiting area was 15 by 15 feet and everybody in the patrol division from detective on up had an office. The jail had a sally port for patrol cars to drive in with in-custodies, which eliminated not having to walk them from the car across a parking lot to the jail.

The jail was very modern with electric sliding doors controlled at a main panel. An intercommunications system allowed jailer/deputies to keep better security over inmates as well as themselves. The intercom even extended to the three court holding cells on the second floor in the Hall of Justice. Bailiffs could notify the jail when prisoners were ready to be picked up or ask for delivery of one. The intercoms fell into disuse with the advent of personal radios issued to the bailiffs. Prisoners for the first time were brought from jail to the courts contained in a totally enclosed cement walkway across the top of the building. This pretty much eliminated the chance of an escape.

It would be two to three years before all detainees would be in jail clothing when appearing in court. Until a person was sentenced they would appear in their personal civilian garb.

It was commonplace to have three or more prisoners sitting in court in plain clothes with only one deputy/bailiff as guard. He would not have a weapon, radio or regular street equipment with the exception of handcuffs. Since there were no phones in the courts, many times it was necessary to leave the court unguarded while in session. Surprisingly, attempts to escape were next to nil.



In 1970, Don Striepeke was elected Sheriff. The change in leadership was a change from old style enforcement to modern law enforcement. More extensive communication facilities, more extensive training, tactical scenarios with special squads, special enforcement units and many others were implemented. Sheriff Ellis opened the door for the new Sheriff (Don Striepeke) to be ushered it in.



Lt. Kishbaugh, Sgt. Bob Townsend, Sgt. Camillo Roxson and Sgt. Joe Aleksick

During the late 60's and early 70's, there was social unrest in Sonoma County. The Hippie culture was underway with its related drug use, the Viet Nam War and its anti-war demonstrations, the county was a busy place to work.

A pivotal year for the jail was 1972. No longer would deputies be assigned as jailers. The first correctional officers came from state academies trained specifically in how to handle prisoners while in custody.

The biggest event for the office in 1972 was a jail riot. On March 7, 1972, a riot broke out in the County jail. The disturbance started around 5:30 p.m. when an



unidentified inmate violently tossed his food tray onto the floor. Within minutes, 145 inmates were rampaging within the jail walls. "Approximately 1,000 small panes of glass were broken out by

inmates using long spear-like metal pieces from the florescent light fixtures. Similarly large windows throughout the second floor were also broken out.” Inmates smashed television sets, broke pipes, tore electrical fixtures off the walls, set mattresses, linens and clothing on fire, and plugged sinks, flooding large areas of the second floor. “The inmates tore a heavy 20-foot metal shelf, weighing about 300 pounds, from a washroom wall and used it as a battering ram to break out of their cells.” They worked their way outside into the recreation yard, apparently in hopes of escaping over the jail roof two stories above.



City law enforcement agencies volunteered to handle all calls for assistance within the county while the Sheriff's units concentrated on the situation in the jail. Officers from the California Highway Patrol surrounded the building on the ground level while other officers were posted at strategic points on

the roof. Members of the Sheriff's Office and Santa Rosa Police Departments assembled on the second floor where they dispensed two pepper foggers, which disabled the rioters and forced them to retreat. The officers herded the inmates back down to the first floor where they were stripped of their clothing, searched and placed in mass in several large holding cells. Fortunately, no officers were hurt and three inmates received only minor injuries. The damage was so extensive that the Courts deemed the facility uninhabitable and ordered the transfer of 101 inmates to San Quentin Prison while repairs were made. The total loss was estimated around \$75,000.

Once the jail was repaired, Sheriff Striepeke ordered deputies to back work in the jail to assist correctional officers in curtailing future violence. Correctional officers performed all the booking processes while the deputies acted as movement officers and were in charge of all the “hands-on” processes with the inmates. Sometime after, deputies were removed from the jail and full charge was once again given to correctional staff.

During the Ellis and Striepeke years, many ideas and tactics were tried to assist the individual deputy and the Sheriff's office. These would entail the use of helicopters, dogs, underwater teams, four-wheel drive patrol vehicles and individual radio communication systems. Changes within the Sheriff's Office were happening at a more rapid pace. With the continued crime fighting innovations in law enforcement and improved detention services, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office continued to grow and advance.

As most of the more recent matters regarding the Sheriff's Office will be more detailed in the following sections of this history book, a brief calendared overview of some significant events from the 1970's through 2005 will follow:

In 1970, Joseph "The Baron" Barboza, a hitman for the New England Mafia, moved to Santa Rosa under the Witness Protection Program after he ratted off his bosses to Federal authorities. He shortly became a prime suspect in a murder case when one of his former mob associates, Clary Wilson was found in a shallow grave in Glen Ellen with two bullet wounds to the head. Law enforcement discovered Barboza had an argument with Wilson over a business deal and that Wilson's wife and a girlfriend witnessed the shooting. Barboza was arrested and brought to trial under heavy security, as there was likely to be contracts out on his life. Barboza pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and served four years in prison before being released, once again, to the Witness Protection Program. Four months later, Barboza was gunned down in San Francisco.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Bagpipe Band was created around 1970. The idea for the band started with a conversation between Sergeant John Young, Sergeant Fred Baird, and Dispatcher Bill Heath. After the initial conversation, they contacted members of the Bluebonnets (a local pipe band made up of private citizens) to discuss merging their band with a new Sheriff's Office band. Forces were joined and the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Bagpipe Band was



Deputy Fred Baird

born. Civilian band members were sworn in as special deputies. The band uniform consisted of a Sheriff's Office uniform shirt and badge, a bonnet and kilt. The band played at ceremonial functions, Sheriff's Office funerals, and marched in many parades. The band was in existence for over 20 years.

In the early 1970's, Ed Wilkinson, Mike Ross and Wayne Dunham (Coast Patrol) started the Sheriff's Office's first official K-9 units.

A mysterious killer who called himself "The Zodiac," is suspected of murdering at least five people between 1966 and 1969. The Zodiac is known to have had victims in Napa and San Francisco and is suspected of many others in surrounding counties. In the early 1970's, some of Sonoma County's homicide cases were investigated for possible links to the Zodiac but turned up nothing conclusive. During the time of the murders and "...well into the 1970's, (the Zodiac) sent dozens of letters, codes and diagrams to area newspapers detailing his crimes, taunting the police, threatening mayhem, and claiming to identify himself." Nevertheless, the Zodiac has remained elusive to "...no less than four local police forces, the California State Department of Justice, the U.S. Postal Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Office of Naval Intelligence for over 30 years." Even today, the identity of the Zodiac killer remains a mystery.

In 1971, Deputy John Swain became the first bomb technician for the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit. He was also the first to attend the original school for civilian bomb technicians, taught by the United States Army at the Presidio in San Francisco.

There were a series of homicides beginning in 1971 and ending in 1977, which involved eleven victims. The victims were females between the ages of twelve and twenty-three. Potential suspects included the Zodiac murderer and Ted Bundy. Although over the years, detectives have devoted countless hours to solving these crimes, the cases remain unsolved.

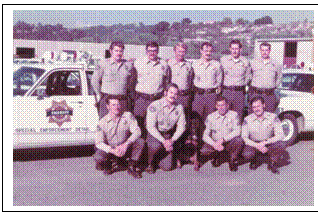
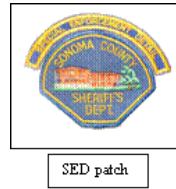
In 1972, salary for a deputy was \$782 per month, paid once a month. What little overtime that was available was paid once a quarter.

In October of 1972, The Press Democrat headline read “Manson Link to River Slaying.” Aryan Brotherhood members Michael Monfort and James Craig, along with notorious Manson family members Pricilla Cooper, Stacy Pitman and Lynnette Fromme (a.k.a. “Squeaky,” and who incidentally, attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in 1975) were arrested in connection to the murder of United States Marine James T. Willett. Willett was shot through the head with a .38 caliber weapon and buried in a shallow grave on a mountain south of Guerneville. His wife, Lauren Willett, was also found murdered and buried in a similar grave in Stockton. Monfort was the first to be linked to the murders. He used James Willett’s identification after being arrested for robbing a liquor store. He later jumped bail. His recapture was shortly followed by the arrest of the other four suspects at a Stockton apartment, where officers located Willett’s discharge papers. The prosecution subpoenaed Cooper and Pittman to testify against Monfort and Craig. In an attempt to mock the law, Monfort and Craig managed to marry the women before the trial, making it illegal for the women to testify against their husbands. Nevertheless, Monfort and Craig were both convicted and served time for their crimes. After being paroled, Craig was shot numerous times, his body was stuffed in the trunk of a car and the car was set on fire on a Sacramento street.

In 1972, Dispatch operations began providing centralized, medical dispatch services to ambulance providers throughout the County via a dedicated phone line. This service was provided until July 1999, when “American Medical Response was awarded the EMS franchise contract and ambulance dispatching duties were transferred over to their system.”

In 1972, the Inspector’s Bureau was renamed to the Investigations Unit and inspectors were reclassified as detective sergeants.

During the summer of 1972, Sergeant Dale Moore with the approval of Sheriff Don Striepeke, formed a team consisting of nine deputies and one sergeant who rode in five, two-man cars labeled “Special Enforcement Detail.” The unit was designed to crack down on motorcycle outlaw gangs and other concentrated criminal problems. Sergeant Nick Speridon was the first (and only) sergeant of the SED Unit. “There was no member of SED that was more dedicated or harder working then Nick...Nick would never let you stand alone, regardless of the circumstances, should our acts or omissions be questioned.” Old enough to be the father of the nine deputies he was in charge of, Nick “felt personally responsible to the Administration and the public for ‘his mens’ actions.” Nick’s wife, Angie, would make “the boys” some food or coffee whenever they were in the neighborhood.



The Original SED Team 1972
Back row, L to R: Deputies Ed Brooks, Don Young, Lloyd Smothers, Ralph Privette, Richard Simons and Mike Henry
Front row, L to R: Deputies Sam Masovich, Andrew Scott, "Sundance," Sgt. Nick Speridon and Dick Howell

The SED Unit always worked together, never separating. Certain members of the team were even trained underwater divers and trained in cliff rescue. One member of each SED two-man unit was always subject to call-out. Members

did not receive “specialty pay” for this position and overtime was only compensated in the form of time-off, at an hour-for-hour rate. Former SED member Deputy Mike Henry stated, “Over the years, much has been said about (SED) and the sergeant and deputies who were members of the unit. None of the members of SED were special in any way, nor was the unit comprised of deputies better than others...(but there) is an unspoken bond of brotherhood that exist between them as a result of having shared some experiences together.” SED disbanded in 1977.



SED March 1974

Back row, L to R: Deputies Rich Simon, Ed Brooks, Wayne Holmes, Jerry Clausen and Mike Henry
 Front Row, L to R: Deputies Mike McCann, Sgt. Nick Speridon, Ed Clarke, Warren Cromptwell and Billy Ray

In 1974, Douglas Edward Gretzler and Willie Luther Steelman were arrested and brought to our County under a change of venue for the robbery and murder. So notorious and feared were they, even the worst offenders incarcerated at our County jail threatened to riot if they were brought to the facility. Douglas Edward Gretzler (22) and Willie Luther Steelman (28) killed 17 people while on a rampage across Arizona and California. They killed Marine Captain Michael Sandberg and his wife Patricia on Nov. 3, 1973 by shooting them both several times in the head. On Nov. 6, 1973 they robbed grocery store owner Walter Parkin of \$4,000 in cash and checks and killed all nine people who were inside his house just outside of Victor California. Among the victims were a nine-year old boy and an eleven-year old girl who were shot in the head as they hid beneath the sheets of a bed. The killers were arrested two days later in Sacramento. Among their possessions was a copy of the book, *In Cold Blood* written by Truman Capote about the murder of a Kansas family. Gretzler and Steelman later confessed to six additional murders. In 1987, Willie Steelman (who was an escaped mental patient before committing the murders) died of cirrhosis of the liver while on death row. Douglas Gretzler was executed by lethal injection at Arizona State Prison in Florence Arizona on June 3, 1998. He had been on death row since Nov. 15, 1976.

In the mid 1970's, the Sheriff's Office took over the responsibility of the Coroner.

Deputy Merrit Deeds was killed in the line of duty on August 23, 1975. After the murder of Deputy Merrit Deeds, in 1976 Sheriff Don Striepeke ordered that patrol units working outlying beat areas on swing and graveyard shift be two-man cars. This remained the norm until Sheriff Roger McDermott's election in 1979. To increase exposure and curtail fiscal demands, patrol units returned to single-man cars on all shifts.

In 1976, Dale Moore was selected as the first Lieutenant of the newly formed Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT), which was activated to perform negotiations and/or calculated force to control volatile situations. The current 38-member team consists of tactical, negotiation, dispatch, EMT and technician specialties. "The team trains twice a month, one day for tactics and one day for firearms," with snipers receiving one additional day of training. Recently, the negotiations branch formed their own Unit, consisting of one sergeant, six negotiators, tactical dispatchers and a mobile command post. According to Deputy Jeff Dedischew, "Today's SWAT owes the TAC Squad and SED gratitude for the sacrifices they made, the dedication they had for the Team and the Sheriff's Office and for the 'take action' reputation it gave to all of us."

Detective Sergeant Ed Wilkinson was killed in the line of duty on April 17, 1977.

1979 saw the first Annual Challenge Bowl, starring our Sheriff's Office "Raiders". The annual football event donates proceeds to a different charity each year.



In 1980, Calvin Coleman shot and killed Patricia Niedig (34-years old) at her Chalkhill home near Healdsburg. He was convicted and sentenced to death row at San Quentin. His was the first death sentence handed down by a Sonoma County jury for crimes committed in this County since California voters reinstated capital punishment in 1978.

Deputies Bliss Magly and Brent Jameson were killed in the line of duty on October 23, 1980.

In 1981, Dispatch Operations moved to the Office of Emergency Services Building and was joined by Station 2 (Law 2). Today, Dispatch Operations “provides services to the Sheriff’s Office, Town of Windsor, City of Sonoma and the Santa Rosa Junior College...Approximately 150,000 law activities are processed annually.”

In the early 1980’s, Sergeant Prent Monson and Deputies Dennis Smiley and Chris Bertoli formed the first Street Crimes Unit.

In 1982, the first annual Sheriff’s Office Awards Banquet was held. Lieutenant Mike Brown, to honor the passing of fellow Deputies Brent Jameson and Bliss Magly proposed the event.

The County’s 9-1-1 phone system was activated in 1984. It displays the caller data on a screen, including the location of where the call originated from and the caller’s telephone number, along with the law, fire and medical agencies of jurisdiction.

In 1984, Support Services Manager Linda Klein was the first non-uniformed manager in the Detention Division.

In 1984, the County’s 9-1-1 emergency dispatch system was activated.

In 1985, the Sheriff’s Office Boating Unit was created.

In 1987, Sheriff Dick Michaelson designed and implemented the current uniform shoulder patch showing the California Bear Flag

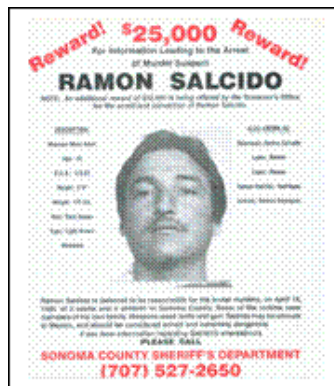
(the official California State Flag) as its centerpiece.

In 1987, the Detention Division's Specialized Emergency Response Team was formed and is responsible for crisis response during major facility emergencies at both the MADF and NCDF. The Team consists of 13 correctional officers, one correctional sergeant and one correctional lieutenant.

In 1988, Kirk Spaulding was the last "resident" deputy to be stationed in Geyserville, and Deputies Mario Jimenez and Steve Pederson were the first motorcycle units.

The Honor Guard unit was started in 1989 to represent the Sheriff's Office at ceremonies, parades and funerals. Commander Ihde approved official uniforms for the unit in September of 1989.

On April 14, 1989, a 28-year-old Sonoma Valley winery worker named Ramon Salcido killed seven people including his wife, his 2-year-old and 4-year-old daughters, his mother-in-law, his 8-year-old sister-in-law and 12-year-old sister-in-law, and his boss. He also cut the throat of his 3-year-old daughter but she miraculously survived. He shot another of his bosses but he also survived. Salcido was convicted and sent to San Quentin's Death Row to await execution. This was the worst mass murder in Sonoma County history.



In the 1990's, disguised as an ordinary jogger, a suspect hit houses near jogging trails and secluded areas that were a distance from any roadway. After breaking a window or a door with a large rock, the "Jogging Burglar" (a.k.a. "Open Space Burglar") went directly to the master bedroom from which he stole only expensive jewelry items. The Jogging Burglar targeted homes in Petaluma, Cotati, Santa Rosa, and Sonoma as well as cities in Marin County. The Sheriff's Office teamed up with a detective in Marin in an attempt to solve the cases. Latent

fingerprints were successfully lifted from seven houses and on two different occasions, the suspect was seen or chased from houses. Searches in DMV, military and criminal justice databases turned up negative and the identity of the burglar remained a mystery. The Jogging Burglar is credited with a total of 144 burglaries between Sonoma and Marin Counties, with a total loss estimated around \$1,000,000. The burglaries suddenly ceased three years after they began and remain unsolved.



Deputy Ann Wagner-Duckett

In 1990, Sergeant Mike Ferguson is credited with setting up the R-COP substation and Jim Piccinini was the first sergeant to run the program.

In 1990, Deputy Ann Wagner-Duckett became the first female K-9 handler for the Sheriff's Office.

In 1990, the first members of GRIT, the Gang Resources & Investigations Team (a precursor to today's MAGNET) were detectives and Deputies Mike Ferguson, Bruce Rochester, Lorenzo Duenas, Dennis Smiley, Perry Sparkman, Joe Raya, Kevin Young, Jon Watson, Erick Gelhaus and Leslie Comrack.

In 1991, Alan Adams, a 19-year-old Santa Rosa Junior College student, told his friends that he wanted to steal some credit cards so he could buy some "nice things." Adams drove towards the coast to find an isolated home. He stopped in Jenner, randomly choosing the home of Oscar (70-years-old) and Betty (60-years-old) Mann. "Carrying an assault-style rifle, he sneaked in through an unlocked door. Betty was washing dishes and Oscar was in his chair watching TV. Adams demanded their credit cards then fired more than 40 times." Adams proceeded to use the stolen credit cards to purchase pornography and supplies for his gun. Despite the fact that Adams bragged about the crime to his friends, it would be a month before anyone would go to Sheriff's detectives with information leading to Adams' arrest. Adams was sentenced to life in prison.

In October 1991, the old County jail was closed and prisoners were transferred to the new Main Adult Detention Facility.

In 1992, the Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit was reactivated. The Mounted Unit was first created during the 1960's when Sheriff John Ellis rode his palomino in local parades. Sometime after that, it fell into inactive status until Lieutenant Mike Ferguson sought, and was granted, permission to reactivate it.

In 1993, Detective Barry Morris and his canine partner, Dillan, formed the Sheriff's Office's first narcotics K-9 team.

In October of 1993, Richard Allen Davis kidnapped Polly Klaas (12-years-old) from her home in Petaluma and murdered her. Davis was eventually arrested and sentenced to death. This case had a tremendous impact not only on Sonoma County but also on California as a whole. As a direct result of this case, the "majority of states now have legislation mandating prison for repeat offenders, including California where the law mandates a 25-year-to-life sentence for three-time felons. And many states have toughened laws involving criminals who prey on children...State lawmakers also overhauled the criminal information system making an ex-convict's complete record more accessible to law (enforcement) agencies." Locally, law enforcement agencies changed radio communication policies that previously restricted criminal broadcasts to individual jurisdictions. Additionally, the Polly Klaas Foundation was established to aid in the search for missing children.

In 1993, the Sheriff's Office's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system was put into operation.

In 1993, the Sheriff's Office took on its first contract police agency by establishing the Windsor Police Department. Staff consisted of veteran deputy sheriffs and a Chief of Police. Future Sheriff Jim Piccinini was selected as the first Chief.

In 1994, the Larkfield substation was opened. Two owners of the Larkfield Center offered free space to the Sheriff's Office in hopes

of increasing law enforcement presence in the area. From the time of our occupancy, it has served as a “storefront” more than a substation. Today, we lease the space and it co-serves as the headquarters for C.O.P.P.S.

In 1994, Dennis Brigham introduced the Sheriff's Office to the PIT (Pursuit Intervention Technique) maneuver.



In 1994, the sergeant of the first MAGNET Team (before it became a formal unit) was Bruce Rochester. In 1997, the unit became permanent and Lieutenant Jay Farmer was appointed as the first Manager and Sergeant Rob Douglas was appointed as the first Supervisor.

In the mid 1990's, Lieutenant Erne Ballinger was instrumental in the Sheriff's Office procurement of the ALPS (Automated Latent Print System) or “Cal-ID” fingerprint database. Prior to us getting the system, we had to mail photographs of latent prints to DOJ. When the State introduced the system in the early 1980's, they demonstrated that they could search a single latent print in 20 minutes, where if that same print were to be hand searched, it would take the entire staff of DOJ over 60 years. This system now enables us to not only search the criminal data base of approximately six million people but it also now allows us to search the applicant database, too, if we have all ten prints, that's an additional eight million people. We can also link to other western states and we are connected to the FBI.

In 1995, the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Unit was created. The purpose of the grant-funded program was to work directly with the community to solve local problems.

Deputy Frank Trejo was killed in the line of duty on March 29, 1995.

In 1996, Rich Sweeting was the first sergeant of the newly formed Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Unit. Sweeting was instrumental in initiating the unit as well as getting it off the ground and running.

In 1997, Mario Robledo was appointed the first Gang Intelligence officer in the Detention Division.

In 1997, shortly after the permanent MAGNET started, there were a severe rash of gang involved violent crimes throughout the greater Santa Rosa area. Over the course of a few weeks, approximately 40 gang-involved shootings, stabbings, other felonious assaults and arsons took place. Nearly overnight, MAGNET and SRPD's three gang investigators were augmented by 24 additional deputies and detectives, as well as officers from other county agencies. This reinforced MAGNET ran six days a week for six weeks. In the words of Judge Passalacqua, "...It's a bad time to be a gang member with a gun in this county."

In 1997, the average daily population of our Detention facilities was 960 inmates.

In 1998, Explorer Team members Zack Kelley, Dillon Moe, Amanda Lee, Eric Burgess, Sara Dickerson-Trimner and Rene Tanner went to their first competition. Out of 40 Explorer Posts, the team came in 2nd overall.

In 1998, Linda Suvoy became the first female to achieve the rank of Captain for the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office.

Subsequently in 2007, Linda promoted as the first female Assistant Sheriff in the Sheriff's Office.

In 1999, the first official Environmental Crime Team was established under Sergeant Scott Dunn.

In 1999, Jan McKinley became the Sheriff's Office's first female sworn Lieutenant.

In 1999, Phil Gilbert became the first to successfully fill the Senior Department Information Specialist position.

In 2000, the MADF lobby underwent reconstruction so that the clerks could be completely enclosed behind a bullet-resistant glass wall.

In 2000, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office (established in 1850) celebrated its 150-year anniversary.



In April 2002, the Sheriff's Office occupied its new headquarters building on Ventura Avenue, Santa Rosa.

On July 1, 2004 the Sheriff's Office began its second contract city law enforcement service with the Sonoma Police Department. Its first chief was John Gurney who was the former Sonoma Chief of Police. Chief Gurney stayed for one year as a contract employee, after which Sheriffs Lieutenant Paul Day assumed the role of Chief of Police.



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Death census--young women, hitchhikers, strangulation

By Stephen Cook
Examiner News Staff

SANTA ROSA — Maureen Sterling, 12, and Yvonne Weber, 13, both pupils at Herbert Slater Junior High School here, were the first to disappear.

It was a Friday night — time for what they considered a harmless deception. Their parents would drop them at the ice rink, believing that their daughters would be spending the next few hours skating.

But the girls customarily left the rink as soon as their parents were gone, hitchhiked across town to a park frequented by other young people, then hitched back in time to be picked up in front of the ice rink.

The night of Feb. 4, 1972, they never made it back. Someone told police he thought he saw them getting into a car on nearby Guerneville Road.

Today, Sonoma County Sheriff Don Striepeke told news representatives here that Maureen and Yvonne were just the first victims of an evil presence that passed through here and continues unchecked today, stalking and killing young women and girls throughout the West.

This evil, Striepeke believes, is a lone killer, perhaps a believer in witchcraft claiming victims who will serve him as slaves in the afterlife.

Striepeke believes the killer is the Zodiac, who announced his first six killings in letters to newspapers and who, in his last message, claimed 37 victims.

He announced a reward of \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the man responsible for six murders in Sonoma County.

The killer who passed through Sonoma County may, by now, be responsible for 30-40 slayings, Striepeke said.

By the time Sonoma County authorities learned the fate of Maureen Sterling and Yvonne Weber, local residents were in a mild panic.

One month after they disappeared — March 4, 1972 — Kim Wendy Allen, 18-year-old Santa Rosa Junior College student, disappeared hitchhiking from San Rafael to Santa Rosa.

She was found the next day lying on an embankment, 20 feet off rural Enterprise Road east of Santa Rosa.

She had been slowly strangled to death — the coroner said it took 30 minutes — with a rope. She had been bound at the wrists and ankles as if spread-eagled. She had been raped.

She was nude, save for a single gold earring. Her clothing, her purse, a large wooden toy barrel she had been bringing home — all were missing.

Jeannette Kamahale, 20, of Cotati, was the next to disappear — on April 25, 1972, a Tuesday, while hitching from home to Santa Rosa Junior College.

A friend watched as she climbed into a 1950-52 faded brown Chevrolet pickup with a wooden, home-made camper in the back. He later told police the driver was white, 20-30 years old, with light brown hair in an Afro style.

Miss Kamahale has not been seen since.

Lori Lee Kursa, 13, was a runaway, a pupil at Cook Junior High School in Santa Rosa, a frequent hitchhiker.

Her nude body was found Dec. 14, 1972, 50 feet down an embankment, off Calistoga Road in Rincon Valley east of Santa Rosa. Her neck was broken. Her clothing was never found.

Two weeks after the discovery of Miss Kursa's body, two hikers found the bones of Maureen Sterling and Yvonne Weber, 26 feet off remote Franz Valley Road in an area northeast of Santa Rosa

known as Devil's Kitchen.

Cause of their deaths was never determined. None of their clothing — not even buttons, zippers, metal clasps or snaps — was found. On the road above, though, investigators found an earring and a gold cross identified as belonging to the girls.

Seven months later, on July 31, 1973, a motorcyclist traveling Franz Valley Road looked over the side and saw the body of 14-year-old Carolyn Davis of Anderson, Shasta County.

Miss Davis was last seen 15 days earlier, hitchhiking south toward Santa Rosa on a Sunday afternoon, in front of the post office in Garberville, Humboldt County.

Investigators responding to the motorcyclist's find discovered to their amazement that Miss Davis' body, apparently thrown from the roadway, had landed just four feet from where the bones of Maureen Sterling and Yvonne Weber were found.

The body was nude. None of Miss Davis's clothing or other belongings was found. Pathologists discovered she had died a slow, agonizing death from strychnine poisoning.

On the road above, investigators found a symbol they believe may have been left by the killer. It was fashioned from twigs and formed a rectangle, joined to a square by one line.

Sheriff Striepeke claims it is a witchcraft sign meaning "to speed the deceased to the afterlife."

For Sonoma County authorities, the frightening series of disappearances and body discoveries ended Dec. 28, 1974, when a kayaker found 23-year-old Therese Walsh, bog-tied and nude, lying in a bed of Mark West Creek, under a log.

Miss Walsh had been strangled manually and possibly raped. She was last seen six days earlier in Malibu, starting a long hitchhike to her mother's home in Garberville and hoping to arrive in time for Christmas.

Investigators theorized she was thrown into the creek from the roadway somewhere in the area, which is close to the Franz Valley Road dumping site.

Her clothing and her backpack were never found.

Sheriff Striepeke sees several similarities among the six killings in his county and between them and killings in other areas of California and other western states.

Other lawmen are divided on his theory of a lone killer responsible for numerous unsolved female homicides.

In Sonoma County, all victims appeared to have been thrown great distances from the roadway by an exceptionally strong man.

Striepeke listed these other similarities among Sonoma County victims:

They hitchhiked. They came from broken homes. They were never killed where they were found. Their clothing and property was not recovered. They were all nude, dumped over a bank, near running water, in rural locations.

With the aid of psychiatrists, the sheriff sketched a picture of the killer as a loner with a high school education. Probably, he said, he had a passive father and a dominant mother. He hated his mother and is now taking that hatred out on young women.

The killer is probably in his early 30s and likely as a child poisoned and strangled pets, Striepeke continued. His slayings seem to follow a pattern that is related to the waning phases of the moon. He may well pick up many hitchhikers and kill a relative few after screening them with "interviews."

One more thing, Striepeke added — he will probably kill again.

hitch hikers murders 1975



SONOMA STATE COEDS SCHEDULE CARPOOLS

Knuti Van Hoven, left, Christina M'Innes

—SSC Photo by Don Cabrell

Hitchhike? Try The SSC Carpool

By CAROLYN LUND

The hitchhike dilemma: how does a college student get to class without a car and there's no public transportation?

The answer: thumb a ride.

Sometimes, it works. Sometimes, though, it leads to rape, assault, injury. And sometimes, death.

Students at Sonoma State College know the problem and are trying to solve it at least temporarily with a Carpool Coordination Switchboard to link those with transportation to those who need it.

Twenty-year-old Knuti Van Hoven, SSC senior, heads a coalition of 11 concerned volunteers staffing and organizing the switchboard operation. With the co-operation of the college, they're manning a telephone, arranging rides and collecting the schedules and itineraries of drivers.

Headquarters is a desk in the lobby of the Commons, campus watering hole and meeting spot. "RIDES" says a sign on the bulletin board beside a map of

the county. Between them is a growing list describing assailants and their cars.

"WATCH OUT FOR THESE MEN" says the heading, and the girls share their bad experiences in an effort to warn others.

Paranoia?

Of a sort, perhaps. More likely it's a response conditioned by the growing awareness that the situation is desperate.

80 Rapes

Approximately 80 female hitchhikers reported being raped last year in Sonoma County. Estimates are that nine of 10 rapes go unreported either because of the stigma of the degrading act or because women get less than sympathetic treatment from law enforcement officials.

For some girls, it's even worse. Last month a Santa Rosa Junior College coed hitchhiked from Larkspur to Santa Rosa. She was raped and strangled, her nude body dumped over an embankment on a remote road. And now another hitchhiking

SRJC student has disappeared. Twenty-year-old Jeannette Kamahle dropped out of sight after leaving her Cotati home last Tuesday morning to hitchhike to class. Miss Van Hoven told The Press Democrat she heard of four rapes during a two-week period, and "I knew somebody ought to do something."

"I can't find a job so I had plenty of time. There was no way I could rationalize not doing something."

She lined up volunteers, got co-operation from the college for use of the Commons location and a phone extension; she got a signup form printed and her group spent three hours stuffing the inserts into The Sonoman, the campus newspaper.

20 or 30 A Day

A few days later she had 100 signups by drivers with space available and the offers were coming in at the rate of 20 or 30 a day from people on campus.

One Rohnert Park resident, Mrs. Althea Sheehan, offered the services of herself, her son (Continued from Page 7 Col. 1)

The Hitchhiking Dilemma And Carpool Coordination

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and their car to transport students anywhere locally in their free time.

Miss Van Hoven together with her cohort Christina MacInnes, 19, Santa Rosa, devised a way by which drivers are designated by area numbers instead of addresses so they won't be set up as burglary targets. Identification is also required for the protection of riders.

Hopefully, some of the rides will develop into more or less permanent carpool arrangements, but the service is available to anyone who needs a ride—an alternative to hitchhiking.

"If your carpool ride fails to show up, or if your car has broken down—or even if you're just stranded someplace DON'T HITCH!" says the Switchboard registration form.

"Call us at 795-2594. Write the number down someplace where you can find it in an emergency. We'll be there from 7:30 a.m. to 6 at night."

The contacts made during the rest of this school year will lead to an expanded operation next year and until public transportation is available, according to Miss Van Hoven.

Tentatively, the plan is to computerize the operation using campus facilities, making the Switchboard a project for computer trainees.

In the meantime, it's a primitive type of operation, the schedules listed in looseleaf notebooks, a cardboard carton serving as a filing cabinet, thumbtacks scrounged from other bulletin boards throughout the campus.

While most response has been heartening, some has been deri-

sive.

The two girls in charge have been called paranoids by some skeptics.

Female students have revealed rapes they'd not reported to officials in order to add to descriptions of the rapists, however. Their attitude is cooperative.

From their descriptions of drivers who assaulted them, the girls have pieced together the identity of men who may be habitual rapists. Notable among them is one "LeRoy," a black about 40, who drives a blue or green pickup truck and likes to "rap a lot about the girls he's raped and almost killed."

The girls say that the authorities know about "LeRoy," but "LeRoy's still around."

There's negative response to the carpool co-op, too.

Not one or two but 11 men on campus have protested the Switchboard effort, terming the raping of hitchhikers as "inevitable," some said the girl hitchhikers should "relax and regard it as a learning experience."

"Hell, the chicks like it," one said.

Miss Van Hoven, who has hitchhiked since she was 17, was told by a man last week that she "better watch out and not hitchhike any anymore," since forming the Switchboard.

"I've been very lucky, really. I was never in a situation that I couldn't handle.

"Unfortunately, some people's attitude is, if you stick your thumb out you're asking for it.

"It's really rough to get a ride way out here with no bus service, especially when you use your thumb knowing you may be raped, beaten or like her—" and she pointed at the bulletin

board poster of the missing Jeannette Kamahele.

Lack of bus service is a situation she's meeting head on. She's talked with officials of the Golden Gate Transit System and found that service to the SSC campus or re-routing to nearby major roads is not possible under current contract agreements. An intra-county agreement with the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors would be necessary, she was told.

Bus service from Santa Rosa was attempted in 1966 but was not patronized sufficiently and the experimental runs down Petaluma Hill rd. and Hwy. 101 were dropped.

Why weren't they patronized? The theory of SSC business manager R.M.D. Childs is that students either could not afford the fare or were too scattered to commute from downtown Santa Rosa.

Miss Van Hoven plans to broaden the base of her crusade for public transit, contacting senior citizens, Rohnert Park parents groups whose children walk E. Cotati blvd. to school, and others.

"Public transportation through the rural areas of southern and western Sonoma County is non-existent," she said.

"It's a great rural location for a college here, but it has neither local housing facilities nor bus service.

"We can go to school, but we can't live within walking distance and we can't ride to it by bus.

"We're commuters, whether we like it or not. That's why so many of us have to hitchhike," she said.

Remains of 2 Bodies Found in Franz Valley

By JAMES E. REID

Two teenage boys hiking in Franz Valley found the remains of at least two bodies yesterday.

Sheriff Don Striepeke said the area where the remains were found was cordoned off and a guard placed at the scene all night.

Coroner's officials and sheriff investigators returned to the spot this morning to remove the bones and search the ground carefully in the daylight, the sheriff said.

The bodies were discovered by Glen Frost, 17, of 1183 Ralple Terrace, Fulton; and David

Brooner, 16, of 2810 Francisco ave.

The sheriff said the boys were hiking in the hills in Franz Valley about three miles from Porter Creek rd. and found the remains when they returned to their car on Franz Valley rd late yesterday afternoon.

He said the bones were about 60 feet off the narrow two-lane county road down a steep embankment in a heavily brushy area.

The boys returned home and notified Harold B. Frost, father of the Frost boy, who called the coroner's office.

Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Spaulding was dispatched to the scene with Identification Technician Robert Stowe, who arrived at the spot pointed out by the boys around 7 p.m.

Sheriff Striepeke said his officers positively identified the remains of at least two bodies, but further activity in the area was called off because of the darkness.

He said he arrived at the scene himself around 8:30 p.m. with Undersheriff Robert Hayes, Lt. John Hess and District Attorney John Hawkes.

Because of the difficult ter-

rain and the darkness, the sheriff said he decided to hold off further investigation at the site until dawn.

Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Lee Jamme was in charge of the investigation this morning, directing the work of identification technicians and coroner's officials, the sheriff said.

Sheriff Striepeke said this morning it was impossible to determine how long the remains had lain on the ground, but said it did not appear the bodies were buried.

He also said officers had not determined last night if they

had clothes on.

Because the officers held off on examining the remains until this morning, the sheriff said he had no information on the possible cause of death.

The officers had a triangle of some 150 square feet roped off this morning and spent hours meticulously measuring various points before beginning removal of the remains.

The base of the triangle was along Franz Valley rd and its tip was approximately 100 feet down the embankment near

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Franz Creek.

Within the roped off area some seven spots were marked with yellow plastic streamers where bones were found, but officers said there were at least an additional dozen or so spots outside that area where other bones had been located.

Two skulls were found, which officers said means at least two separate bodies are located at the site.

They said it was impossible to determine this morning if there were remains of other bodies located in the area.

That will apparently not be determined until all the bones are collected and studied.

Officials said the skulls appeared small, but it was impossible to determine the age of the victims.

"We may have to call in an anthropologist to help identify them," Deputy Coroner Richard Adams said this morning.

Officers said three deer skulls were also found in the same general area and it could be that some of the other bones belong to those carcasses.

Holes Found

Several holes were also found within the roped off area, which officers said would also have to be checked to determine if they contained skeletons.

The detailed examination of the site will take all day today and further work may be required tomorrow, officials estimated this morning.

The two boys who found the bones yesterday returned to the spot this morning to watch the officials at work.

They said they had been hiking along Franz Creek yesterday and came up the steep embankment to reach Franz Valley rd.

One skull lay about 50 feet off the road with what appeared to be the remains of a rib cage just below it.

A second skull was located farther down the embankment and several feet to the right of the first spot.

What appeared to be part of a rib cage was also found under a small bush about 20 feet off the road.

Officials said as they stirred up the leaves and underbrush within the roped off area they found additional bones and it may become necessary to dig in several spots as the investigation proceeds.

KIM WENDY ALLEN

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The Hunt For Girl's Killer

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Senior Class spirit leader. She also served as "big sister" to Robin Wilkey, daughter of James Wilkey of Santa Rosa.

Robin described Kim as "The most unique person I've ever known. We spent a lot of time together during my freshman year and it still bothered me near her graduation that she knew me so well and I didn't know exactly how she thought about things."

"But her values were easily seen and she took great interest teaching me the things that meant the most to her. She was a hard person to come close to, but her all-out enthusiasm for the things she was interested in was something that I will always admire."

"She hadn't changed at all I saw he only three weeks ago and she acted the very same way, only a little more interested and a little more enthusiastic yet still distant."

Annie Shannon, Kim's sister, mentioned that only the week before, she and Kim had talked about death and Kim had mentioned how joyful an event

she wanted it to be — a beautiful ending for a beautiful life.

Prior to Saturday's liturgy at Ursuline, Sister Mary Xavier McPhee, Ursuline principal, said: "Kim was such a happy person always. The Eucharistic Celebration our girls are planning must have joy as its theme. This has been a difficult day for all of us but we are so grateful that the family came to us to arrange the memorial."

Kim was born in Oakland.

She also is survived by her mother, Roberta Allen, Oakland, and her brother, Robert Stevens, Oakland.

Eggen & Lance Mortuary handled the funeral and is in charge of local arrangements.

at all about the Ramsden report.

Kleindienst said he had no recollection of the other contacts with Flanagan either.

As to the meeting when Flanagan delivered the Ramsden report to him, he said: "That meeting was so insignificant, so

testimony centering around his nomination and his role in the ITT affair.

Hitchhiking SRJC Coed Is Missing

A 20-year-old Santa Rosa Junior College coed has been missing since Tuesday morning when she set out to hitchhike to her classes.

Jeannette Kamabele left her home at 951 Sierra ave. in Cotati at 9:30 a.m., according to her roommate Nora Morales.

Miss Morales said Jeannette usually hitchhiked through Cotati and caught a ride at the freeway on-ramp heading for Santa Rosa.

"She was very stable and very conscientious at school.

"because we realize they do not have the authority to reply off the cuff."

The United States and South Vietnam agreed to meet with the Hanoi and Viet Cong delegations today after a four-day secret trip to Moscow last weekend by presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger.

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contract, but it's possible for a woman to preserve her property and earnings as her own instead of community property.

Answering a barrage of questions from an audience predominantly female, she pointed out that property a woman receives during her marriage — from gifts, wills and inheritance, for

the committee agreed to take the ratification resolution by Sen. Mervyn Dymally, D-Long Angeles, under submission until the legislature enacts bills ensuring that protective laws for working women are not invalidated.

"For this year, it's dead," said Dymally afterward.

way he did, there is very, very little chance, if any, of success," Karabian said.

Nevertheless, he said he would talk with two other opponents, Sen. Stephan P. Teale, D-Rail Road Flat, and Sen. Robert J. Lagomarsino, R-Ojai, and seek to persuade them to change their minds.

Female Hitchhikers And The Pain of Kim's Mother

Hundreds of people, many of them young girls, hitchhike daily in Sonoma County.

The sight of a young girl hitchhiking has become a personal curse for Mrs. Roberta Allen, of Oakland, mother of Kim Wendy Allen, whose nude body was found off Enterprise rd. March 5 in an isolated area

see if the suspect may tie in with the case here.

"It may turn out to be a life-long process," he admitted, adding that Detective Sgt. Timothy Brown has checked out numerous similar cases since being assigned to find Kim's killer more than a month ago.

For Mrs. Allen the sight of

Broadway and MacArthur" in Oakland.

"I saw a girl, she must have been about 15, and she was hitchhiking. I got to thinking about it, and by the time I got to work I broke down," Mrs. Allen said.

Her thoughts returned to the death of her daughter, a Santa

Valley

f the exchange of people to people," Alioto said.

Chuang Tse-tung, three-time national Chinese ping pong champion echoed the feelings of brotherhood, "Upon conclusion of his trip we will bring back American friendship to the Chinese people."

d On their visit to Disneyland,

Sanders, had an electronic transmitting device in one of their purses while attempting to track down prostitutes on the river.

But, she said, she never saw any women she might consider prostitutes and didn't know what was going on at the other end of the transmitting system.

Mrs. Worthington in a match of wits with the defense attorneys accused one of the defendants, John I. Brick, 58, San Francisco, of trying to solicit her to work as a prostitute during the Bohemian Grove encampment.

Pressed by Defense Attorney Paul Neuer, Mrs. Worthington admitted Mr. Brick never mentioned "prostitution," but that it was her "understanding" from their conversations that that's what he meant.

"All you need in this business, Linell, is toothpaste, a toothbrush and a douche bag," she quoted Mr. Brick saying.

She emphatically stated that she and Mrs. Sanders had arranged with Mr. Brick "to go to work as prostitutes for Mr.

Brick repeatedly used the

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government," he said.

In his first press release the candidate, who is out to unseat Robert Theiller, listed several issues he will hit during the campaign. It includes:

—Changes in refuse programs: specifically to allow a homeowner to contract with any garbage company he wants.

—Abolition of the recently-created county Housing Authority. "I believe that most of our poverty and the high cost of housing is a result of the economic policies of the federal government..."

—Desire to have the county withdraw from other federally funded programs, including flood insurance along the Russian River, which requires changes in the building codes.

—Opposition to regional government.

—Emphasis on mass, rapid transit, which he says is of "vital importance."

—Feasibility study to determine if fire districts can be transformed into private businesses, contracting with homeowners.

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Murdered Girl Was JC Student

Sonoma County Sheriff's officials identified the young woman whose nude body was found Sunday 10 miles southeast of Santa Rosa as Kim Wendy Allen, a Santa Rosa Junior College student.

Capt. Charles Kishbaugh said the girl was identified late yesterday by a sister from San Ra-
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Murdered Girl Was JC Student

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fael after her identity was tentatively established earlier by her roommates.

The 19-year-old junior college student who lived at 2298 Guerneville rd., was last seen around 5 p.m. Saturday when she left a health food store in Larkspur where she worked to hitchhike to Santa Rosa, according to officials.

She had been raped and strangled with a wire or cord before her body was dumped down a 20-foot embankment on Enterprise rd. sometime early Sunday morning.

The coroner's office said pathologists' reports showed she died around midnight Saturday.

Her tentative identification was made from photographs at the sheriff's office and relatives were notified to view the body at the mortuary.

Sheriff Don Striepeke said investigation of the case will now focus on tracing the dead girl's activities after she left the store in Larkspur.

He asked that anyone who saw a young woman hitchhiking from Marin County after 5 p.m. Saturday to call his office at 527-2511.

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Missing Girl, 17, Safe at Home

The 17-year-old girl reported missing by her Petaluma foster parents March 16 has turned up and was returned to her own home in Livermore, according to sheriff's officers.

Lisa Michele Smith was reported missing and last seen hitchhiking on Hearn ave. Her picture ran in Sunday's Press Democrat.

Sheriff's juvenile officers said she apparently left her boyfriend and his disabled car, and hitchhiked to San Francisco where she stayed with friends on Third ave.

On March 26, Sheriff's Juvenile Officer Shirley Andreatta said the girl set out hitchhiking from San Francisco to Sausalito and was picked up by a man driving a pickup on 19th ave. in San Francisco.

The man drove past Sausalito, according to sheriff's officers, and later threatened to rape the

girl while brandishing a gun.

The girl became frightened and jumped out of the truck, as it was going some 55 mph, near the Highway 101 intersection with Highway 37 south of Novato, Mrs. Andreatta said.

The girl was taken to Novato General Hospital for treatment of a minor brain concussion, but apparently before hospital officials could identify her she left the facility.

Mrs. Andreatta said the girl hitchhiked back to San Francisco and took up residence with her friends on Third ave. again. San Francisco police were sent there several times trying to locate the girl without success.

Her parents finally found her and returned her to their home in Livermore.

She was checked by doctors at Kaiser Hospital and released to her parents, Mrs. Andreatta said.

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SECRET WITNESS

A Way To Solve Grisly Crimes

By JAMES E. REID

Someone, somewhere, knows what happened to Kim Wendy Allen and Lori Lee Kursa — two young girls whose nude bodies were found down embankments along two Sonoma County roads.

Whoever raped and slowly strangled Kim Allen, a popular 19-year-old Santa Rosa Junior College coed, knows how her body came to be found off Enterprise rd. last March 5.

And whoever may have tossed 13-year-old Lori Kursa's body off Calistoga rd. knows what happened to the Cook Junior High School eighth grader before she died.

But there is a strong possibility that more than one person knows what happened to each of the young girls, maybe even the name of the person who saw them last.

The Secret Witness program launched last week by The Press Democrat, with the cooperation of Radio Stations KSRO and KVRE, hopes to bring that "other" person's information to the authorities while protecting

his or her identity at the same time.

It could be a license number, a nickname, an address, a place where the girls were seen shortly before they died — one small fact that would provide detectives with the lead they need to open their investigations with new evidence.

If the information you send as a Secret Witness provides the key that results in the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the two girls' deaths, you can collect \$500.

Regardless of how insignificant you may think your information is, write it down and send it to "Secret Witness" according to the directions in the sample letter accompanying this article (see Page 2).

Because your tip may mesh with the hundreds of pieces of evidence and information sheriff's investigators pour over almost daily in their search for an answer to solve the two mysteries.

Five letters also came in Saturday containing one check for \$100, two \$10 checks, a one-

dollar bill and a \$25 pledge to add to the Secret Witness reward fund.

Insurance companies, banks, grocers associations, medical organizations and other groups have also been contacted in efforts to raise additional money for the initial goal of \$10,000.

If that goal can be reached, the Secret Witness program can be expanded to offer rewards for information about major crimes, such as large burglaries or bank robberies, as well as murders.

Thousands of dollars contributed to Secret Witness funds in other areas have reaped significant results in solving crimes.

Since it first began in the Detroit News in 1967 that city has solved 14 murders . . . 45 felonies were solved during the first six months after the Sacramento Bee sponsored the program . . . and three arrests were reported during the first month the Long Beach Independent Press-Telegram launched the program.

The evidence surrounding the death of Kim Wendy Allen ap-



LORI KURSA



KIM ALLEN

parently baffled the expert criminalist, Peter D. Barnett, protégé of the famed University of California criminologist the late Dr. Paul Kirk.

After several investigators spent weeks here sifting through the meager clues, analyzing and testing, checking and double

checking, the evidence was sent to Barnett in hopes he might be able to turn up something new or give a new interpretation to the facts.

But the material was returned a few weeks ago at the request of the sheriff's office, where it (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

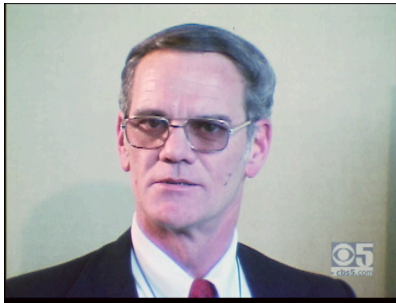
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Dental charts to be checked

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 Kamahale, 20, who was last seen April 25, 1972, hitchhiking at the Cotati freeway on-ramp.

Slain Woman Found

By BONY SALUDES

Two high school students yesterday discovered the body of a nude woman in a creek bank on Enterprise rd about eight miles southeast of Santa Rosa.

The sheriff's office said the woman, 18 to 24 years old, is unidentified and the cause of death was not immediately known.

An autopsy was performed this morning at Eggen & Lance Mortuary.

Sheriff's Lt. Charles Kishbaugh said the discovery was made by two Montgomery High School students, John Bly and Scott Bunting, both 17, while they were out motorcycle riding.

The two youths stopped to rest in a wide spot of the narrow, hilly road about 2 p.m. yesterday.

One of the youths walked to the opposite side of the road, looked down and saw what he

thought was a manniken in the creek bed. They reported the body to the sheriff's office at 2:06 p.m.

Sheriff's officers theorized the woman died or was killed elsewhere and was driven to the spot, dragged from an auto and dumped over a 20-foot embankment.

There were no obvious injuries on the body, except scratch marks indicating the body rolled down the embankment.

The body was face down.

Enterprise rd. runs between Bennett Valley rd. and Sonoma Mountain rd. and sheriff's officers said the body was found about three-fourths the distance from the Bennett Valley rd. intersection.

Sheriff's deputies were in the area today checking residences.

The first officers at the scene yesterday were Detective Sgt. Lee Jamme, Identification Officer Robert Stowe and Deputy

Tom Bach, but the sheriff's office did not disclose whether they found any clues.

Officers said the woman had been dead about 24 hours and that she most likely was dumped over the embankment sometime Saturday night.

Sheriff Don Striepeke asked anyone who might have seen an auto in the area Saturday night or early yesterday morning to call the sheriff's office, 527-2511.

The sheriff's office said the

woman was completely nude and wore no jewelry.

She was described as being 18 to 24 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 125 pounds, blue eyes, light brown to strawberry blonde hair falling below her shoulders, pierced ears and had a small scar on her left shoulder.

As of this morning, the sheriff's office had no reports of any missing women fitting the description.

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Slain Woman Was Tortured; No Identity Yet

The woman whose nude body was found Sunday afternoon south of Santa Rosa remains unidentified.

Sonoma County Coroner Andrew Johnsen said the victim was apparently tortured to death because she was slowly strangled by the cord or wire around her neck.

It took the young woman at least a half-hour to die, Mr. Johnsen said.

He said the cause of death would be listed as asphyxiation.

Sheriff's Capt. Robert Hayes said his office would have photographs available today for anyone to view who might be able to identify the woman.

The body was found by two Santa Rosa high school students on Enterprise rd. between Bennett Valley rd. and Sonoma Mountain rd.

Coroner Johnsen said there was evidence that she was raped.

A wound on the left collar bone would not have been deep enough to have caused death, coroner and sheriff's officials agreed.

Marks on the neck, wrists and ankles were probably made by a wire or a small, narrow rope, Capt. Hayes said.

The sheriff's captain said his office had received various calls about the unidentified woman from people attempting to trace

missing relatives or friends

He also said "We've received three or four leads on suspicious vehicles seen in the general area where the body was found, but we've been unable to develop anything positive on them as yet."

"Our first main hope is to identify the girl," he said "We're soliciting all the information people can come up with" about missing people or the area where the body was found.

Capt. Hayes said his officers still believe the body was dumped over the 20-foot embankment Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

He said results of yesterday's autopsy indicated she'd died "at least" 12 hours before her body was found.

Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Timothy Brown released a revised description of the woman this morning to assist in her identification.

She is believed to be 18 to 26 years of age, 5-4 to 5-5, approximately 135 pounds, measuring 38-31-38, hazel to blue eyes, shoe size 6½ to 7, light brown to brown hair about 22 inches long.

He said she has a scar about nine-sixteenths of an inch long on the tip of her left shoulder, two moles on her left rear shoulder and a mole ¼ by five-sixteenths of an inch on her left front shoulder.

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Reward for Drug Clues
Added to Secret Witness

(Continued from Page 1A)
Instructions in the sample letter accompanying this article.
Rewards of \$1,000 are also still being offered for information in the deaths of Kim Wendy Allen, Maureen Sterling, Yvonne Weber, and Lori Lee Kurza. Another \$500 reward is also offered for information about the disappearance of Jeannette Kamahole.

Although many leads sent to the Secret Witness program have been checked by sheriff's detectives, they failed to turn up anything allowing officers to make an arrest.

Several letters contained information about suspects investigated in other cases, one a man presently facing trial on charges of assault to commit rape.

Other letters supply only meager clues but several have requested officers enough to request the writer to answer further questions.

Additional facts are still being sought from persons who sent Secret Witness letters DFE-725 and AAA-ABR. If they call Art Valera at The Press Democrat, 566-2020, their identity will remain protected.

Friday Sheriff Strope released several additional facts in each of the cases.

More details about the investigations, Strope said, may lead someone to remember a fact or bit of information that could provide officers with the clue they need.

The four deaths have these similarities:

—All four girls were nude when their bodies were thrown down steep embankments off remote county roads.

—Two of the girls were known hitchhikers and the other two may have accepted a ride from someone.

—One girl died of strangulation and another died of a broken neck; cause of death of the other two victims has not been determined.

—Several items of jewelry believed worn by the girls are missing, as well as their clothing and personal belongings which officials say could still be in the killer's possession.

Kim Allen

—Kim Wendy Allen, 19, a senior at Santa Rosa Junior College died disappeared March 4 last year while hitchhiking from San Rafael to her home on Gorseville Road. Her body was found the next day by E. Terrence Road between Sonoma Mountain Road and Bennett Valley Road. She had been raped and slowly strangled to death.

When last seen she had large, wooden "toy" barrel about two feet high and a foot wide at the top, open at one end, imprinted with Chinese characters. She was wearing, or had with her,

CALENDAR

TODAY
10 a.m., Santa Rosa Blue Club, annual luncheon, Lake Mendocino.
1 p.m., Senior Citizens Activities Center, cards, 500 Mendocino Ave.
3:30 p.m., Open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Azure Acres, Sebastopol.
8 p.m., Santa Rosa Sunday Night Service Group, 79 South E. St.; Sebastopol Sunday Night Alcoholics Anonymous, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

TOMORROW
10 a.m., Senior Opportunity Services, discussion group, 500 Mendocino Ave.
Noon, Santa Rosa High Twelve Club, Black Forest Inn.

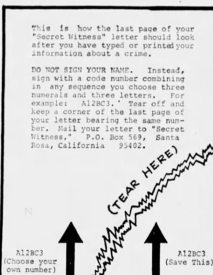
12:15 p.m., Rotary Club of West Santa Rosa, Luncheon, Lodge.

1 p.m., Senior Citizens Activities Center, table games, 500 Mendocino Ave.

1:30 p.m., Santa Rosa Monday Afternoon Women's Group, Alcoholic Anonymous, First Presbyterian Church; Senior Citizens of Windsor, Graceland Center.

7:30 p.m., Sonoma County Day Care Parents Association, Golden West Savings & Loan; Sonoma County REACT, downtown Samba's; Santa Rosa Toastmasters Club 102, Flamingo Hotel.

8 p.m., Santa Rosa Lodge 850, Equal Order of Moose, Mount Hall Santa Rosa Encampment.



This is how the last page of your "Secret Witness" letter should look after you have typed or printed your information about a crime.

DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME. Instead, sign with a code number combining an any sequence you choose three numerals and three letters. For example: A128C1. Tear off and keep a corner of the last page of your letter bearing the same number. Mail your letter to "Secret Witness," P.O. Box 163, Santa Rosa, California.

She also had two checks in her possession and a charge card in her name from Hansen's department store in Santa Rosa. One of the checks was for \$150 dated March 4, 1972, made payable to her from her father, Kimball Allen. The other check for \$5.25 was made out to her from Larkspur Natural Foods store, where she worked part-time.

An aluminum frame orange backpack Kim had with her was found several weeks later and her personal checkbook was deposited in a drive-in mail box across from the Kenfield Post Office sometime between 6 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. March 24.

Officials said two fingerprints on the checkbook may belong to Kim's killer.

The first five checks also had small stickers pasted on their reverse side with the name and address of one of Kim's friends, Delia Russell, Alameda.

In addition to being slowly strangled to death, Kim's body indicated she had been tied by the ankles and wrists before she died.

An oily substance found on her right side was identified as being similar to the oil used in a machine shop in cutting metal.

Kim was also wearing a stretch necklace made of driftwood, seeds, eucalyptus buttons, seaweed, tree moss and a sea urchin.

Maureen Sterling and Yvonne Weber

—Maureen Sterling, 12, and Yvonne Weber, 13, dropped out of sight Feb. 4 after one of their mothers left them at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena. The skeletal remains of the Herbert Slater Junior High School students were found Dec. 20 off Franz Valley Road, near an area known as Devil's Kitchen where several caves are located.

Cause of the girls' death has not been determined and their remains were sent to a specialist in Arizona in efforts to pin down the time they died.

Officials said they found nothing at the site off Franz Valley Road to indicate the girls were dressed when their bodies were thrown down the embankment.

There were no bits of clothing, buttons, coppers, metal chips or mugs found at the vicinity of their remains.

However, an earring and gold cross were found alongside the road which were identified as belonging to one of the girls. One of the earrings is still missing.

—Lori Lee Kurza, 13, ran away from home Nov. 11 and was killed sometime between Dec. 1 and Dec. 10. Her nude body was found off the Calistoga grade north of Rincon Valley on Dec. 14.

The pathologist said her body showed no sign of sexual molestation. She died of a broken neck.

When she ran away from home she was wearing blue jeans, a brown leather jacket and brown, suede cowboy boots.

Jeannette Kamahole

—Jeannette Kamahole, 28, disappeared April 25 after leaving her Cotati home to hitch a ride to her classes at Santa Rosa Junior College.

She has never been found. She was wearing a brown sweater, blue jeans and sandals, carrying her school books and a leather purse with a light naturally woven and dyed pattern.

She had her identification papers, but no driver license. She was last seen around 9:30 a.m. at the freeway northbound on-ramp, getting into a 1969-70 faded brown Chevrolet pickup with a homemade camper.

The driver was described by witnesses as white, about 20 to 30 years of age, with light brown hair in an Afro-style, thick mustache and a beard. From his posture, the witnesses said the driver appeared to be tall.

Street Issues
Concern Women
At Monte Rio

By Staff Correspondent

MONTE RIO — Members of the Women's Auxiliary, Chamber of Commerce, recently voted to request "No Parking" signs where the streets are too narrow for parking — mostly on the higher streets in Monte Rio.

Mrs. Alfred Sison, chairman of the Civic Improvement Committee for the auxiliary, reported that she had contacted Don Head, Director of Public Works, concerning the desire of the auxiliary to have the bridge over Dutch Hill Creek replaced.

Head had referred the matter to Ernest Garfield and he had reported to Mrs. Sison that the matter was being taken under advisement, saying that it was an expensive bridge to replace.

Before the city's firemen have used this bridge as a quick access to Bohemian Highway.

Mrs. Sison also reported that a request had been made to have additional no parking signs placed on the east side of the north approach to the Monte Rio bridge. The county had already put up two signs on the west side — no new cars have been parking cars on the east side.

The three annual donations made by the auxiliary were again voted on and passed \$100 to the County for the Blind, \$100 to the Red Cross and \$100 to the Children's Retarded Ward at Sonoma State Hospital. In addition, \$100 will be donated to the Monte Rio School District to purchase books for their library.

GOLDEN BEAR

SRHM more detail from Secret witness program (continued)

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Strychnine Killed Caroline

Caroline Nadine Davis died of strychnine poisoning, Sonoma County Dist. Atty. John Hawkes announced today.

The nude body of the 15 year-old Shasta county girl was found July 31 down a steep embankment off Franz Valley Road north of Santa Rosa within four feet of the spot where the skeletal remains of two Santa Rosa girls were found Dec. 28.

Officials are working on the theory that all three were slain by the same person.

The cause of the latest victim's death was withheld today in hopes the exact type of strychnine used could be identified.

Hawkes said today the pathologist's report to him indicated this could not be done, beyond concluding the type of strychnine was either sulphate or tablet form.

However, he said the autopsy indicated it could have been administered to the girl either orally or intravenously.

Strychnine is sometimes used in the drug culture to mix with other drugs, such as heroin or amphetamine, but Hawkes said there was no indication of those kind of drugs present in the victim's body.

Asked if there was evidence of any other drug indicated by the autopsy, Hawkes declined comment.

Caroline ran away from home Feb. 6 and has been traced as far away as Illinois and New Mexico. She was last seen around 1:30 p.m. July 15 in Garberville where her grandmother left her in front of the post office to hitch a ride south on 101 toward Modesto. She is believed to have died around July 20.

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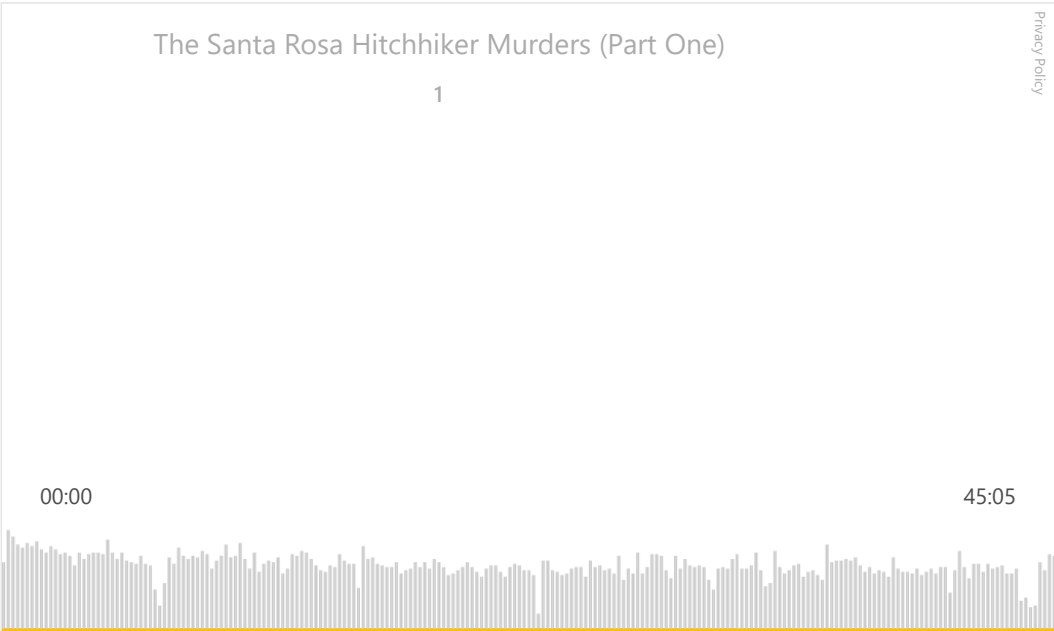
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The Santa Rosa Hitchhiker Murders

In 1972, a handful of young women would go missing or be murdered in the area surrounding Sonoma County's most populated city, Santa Rosa. All had reportedly been hitchhiking at the time of their disappearance or death, and a few were last seen getting into the cars of strangers...



Lisa Michelle Smith was a 17-year-old that ran away from her foster parents' home on March 16th, 1971. Lisa was last seen hitchhiking in Santa Rosa, California - the county seat of Sonoma County - about 55 miles north of San Francisco and approximately 100 miles west of California's capital, Sacramento. While Santa Rosa is now known as an affluent city in Wine Country, just an hour or two outside of the tech-based Silicon Valley, the city had a much smaller population back in the early 1970s... which is when this young woman decided to run away from home.

Lisa's foster parents would report her missing a short time after her disappearance, and would later learn that she was spotted hitchhiking a short distance away from their home, along Hearn Avenue, at around 7:00 PM on March 16th. At the time, she was wearing a white blouse with ruffles, a dark pea coat, green bell-bottom jeans, and cowboy boots. This would be the last known sighting of the young woman, with neither of her foster parents - nor her boyfriend - coming up with many theories about why she remained missing. Despite there being no reason for her to have done so, police labeled her a runaway.

On March 26th, 1971 - nearly two weeks later - a woman matching Lisa's description leaped from a moving vehicle traveling approximately 55 miles per hour along Highway 37, just past the Petaluma River, en route to Napa. A passing motorist would describe the incident to authorities as the young woman was rushed to a hospital in Novato - a small city about 30 miles south of Santa Rosa - where she was treated for a skull fracture and multiple severe abrasions.

While speaking to police at the hospital, as well as nurses, the woman identified herself as "Lisa Smith," and claimed to have been hitchhiking from San Francisco to Sausalito. She said that she had gotten a ride from a man driving a red-and-white late-model Ford truck, which had a horse-like hood decoration, who had started to assault her, demanding sex in exchange for a ride. Since the man wasn't planning on stopping to let her out, this young woman decided to take matters into her own hands, leaping from the vehicle amidst high-speed traffic... leading to her current

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injuries.

Hospital staff would describe this young woman as looking 21 or so, and - as I mentioned - she used the name "Lisa Smith," which is about as common a name as possible. Despite her giving up very little specific information about herself or her travels, authorities would begin to link her case to the still-missing 17-year-old from Santa Rosa with the same name - who had disappeared about ten days before this young woman was hospitalized - and local newspapers would begin to report that they were one and the same.

On April 1st, 1971, the Press Democrat, a newspaper based out of Santa Rosa, would report that 17-year-old Lisa Michelle Smith had been reunited with her family back home in Livermore, having run away to spend a couple of weeks with her friends in San Francisco. It would appear to put a bow on this saga, proposing a happy ending for the young woman at the center of this story, who endured a horrifying situation but was able to survive... making it home to her loved ones.

However, the truth is that it's unknown what happened to these young women... not only the woman from the hospital calling herself "Lisa Smith," but the missing teenager from Santa Rosa, whose fate remains unknown to this day.

A 2011 article in the same newspaper (Santa Rosa's Press Democrat) would offer up a different perspective on the story, claiming that there had been no reunion for Lisa and her loved ones: that she had never returned home in March of 1971, and was still missing more than forty years later.

This article would detail how the original missing person report from 1971, as well as the young woman's medical records from the hospital in Novato, had gone missing over the years. The officers that had handled the missing teen's case back then - as well as the medical personnel that treated the young woman who leaped from the moving vehicle weeks later - were unable to verify the information reported in various newspapers decades beforehand. Too much time had passed, records had been lost, and those with information about these cases had either passed on or were unable to shed any light on either.

Attempts to recover any kind of record, in this case, had been exhausted, and both Lisa Michelle Smith (the missing teenager from Santa Rosa) and the young woman calling herself "Lisa Smith" (at the hospital in Novato) had proven impossible to track down. What made investigators' task even more difficult was that no one in the original newspaper reports was named (such as Lisa's foster parents or boyfriend, or the witness that had seen the young woman leap from the moving vehicle). And since "Lisa Smith" is one of the most common names on the planet, trying to track down either woman seemed like an impossibility decades later.

It's now widely believed that the article from April 1st, 1971 - detailing how this young woman had been returned to her family in Livermore - was a hoax, played out for some unknown reason. Perhaps someone had fed the reporter in-question false information, but there was no way to verify that this case was closed in any regard.

Speaking in 2011, Detective Jesse Hanshew would tell the Press Democrat about the still-missing Lisa Michelle Smith:

"We can't conclude she was ever found. She may be living well somewhere. We hope she is."

Nearly five decades after this young woman went missing, several questions remain unanswered in her case. The same goes for the possibly-related case that took place less than two weeks later, just miles away. Because none of these questions have been unanswered, investigators believe that this may have been the first victim attributed to a serial killer that hunted young

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women - primarily, young nitchnikers - in this region or northern California throughout the 1970s.

This is the story of the Santa Rosa Hitchhiker Murders.

Sonoma County is a large and prosperous county in northern California, located along the coastline, just north of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Sonoma County has been ranked one of the best places to live in all of North America, as well as one of the best places to own a business, although both have started to lose standing over the past decade, due to the high cost of owning and renting property in the area (which had seemingly driven up costs across the board). But back in the early 1970s, this wasn't the case... while the population of the surrounding metropolitan area is now approximately half-a-million, the population was less than half of that just fifty years ago, back when the area was very picturesque for the time.

While this region is mostly known for the large cities nearby - not only San Francisco, but San Jose, Oakland, and Sacramento, all of which are within a couple of hours' drive (depending on traffic) - Sonoma County is an area with a strong agricultural output. As I mentioned earlier, Sonoma is a part of California's Wine Country, and despite Napa County being known as California's premier wine producer, Sonoma is actually the largest producer of wine in all of North America. It's advantageous climate and fertile soil also makes it a leading producer of hops, grapes, prunes, apples and has turned this region into a farming hub along the west coast.

I only mention this because back in the early to mid-1970s, Sonoma County was very much the embodiment of small-town America, which was located close to the big city amenities of cities like San Francisco and Sacramento but was known primarily for its ample farmland. Santa Rosa was the largest city in the county, with the population hovering around 50,000, and the county's other residents were spread out amongst the roughly 1600 square miles that made up Sonoma County.

Santa Rosa will be the primary setting for this story, simply because it's the largest city in the county (and where more than a quarter of the local population lived), but this story takes us throughout the numerous small cities and rural towns that surround Sonoma County.

Yvonne Lisa Weber was born in Carson City, Nevada on January 29th, 1959, but would end up moving to California during her childhood. Yvonne's parents would divorce early on in her life, and her mother Sheila would later remarry a man named David Herrington, who would become stepfather to Yvonne and her older brother, Mark (who was fiercely protective of his younger siblings). Together, they lived in Santa Rosa, and Yvonne would have two half-siblings: a brother named Aaron and a sister named Emily (who was born later in 1972).

Yvonne would end up attending Herbert Slater Middle School, where she became good friends with another girl, Maureen Sterling. Despite being older than Maureen, many just assumed that she was younger.

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OLIVIA THORNDIKE
(/OLIVIA-THORNDIKE)

Maureen Louise Sterling was a Santa Rosa native, who was known to be the more dominant of the two; with a confident, anti-authoritarian attitude that often made people think she was older than she really was. Born on February 18th, 1959, Maureen was well-versed in tragedy from an early age; her father, Larry Sterling, would perish in a water-skiing accident in August of 1958, months before her birth, at the age of 23. This left his wife - Maureen's mother, Arleen - to raise both her and her older sister, Theresa, as a single mother (in an era where that was easier said than done).

Not only was Maureen taller than Yvonne, but many reports state that she was "anti-authoritarian" - possibly related to a strong personality she had developed early in life, due to her family history. Regardless, she and Yvonne had become good friends, who spent time with each other on the weekends.

The two were last seen on the evening of February 4th, 1972 - a Friday - having gone to the Redwood Empire Ice Arena. Also known as "Snoopy's Home Ice", this was a skating rink owned by Charles Schulz, the creator of the Peanuts comic strip, who had moved to the region and built the rink just a few years prior (1969). In the time since, it had become one of the few places in the region for kids to congregate on the weekends, and Yvonne and Maureen were no exception.

That Friday, the two had been dropped off at the skating rink by one of their mothers at around 7:30 PM but were no-shows when she returned to get them at around 11:00. The mother would attempt to find the two; entering the skating rink and searching around for a bit, before calling the other girls' mother and finding out that they hadn't gone home. She would begin calling around to other friends' homes for a bit, before deciding to report the girls missing.

The Santa Rosa Police Department would oversee the investigation into the disappearance of the girls, beginning their search the day after the two were last seen.

According to police, the last sighting of Maureen Sterling and Yvonne Weber was at approximately 9:00 PM on February 4th - roughly 1.5 hours after they were dropped off at the skating rink by one of their mothers. The two girls were reported to have gotten into a vehicle along Guerneville Road, just outside of the hockey rink. It was unknown if they were willingly getting into the car (or were being forced/compelled into it), but the two girls were known to have hitchhiked together in the past, and it was believed that they might have done so here. Where they might have gone, however, remained anyone's guess.

Investigators would look into rumors that Maureen and Yvonne had been in contact with a man that lived near Russian River, an area along a river of the same name, but they were unable to find anything definitive putting them in that region. Police would also receive reports that the girls had been spotted at a Santa Rosa bowling alley after leaving the skating rink, but this too would remain an unfounded rumor.

Police would oversee searches throughout the region, spanning out from Santa Rosa towards Kenwood and Sugarloaf, as well as looking in the Spring Lake and Howard Park regions. Unfortunately, it seems like whatever information police were able to compile early on quickly lead to dead-ends, and the rumors - scant as they were - began to evaporate fully. Officer Robert Riddell would recount to the Press Democrat in January of 1973:

(/OLIVIA-HORNBIKE)

THE FAMILY MURDERS
(/THE-FAMILY-MURDERS)

KYRON HORMAN
(/KYRON-HORMAN)

THE AUSTIN YOGURT
SHOP MURDERS (/THE-
AUSTIN-YOGURT-SHOP-
MURDERS)

HENRY EVERY
(/HENRY-EVERY)

THE CON QUEEN OF
HOLLYWOOD (/THE-
CON-QUEEN-OF-
HOLLYWOOD)

MATTHEW "JED" HALL
(/MATTHEW-JED-HALL)

THE VOLGA MANIAC
(/THE-VOLGA-MANIAC)

THE MAIN LINE
MURDERS (/THE-MAIN-
LINE-MURDERS)

DARREN RAINEY
(/DARREN-RAINEY)

THE NIGHT WATCHER
(/THE-NIGHT-
WATCHER)

ARPANA JINAGA
(/ARPANA-JINAGA)

THE NATIONAL HOTEL
EPIDEMIC (/THE-
NATIONAL-HOTEL-
EPIDEMIC)

BEATRIZ MOTA
(/BEATRIZ-MOTA)

THE OKC BUTCHER
(/THE-OKC-BUTCHER)

"ADAM" (TORSO IN THE
THAMES) (/ADAM)

THE COLONIAL
PARKWAY MURDERS
(/THE-COLONIAL-
PARKWAY-MURDERS)

THE INVESTOR
MURDERS (/THE-
INVESTOR-MURDERS)

THE NORTHERN BANK
ROBBERY (/THE-
NORTHERN-BANK-
ROBBERY)

MATT STEWART
(/MATT-STEWART)

TONY HARRELSON
(/TONY-HARRELSON)

ROBERT PILLSSEN-
RAHIER (/ROBERT-
PILLSSENRAHIER)

GIRLSDOPORN
(/GIRLSDOPORN)

ALAN BERG (/ALAN

"A week later it seemed like all the leads just stopped... and within two weeks of the time they were reported missing, we weren't getting any feedback on the girls."

A culprit for this lack of activity seems to be the reaction from both law enforcement and the press - or, rather, the lack of a reaction. Police would seem to insist early on that the two girls were runaways, who had voluntarily gone missing; likely heading out to visit with a friend of theirs, and would probably turn up in a matter of days or weeks. It seems like authorities didn't push too hard to find the missing youngsters, and the case wouldn't receive much publicity at all until later in the year (but that was when the circumstances changed drastically... more on that in the next episode).

Later on, when it became apparent that the two girls had not run away, Lieutenant John Hess would appeal to the public, asking:

"There's a chance somebody may have given them a ride, somebody who's not connected with their disappearance, but who just gave them a ride somewhere that night. Naturally, we'd like to have any information that would indicate the girls left the ice arena that night, because right now most of our information stops there."

Unfortunately, as I mentioned, this case would receive almost no attention in the press, with police labeling Maureen Sterling and Yvonne Weber runaways - much to their parents' chagrin. Their disappearance would eventually settle onto the region's backburner, where it would stay for the time being, overwhelmed by other stories from the region... including the story of a murdered coed from Santa Rosa...

Kim Wendy Allen was born on July 22nd, 1952 to her parents, Kimball and Roberta Allen. She would have one sister (Annilee) and one brother (Robert), and her mother Roberta would later recall to reporters with the Press Democrat:

"... she was never a speck of trouble to anyone from the day she came on this earth. She trusted everyone, believed that people were good."

Kim would graduate from the private, all-girl Ursuline High School in Santa Rosa, serving as the school's Senior Class spirit leader, but was known as a relatively private person that often kept her thoughts and opinions to herself - even from the people that she knew and cared for. Robin Wilkey, a high school friend that described Kim as her "big sister," later described her as:

"The most unique person I've ever known. We spent a lot of time together during my freshman year and it still bothered me near her graduation that she knew me so well and I didn't know exactly how she thought about things... But her values were easily seen and she took great interest teaching me the things that meant the most to her. She was a hard person to come close to, but her all-out enthusiasm for the things she was interested in was something that I will always admire."

By 1972, Kim was 19 years old and was already in the middle of her fourth semester at Santa Rosa Junior College, where she was studying art. She lived along the 2200 block of Guerneville Road with a pair of roommates and worked part-time at a natural health food store in Larkspur, a town about 40 miles south of Santa Rosa. Kim didn't have a car of her own at the time, so she often hitchhiked to and from work and class; despite being warned about its dangers by her parents, who were unable to shake her resolve... or her trust in the good of strangers.

ALAN BERG (/ALAN-BERG)
NONNIE DOTSON (/NONNIE-DOTSON)
TEEKAH LEWIS (/TEEKAH-LEWIS)
THE WAVERLY STRANGLINGS (/THE-WAVERLY-STRANGLINGS)
DIANE AUGAT (/DIANE-AUGAT)
THE ACID KING (/THE-ACID-KING)
THE SANTA ROSA HITCHHIKER MURDERS (/SRHM)
THE METCALF SNIPER ATTACK (/METCALF)
TOYAH CORDINGLEY (/TOYAH-CORDINGLEY)
THE UNKNOWN PERSON (/THE-UNKNOWN-PERSON)
ELIZABETH BARRAZA (/ELIZABETH-BARRAZA)
REV. CAROL DANIELS (/REV-CAROL-DANIELS)
THE SOUTH COUNTY BOMBER (/THE-SOUTH-COUNTY-BOMBER)
RACHANDA PICKLE (/RACHANDA-PICKLE)
GLORIA RAMIREZ (/GLORIA-RAMIREZ)
ANDY & ANITA ANDERSON (/ANDY-ANITA-ANDERSON)
SHELTON SANDERS (/SHELTON-SANDERS)
ANNETTE SAGERS & KORRINA MALINOSKI (/ANNETTE-SAGERS-KORRINA-MALINOSKI)
PAUL SKIBA, SARAH SKIBA, AND LORENZO CHIVERS (/PAUL-SKIBA-SARAH-SKIBA-AND-LORENZO-CHIVERS)
"MARY ANDERSON" (/MARY-ANDERSON)
LINDA PIKURITZ (/LINDA-PIKURITZ)
THE CLEVELAND TORSO MURDERS (/THE-CLEVELAND-TORSO-MURDERS)
ROBERT WONE (/ROBERT-WONE)

Jolene Rich and Fred Samia, fellow students at Santa Rosa Junior College, would later describe Kim as:

"... a pure spirit, innocent... with a child-like acceptance of people."

To those that knew Kim, she seemed like one of the few genuine people in the world, who wasn't afraid of her bizarre quirks; rather, it seems like she embraced them, and made them a part of her everyday life. In addition to being private and "unusual" (according to Elizabeth Barr, one of her instructors at school), she seemed to believe that everyone was inherently good. Many believe that this trait is what eventually led to her falling prey to a killer.

Kim Allen was last seen on March 4th, 1972 - a Saturday - during which she had hitchhiked from San Francisco to Larkspur. She had been visiting with friends in San Francisco but arrived to work at Larkspur shortly before her shift started at noon. She worked for approximately five hours and then began the process of hitchhiking back to her home in Santa Rosa.

Just outside of where she worked, along Larkspur's Magnolia Avenue, Kim would be picked up by a pair of men who were heading north; not too far, however, only a few miles away to San Rafael. She agreed to go with them, believing that it'd be easier to find a ride north to Santa Rosa once there.

The two men dropped off Kim along San Rafael's Belle Avenue, not too far away from the north side of Highway 101, where she was planning to hitch a ride back home. At the time, she was carrying an orange, aluminum-frame backpack and holding a large wooden soy barrel with Chinese characters written on the side, which - according to friends - she was planning to turn into a drum.

Dozens of motorists would recall seeing Kim standing along the side of the road in San Rafael, arm (and thumb) outstretched, hoping for a ride. But this would, unfortunately, be the last known time that the young woman was ever seen alive...

On March 5th, 1972 - the day after Kim Allen was last seen hitchhiking in San Rafael - a body was found in an embankment just off of Bennett Valley Road, about 40 miles away from where she had last been seen (and about 10 miles southeast of Santa Rosa). This body was found at 2:00 PM that Sunday, by a couple of Montgomery High School students that were riding around on motorcycles that afternoon. They found the body about 20 feet away from Enterprise Road, down a steep embankment, lying in a creekbed.

Almost immediately, police began to suspect that the body of the young woman had been tossed down the embankment. Her nude body was found lying facedown in a creekbed, having been bound at her wrists and ankles to the point of intense bruising; indicating that the ligatures had been tied extremely tightly and that she had struggled to free herself before her death.

Early newspaper reports would indicate that the victim had suffered a wound from a knife, but since that wasn't repeated in other detailed, subsequent reports, it's hard to determine its veracity. It was also believed that the young woman had been raped by the person that had killed her, with the sexual assault and murder taking place elsewhere, leading to the dumping of the victim's body in this isolated area, made evident by the scratches all over her body (which indicated her being tossed down the embankment and eventually rolling to a stop).

"FALLEN ANGEL"
(/FALLEN-ANGEL)

PFC LAVENA JOHNSON
(/PFC-LAVENA-
JOHNSON)

THE SHORT FAMILY
(/THE-SHORT-FAMILY)

JUNE & JENNIFER
GIBBONS (THE SILENT
TWINS) (/JUNE-
JENNIFER-GIBBONS-
THE-SILENT-TWINS)

HENRYK SIWIAK
(/HENRYK-SIWIAK)

THE BURGER CHEF
MURDERS (/THE-
BURGER-CHEF-
MURDERS)

THERESE
VANDERHEIDEN-
WALSH (/THERESE-
VANDERHEIDENWALSH)

THE DUPONT DE
LIGONNÈS AFFAIR
(/THE-DUPONT-DE-
LIGONNS-AFFAIR)

THE GATTON MURDERS
(/THE-GATTON-
MURDERS)

THE SAN FERNANDO
MASSACRES
(/SANFERNANDO)

"CLAY THE SERIAL
KILLER" (/CLAY-THE-
SERIAL-KILLER)

THE ANNECY
SHOOTINGS (/THE-
ANNECY-SHOOTINGS)

THE MORNINGSIDE
MURDERS (/THE-
MORNINGSIDE-
MURDERS)

WILLIAM FENZAU
(/WILLIAM-FENZAU)

KATIE JANNESS
(/KATIE-JANNESS)

DANA CHISHOLM
(/DANA-CHISHOLM)

THE ENFIELD
MONSTER (/THE-
ENFIELD-MONSTER)

MV JOYITA (/MV-
JOYITA)

THE CUMMINSVILLE
RIPPER (/THE-
CUMMINSVILLE-
RIPPER)

THE DAYTON
STRANGLER (/THE-
DAYTON-STRANGLER)

THE I-70 KILLER (/THE-
I-70-KILLER)

An autopsy would find that this young woman had been strangled to death with a cord or wire of some kind, but on a strange-and-horrifying note, Sonoma County coroner Andrew Johansen would tell reporters that she had been tortured beforehand, stating:

"The pathologist said it was done slowly. She was strangled for at least a half hour or more."

It was believed that this woman was slowly garroted with a cord-like object for approximately 30 minutes, with the killer depriving her of oxygen numerous times and then relaxing his grip. This was repeated several times, over roughly half-an-hour, before the victim eventually lost consciousness forever. She was believed to have died at around midnight the night before her body's discovery, March 4th. Her cause-of-death was officially listed as asphyxia, and her manner-of-death was homicidal strangulation.

Semen was recovered from her body, which - because this was a generation before DNA testing - couldn't be used to identify the killer, but could help identify his blood type in the future. It would also be noted that an oily substance was found on the right side of the young woman's body, which seemed similar to car oil, indicating a potential link to an autobody or mechanic shop.

Sadly, police were unable to identify the victim right away, simply because her only identifier at the time was a single golden hoop earring, which she had been wearing at the time of the murder. No other clothing or personal belongings were found at or near the crime scene, including the mate of the earring, which was missing from the victim's left ear. It was believed that this might have been stolen by the killer, or permanently lost while rolling down the steep embankment. Regardless, it's never been found.

The roommates of the missing Kim Allen would reach out to authorities on Thursday, March 9th - four days after the young woman's body had been found outside of Santa Rosa - and would identify the victim as their missing roommate later that day. Police would then reach out to Kim's sister from San Rafael, who officially ID'd the remains the following day.

Because Kim's body was discovered outside of Santa Rosa, along a rural country road, the investigation into her murder would be overseen by the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, who would dispatch 10 detectives to work on the case early on, and even procure the services of noted criminologist Peter D. Barnett from Berkeley (who would begin analyzing the physical evidence alongside local detectives).

At the scene where Kim's body had been found, police would discover a leg impression at the top of the road, overlooking the embankment where the victim's body had been thrown. This impression indicated that the killer had slipped or tripped in the process of tossing her body over the side, and had fallen a few feet down the embankment himself. Because of the distance he supposedly fell, it's believed that this man had injured himself was disposing of the remains, and this would become a point of interest for investigators moving forward.

Unfortunately, because Kim Allen was notoriously aloof and private, it was hard for investigators to get a true accounting of her final days. It was reported that she had last been seen by her roommates approximately three days before her murder (March 1st), but had last been seen by coworkers on March 4th (less than 24 hours before her body was found outside of Santa Rosa). Because of this, no missing persons report had been filed, which led to her body remaining

1/0-KILLER)
THE PENNSYLVANIA
SERIAL BOMBER?
(/THE-PENNSYLVANIA-
SERIAL-BOMBER)
THE CAREAGA FAMILY
(/THE-CAREAGA-
FAMILY)
DANIELLE IMBO &
RICHARD PETRONE JR.
(/DANIELLE-IMBO-
RICHARD-PETRONE-JR)
LENORIA JONES
(/LENORIA-JONES)
TREVOR DEELY
(/TREVOR-DEELY)
RAY GRICAR (/RAY-
GRICAR)
JEANNETTE 'CHARLIE'
ATWATER
(/JEANNETTE-CHARLIE-
ATWATER)
EDDIE POLITELLI
(/EDDIE-POLITELLI)
KIMBERLEY LOCKYER &
DALE WORTHMAN
(/KIMBERLEY-LOCKYER-
DALE-WORTHMAN)
JOSHUA MADDUX
(/JOSHUA-MADDUX)
THE CASTRATION
MURDERS (/THE-
CASTRATION-
MURDERS)
LONI KAI (/LONI-KAI)
AVI KEYS (/AVI-KEYS)
MARY ANN HOLMES
(/MARY-ANN-HOLMES)
GAR Y SUDBRINK
(/GAR-Y-SUDBRINK)
ESTRELLA CARRERA
(/ESTRELLA-CARRERA)
THE LITTLE ROCK
SLASHER (/THE-
LITTLE-ROCK-
SLASHER)
DOUGLAS CLEAVES
(/DOUGLAS-CLEAVES)
THE UNIVERSITY OF
IDAHO MURDERS
(/THE-UNIVERSITY-OF-
IDAHO-MURDERS)
MAGGIE LONG
(/MAGGIE-LONG)
OMAR M'A TUER
(/OMAR-MA-TUER)
LINDA MALCOM
(/LINDA-MALCOM)
WACO (/WACO)

unidentified for the better part of a week. No one knew she was missing.

Officers would attempt to recount her final hours through witness sightings, which would begin to pile up after the details of her violent death began to be dispersed by news outlets in the region. Investigators would begin to thoroughly investigate anyone they knew that had come into contact with her that weekend, including the two men that had given her a ride from her workplace in Larkspur to San Rafael. Police were able to track down both men, who were questioned thoroughly (one was even subjected to a polygraph test - which he passed) and quickly eliminated as suspects.

Suspicious were raised when a 20-year-old was arrested that same month for raping an 18-year-old coed from Sonoma State Junior College at knifepoint. But investigators would tell reporters that there was no known connection between him and the unsolved murder of Kim Allen.

The same goes for a local man named Robert Lee Bushon, who was arrested later that same month for abducting a young woman that was hitchhiking in the region. After abducting the woman at knifepoint, Bushon had taken the woman back to his apartment, where he forced her to undress and then bound her in ligatures. Thankfully, the woman was not sexually assaulted - Bushon reportedly just fell asleep next to her - and she was able to escape from his apartment the following morning. Police would later investigate links between Bushon and Kim's murder, but were unable to find any connections. He later pleaded guilty to kidnapping charges and was sentenced to serve time in San Quentin.

These were just two of the more than thirty persons-of-interest that investigators probed in the weeks after Kim Allen's death, subjecting a handful to polygraph tests, but were ultimately unable to connect to the crime via physical evidence.

While police continued to search for answers in this troubling case, a couple of relics from Kim Allen continued to haunt them. This included an aluminum-frame orange backpack that she had been carrying at the time of her initial disappearance, which was found weeks after her death. The same could be said for her checkbook, which was dropped in a drive-up mailbox across the street from the Kentfield, California post office, on the morning of March 24th, 1972 (between the hours of 6:00 AM and 12:00 PM). This was nearly three weeks after her death and was supposedly done by her killer. Police would later claim to have found two fingerprints on the checkbook itself, which they claimed might belong to the killer, but were unable to match this up with any of their suspects.

In the weeks to come, officials would continue to put out feelers for potential witnesses to call in with any information about the case. They would dispatch nearly a dozen detectives to work the case in its earliest days but would have their work cut out for them... especially when another young student from Santa Rosa Junior College went missing just weeks later...

Jeannette Kamahele, born on February 10th, 1952, was a young woman of Hawaiian heritage who spent her formative years in Japan because of her father's naval career. She would graduate from Yokohama American High School in 1970, about 40 miles outside of Tokyo, which was designated for children of military service members stationed overseas.

After graduating from high school, Jeannette would choose to move stateside, and ended up attending Santa Rosa Junior College (the same school that had been attended by Kim Allen). She would end up living in the small town of Cotati, about eight miles south of Santa Rosa, where she lived along the 900 block of Sierra Avenue with her roommate, Nora Morales.

Like Kim Allen, Jeannette did not have a vehicle of her own, and without any available public transit, ended up hitchhiking daily. She would regularly catch rides to school from the nearby freeway on-ramp heading to Santa Rosa and seemed to have had no issue with this throughout the Spring of 1972.

On the morning of Tuesday, April 25th, Jeannette would be seen for the very last time. She departed for class that morning at around 9:30 and would fail to return home later that day - raising the suspicion of her roommate, Nora, who would begin to reach out to Jeannette's teachers, learning that she had been a no-show for all of her classes that day.

Nora would report Jeannette missing later that evening, just before midnight, causing an all-points-bulletin to be issued the following day for the 20-year-old Jeannette Kamahele, who was about 5'5" tall, weighed approximately 120 pounds, with Pacific Islander features, and long, dark hair.

Nora Morales, Jeannette's roommate, would speak to the Press Democrat newspaper just days after Jeannette's disappearance, telling them:

"She was very stable and very conscientious at school. She wouldn't have missed her classes. She is not at all flighty, she wouldn't just take off without telling anyone."

Unlike in the first case of young women disappearing from the region (Maureen Sterling and Yvonne Weber), authorities would not just assume that Jeannette had run away. After all, she was already an adult that was living away from her parents, and would seemingly have no reason to run away. The recent murder of Kim Allen had also brought the dangers of hitchhiking to the forefront of local conversations (more on that in a bit), so police moved forward trepidatiously, fearing that Jeannette's disappearance could be linked to the high-profile murder from a month prior.

Investigators would attempt to learn when Jeannette had last been seen alive and would

investigators would attempt to learn when Jeannette had last been seen alive and would discover that she had been seen a short time after leaving her home along Sierra Avenue. An acquaintance that already knew Jeannette had spotted her near the on-ramp to Highway 101, where she usually stood while attempting to solicit a ride to nearby Santa Rosa. This friend of hers had spotted her, and was planning to pull up to offer a ride, but was beaten to the punch by another vehicle that pulled up in front of him and stopped for Jeannette.

This vehicle was described as a 1950 - 1952 pickup truck, which had a faded brown homemade wooden camper atop it. The driver of this pickup truck was described as a young white male between 20 and 30 years of age, who had his brown hair fashioned in an Afro-style cut, along with either mutton chops or a thick beard. And based on his posture sitting in the car, this man appeared to be rather tall.

While police had reason to believe that this witness account was accurate, this was unfortunately where the trail to find Jeannette Kamahele would go cold. Speaking to reporters in January of 1973, nearly an entire year later - after Jeannette's case had been loosely linked to others in the region - sheriff's officials would state:

"She's probably out there somewhere too. We'll probably find her some day."

Unfortunately, that day would never come, with Jeannette Kamahele not being seen or heard from in nearly five decades.

On December 14th, 1972, a set of human remains would be discovered in a ravine off of Calistoga Road, just northeast of Santa Rosa's Rincon Valley. The remains were discovered by a young couple walking along the road on a crisp Thursday afternoon, who reported the discovery to police at around 3:20 PM.

Officers arrived at the scene a short time later and were horrified to find that the nude young woman's remains were frozen solid, indicating that she had been there for some time. Based on her surroundings, it appeared like she had been lying there for approximately one week, and was surrounded by an extensive amount of garbage (stuff that people had discarded and thrown over the road over weeks, if not months).

It quickly became apparent that - just like the body of Kim Allen - the body of this young woman had been tossed down a steep embankment, and was allowed to drop approximately thirty feet before being stopped by a group of trees. Like Kim Allen, she had also been stripped of all clothing and belongings and was only found with a pair of wire loop earrings.

Preliminary reports indicated that this young woman had died from a broken vertebra in her neck, which had left her immobilized without treatment. A more comprehensive examination would establish that the young victim had suffered a broken neck, as well as extensive damage to her spinal cord, but her official cause-of-death would not be listed, simply because there was no evidence to prove how she had died, exactly.

A thorough autopsy would not show any sign of sexual assault (nor any sign of recent sexual activity), but it was theorized that she had been deceased for anywhere between one and two weeks at the time of her body's discovery. A more specific time could not be determined, because the young woman's remains had been left outdoors for an extended period, causing them to freeze in the unusually-cold conditions that month. A pathologist would list an unofficial date of

death falling between December 1st and 8th of that year (1972).

Thankfully, this young woman's identity would not remain unknown for long. While police would initially theorize that this victim had been between 16 and 23 years old, dental records would confirm just a day after the discovery of this body that she was much younger than that.

Lori Lee Kursa was born in February of 1959 to her parents, Homer Lee and Lorraine Kursa. However, because of a separation between her two parents early in her life, she would end up being raised by her mother, Lorraine, who lived along the 300 block of Delores Lane. Her father, Homer - a former police officer in Santa Rosa - had moved to Florida, abandoning his family in search of greener pastures. This unfortunately left a mark on Lori, who later expressed some disillusionment with life through a handful of behavioral outbursts.

Lori attended Lawrence Cook Middle School, and would, unfortunately, become known as a frequent runaway. She was known to leave home for days on-end, oftentimes staying with friends in the surrounding area, but ultimately returning after having had time to calm down. She was also known to hitchhike frequently, even at the young age of 13.

On November 11th, 1972, Lori was reported missing by her mother after running out on her at a U-Save grocery store. Rumors would allege that she had told her younger brother about heading to a friend's house in nearby Rohnert Park or attempting to head east to visit her father in Florida, but it's undetermined if either were true.

Despite Lori being seen in the surrounding area over the next couple of weeks - visiting with friends and roaming the streets - her last known sighting remains unconfirmed today. Some friends reported last seeing her on either November 20th or 21st, just a couple of days before Thanksgiving; while another acquaintance would claim to have seen her on November 30th, attempting to hitchhike in Santa Rosa. Both may have been true, but police were never able to learn the definitive truth about Lori Kursa's final days alive.

Investigators would begin to theorize that Lori might have jumped from a moving vehicle, unaware of the steep embankment just outside of her door, and that might have caused her to suffer the broken neck that ultimately led to her death. While this sounds a bit silly at face value, this would become a part of the hypothesis that police began compiling through the available evidence - which included a troubling witness report.

After learning about the discovery of this teenage girls' remains just outside of Santa Rosa, a man would reach out to the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, informing them about a strange incident he had witnessed weeks beforehand. This incident took place between December 3rd and 9th (he wasn't exactly sure) but took place at around 9:30 PM when he was usually returning home from work.

This man says that he saw a young woman matching Lori's description being led out of an apartment complex along Parkhurst Drive (in Santa Rosa) towards a white van parked across the

street. This van had an off-color door on the driver's side and was being driven by a white man with an Afro-style haircut, who seemed to be waiting for a pair of other men, who were either guiding or forcing the young woman across the street, towards the van.

This witness says that the two men holding up the young woman rushed across the street towards the van, and then either pushed or led the young woman inside, before it began speeding north down Calistoga Road (nearby where Lori's body was found just days later). He told police that he was unable to recall many details about the men involved, but described the vehicle they were driving as an older-model Ford van, which had likely been in a wreck in the past. He described an off-color door on the driver's side - which was either dark gray or just painted with primer - which may have also been dented.

Compiling this information alongside the uncertain circumstances of Lori's death, police began to theorize that she had been kidnapped by a group of men, who forced her to undress inside of the car and possibly planned to hurt or rape her. They believe that she leaped from the vehicle at the first possible opportunity, resulting in her breaking her neck near the location she was later found. The men responsible for abducting her had then just left her there, out of sight, where she ended up dying slowly - unable to move or call for help.

This theory - while a bit outlandish - would be backed up by the available evidence, which later revealed that Lori had not died of her broken neck. While it had undoubtedly incapacitated her, it likely wasn't enough to have killed her. It was more likely to forensic pathologists that she had broken her neck and then died of exposure to the frozen elements, since there were no other signs of trauma that indicated her being dead before she was dumped off of Calistoga Road. Other than the two broken vertebrae in her neck, there wasn't enough to indicate a cause-of-death.

However, this official narrative set forth by investigators would fail to explain a couple of things: what had happened to Lori's clothing, and what had happened to the earrings she was wearing at the time of her disappearance? Police had discovered two hoops in her ears at the time her remains were found, but they were missing their ornamentation - the shiny, dangly bits that hang from the hoops. Neither would be found at the crime scene, and it was believed that this might have been a calling card of a burgeoning serial killer... who collected at least one earring or piece of jewelry from the women he killed.

At this point, it's worth taking a step back to talk about hitchhiking itself: the act of hitching a ride with someone that is, more often than not, a complete and total stranger. While this is a foreign concept to many, hitchhiking was seen as a very typical, normal thing back in the era these stories unfolded; especially in areas of the world where public transportation just wasn't a thing (such as Sonoma County, California).

While most of us nowadays are appalled by the idea of hitchhiking - or putting our faith in strangers, possibly for good reason - this has only come about after decades of "stranger danger" and other similar public awareness campaigns (which have almost twisted things 180-degrees in the opposite direction, in that we're now conditioned to believe in the cruelty of others... but that's a conversation I'm ill-equipped to lead).

After the brutal murder of Kim Allen in March of 1972, hitchhiking was brought up in the local press: not only by Kim's loved ones, who implored other young women to find other means of

press, mostly by minor local sites, the impact on young women to this extent means of transportation (such as carpools or ride-shares) but by those that were attempting to raise awareness of the dangers of hitchhiking. This included not only local newspapers - who attempted to distribute information about the large number of sexual assaults that had been perpetrated against female hitchhikers in Sonoma County the year prior - but local police. Speaking to the press that year, Sonoma County Sheriff's Lieutenant Charles Kishbaugh warned:

"We have had more than 100 rapes last year and about 80 percent of them have involved hitchhiking. Heaven knows how many girls have been assaulted and don't report it."

It was reported that in the weeks after Kim Allen's murder, at least a handful of young women had called into local police officials and relayed information about sexual assaults that they had endured while hitchhiking, which had gone unreported. Unfortunately, almost all of these cases were months-old at the time - in which case, they were unlikely to help with the unsolved murder - but pointed towards a silent danger that was plaguing the area.

A shockingly large percentage of women in the region were regularly being sexually assaulted by strangers and were too horrified by the treatment of other rape victims by society to report their own trauma. Perhaps they were afraid to endure harsh treatment from law enforcement or were worried about the repercussions they would face if the information about their assault was relayed to those close to them (friends, family members, coworkers, employers, boyfriends, etc.). Nonetheless, this led to an urgent issue being exposed, which had been, for the most part, swept under the rug by the region that these women lived in.

Unfortunately, this rash of disappearances and murders of young women from the surrounding area - which had been linked to reports of hitchhiking - would continue on the following year, 1973...

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Witness Rewards Climb

The Secret Witness program was expanded yesterday to offer a \$2,500 reward for information about the latest slaying victim found off Franz Valley Road.

The reward will be paid to anyone sending information to the Secret Witness that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death or disappearance of the young girl.

Anyone with information about the case may send it to the Secret Witness program according to the instructions contained in the sample letter accompanying this article.

Similar rewards of \$1,000 have also been offered through the program for information about the deaths or disappearances of the following girls:

— Maureen Sterling, 12, and Yvonne Weber, 13, whose remains were found Dec. 28 within four feet of the spot where the latest victim's body was found late Tuesday. The two junior high school girls were last seen Feb. 4 when one of their mothers took them to the Redwood Empire Ice Arena. Cause of their death has not been established but experts say they died at least six months before their skeletal remains were found.

— Kim Wendy Allen, 19-year-old Santa Rosa Junior College coed, whose nude body was found March 5 off Enterprise Road, after she disappeared while hitchhiking from San Rafael to Santa Rosa the previous day. She was raped and slowly strangled to death, officials said.

— Lori Lee Harris, 13, whose nude body was found Dec. 14 down a steep embankment off Calistoga Road north of Rincon Valley. The pathologist said she died of a broken neck, but that she was probably alive when

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Secret Witness

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she was thrown over the embankment. She ran away from home Nov. 11 and was known to hitchhike.

— A \$500 reward is also offered for information about Jeannette Kamahale, 20, who dropped out of sight April 25 when she left her Cotati home to hitchhike to class at Santa Rosa Junior College. She was last

seen at the freeway on-ramp at Cotati.

— The Secret Witness program has offered an additional \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in the manufacturing of illegal drugs in Sonoma County.

Donations to the Secret Witness reward fund may be sent to Secret Witness Fund, Box 569, Santa Rosa, 95402.

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SECRET WITNESS

\$2,000 in Reward Offers

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and complete investigation and it will be handled as if it were a homicide case."

Striepeke said, "This investigation will be under the direction of Lt. John Hess with whatever manpower is felt necessary to make a complete and thorough investigation of all the circumstances involving the disappearance of the two girls and discovery of their remains."

"The Santa Rosa Police Department is cooperating completely with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office in conducting this investigation, and will be giving all information they have from their investigation into the girls' disappearance."

He said, "Every available means possible will be used in order to try to find out what actually happened to these young girls" and the investigation will be assisted in every way possible by the district attorney's office.

As the investigation progressed yesterday, however, it became apparent that most of the information about the missing girls had been checked thoroughly at the time their parents reported their disappearance.

Officer Robert Riddell said he launched several searches in the Sonoma Valley area, near Kenwood and Sugarloaf, and in the Spring Lake and Howarth Park areas, as well as the Russian River area trying to run down information he received

about the girls after they dropped out of sight Feb. 4.

But he said, "A week later it seemed like all the leads just stopped ... and within two weeks of the time they were reported missing, we weren't getting any feedback on the girls."

He said many youths in Rincon Valley were asked to help police search for the girls and horsemen were sent up into the rugged areas of Annadel Farms to look for them.

This is how the last page of your "Secret Witness" letter should look after you have typed or printed your information about a crime.

DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME. Instead, sign with a code number combining in any sequence you choose three numerals and three letters. For example: A12BC3. Tear off and keep a corner of the last page of your letter bearing the same number. Mail your letter to "Secret Witness," P.O. Box 569, Santa Rosa, California 95402.

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Officer Riddell, juvenile officer with the Santa Rosa police, handled the initial investigation of the missing girls and turned the results of his efforts over to Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Lee Jamme yesterday.

Det. Sgt. Jamme said this morning he spent most of the time since the girls were identified in running down more recent clues about their whereabouts, working back to the time they disappeared.

He said he had not yet contacted the girls' parents to question them about the jewelry found near the spot where their bodies were found last week, but said at least one of the girls had pierced ears. (A pierced earring and gold cross were found near the bodies.)

At the time they disappeared, he said the parents supplied officers with the following description of the girls.

Maureen Sterling was five feet, five inches tall, 117 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes, and was wearing blue denim pants with a purple pullover shirt, a red sweatshirt with a hood and zipper and brown suede shoes.

Yvonne L. Weber was five feet two inches, 105 pounds, with blonde hair and blue eyes, wearing blue denim pants, a lavender and white tweed pullover shirt, black velvet coat and brown suede boots.

Lt. Hess asked that anyone with information about the girls contact the sheriff's office at 527-2511.

"There's a chance somebody may have given them a ride, somebody who's not connected with their disappearance, but who just gave them a ride somewhere that night," he said. "Naturally, we'd like to have any information that would indicate the girls left the ice arena that night, because right now most of our information stops there."

Yvonne and Maureen (continued)

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A TRAIN would have difficulty getting around this pole on a railroad spur in Waukegan, a Milwaukee, Wis., suburb. The pole was there first, and the track extension for a new industry was built around it. The pole can be used. Until then, the effect is like that of an inflexible axle approaching a tree.

BUSING Nixon to Ask Court Order Moratorium

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State Financed Education Urged

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The top 10 per cent of the state's wealthiest families should be asked to contribute to a state fund for education, a report from the President's Commission on Education says today.

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Slain Woman Found

By BONY SALADES
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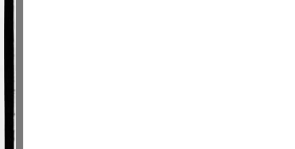
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