

Staten Island Advance (NY)**UNSOLVED MURDER**

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It's been three years and nobody but Staten Island detectives seem to care about a murder victim known as **Jane Doe**.

Ms. **Doe** was beaten with a hammer, strangled and then set afire in Ocean Breeze. Her body was found Sept. 20, 1991, at about 6:30 a.m. by a man who was walking along **Seaview Avenue** on his way to work.

She was dumped the day before in a ditch across from the South Beach Psychiatric Center, surrounded by burnt weeds and lying handcuffed on top of the murder weapon -- an industrial-use hammer with a wooden handle inscribed with "Lloyd L," detectives said.

Arresting her killer(s) is secondary until detectives find her identity, but they don't have much more to go on other than 30 cents, some jewelry, a pack of cigarettes and a tattoo.

"You have very little to start from when you don't even know who the person is," said Deputy Inspector William Allee, commander of Staten Island's detective squads.

Ms. **Doe** was beaten in the head so severely that the coroner's report said bleeding from the brain was a contributing cause of death.

The 13-inch hammer is commonly used in auto body shops or by sheet metal workers to bang out metal, Allee said.

Ms. **Doe** weighed 115 pounds, stood five feet, five inches tall and had shoulder-length, brown, wavy hair.

Her body was also identifiable by a poorly drawn, red and blue scorpion tattoo on her right buttocks, police said.

She was last wearing two gold chains, a ring that was a watch and a black dress which had pink trim around the collar and on the two front pockets. The dress had been purchased within three months of the woman's death, according to its California manufacturer.

There were no signs of sexual assault, but detectives can't rule out any motive, including robbery or a lover's violent intent.

Det. Michael Morales of the Crimes Against Persons Squad is investigating the case. Anyone with information should call detectives on their 24-hour, confidential hotline at 987-3100. Crime Stoppers also is offering \$1,000 for any information leading to the arrest and indictment of the suspect or suspects. All calls are confidential through the 800-577-TIPS.