

Staten Island Advance (NY)**KILLER MAY HAVE DUMPED ONE VICTIM HERE COPS CHECKING ON WOMAN SLAIN IN 1991**

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The battered corpse of an unidentified young woman found dumped in Ocean Breeze nearly two years ago is among the cases that will be looked at by police investigating the macabre world of self-described serial killer Joel Rifkin.

"We had preliminary contact with investigators out there (Long Island) ... It's clearly a case that has to be looked at in the overall context of the event," said Inspector William Calhoun, commander of Staten Island's detective bureau.

Calhoun is referring to a grisly case in which a young woman was found beaten, strangled and handcuffed. The corpse had been set afire. A passerby spotted the body in brush opposite the South Beach Psychiatric Center on Seaview Avenue just after dawn on Sept. 20, 1991.

Nationwide alerts and a check of missing person reports have failed to turn up the woman's identity. Calhoun said his detectives exhausted every means to identify the woman.

"We've gone all over the world with her prints," he said.

Calhoun said the New York City Police Department has a standard method of operation for wide-reaching investigations such as the Rifkin probe.

"Everyone has been alerted; liaisons have been established," under the auspices of the chief of detectives, Calhoun said. "It's a mandatory investigative process. There is some organizational investigative scheme."

Borough Commander Tosano J. Simonetti said the gruesome murder is "probably the most unusual case since I've been here."

The murder victim was a white woman between 21 and 23 years old, with brown, shoulder-length hair and brown eyes. She was five feet, five inches tall and weighed about 115 pounds.

The woman was wearing a black dress with pink trim on the neckline, black flowered underpants and white low-cut sneakers. She also was wearing an 18-inch gold chain and a 20-inch gold rope chain. On her right finger, she wore a ring watch with a brown expansion band. She also had a pack of Newport cigarettes and 30 cents. She had a red and blue scorpion tattoo on her right buttock.

Found under her body was a blood-stained hammer with **Loyd L.** scratched into its wooden handle. The hammer, which is believed to have been used to bludgeon the woman to death, is the type used in auto shops to punch out car dents.

Detectives urge anyone with information regarding the homicide to call their 24-hour hotline at 667-1436. All calls will remain confidential. Detectives Bruce Carroll and Michael Morales are assigned to the case.