

Cops probe grisly double murder

HOUSTON (AP) — Homicide detectives are investigating a double murder in which a young man's head was severed and his girlfriend shot in the mouth.

The headless body of Robert C. Spangenberger Jr., 18, was found in the trunk of a car Thursday about an hour after the body of Joann Huffman, 16, had been found beside a bench in a Northwest Houston park.

Detective Gil Schultz said the couple had last been seen at a restaurant Wednesday night but that sometime Wednesday evening Spangenberger apparently had been involved in a fight in another park.

Spangenberger's head had not been found.

Investigators said Spangenberger's pockets held about \$12 in cash, possibly ruling out robbery. Schultz said the amount of blood in the trunk indicated it was possible the head was severed in the trunk.

Miss Huffman's purse was found in the car, police said, along with women's underwear and shoes.

A cyclist found Miss Huffman's body in the park, face down next to a bench. Police said the body was clothed but was without shoes or underclothing.