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Montco Teacher Slain, Children Hunted

By JOE CLARK and SHARON SEXTON

State Police continued their search today for the two young children of an Upper Merion High School English teacher whose body was discovered early Monday morning in the trunk of an auto at a suburban Harrisburg motel.

The victim, Susan G. Reinert, 36, of Ardmore, and her children — Michael, 10, and Karen, 11 — were last seen by neighbors last Friday night when they pulled away from their home on Woodcrest Ave.

Reinert, a divorcee, was scheduled

to attend a weekend conference sponsored by Parents Without Partners Inc., a social group, in Allentown. Neighbors say when the family left Friday night they did not have suitcases, and that the victim said she was going to leave for Allentown Saturday morning.

The nude body of Reinert was discovered at 5:30 a.m. Monday by police in the back of a car parked at the Host Inn in Swatara Township. It was in the rear of a red, Plymouth Horizon hatchback, believed to belong to the victim. When police, who were alerted to the body by an anonymous

telephone call from a male, arrived at the scene the hatchback was open.

DAUPHIN COUNTY Coroner Dr. William Bush said Reinert died of suffocation, and was placed in the trunk after she was dead. He also said she had been sexually assaulted.

"We're just digging in to see where we're going," said Sgt. Joseph VanNort of the State Police criminal investigative unit in Harrisburg. "So far we haven't got much."

VanNort said it's possible the children are safe. He said they may have been dropped off with a babysitter who has yet to learn that Reinert is



Reinert



Karen



Michael

dead. She was not identified until late Monday night by her former husband, Kenneth Reinert, of Narberth, a senior personnel officer for

Fidelity bank.

THE HUSBAND said, "We're hoping there was a last-minute change," and

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Israel F-15s Down 5 Syria Jets

Israel jets, including American-built F-15s, shot down at least five Syrian Soviet-made MIG 21s over southern Lebanon today in two large-scale dogfights over south Lebanon, Israeli air force chief David Ivri said.

Ivri said the air battles — the first in more than five years — marked the first combat experience of the F-15s.

The Israeli air force chief said the Israeli jets were on a bombing mission against guerrilla targets in south Lebanon and the Syrian jets challenged them. He said at least five Syrian MIGs were downed in the dogfights that lasted three minutes each, and an additional two or three Syrian planes may have been hit.

SYRIA SAID four of its jets were "hit" and two Israeli planes shot down. Israel said all of its jets returned safely to base. An Israeli military spokesman flatly denied that two Israeli planes were shot down.

The state-run Beirut radio later said two Syrian pilots were found unharmed in southern Lebanon after bailing out. It quoted "correspondents of the (Lebanese) national news agency" for its report.

The Lebanese right-wing Phalangist Radio said an Israeli pilot and his co-pilot had bailed out of their plane and had been captured, but there was no confirmation of the report.

A spokesman for the American embassy in Tel Aviv said the Israelis were restricted to using the F-15s only in cases of "legitimate self-defense" when they were purchased from the United States.

It was not clear whether the dogfight would fall into this category as the Israeli planes encountered the Syrians while on a bombing mission against Palestinians in Lebanon.

SYRIA'S BID to intercept Israeli jets as they attacked Palestinian positions in Lebanon marked a major departure from previous policy, which had been to avoid direct confrontation with Israel in Lebanon.

In Tel Aviv, Israeli chief of Staff Raphael Eitan told correspondents the incident will not cause a change in Israel's policy of waging active warfare against Lebanese-based Palestinian guerrillas.



Photographed by E. W. Fardolph

A Knock at the Judge

Whitman Council President Fred Druding tries to get his message across with a visit yesterday to U.S. District Judge Raymond Broderick's home on Church Rd., but no one was home. The council was protesting Broderick's order approving construction of the low-income Whitman Park housing project at Front St. and Oregon Ave. in South Philadelphia. The council also wrote to Chief U.S. District Judge Joseph S. Lord 3d criticizing Broderick's ruling.

Fitz, Wife Sue Over Sex Ad

By JIM SMITH and GLORIA CAMPISI

Wed less than a month, former Philadelphia District Attorney F. Emmett Fitzpatrick and his new bride were shocked when obscene mail and telephone calls began pouring in to their Ocean City, N.J., summer home.

The cause, the Fitzpatricks charged in a \$21-million suit filed in federal court yesterday, was a malicious telephone call to Screw, a raunchy magazine published in New York, placing an ad headlined in boldface:

"Gamble with sex. Anything goes. You're a winner in Atlantic City."

Below, in standard type, it continued: "Have fabulous free f— while vacationing. Kinky, sex-loving, exotic lady. Sensational, insatiable, Debbi." The advertisement then listed the Fitzpatricks' Ocean City address and concluded: "Phone listed — Fitzpatrick."

DEBBI PANTANO, widow of a wealthy wrecking magnate, married the controversial former D.A., a widower with four children, at the Merion, Montgomery County, mansion of clothier Ben Krass on June 17, 1978. A reception for more than 200 of Philadelphia's leading legal and other lights followed the next day at the Atlantic City Country Club.

Then the couple settled in at Fitzpatrick's summer home to honeymoon.

But on July 12, 1978, Screw came out, carrying the offending ad, said the suit. And the Fitzpatricks began receiving "telephone calls . . . at all hours of the day and night," as well as before-and-after-dark visits by trespassers.

THE FITZPATRICKS sued Screw, said their attorney, James E. Beasley, because the publication failed to confirm the placing of the ad by telephone, despite a policy to do so.

To make matters worse, Beasley contended, Screw republished the ad after Mrs. Fitzpatrick complained of the mail and telephone calls.

The suit was filed against Milky Way Productions, publishers of Screw. It named as its plaintiffs not only the Fitzpatricks, whose permanent home is in Merion, but the widowed woman's two daughters and Fitzpatrick's daughter and three sons.

The suit did not state whether the ad placar's side.

Screw-Milky Way's attorney, Kenneth Norwick, said he could make little comment until receiving a copy of the complaint. "All I can tell you," he said, "is I'm not aware of any requirements for a newspaper to take affirmative steps to verify an ad placed with it. Then again, I don't know what steps were taken."

"IT WOULD be an unreasonable burden on a newspaper to verify every ad that came in," he added.

The suit charged Screw defamed the family by alleging Mrs. Fitzpatrick was involved in "criminal and immoral conduct." Not only did the ad invade the Fitzpatricks' privacy and damage their personal and professional reputations, and their standing in the community, the suit states, it also produced a situation where they were "fearful for their lives."

They were forced to change their telephone number because they were "bombarded" with calls, the suit said, but they still received "sexually explicit, offensive letters, ads and photographs in the mail."

Cohen OK'd For PUC Job

Walter Cohen, a Republican lawyer and court-appointed monitor of the Philadelphia prison system, plans to start work next week as the state consumer advocate.

The state Senate voted unanimously yesterday to confirm Cohen for the post. He'll be in charge of protecting homeowners and apartment dwellers from rate increases by electric, gas and water companies and other public utilities.

Cohen was nominated for the job by Gov. Dick Thornburgh.

Furniture Brings \$12M

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (UPI) — The most expensive furniture sale in history ended last night, bringing in record bids of \$12.3 million from a crowd of anonymous buyers.

Sotheby Parke-Bernet's two-day auction of the 201-lot Akram Ojeh collection has been called the sale of