

Girl, 9, Raped at McCall School

Police remain on the alert today near McCall Elementary School, 7th and Delancy Sts. in Society Hill, where a 9-year-old girl — late for class — was grabbed from behind, dragged into an unused stairwell and raped about 9:30 a.m. yesterday.

The child was treated at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Rape Crisis Center. She apparently suffered no other injuries in the attack, which occurred during a heavy rain.

The rain and the child's tardiness apparently combined to put her in the rapist's path. She told police she first noticed a man in his 20s, wearing green slacks, following her as she crossed South St., hurrying to school

from her home in King Plaza, 13th and Fitzwater Sts.

MEANWHILE, MOST of the other 750 McCall pupils had arrived on time and hurried out of the rain and into the classrooms. Once the students were safely inside, parents who had accompanied their children departed, and school personnel prepared for classroom activity.

The child arrived at the bare, rain-swept schoolyard and began to scurry toward an entrance door, unaware she was still being followed until the attacker grabbed her.

The victim was taken across the schoolyard and down a flight of steps that led to an unused electrical

room in the basement. Her clothing was torn away, and she was raped. Other pupils, who found her sobbing and near hysterics, took her to the principal's office. By the time police arrived, the man in the green slacks had fled.

A schools spokesman said he was "shocked" at the rape, and referred to the incident as "unusual," especially at McCall, which is regarded as one of the safest schools in Philadelphia. "We've had very few incidents or problems of any kind at that school," the spokesman said.

TODAY, HOWEVER, a security guard will be on duty in the schoolyard, and police will be especially

alert during arrival and departure times. The spokesman said the added security would be maintained as a "precautionary measure for the next few days."

Yesterday's tragedy was the first involving an elementary school child since March 1, 1979, when Rochelle Graham, 9, was lured from the schoolyard of Lydia Darrah Elementary School, 17th and Brown Sts.

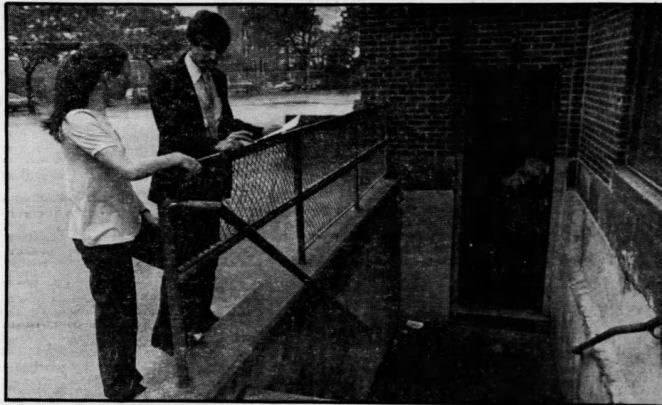
The victim, of Cambridge St. near 15th, was found in a vacant house at 1617 Olive St., where she had been sexually abused, mutilated and strangled, and her body set afire.

LAST JAN. 12, police arrested an

unemployed youth and charged him with the girl's murder. Kevin Hughes, 17, was picked up at his home on Parrish St. near 20th, and taken to Police Headquarters for questioning about the rape of a 12-year-old girl on Jan. 5, 1980.

During the interrogation in the later case, police said, Hughes gave them a statement about Rochelle Graham's rape-murder.

Hughes, who had been convicted of rape in 1976 and sentenced to three years probation, was charged with murder, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated assault and robbery, and held without bail. He remains in custody, awaiting trial as an adult in the Graham slaying.



McCall Security Aide Rita Stanish and Board of Education Investigator Joseph Cavallaro examine rape scene. Stanish was off duty when yesterday's attack occurred

New Clue Eyed In Reinert Slaying

Fibers found in the hair of murdered schoolteacher Susan Reinert apparently match fibers taken from a rug in the former home of Jay C. Smith, who was principal of the school where Reinert taught.

The Daily News has learned that State Police and the FBI obtained a search warrant within the last three weeks for Smith's former home on Valley Forge Rd. in King of Prussia, Montgomery County, and obtained the fiber samples from a rug that had been in the house when Smith occupied it and when Reinert was killed.

Smith, former principal of Upper Merion High School, where Reinert taught English, now is in prison, serving two to five years for possession of drugs and firearms and a concurrent term for attempting to rob a Sears, Roebuck & Co. store by posing as a guard. He still awaits sentencing for an armed holdup and for possessing drugs and stolen articles in his home.

REINERT, 37, was found dead in her car in the parking lot of a Harrisburg area motel last June 25. Her children, Karen, 12, and Michael, 11, left with her from their Ardmore home three days earlier and have not been seen since. Investigators believe the children are dead.

First indications were that Reinert — whose body was nude and bore many cuts and bruises — had been suffocated, perhaps by adhesive tape placed over her mouth and nose. Months later, however, toxicity tests of vital organ tissues indicated she had received a lethal dose of morphine.

A source now has told the Daily News that there was enough morphine in Reinert's body "to kill her 10 times over."

POLICE FOUND the body, crammed into the hatchback section of her car, around 5:40 a.m. on Monday, June 25. They'd been directed to the car by an anonymous male telephone voice. Reinert had been seen leaving her Ardmore home with her children the previous Friday evening. Autopsy reports indicate she died sometime between Saturday night and Sunday night.



Susan Reinert, poisoned

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Found in her car with the body was a blue comb bearing the imprint, "79th Army Reserve Command." Smith had been a colonel in that unit.

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Full Pension for Cop's Widow

By JACK MCGUIRE and GLORIA CAMPISI

Police Commissioner Morton Solomon has reversed his earlier position and declared the family of Police Officer Robert Smith is entitled to full line-of-duty death benefits, the Daily News has learned.

Smith, 50, died of a heart attack last month after chasing down a knife-wielding suspect without firing his gun.

It also was learned that an official Police Department memorandum existed well before Smith's death, stating that fatal heart attacks on duty were considered "job-related," despite a history of heart disease.

The memorandum was in the form of a legal opinion by then-Police Department chief counsel Esther Sylvester, citing a state Supreme Court ruling in the on-the-job deaths of two men, neither of them police officers, but both with pre-existing heart conditions.

Solomon could not be reached for comment.

BUT THE DAILY NEWS learned he had called the Fraternal Order of Police to say he was changing his recommendation in the Smith case "because of additional information received from the medical examiner's office." Details of the additional information were unknown.



Smith

Solomon's original decision had been based on the determination by the police medical department that Smith's death was not service-related because he had heart disease prior to the fatal April 23 chase.

Mayor Green later urged that the officer's family receive full pension benefits, saying both he and Solomon believed "that the rule as applied to Robert Smith is unnecessarily harsh."

IF SMITH'S DEATH IS ruled service-connected, his widow would receive, yearly, 70 percent of his \$19,000 salary, or \$13,300, tax-free. A lump sum payment, also tax-free, of \$22,800 would also be made, representing his contributions to the pension fund, and his two children would be eligible for college tuition through the Hero Scholarship Fund.

Otherwise, Mrs. Smith would receive about 50 percent of her husband's salary yearly, about \$9,500, the income would be taxable, and his sons would be ineligible for Hero scholarships.

The final decision is up to the City Board of Pensions and Retirement. Its members include the city finance, managing and personnel directors, city solicitor, city controller and representatives of four city unions.

Regulations specify death must be due "solely" to job activity. But Anthony Witlin, pension board executive-director, said last week, "The mere presence of pre-existing coronary artery disease would not absolutely preclude a doctor from finding (Smith's) death was due solely to the performance of his duty."

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