

SHOES A LINK IN SLAYINGS OF 2 WOMEN?

By JACK ROYCE/STAFF WRITER
Waverly, Ia. — Are the recent brutal slayings of two attractive young women here linked to shoes or a store where shoes may be purchased?

That possibility — remote and coincidental as it may be — is being investigated by state and local authorities, it was confirmed Thursday.

The body of Wartburg College sophomore Marie Lisa Peak, 28, was found Tuesday morning under a tree in a ditch just north of the Waverly city limits. The body was male, and none of the woman's clothing was at the scene.

Last March, about six miles west of that spot, the nude, decomposed body of 19-year-old Julia Ann Beasing of Clarkville was found in a ditch near Shell Rock. She had been missing since Nov. 28.

Some persons told authorities that Beasing was last seen at a shoe store in Waverly.

It has been learned that Peak had friends shortly before walking off the Wartburg campus Monday that she was "going to pick up a pair of shoes."

Although connecting the slayings to the Beasing and Peak murders, which are being investigated by Warren County, Mo., police, is highly speculative, it is possible that the slayings are related.

An autopsy indicated that Peak had been sexually assaulted. Authorities declined to reveal if she had been molested, but the decomposed condition of her body about a month after her disappearance made it impossible to determine that.

She followed an every possible lead of course," Hefel said. Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation (IBC) agents were still here Thursday adding the Bremer County Sheriff's and Waverly police departments in the slayings.

Also under investigation is the possibility that Peak's murder is connected with a bizarre sex, extortion operation at Mason City that was exposed when the provided subscription information about the scheme.

An attempt Thursday to contact Carmody at the Iowa State Penitentiary at Fort Madison was unsuccessful when he didn't return a telephone call from The Register.

Meanwhile, on the Wartburg College campus, added security measures were announced Thursday.

Patrolling of the campus by college security officers will be extended from midnight to 1 a.m. new paging devices will be purchased for the security officers, and a new telephone system is being installed to give dormitory receptionists a direct link to the campus security office.

A seven-member committee of Wartburg student government officers has been named to select a monument — possibly a sculpture in the field of journalism — honoring the slain couple and to arrange the financing of a memorial.

Private funeral services for Peak were conducted Thursday at Knoxville, her home town.

4-6 month delay for hybrid tank
WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — The general in charge of developing the advanced American XMI tank said Thursday the decision to make it a hybrid U.S.-German venture should delay production only four to six months.

Major Gen. Robert J. Harbo, who has a "usage of regret" at any delay, but he told the House Armed Services Committee the Army has not found great redesign problems.

GRAND JURY SOUTH END
JUVENILE COURT



Loses custody of 4 children

Charles Abarger, right, is shown outside Polk County Juvenile Court where Judge Don Patrick Thursday ruled that the four youngest of seven children of Abarger and his wife be taken to foster homes needing a permanent ruling as in the latest report of a six-year legal battle.

Abarger children from the home while Abarger said that same he took.

Asked removal
Attorney William Price, who was acting as a court-appointed guardian of the children's legal rights, asked that the four youngest be removed while the three older children be allowed to remain at home, according to one reliable source.

The three children who were removed from the Abarger home were Wanda, 15, John, 14, and Charles, Jr., 12. These three in foster homes are Miss, 11, Albert, 8, Sally, 4, and Kathy, 3 months.

The Abarger's oldest child, George, is married and living away from home and is not involved in the court action.

The suit seeking removal of the children from the Abarger home was filed by the county's Department of Social Services. The suit began another chapter in court action involving the Abarger and county officials concerning the custody of the children and the rights of the parents.

Polk County officials had mentioned the family chaos in recent weeks and two homecare and a financial assistant assigned to the family had kept degree of activities in the home.

Based on those diaries and the alleged activities observed by social workers, the county filed its petition in the Iowa court.

Tarbit terminated the Abarger parent's rights in 1970 saying the couple was "morally delinquent" and his actions were upheld by the Iowa Supreme Court. It was then appealed to the 12th District Court where Judge William Harman ruled against the Abargers.

But on appeal to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals the case was sent

UNI credits for Collins workers

By a STAFF WRITER
CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia. — Beginning next January, Collins Radio employees here will be able to complete the final half of a bachelor's degree in electronics technology degree at the Collins plant here, it was announced Thursday.

The University of Northern Iowa, which already offers the course at its campus in Cedar Falls, will provide instruction, as will Collins Radio Group of Rockwell International.

Officials said employees could complete the first two years of general education at an area college and then spend the final two years of courses over four years, while continuing to work at Collins. The courses will be taken during off hours.

About 40 persons are expected to take the course.

Frank A. Downes, assistant UNI dean of the Division of Extension and Continuing Education, said, "We will work with Collins to teach these people technology."

He added, "We couldn't build a laboratory to include what Collins has here as part of their normal operations."

Officials for both Collins and UNI also have been in the first time in the nation that a college and a manufacturer have cooperated in this manner to offer employees a baccalaureate degree.

Collins will pay 80 per cent of an employer's tuition costs, an official said.

Sue for receipts from steamboat

Some reason is the reason
OMAHA, Neb. — Breweries' Construction Co., Inc., of Omaha, sued Thursday for money it said it owes for excavating the steamer steamboat Bertrand at the Defiance National Wildlife Refuge near Missouri Valley, Ia.

The suit charges that James Pignetti and Sam Corbino, both of Omaha, were paid more than \$20,000 for artifacts and other materials recovered, for which Breweries received \$648.

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MOTORIST HITS OFFICER WITH CAR

By JOHN PIAZZA
Des Moines, Ia. — A Des Moines policeman was slightly injured Thursday afternoon when an unregistered motorist struck her twice with his auto, police said.

Richard Thomas, 38, who refused to give officers his address, was arrested in connection with the incident, police said.

Police said Patrolman Piyta Henry spotted an illegally parked car near the intersection of Thirtieth Street and Harrison Avenue, approached the driver and asked him to move the car.

The driver refused to move his auto, police said, and then refused to produce a driver's license. Henry then told him that if he didn't move the vehicle it would be towed, and the driver allegedly retorted that he would not allow that, police said.

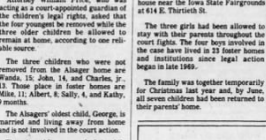
As Henry moved toward the front of the car to check its license plate number, the driver put the auto into gear and the vehicle ran into Henry, police said. Before the officer could get out of the way, the driver backed the auto up and ran into her again before speeding away, police said.

Patrolman Brian Nelson gave chase and apprehended the driver about a block away, where another accident ensued before the man was restrained and taken to jail, police said.

Police said Henry suffered minor leg injuries and did not require hospitalization.

Thomas was charged with assault with intent to do great bodily injury and several traffic charges. He was being held in city jail without bond late Thursday pending arraignment this morning.

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