

Find fingerprint in coed's murder

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP)—University of Iowa coed Sarah Ann Ottens, 19, was severely beaten and mutilated after she was strangled to death, two prosecutors said in a special document filed in Johnson County District Court.

The report outlined some of the state's case against former University of Iowa football player James Hall. It was filed Tuesday in response to a court order on Hall's behalf.

Hall is free on \$20,000 bond on an open charge of murder stemming from the death of the 19-year-old Morrison, Ill. woman. His trial is to begin Jan. 7.

Andrew Newquist, a Des Moines fingerprint expert, said in the report that Hall's thumbprint was found in a sink of bloody water in the dormitory room where Miss Otten's body was found March 13.

Authorities said she died of asphyxiation due to blunt strangulation of the neck.

Also included in the 20-page bill of particulars was a statement that "the dark, curly hair recovered off the sweater which was the only piece of clothing Miss Ottens was wearing...was found to be consistent" with Hall's type of hair.

A gym shoe was taken in a May 4 search of Hall's dormitory room, and a hair found on the shoe was similar to Miss

Ottens' hair, the document said.

The documents were filed by Johnson County Attorney Carl Goetz and special prosecutor Garry Woodward of the attorney general's office.