

Iowa State Coed Was Strangled

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AMES — An Iowa State coed headed home for the weekend was strangled to death and left in a ditch along a little-traveled country road east of here, according to authorities.

The body of Sheila Jean Collins, 19, a freshman from Evanston, Ill., was found Sunday near the Story county town of Colo by a father and son who were hunting.



MISS COLLINS

Begin Search

Authorities began a search for an unidentified person, possibly a student, who reportedly offered to take her to Evanston Friday night.

An autopsy showed death resulted from strangulation, Story County Atty. Charles Vanderbur said.

Her T-shirt was pulled up around her neck and some of the clothes she had been wearing were tossed over a nearby fence, but it had not been determined whether she was sexually assaulted, he said.

Authorities said it appeared she had been killed elsewhere.

Miss Collins was last seen alive Friday night when she left Elm Hall, a university dormitory, to meet the person with whom she was to ride to Evanston, Vanderbur said.

Had Ride

Sheriff J. Ivan Shalley said "One girl knew that she got a telephone call and said she came back to the room and said, 'Oh, I've got a ride in 10 minutes.' She (the girl friend)

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