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Housekeeper found slain in West Des Moines motel

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WEST DES MOINES (AP) - Authorities are investigating the apparent homicide of a teen-age housekeeper from Ecuador. Mariana Redroban, 15, was found slain Friday afternoon at the Best Western Walnut Creek Inn, said West Des Moines police Sgt. Joseph Torruella.

The girl's body was discovered in a room by the motel's maid supervisor. The cause of her death was not immediately disclosed.

Investigators will compare the case with other crimes in the area, Torruella said.

A Bosnian housekeeper, 21-year-old Zurijeta Sakanovic, was killed Sept. 4 at the Clive motel where she worked. Sakanovic was found dead in a guest room at the Budgetel motel about two hours after she reported to work.

In October, Arlys Ponce, a 42-year-old Norwalk mother of three, was found dead by her children in their home. Julie Bell Davis, 33, of Marion, was slain at a Des Moines business where she worked in August.

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