

# Find Missing Girl In Memphis Hospital Charred Corpse Still Unidentified

SENATOBIA — The possibility that the charred body found near Coldwater Thursday afternoon would be identified Saturday faded when a missing Clarksdale woman was found in a Memphis hospital.

Tate County Sheriff W. T. Freeman said that the body matched the description of Lola Newman, 19, who disappeared from her home near Clarksdale August 4th.

The father was to examine the charred remains of a young woman found in the ruins of a vacant house on the farm of Sterling Wynne, between Coldwater and Independence. However, the girl was located early Saturday in Memphis.

Another family arrived at Senatobia Saturday afternoon to determine if the body may be their missing daughter, but the sheriff said they had just arrived and that they had not seen the charred body. He did not identify the family.

An autopsy in Jackson showed the young woman to be about 20, five feet five inches tall and weighing about 120 pounds. The report revealed the woman was murdered before the first, leading officers to believe that her body was placed in the building and set ablaze.

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# In Death Probe

## Clarksdale Girl Reported Missing

SENATOBIA, Miss., Aug. 12 (AP)—Tate County officers said tonight they 'haven't got very far yet' in the murder of a young woman and the burning of her body about five miles east of Coldwater yesterday.

Sheriff W. T. Freeman said an autopsy in Jackson revealed little they hadn't known before, he said

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The Coahoma county sheriff's office said the description of the body answers the general description of a Clarksdale girl missing since August 4. The missing Clarksdale girl's name is Lola Newman, 19.

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officers drained a cistern and a pool near where the body was found, but no clues were uncovered.

The woman's body, still unidentified, was found in the smouldering ruins of a house where farmer Sterling Wynne stored fertilizer.

Wynne said the house burned early yesterday. He probed the ashes and found the body. Two automobile tires had been thrown over it.

A coroner's jury ruled the woman was murdered.

Earlier reports indicated the woman was pregnant, but later examination indicated that was doubtful.

The dead woman was described as white, 20 years old, five feet, five inches tall, weighing from 100 to 120 pounds wearing a shirt or blouse and skirt or slacks both of coarse material, and having a partial gold crown on a front tooth.