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Another young black is found dead in Atlanta

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ATLANTA — Authorities tried Tuesday to pinpoint the cause of death of the latest young Atlanta black whose partially clad body was found "stuck in the weeds" of the Chattahoochee River — the recent dumping ground for the killer or killers of 26 youths.

Jimmy Ray Payne, the fifth to be found in the suburban river, was identified by Public Safety Commissioner Lee P. Brown late Monday, five hours after a couple fishing from the bank spotted his body.

Fourteen of the victims have died from some form of asphyxiation. A ruling on the cause of

Payne's death was expected later in the day.

Brown estimated Payne, who disappeared last Wednesday, had been in the water about five days.

He said Payne's case would be assigned to the metropolitan task force on murdered and missing children because it "is being investigated as a homicide" and is similar to previous killings.

Payne was the fourth consecutive adult victim of the killer or killers, who previously had attacked youths 16 and under. Two of the three previous adult victims, both 21, were retarded, and the last one, 23, was described as slowwitted. But there was no indi-

cation Payne had any such affliction.

In addition to the 26 young blacks found slain, another child, 10-year-old Darron Glass, is officially listed as missing. Glass vanished last September.

Meanwhile, police said a 15-year-old black youth missing since early Monday was located and taken to an Atlanta juvenile detention center. Hardly had this case been resolved, however, than a 20-year-old black man was reported missing.

Spokeswoman Marion Lee said the 20-year-old, Herman Pittman, was last seen Monday when he left his southeast Atlanta home to go to

a store. Pittman, who was reported missing by his mother, is 5-foot-6 and 140 pounds.

The 15-year-old youth who was found was Calvin Brown. His case was handled by the Missing Persons' Bureau and was never turned over to the special police task force.

Commissioner Brown said while Payne had been missing since Wednesday, his case was not initially assigned to the task force because authorities still were investigating reports Payne had since been seen in other parts of the city.

"If we had assigned the case to

the task force, there would have been no more that we could have done about trying to find him alive," Brown said.

Brown would not say how Payne's body was clothed, but Jesse Grimes, 13, who was one of the first on the scene, said the corpse was clad in either "red underwear or trunks."

"I saw him stuck in the weeds," said Grimes. "At first I thought it was an inner tube."

With the exception of the last victim, who was entirely nude, all of the more recent bodies have been stripped to underwear. All of the victims in the string of unsolved crimes that began in July,

1979, have been poor blacks and all but two were males.

It took more than an hour to recover the body because rescue units had difficulty getting boats through the dense brush and woods around the river west of Atlanta.

Payne lived with his sister and stepfather on Magnolia Street, about a block from the home of Patrick Baltazar, the 19th victim.

His sister said he left home for a coin shop to sell some old coins

and later had an appointment for a job interview as a concrete worker. He failed to appear for the interview.

Meanwhile, the 25th victim, Michael Cameron McIntosh, 23, was buried Monday. About 100 mourners attended the services.

The body of McIntosh, who never was reported missing, was pulled from the Chattahoochee April 20. He had been asphyxiated, the same general cause of death listed for 13 other victims.

Showdown vote predicted on budget

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WASHINGTON — With Republicans cautiously but increasingly confident of victory, a key House Democrat Tuesday predicted a showdown vote on President Reagan's 1982 budget could come next Tuesday.

House Rules Committee Chairman Richard Bolling said the final vote could come one week after Reagan's address to a joint session of Congress Tuesday tonight to apply more pressure to wavering lawmakers to support the sharp spending cuts.

Reagan's speech is part of an intense and effective campaign to corral conservative Democrats, who must join the Republicans to create a majority in the House.

While reluctant to claim victory, Republicans were clearly optimistic. "It's close, but we think we'll win," said Treasury Secretary Donald Regan.

The possibility of Democrats defecting to Reagan prompted House Speaker Thomas "Tip" O'Neill to suggest Monday the president's plan could win, but the Massachusetts Democrat said Tuesday he was not conceding defeat.

However, O'Neill said he would have been a "liar" if he had said that Reagan had not made inroads with his person-

to-person campaign among Democrats.

The full House is to begin debate on the budget resolution Thursday and Bolling, D-Mo., said Tuesday it could take until next Tuesday to complete work on the spending blueprint.

Bolling commented as the rules committee began discussion of possible amendments to be offered during the budget debate.

The Senate Budget Committee scheduled an afternoon meeting to finish ironing out the differences among Republican members that led to rejection of the Reagan budget earlier this month.

GOP rebels on the Senate budget panel — who joined Democrats in voting against Reagan's budget because of the size of the deficit — are now expected to approve it.

Bolling said prolonging the House debate over the Democratic alternative to the Reagan budget "could change things marginally." A marginal difference could be crucial because a handful of Democrats could give Reagan his way.

Democratic leaders appeared to have been galvanized into action by O'Neill's glum assessment, and House Democratic leader Jim Wright said Tuesday the fight is not

lost. "We don't throw in towels around here," he said.

O'Neill questioned whether Democrats could stop Reagan and told reporters an administration media blitz in conservative Southern Democratic districts "has had a tremendous impact" on swinging Democrats who will determine the outcome of the budget fight.

But Rep. James Jones, D-Okla., unwilling to concede defeat before the bill even reaches the House floor, later said O'Neill had an "erroneous perception of how some members are leaning."

Jones said a formal count of Democratic votes had not been made and added, "My informal count still shows the vote will be very close."

Reps. Delbert Latta, R-Ohio, and Phil Gramm, D-Texas, will propose the more conservative Reagan budget, slightly modified with additional spending cuts, when the House begins work on the measure.

It still does not show how the federal budget will be balanced on schedule, which three conservative Republicans wanted before supporting Reagan. But it gives them a way out of an embarrassing snag and clears the way for Senate action late this week or early next week.

KKK leader claims jailed klansman not being fed

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MANCHESTER, Tenn. — A Tennessee Ku Klux Klan leader claims authorities are refusing to feed jailed Imperial Wizard Bill Wilkinson and warns this could bring "open rebellion" by Klan reinforcements called in from across the country.

However, authorities denied Wilkinson was being mistreated.

Stanley King, a Nashville businessman and grand titan of the Tennessee KKK, said Wilkinson has not been fed since he was arrested Sunday for parading

without a permit.

"It has come to the point of open rebellion," King said. "I mean all the troops we got from California and Connecticut. They have refused him food for more than 24 hours."

"If a bloodbath should occur, it would be the fault of the police."

However, Coffee County Sheriff Bobby McCullough said, "He's told you a lie."

McCullough said that Wilkinson may be refusing food since outside food is not allowed in and

that that may be what he's talking about.

"I don't care if he eats or not," he said. "He's treated just like any other prisoner."

Wilkinson of Denham Springs, La., was arrested Saturday and again Sunday. However following his Sunday arrest he refused to post \$250 bond.

Wilkinson, who was sharing a cell with three other people, faced a hearing Tuesday before City Judge John Rollins. The maximum sentence for the misdemeanor is \$50.

King said Klansmen from across the country would descend on the small middle Tennessee town for a rally on Saturday.

King said McCullough and Manchester Police Chief H.G. Walker were denying the Klan the right of freedom of expression.

Wilkinson was arrested Saturday for handing out Klan literature and for soliciting contributions at City Hall. He was released on his own recognizance. The next day, he and 21 followers were arrested during a march on city hall for parading without a permit.

Interferon could be cancer combatant

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WASHINGTON — The government has begun a program to determine the cancer-fighting capabilities of interferon, an antiviral agent produced by the body and recently by laboratories.

Health and Human Services Secretary Richard Schweiker announced the program Monday and said it would be headed by the National Cancer Institute, one of several facilities now doing interferon research.

Schweiker said the Reagan administration "will support and contribute to the efforts surrounding interferon. It will allow for a cohesive approach and more accountability in this highly visible area of research."

Interferon is produced by the body in very minute quantities as part of its natural immunity system. Recently, laboratories began producing the agent in a number of ways, including methods using gene-splicing technology.

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