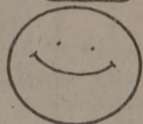


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Lucas discloses grave sites of four victims in California

United Press International

CORONA, Calif. — A pink rose left atop a desert grave two years ago positively links the murder of an unidentified woman to Henry Lee Lucas, the Texas convict who has confessed to a nationwide killing spree of 360 victims, detectives said Tuesday.

Three other unsolved murders, meanwhile, were also linked to Lucas, who was sentenced in Texas Friday to death by injection for the killing of a hitchhiker.

Detectives in Riverside and San Bernardino counties said they linked the killings to Lucas

after questioning him in a series of interviews in Texas.

Corona Police Detective Dale Stewart, who investigated the December 1981 discovery of a woman's strangled body buried in the desert, said he found a pink rose on top of the mound, but never announced it publicly.

Stewart said that when he questioned Lucas about the killing: "I asked him if he went back to the grave and left anything after it was discovered. He said he left a flower. When I asked him what kind, he told me it was a pink rose."

Stewart said Lucas also drew

a map to pinpoint the location of the grave of the woman he said he picked up at the Riverside bus depot.

San Bernardino County sheriff's investigators also closed their books Tuesday on three unsolved desert murders.

The killings, according to sheriff's detective Dick Peterson, were all linked to Lucas.

Lucas, in his interviews with detectives, also said he buried between six and nine other victims in the desert. Several searches of the area, however, failed to uncover any bodies, Peterson said.

Corona police and San Ber-

nardino County sheriff's spokesmen both said they have no plans to file charges against Lucas, already on Texas death row.

"There are so many ways against this guy, he's going to get the death penalty and he isn't going to let him go," Peterson said.

Peterson said it was likely no one would ever know many men and women actually killed, or whether confessions to more than a dozen murders were exaggerated. "But he keeps on talking, we keep on listening," Peterson said.

Warrant issued for return of boy

United Press International

DENVER — A California judge Tuesday sent a warrant empowering Colorado lawmen to pick up a 12-year-old boy who is being hidden from his homosexual father. His jailed mother apparently is hiding him through fundamentalist Christian friends.

Superior Court Judge Anthony Joseph issued the court order and relayed it to Denver.

Steve Casey, spokesman for the San Diego district attorney's office, said he will investigate charges of child-stealing which are pending in San Diego Superior Court against Betty Lou Batey, 39, of Denver.

A domestic affairs judge awarded custody of the father in 1976.

Brian Batey never returned to his father after making a visit 18 months ago to his mother, a member of the Lovingway United Pentecostal Church.

Mrs. Batey, whose church considers homosexuality satanic, turned herself into the FBI last Wednesday after apparently spending a year and half traveling with the boy. When ordered by a Denver district judge Thursday to produce the boy and turn him over to a third party, she refused and went to jail.

Maurice Gordon, Pastor of the Lovingway Church, said Tuesday he has spoken to Mrs. Batey several times each day she has been in jail, and she is steadfast in her conviction to keep the boy from the father.

"She's doing great," Gordon said. "She's a spiritual woman and God's been good to her. I still believe we will see a miracle and Betty Batey will be out of that jail by Sunday."

The father, Frank Batey, 39, of Palm Springs, Calif., an avowed homosexual, has sought through the courts and through a \$5 million lawsuit against Mrs. Batey and the church to find the boy.

He said the San Diego judge in the custody hearing knew he was a homosexual when Brian was awarded to him.

He claims his ex-wife and

members of the Lovingway Church, which has headquarters in Hazelwood, Mo., traveled to safe houses in Texas and other states during the past months.

The boy, through church members, sent a tape recording of his voice to President Reagan and Gov. Richard Lamm to intercede in the case and allow him to stay with his mother.

"While I had Betty Batey on the phone last night, a call came in to me on the warding," Gordon said. "I heard Brian Batey's voice. I wish I could have put them together on a conference call."

"Brian said, 'Was it okay I did?'"

"I said, 'Brian, you've won the Third World War.'"

"This case may change child custody courts' look at parents."



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Report shows Texas inmates dying one every other day

United Press International

AUSTIN — At least one prisoner dies every other day statewide while in the custody of Texas law enforcement officers, a prison reform activist said Tuesday.

Charles Sullivan, director of Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants, said he based

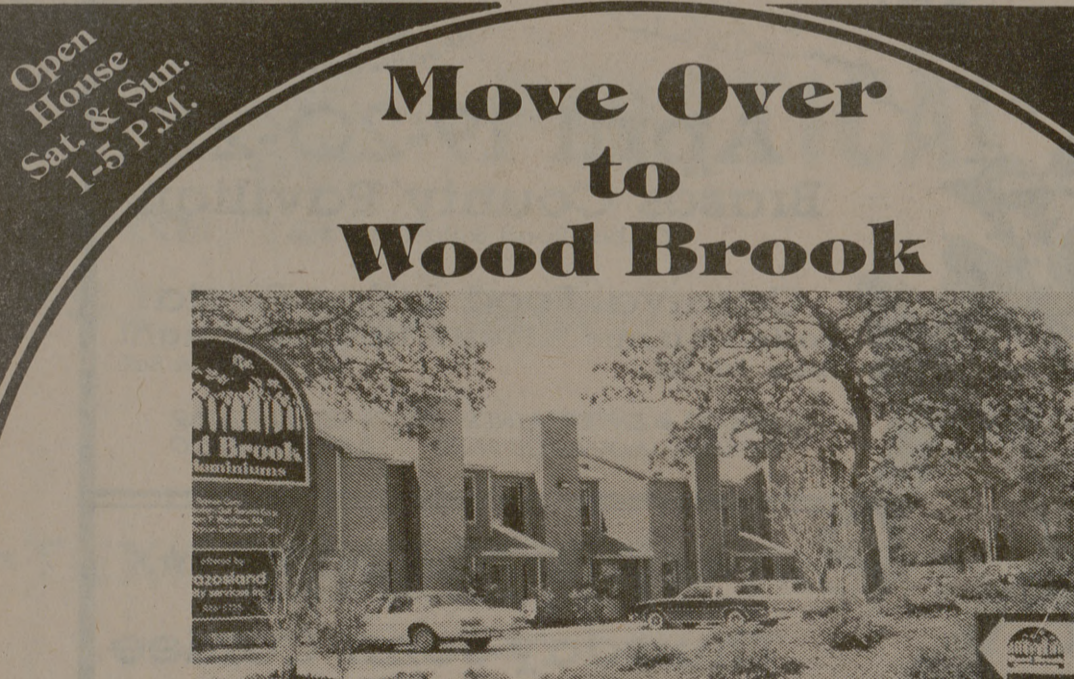
the estimate on the number of jail and prison deaths that have been reported so far under a new state law that took effect last Sept. 1.

The law requires that law enforcement officials report inmate deaths to the Texas attorney general's office within 20 days.

As of March 29, Sullivan said, records in the attorney general's office showed 105 deaths — about one every other day — since last Sept. 1.

"A lot of deaths are not publicized in the news so figures may be higher," Sullivan said. "I think we're looking at the possibility that even in Texas law enforcement today, some way, suicide, pecking of natural causes or ever, it's happening."

Attorney General Jim Cox's office hired a part-time investigator on March 1 to look into jail deaths.



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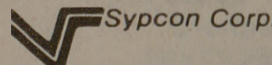
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