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Police discover source of prank call confession

CHARLESTON (AP) — A cryptic message left on an answering machine from a man who seemed to confess to murder was a prank call from California, police said Monday.

The caller left a message at a home in Isle of Palms, an island near Charleston, on April 5 saying, "I'm not sure, but I might have killed her."

The 19-year-old man who admitted placing the call has made several prank calls to 800 numbers in the past, said Detective Jim

"I'm not sure, but I might have killed her."

Unidentified prank caller

Bacca in Turlock, Calif., a town of 50,000 about two hours east of San Francisco.

"He was just dialing 1-800 numbers and the individual he called had a 1-800 number, so it was just by random chance," Bacca said.

He said the caller was surprised when the number had an answering machine.

Bacca said no charges have been filed against the caller, but the case has been turned over to prosecutors. Making an annoying telephone call is a misdemeanor in California.

The person who got the message turned the tape over to police, who traced the call to California on Friday.

Turlock police went to the house where the phone was listed and discovered it was a portable phone that had been used by a family friend. Bacca said the family and the caller cooperated with police.

Isle of Palms police released the tape to the media last week hoping the publicity would solve the case, even though they said there was a possibility the call was a prank.

Law agencies as far away as Rhode Island called asking about the voice.

Coffee fights cancer

► *The combination of chemicals in coffee forms antioxidants similar to those found in fruits and vegetables.*

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — What makes that morning whiff of coffee so alluring? It could be your nose telling you, "Drink up, it's good for you."

A University of California-Davis chemist found that the beguiling smell of freshly brewed coffee is caused in part by chemicals that form potent cancer-fighting antioxidants.

Individually, the chemicals are not potent. But when combined, as in brewed coffee, the activity increases and is comparable to antioxidants found in fruits and vegetables.

Takayuki Shibamoto said his preliminary study shows that chemicals in fresh-brewed coffee might be equal to the amount found in three oranges.

"That's not a very scientific comparison, but it makes it easier to understand," said Shibamoto, who presented his findings Monday at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society.

Shibamoto cautioned that the chemicals detectable in coffee's aroma escape rapidly into the air.

"You have to drink it in about 20 minutes after it is brewed," he said.

Shibamoto warned that the research is preliminary, restricted to test-tube analysis. If he gets funding, he hopes to take a look at how animals might be affected by coffee.

Sara Risch, a Chicago-based consultant who has studied antioxidants and holds a doctorate in food science, called Shibamoto's work "an exciting start."

"It's fascinating that he's found a new category of compounds that can serve as antioxidants," she said.

"If there's a caution, it's that this is a laboratory study. The next step is to find out if there is truly any biological activity — if you take it into an animal system, do we still see the antioxidant activity?"

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