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Dog finds human skull near rural area where girl vanished

MADISON, N.C. (AP) - A man reported Wednesday that his dog found a small human skull in this rural area about 30 miles from where a nine-yearold Virginia girl disappeared last month, police said.

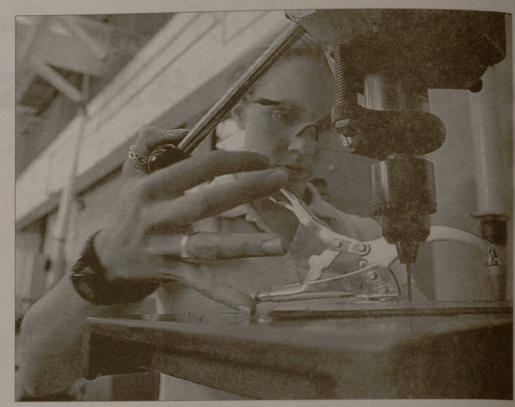
Authorities - including a contingent from Henry County, Va., where officials have been hunting for Jennifer Short since Aug. 15 – quickly descended on the site. Dogs were brought in to look for the rest of the remains.

The skull "appears to be from somebody young," Jeannie Justice, a spokes-woman for the Sheriff's Office in Rockingham County.

Jennifer Short disappeared almost six weeks ago. Officials believe the girl was kidnapped after her parents were slain in their Bassett, Va. home.

For days after Jennifer's disappearance, authorities combed the rolling hills behind her parents' house on horseback and four-wheelers. Search dogs only picked up the girl's scent in the house and the neighboring convenience store, where the family regularly

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Neglected teen dies after being found in Florida

HAZLETON, Pa. (AP) — A severely malnourished teen who authorities said was starved by his mother and stepfather died Wednesday, four days after he was found wandering a Florida town weighing 62 pounds.

On Saturday, 18-year-old Chester Lee Miller knocked on a stranger's door in Milton, Fla., and asked if he could take a shower and rest. The woman gave him a sandwich and something to drink, then phoned for help.

The 5-foot-3 teen told police his stepfather in Hazleton, Pa., had put him on a bus to Florida and told him to go look for his real dad.

Miller's mother and stepfa-

Hoffman Sr., 38, were charge Pennsylvania on Tuesday aggravated assault and reckle endangering another per Hazleton Police Chief Edv Harry said investigators plan charge the couple with home

At a hearing Tues Hoffman said he was on ability for mental illness that he was "deeply sorry"

"I have no idea why I did it." he told the judge.

Janice Goodman said the by arrived on her doorsta barely able to stand. She said had been turned away from home of an uncle in the near ther, Lyda Miller, 37, and Paul town of Bagdad.

Government blames pilot and leader for accidental bombing

SPRINGFIELD, III. (AP) — An Illinois fighter pilot contends in a letter that the government is trying to scapegoat him and his flight leader for an accidental bombing in Afghanistan that killed four Canadian soldiers and injured eight.

The letter being circulated by supporters of Maj. Harry Schmidt says "many are responsible" for the April 17 bombing.

Schmidt and Maj. William Umbach face charges of involuntary manslaughter and aggravated battery stemming from a mission near Kandahar. Schmidt dropped a 500-pound bomb after seeing ground fire he said he thought was hostile and a danger to Umbach's plane. It actually came from live-fire exercises by Canadian soldiers.

The pilots are members of

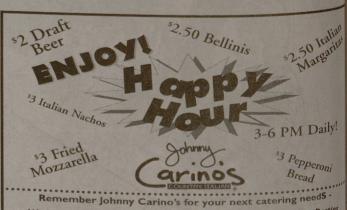
the 183rd Fighter Wing of Illinois Air National Guard. Schmidt did not return

phone call seeking elabora on the letter. His lawyer, Char Gittins of Middletown, declined comment. A spokeswoman at 8th Force headquarters at Barkso Air Force Base in Louisi

denied that the men are b unfairly targeted. If convicted all counts, each faces up to years in prison. 'We want to see what w wrong. It can be painful, it be very emotional. We need

be able to examine the facts come to a conclusion," Con Denise Kerr said. Schmidt's neighbors are

culating the letter to I money for the his legal defe expected to cost \$100, or more.



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