

Remains found in nuns' car, one nun shaken but safe

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NORFOLK, Va. — Police found human remains Wednesday in a car belonging to two nuns who authorities say were abducted from rural Georgia by a man accused of killing his father. One of the nuns was still missing

Wednesday, and police were searching a marshy area for a man who had abandoned their car during a police chase.

The other nun, Sister Lucie Kristofik, 72, had been left at a motel in Norfolk the day before and was shaken but uninjured, authorities said. She told police that when her abductor left sometime Tuesday, taking Sister Philomena Fogarty with him, she was able to free herself and go to the

front desk for help, Norfolk police spokesman Chris Amos said.

Amos said authorities were searching for the abductor and also awaiting a medical examiner's report on a decapitated body found Wednesday in nearby Virginia Beach. "There are indications that the car that was found with the human remains is going to be connected with the body found in Virginia Beach," Amos said.

Sheriff Mike Jolley, of Harris County, Ga., where the women live, said the body was believed to be that of the missing nun. Hamilton, Ga., Police Chief Dan Colberg said the head, hands and feet had been cut off.

Police had been looking for their alleged abductor, 25-year-old Adrian O'Neill Robinson, since Sunday, when he allegedly shot his father.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Publisher of "Harry Potter" revised book selling program

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. publisher of the "Harry Potter" series has revised a controversial program that sells books directly to students. Retailers had complained they were losing business. Over the past few weeks, Scholastic Children's Books has been taking orders for Rowling's latest novel, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," at school fairs across the country. The new book comes out June 21.

In exchange for a book certificate to be redeemed on the date of publication, students pay the full list price, \$29.99 — more than the cost at most stores — but they also receive a free "Harry Potter" baseball cap.

Interpol puts former president of Peru on most-wanted list

PARIS (AP) — Interpol has added Peru's disgraced former president, Alberto Fujimori, to its most-wanted list Wednesday, issuing a "red notice" calling for his extradition on murder and kidnapping charges in Peru.

The move by the international police agency does not carry the force of an arrest warrant. But it could put further pressure on Fujimori, who fled to Japan, where Fujimori fled to escape a corruption scandal in 2000 and is protected from extradition by his Japanese citizenship.

Fujimori, who as president closed down Congress and gave the army sweeping powers in a successful campaign against Maoist guerrillas, faces murder charges for allegedly authorizing death squads who massacred suspected rebel sympathizers in the 1990s.

First woman chosen to lead Judaism's liberal Reform branch

NEW YORK (AP) — California's Janet Marder has been chosen the first woman to lead the Reform branch in Judaism's liberal Reform branch.

As president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis beginning Saturday, he leads an organization of 100 member rabbis, 377 of them are women.

The Reform branch has ordained women rabbis since Feb. 1972; today, half of those studying to become Reform rabbis are female.

Marder has led Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, Calif., since 1999. Nearly 1,300 families belong to the Silicon Valley congregation near Stanford University.

She was previously regional director for Reform's synagogue union and rabbi of Beth Chabadashim in Los Angeles, the first synagogue with an outreach to gays and lesbians to be accepted by the Reform movement.

Cardiologist wants to help build new Iraqi democracy

HOUSTON (AP) — If Saddam Hussein is toppled, a Houston cardiologist who was born in Baghdad wants to help build democracy in Iraq.

Mahdi Al-Bassam, 58, is a founding member of the Iraqi National Congress, a coalition of opposition groups dedicated to deposing Saddam and helping create a democratic Iraq. He has helped draft a constitution and wants to develop a bill of rights similar to the one in the United States.

The U.S. State Department and Middle East political experts say the INC will play a role in a transitional government if Saddam is toppled.

One Iraqi-American born in the United States said he worries that the INC would be forced upon Iraq by outsiders. "No people outside of Iraq have the right to decide the destiny of Iraq," Nebeil Al-Obaidi said. "If they want to decide if they should go there and live like the Iraqis."

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