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INFORMATION SUMMARY: DO NOT INCLUDE INFORMATION WHICH MAY LATER BE PERTINENT TO THE CASE.

On June 20, 1991, the body of Shannon Exley, a female white prostitute, was found in a vacant lot located at 1020 S. Fickett Street in Hollenbeck Area. It was determined that Exley had been strangled.

On June 30, 1991, the body of Irene Rodriguez, a female Hispanic prostitute, was found in the industrial area at 130 S. Myers Street in Hollenbeck Area. The victim had been strangled.

On July 11, 1991, the body of Sherrrie Ann Long, a white female prostitute, was found in the Corral Canyon area of Malibu. The victim had been strangled. It was later determined that Jack Unterweger, an Austrian citizen here on vacation from June 11, 1991 to July 11, 1991, was possibly responsible for these murders, as well as others in the country of Austria.

On April 1, 1994, Unterweger was tried in Graz Austria for the murders of Exley, Rodriguez and Long, as well as nine other prostitutes who were found murdered in Austria from 1990 thru 1991.

On June 6, 1994, Detective James Harper, Homicide Special Section, Robbery-Homicide Division, and Detective Ron Lancaster from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department testified in court in Graz Austria against Unterweger regarding the Exley, Rodriguez and Long cases.

On June 29, 1994, a jury in Graz found Unterweger guilty on ten counts of murder, including Exley, Rodriguez and Long.

On June 29, 1994, detectives were notified by Austrian authorities that Jack Unterweger had committed suicide by hanging himself in his jail cell.

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