Mutilation death of woman stumps Detroit police

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DETROIT -- The death of **a woman** , **whose headless** , **footless** and **handless body** was **found** stuffed **in a sewer in** an east side alley, remains **a** mystery nearly two weeks later.

Homicide detectives acknowledge they are stumped after the Nov. 28 discovery on the city's east side. Despite **a** flurry of tips from **a** hotline and numerous searches through **a** missing persons database, police acknowledge they have few new leads **in** the case.

Medical examiners have only identified the **woman as** being 30-40 years old, but police sources said the cause of death remains unknown because so many **body** parts are missing.

The mystery began when **a** Detroit Water and Sewerage inspector **found** the **body in** an alley behind the Rising Saints God **in** Christ Church near Kercheval and Montclair.

Residents complained for days about an odor and investigators believe the **body** , clad only **in** underpants, was there for more than **a** week. Investigators now believe the victim was not killed or cut at the site. There was no blood **found** nearby.

A hotline has produced calls statewide, but none have produced results. Among those who have called is Julie Brewbzynski, 38, of Mount Pleasant, who was **in** search of her 22-year-old daughter **in** St. Clair County.

"I'm glad it wasn't her, but I'm also upset for whoever's daughter it is," said Brewbzynski, who finally made contact with her daughter Tuesday afternoon.

"I still feel sorry for the **woman** 's family. I went through heck last night thinking it was" my daughter.

The gruesome discovery is the second **in a** month **in** Metro Detroit involving **a headless body** mutilated **in** an apparent effort to conceal the victim's identity.

Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth Township and Alexander Letkemann, 18, of Westland face charges of murder and mutilation of **a** corpse **in** the Nov. 7 stabbing, beheading and burning of Daniel Sorensen, 26, of River Rouge.

Judge Michael J. Gerou ordered the teens to stand trial.

People with information on the Nov. 28 discovery should call (313) 596-2260.

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