

# Nude body said to be call girl's

## Woman figured in firing, demotion of police officers

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A nude body found near Sunrise Highway on June 23 was identified yesterday as that of Donna Marie Gentile, 22, a prostitute involved in the firing of one San Diego police officer and the demotion of another.

Deputy coroner Dan Matticks said identification was made through fingerprints on file with authorities. He said she also was an unemployed licensed security guard.

Former police officer Larry Avrech, 32, a five-year veteran, was fired based on accusations that he had an improper relationship with Gentile and furnished her confidential information that helped her avoid arrests for prostitution.

Lt. Carl Black, 40, a 16-year veteran, was demoted to sergeant for his

relations with Gentile. According to testimony at his Civil Service appeals hearing, Black contacted a probation officer on behalf of Gentile and gave her \$1,000 toward legal expenses after she had been arrested.

Gentile, who had several arrests and convictions for prostitution, was a key witness at the appeals hearings for Avrech and Black.

Matticks said that Gentile had been beaten about the head and strangled.

Her body was found in brush about 360 feet west of Sunrise Highway, about two miles north of Interstate 8, he said.

The body was found by a dog being exercised by a Pine Valley man and his girlfriend about 8 p.m. on June 23.

He said the couple went to the Pine Valley sheriff's substation and reported the find to a Border Patrol agent who was there. The agent went to the scene, confirmed the death and notified sheriff's deputies, Matticks said.

Matticks said a blue shirt dress, a white cloth jacket and shoes were piled on the body.

Gentile, who lived on Utah Street near Collier Avenue in Normal Heights, had been dead at least a day when her body was discovered, Matticks said.

He said it is unknown whether she was killed somewhere else and then dumped in the brush. Sheriff's homicide Lt. Bill Baxter is analyzing evidence found at the scene in an effort to determine if the victim was slain at the scene.