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BODY FOUND NEAR RAILROAD TRACKS (UPDATE) *Victim Identified, Public's Help Requested*



Jamie Lea Harmer (tattoo on right upper arm)

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner has identified the body found along the railroad tracks near Panorama Road on Sunday as **Jamie Lea HARMER**, 32, a transient. Her last permanent address was in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. A cause of death has not yet been determined but it is believed that Harmer was the victim of foul play.



Detectives are trying to determine where the victim was and who she came into contact with between late February and April 27, when her body was found. Detectives have learned that the victim travelled from Thief River Falls to San Diego County in November of 2013. She was known to be in the Ramona area of San Diego County for an unknown period of time. Harmer was arrested twice while in San Diego County, on January 4, by San Diego Police for battery on a police officer and by the CHP on February 13 for being under the influence of drugs. She was released from the Las Colinas Jail on February 18. It is believed she was in the Ramona area on February 26 and was planning to travel to Arizona to visit family around that same time. Her whereabouts after that date is not known.

On April 27, at about 1213 hours, a 9-1-1 call was received from a citizen who told dispatchers that he had found what appeared to be a body or possibly a dead animal near the railroad tracks by Panorama Road. Patrol officers responded and found what appeared to be human remains. The Riverside County Sheriff/Coroner's Office responded to assist.

Detectives from the Robbery / Homicide Unit responded and assumed the investigation. They were assisted by technicians from the Forensic Unit. The identity of the victim is unknown but it is believed to be a female, unknown age. No other information is known about the victim or the cause of death. The body was not struck by a train. An autopsy is pending by the Riverside County Sheriff/Coroner to determine the victim's identity and cause of death. (April 27 Press Release)

Anybody with information on Jamie Harmer is asked to contact Detective Jim Simons at 951-353-7138 or Detective Jim Brandt at 951-353-7137.

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