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**BODY FOUND NEAR RAILROAD TRACKS (UPDATE)**  
*28 year old Riverside man arrested*



Jamie Lea Harmer



Christopher Marcus Brown

RIVERSIDE, CA – Homicide detectives have arrested **Christopher Marcus Brown**, 28, of Riverside in connection with the death of **Jamie Lea HARMER**, 32, a transient. Her body was found on April 27 along the railroad tracks near Panorama Avenue. Harmer's body had been dismembered and scattered along the tracks in plastic trash bags. Her last



permanent address was in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Harmer had been in Riverside since early March.

On May 20, Detectives served a search warrant at Brown's apartment in the 5300 block of Olivewood, which sits next to the same railroad tracks where Jamie Harmer's body was found. Detectives and Forensic Technicians spent 18 hours searching his apartment and recovered physical evidence related to the crime.

Christopher Brown was arrested at his apartment on an unrelated felony arrest warrant. He was taken to the police department and questioned about the death of Harmer. He was booked for the warrant and is currently in the custody of the Riverside County Sheriff.

This afternoon, detectives will be adding a charge of 187 PC, Murder.

*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)*

Detectives are still asking for help from anyone who has information about this case. They are asked to contact Detective Jim Simons at 951-353-7138 or Detective Jim Brandt at 951-353-7137.

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