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# Police to search for woman's body

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In an investigation that seems as if it were ripped from a Hollywood murder-mystery script, Albuquerque police are again searching for one key piece of evidence -- the body of Girly Hossencofft.

In the coming days, police will begin an extensive search for Hossencofft's body, said Albuquerque Police Department Detective John Walsh.

Searchers are returning to U.S. 60 near Magdalena, where on Sept. 10, 1999, State Police found Hossencofft's bloodied clothing.

Walsh said that ever since Hossencofft failed to show for work on Sept. 10, police have been piecing together leads. Now, armed with information from prosecutors, evidence and citizen tips, they are very close to beginning "an intensive, systematic search for the body or remains."

Police will search near Magdalena, a small community just west of Socorro and about 80 miles southwest of Albuquerque, and possibly other areas, Walsh said.

Linda Henning and Diazien Hossencofft are facing trial for the disappearance of Diazien Hossencofft's estranged wife. The two were indicted in November; Diazien Hossencofft on 27 counts and Henning, his girlfriend, on 20 counts, ranging from first-degree murder to kidnapping to conspiracy and tampering charges.

The two are being held in City-County Jail, awaiting a joint trial, which isn't expected until the end of the year.

Walsh said police have recently pieced together information, including statements from an individual from Magdalena, that may help in securing Girly Hossencofft's body.

Girly Hossencofft, 36, was in the midst of a stormy divorce from Diazien Hossencofft, 35, when she failed to show up for work at a local bank. That same day, State Police found her bloody shirt, shorts and underwear off U.S. 60.

Also that day, police found evidence that large pools of blood had been wiped away with bleach in Girly Hossencofft's apartment in the 8400 block of Spain Northeast. Investigators also found a cleaning crew at Diazien

Hossencofft's vacant home in the 3900 block of Moon Northeast.

He was arrested Sept. 21 in South Carolina.

Police say Diazien Hossencofft became involved with Henning, 46, after he had separated from his wife, but her attorney has denied Henning's involvement in Girly Hossencofft's disappearance.

Police say they have obtained letters passed between Hossencofft and Henning, while they were incarcerated from February to May, that contain death threats against witnesses, government officials, investigators and prosecutors.

The District Attorney's Office has said it could still secure the death penalty even if Girly Hossencofft's body is never found.

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