



Hans Reiser (left) shakes hands with his attorneys Daniel Horowitz (front right) and William Du Bois at his arraignment on murder charges in the disappearance of his wife, Nina Reiser, in November 2006.

Husband faces murder trial; wife's body missing

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The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Shortly after Nina Reiser disappeared, police found her blood in her estranged husband's home and car. The passenger seat was missing. The floor was soaked with water. And in the back were two true-crime books about murder.

Hans Reiser was quickly questioned, jailed and charged with murdering his wife.

But prosecutors are going to have to prove it without a body, because they have yet to find her remains.

His lawyer already has tried to explain away Nina Reiser's disappearance by suggesting she simply returned to her native Russia or got mixed up with a sadomasochist or the Russian Mafia.

"You can prove the case, but it's a terrific challenge," said E. Michael McCann, the former Milwaukee district attorney who prosecuted Jeffrey Dahmer. He said he remembers about a half-dozen "no-body" homicides during his 38-year career. "A prosecutor's hope is that something will

turn up."

Hans Reiser, a 43-year-old Oakland software developer, is being held without bail while a judge decides whether there is enough evidence to try him. A decision is expected next month.

In addition to the blood in his Honda CRX were a roll of trash bags, masking tape, absorbent towels and two books: "Homicide: A Year on the Killing Streets," by David Simon, about the Baltimore police homicide squad, and "Masterpieces of Murder," by Jonathan Goodman, about notorious murder cases.

Reiser bought the books five days after his wife's disappearance last September, according to police. But prosecutors have noted the books included chapters on how to dispose of a body.

Defense attorney William Du Bois has countered by saying the books contain chapters on how police plant evidence and set up murder scenes.

The Reisers had been married about five years when she filed for divorce in 2004. A bitter custody battle ensued; she

was granted a restraining order against him later that year. She also took him to court for not keeping up with child support.

The couple's son, 7-year-old Rory, testified at a preliminary hearing last month that he did not hear his mother and father arguing the day she disappeared, contradicting his earlier statements to police.

Judge Julie Conger said she wanted to ask the boy more questions and ordered him to return to court on Jan. 16, after he and his 5-year-old sister spent the holidays in Russia with their maternal grandmother. But the boy never returned to court, and Conger said he was still in St. Petersburg, where his grandmother has begun custody proceedings.

Du Bois said Nina Reiser inexplicably obtained Russian citizenship for her son two months before she disappeared. She did the same for her daughter two years ago.

"Maybe she was planning to take the kids to Russia and leave her husband here in jail," Du Bois said outside court last week.

Imposter student made it into two schools

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The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A convicted sex offender attended at least two Arizona middle schools, sat through seventh-grade courses and turned in homework as he moved around the state pretending to be 12 years old, officials say.

Authorities in Yavapai County have accused Neil Havens Rodreck II, who is really 29, of assaulting a girl. They are not releasing details.

Rodreck was arrested last week after spending a day at the Mingus Springs Charter School in Chino Valley, northwest of Phoenix. School officials there called police after they checked what they called a phony birth certificate and other admissions documents.

He has been charged with misdemeanor assault, conspiracy to commit fraud, conspiracy to commit forgery, failing to register as a sex offender, and possession of a forgery device. He remains in the Yavapai County jail.

The sheriff's office there said Rodreck conned two men he was living with and having sex with into believing he was a boy. One of them, 61-year-old Lonnie Stiffler, called himself Rodreck's grandfather when he tried to enroll him at Mingus Springs as "Casey Price."

Officials at another school, in the Phoenix area, said they were reviewing their admissions policies to figure out how they could have let an adult sex offender mix with students.

Rodreck showed up Aug. 14 at the Imagine School, officials said. He came to class from time to time, attending about 50 days until November.

Noriega close to freedom, may return to Panama

Sarah Larimer

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Former dictator Manuel Antonio Noriega hopes to immediately board a plane for Panama when he is released from prison on Sept. 9, and he plans to fight his conviction back home in the slayings of two political opponents, his attorney said.

Noriega's eight-year rule over Panama ended after the United States invaded the country on Dec. 20, 1989, to force him from power. He is being held in the Federal Correctional Institution in Miami on drug trafficking and money laundering charges.

Noriega was sentenced to a 30-year term for protecting Colombian cocaine shipments through Panama in the 1980s but received deductions in his punishment for good behavior. Noriega's release in 2007 was first scheduled more than three years ago.

The exact date, Sept. 9, was posted on the U.S. Bureau of Prisons Web site more than a year ago.

"I'd say that is a firm date," Noriega's attorney Frank Rubino said Tuesday.

Noriega, 70, had parole hearings in 2002 and 2004 to



Noriega

try to cut short his 30-year sentence. He was not recommended for parole either time.

Rubino said his client plans to waive any deportation hearings and try to board a plane back to Panama the day he is released from prison.

"He wants to go back to Panama and he wants to enjoy his grandchildren in quiet retirement," Rubino said.

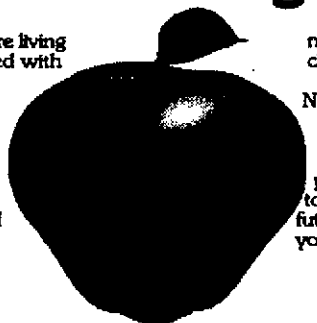
Yet many in Panama said they doubted Noriega would return.

"I'm sure he will choose another country," retired Gen. Ruben Dario Paredes, who headed Panama's military from 1981 to 1983, said Wednesday. "In Panama, unlike in the U.S., he will find much worse conditions."

Noriega has received two 20-year sentences in Panama for the 1985 decapitation of dissident leader Hugo Spadafora and the 1989 slaying of Maj. Moises Giroldi, who tried to overthrow him. Rubino said Noriega will fight the charges.

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