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## Youth Slain; Was Son of JFK's Pilot

MELBOURNE, Fla., Aug. 11 (UPI)—The teen-aged son of a pilot for the late President John F. Kennedy was found shot to death in gangland fashion Sunday night and the body of a young girl was found floating in a nearby creek.

Police said George Perry Martin Jr., 19, was on the floorboard of a convertible parked in a secluded spot along the Indian River. He had been shot through the head and his hands and feet were bound behind him in a manner similar to that used in executions by gangsters.

The body of a girl, Connie Ruth Ballard, 17, was found about 40 yards away, floating face down in Mullet Creek. She had been shot in the chest.

"It looks like professional killings," a police spokesman said. The couple was last seen around 11:30 a.m. EDT Sunday. The bodies were discovered by three men, Clifton Pattee, Gordon Hartley and Charles Stout, who were looking for empty bottles along the secluded creekbank.

Divers began a search for a murder weapon.

Both of the youths were from Satellite Beach, where Miss Ballard attended high school.

Martin's father is a retired Air Force colonel, George Perry Martin Sr. He piloted the presidential jet Air Force One during the Kennedy administration.