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IRVING, TEX., APRIL 18 (AP)-POLICE IN TEXAS AND LOUISIANA AND THE FBI SEARCHED TODAY FOR A HONEYMOONING IRVING COUPLE AFTER THE MOTHER OF THE GROOM RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL THAT THEY HAD BEEN ABDUCTED.

THE COUPLE WAS "BOUND AND GAGGED BUT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN HURT YET," A LOW-VOICED, SLOW-TALKING MAN TOLD MRS. J.W. LAVENDER LAST NIGHT.

BUDDYE WAYNE LAVENDER, 25, AND HIS BRIDE OF LAST SATURDAY, CAROLYN GAY, 20, SPENT SATURDAY NIGHT IN A DALLAS HOTEL AND THEN HEADED FOR NEW ORLEANS FOR THEIR HONEYMOON, THE PARENTS SAID. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE BUT NEITHER SET OF PARENTS THOUGHT THAT UNUSUAL UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT'S TELEPHONE.

IRVING POLICE CAPT. LEONARD MCCARLEY SAID, "WE HAVE TO ASSUME AT THIS TIME THAT IT'S A LEGITIMATE THREAT. WE HAVE NO BASIS ON WHICH TO SAY IT'S A PRANK. THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, THE FBI AND POLICE IN SHREVEPORT AND NEW ORLEANS ARE WORKING ON IT."

THE CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS BEING IN SHREVEPORT AND SAID HE AND HIS WIFE WERE OBSERVING THE BOUND AND GAGGED HONEYMOONERS. HE MADE NO REQUESTS FOR MONEY OR THREATENED THEIR LIVES.

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FORT WORTH, TEX., APRIL 18 (AP)-OKLAHOMA AUTHORITIES QUESTIONED A FORT WORTH MAN IN TARRANT COUNTY JAIL TUESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF A MAN BELIEVED TO BE HERBERT ASHLEY CARTER, 45.

A BODY TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF CARTER WAS FOUND NEAR TISHOMINGO, OKLA., MARCH 28. THE MAN'S HEAD HAD BEEN CRUSHED.

CARTER, EX-FORT WORTH POLICE CHARACTER, REPORTEDLY WAS INVOLVED IN A GANGLAND FEUD SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DISAPPEARANCE LAST DECEMBER.

AGENTS FROM THE OKLAHOMA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION QUESTIONED LOUREL WAYNE HAMILTON, 31, IN THE COUNTY JAIL HERE. HAMILTON IS BEING HELD ON A CHARGE OF POSSESSING AND PASSING COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY.

HAMILTON RECENTLY WAS CONVICTED ON A CHARGE OF SMUGGLING HEROIN ACROSS THE MEXICAN BORDER. CARTER HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH A SIMILAR OFFENSE IN FEDERAL COURT AT BROWNSVILLE.

THE BODY, NOT CONCLUSIVELY IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF CARTER, WAS DISCOVERED IN A SHALLOW GRAVE NEAR LAKE TEXOMA BY OKLAHOMA OFFICIALS.

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