

Santa Ana Man Held in Torture and Murder of Disabled Baby Sitter

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Article Abstract

Investigators, who called the killing "vicious, sadistic and brutal," would not disclose how they linked Kenneth Clair to the slaying of Linda Faye Rodgers, 25, a cerebral palsy victim who "was almost totally defenseless."

Clair, an unemployed cook and painter, was arrested at Jerome Park in Santa Ana late Wednesday on suspicion of burglary, murder and torture, and was being held at Orange County Jail without bail, Santa Ana police Sgt John McClain said. He added that Clair, who did not resist arrest, is expected to be arraigned on the charges early next week.

I will say that, in my opinion, the murder was extremely vicious, sadistic and brutal," McClain said. He would not comment on whether Clair knew Rodgers or the family she worked for.