Police Checking McDuff's Actions During Last Year

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Police are checking for possible links between a paroled Texas murderer and last year's disappearances of three women in western Missouri.

Sgt. John Perry of the Kansas City Police Department's homicide squad said Thursday he was interested in the whereabouts of Kenneth A. McDuff in late 1990 and early 1991.

McDuff, 46, was arrested Monday in Kansas City and returned Wednesday to Texas. He is charged with killing a woman in Waco and authorities want to question him about the deaths and disappearances of seven other women in Texas.

McDuff had rented an apartment in Kansas City in mid-March.

Perry said he was working with a deputy U.S. marshal from Waco on any possible connection between McDuff and the disappearances of Angela Hammond, 20, of Clinton; Trudy Darby, 42, of Macks Creek; and Cheryl Ann Kenney, 30, of Nevada.

Only Ms. Darby's body has been found. She disappeared in January 1991, while Kenney disappeared in February and Hammond in April of that year.

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