

Search continues for Clinton woman who disappeared from parking lot

CLINTON, Mo. (AP) — About 250 volunteers searched the woods and fields of Clinton and Henry County, looking for any sign of a 20-year-old woman who disappeared from a telephone booth outside a Food Barn store Thursday night.

There were no developments in the search for Angela M. Hammond, said Clinton police Detective Damon Parsons on Sunday.

"I just want to find her," said Hammond's 18-year-old fiancé, Rob Shafer. "I haven't lost hope."

This is the third case of a woman vanishing from a store in her hometown in west-central Missouri. And Hammond's disappearance has investigators concerned that the crimes are more than coincidence.

Since Jan. 19, three women from towns within 80 miles of one another have disappeared late at night from deserted stores. Two of the women were closing up shop. The third, Hammond, had stopped to call her fiancé.

Parsons said there is nothing definitive to link the crimes, but "you've got to keep it in mind."

FBI spokesman Jeff Lanza said, "The possibility that all are related is only a theory at this point but one we are investigating."

One of the three women, Trudy Darby of Macks Creek, was found dead. The search continues for Hammond and Cheryl Ann Kenney of Nevada.

In Darby's case, police have conflicting descriptions of a man seen in the area. No one has been able to provide a suspect in the Kenney case.

Hammond's case gives police the best lead so far. And even that is a sketchy description: a dirty-looking white man with a mustache and beard, driving a 1969 or 1970 Ford

pickup and wearing overalls.

Local, county, state and federal authorities are sharing notes and following up leads in hopes of breaking open the three cases.

The women:

Angela M. Hammond, 20. Hammond was last heard from Thursday night when she talked to her fiancé from the telephone booth. She told her fiancé of a truck circling the lot. Then he heard a scream and the line went dead.

Hammond was born in the Kansas City area and moved away at age 4. Her father, Chris Hammond, lives in Olathe.

Cheryl Ann Kenney, 30. Kenney was last seen Feb. 27 as she closed a Nevada convenience store. The store was found locked, and Kenney's car was parked nearby.

Nevada Police Lt. Norman Turner said Sunday that authorities have not ruled out that Kenney, depressed over her mother's recent death, may have left on her own. But, Turner said, she left behind her two children and husband, an ailing father she visited every day and her car. Kenney also had only about \$6 when she vanished.

Trudy Darby, 42. Darby disappeared Jan. 19 from the Camden

County convenience store where she worked. In a brief telephone conversation with her son that evening she told of a suspicious-looking man outside. The store was found unlocked and the cash drawer empty.

Darby was found shot to death in the Little Niangua River two days later.

Hammond's best friend, Kyla Engeman, said she and Hammond had been cruising the town square when they split up about 11:15 p.m. Hammond, who did not have a telephone, stopped by the parking lot booth to call Shafer.

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