

Cops Probe Strawberry Canyon for Coed Clues

ALBANY (UPI) — Six officers plodded over rain-soaked Strawberry canyon on the University of California campus today in a futile search for clues to the mysterious disappearance of coed Judy Williamson Oct. 29.

"We wound up with a goose egg on top of a goose egg," said Albany Police Inspector Arthur Smith.

The search was concentrated on the campus after

pre-med student's textbooks, reported by police to be blood-stained, were found in a campus trash container Tuesday.

But the police—four Albany officers and two UC campus officers — found nothing. Smith said that unless further concrete evidence was turned up, the search on the campus was over.

Smith declined to comment on a published report that Al-

bany police were seeking a 30-year-old Vallejo electrician for questioning.

The atmosphere at the Albany police station today was far less charged than it was yesterday when Police Chief Ralph Jensen announced at mid-day that he expected "a big break" shortly before midnight last night.

However, newsmen who kept a 12-hour vigil at the police station last night were disappointed. Page 4, Col. 3



SEEK CLUES—Unidentified Albany police make wet search of Strawberry creek on the University of California campus today for clues in mysterious disappearance of UC coed Judy Williamson. Missing for 17 days, the coed's school books and broken umbrella have been found, but the whereabouts of the girl is still unknown. (UPI Telephoto)

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Slice station were told in a press conference shortly before midnight that "perhaps tomorrow we will have something better to go on."

Jensen did reveal that blood-stained books belonging to the 18-year-old coed were found in an open trash container on the campus of the university. The discovery of the books was announced Tuesday night, but police declined at that time to say where or when they were found.

Jensen said last night that they were found by a man on the campus on Nov. 4 or Nov. 5, but he emphasized the man "is not a suspect at this time."

The books were only the second major clue in the case since Miss Williamson disappeared while en route from her Albany home to the university at nearby Berkeley on the morning of Oct. 29.

The first major clue came Monday when an 11-year-old boy turned over to police an umbrella the girl had been carrying on the day she disappeared. The boy said he found the umbrella in a trash can near a supermarket.

Jensen said last night he had practically ruled out the possibility of forceful abduction on San Pablo avenue, where the girl was last seen. He said she was strong, and a struggle would have been noticed on the well-traveled street.

"However, I think the likelihood is that she has come to some harm," he said.

Judy disappeared during a five-block walk from her home to a station where she normally caught a bus for the university. The bus driver said she did not board his bus on the morning of Oct. 29, but police were able to trace her trail to a mailbox two blocks from her home where she mailed two letters for her father.

Until the discovery of the books and umbrella, the only solid lead in the case was a white-topped convertible which at least three persons connected with the young coed.

Two persons told of seeing the car following Judy as she walked toward the bus stop. A third said he saw a girl who could have been Judy struggling in a convertible with a man shortly after she vanished.