



Lucille Mayer (right), 36 yoa; White female, unmarried. A sculptor from Los Angeles. Know to walk the perimeter of Hellbend to look for scraps of dried wood for her sculptures.

VICTIM: LUCILLE MAYER

RACE/GENDER: CAUCASIAN/FEMALE

OCCUPATION: ARTIST

HEIGHT: 5' 2"

WEIGHT: 102 LBS

TIME OF DEATH: BETWEEN APRIL 24, AND MAY 8, 2005

DISCOVERED BY: LT. JOSHUA ORRINO, NEVADA STATE PATROLMAN

BODY FOUND: 112 MILES FROM HELLBEND, CA

CAUSE OF DEATH: BLUNT/CUTTING TRAMA

FAMILY: EMILY WARREN (COMANION), TANYA MAYER (MOTHER)

ENEMIES: NONE

REPORT

Born in Los Angeles California in 1969, Mayer spent most of her adult life in and around the UCLA School of Arts and Architecture; first as a student of pottery, and later as a teacher.

In 1999, Mayer met Emily Warren, a painter from Death Valley who sold canvases in L.A. twice yearly. After a brief affair, Mayer and Warren moved into Warren's home in Hellbend. They lived there together as a committed couple for the past six years. Mayer sculpting, and Warren painting. They supported their leisurely lifestyle by selling works in Las Vegas and L.A.

Both Mayer and Warren are considered friendly, affable individuals by the townsfolk, and are well liked. Even if they are commonly referred to as "the lesbians", this is more an indication of the tiny size of the community, as opposed to some slur—beliefs in the town are liberal considering the age of its population. Few gave them a second glance.

Since 2001, Mayer had been creating popular "desert wood" sculptures; assemblages of desert dried wood and other plants, woven together into complex designs. To this end, Mayer spent much of her free time (particularly dawn and dusk) walking the perimeter of the town, collecting wood. She never went much further than a half a mile out of town, and was not known to be skilled at survival. She was a cautious individual, not known for taking risks.

Warren alerted the sheriff within an hour of nightfall when Mayer failed to return— the town rapidly organized a search, but any signs of her tracks were quickly obliterated by the harsh climate. A painful wait continued for several days until her body was located 112 miles from Hellbend, in the Great Basin in Nevada by Lt. Joshua Orrino, a Nevada State Patrolman.