

**VANDALISM CASE**

# 2 questioned about women go to court

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Springfield police long ago virtually cleared three men in the June 7 disappearances of three Springfield women.



But they were once strong suspects because of "disturbing" charges against them of vandalizing a Springfield mausoleum last February and stealing \$30 worth of gold fillings from the teeth of a corpse.

Two of the three appeared on that charge Wednesday in Greene County As-

sociate Circuit Court. Dustin Recla, 20, and Joseph Riedel, 21, were bound over for arraignment on charges of felony institutional vandalism. Recla is scheduled for arraignment Friday. Riedel's is scheduled for Sept. 25.

Michael Clay, 19, did not appear. He apparently jumped bail and left for California, where he was arrested last week for hitchhiking. He will likely be returned here within a few weeks, officials said.

■ **Streeter's statement:** Police sought the men in connection with the disappearances of Suzie Streeter, 19, her mother, Sherrill Levitt, 47, and Stacy McCall, 18, because Recla used to date Streeter. She had given police a statement regarding the vandalism.

Both Recla and Clay — who told police he wished the three women were dead —

passed polygraph examinations concerning that case.

Riedel left town for Illinois shortly after the women vanished from Levitt's 1717 E. Delmar St. house on June 7. He was arrested there, and returned to Springfield a month ago. He remains in jail in connection with the Feb. 21 mausoleum break-in at Maple Park Cemetery.

■ **No comment:** Police Sgt. David Asher would not say Wednesday whether Riedel has been questioned about the women.

Prosecutor Tom Mountjoy called the vandalism "disturbing" but would not comment on whether his office is investigating a possible link between the men and the women's disappearances.

Recla would not talk to a News-Leader reporter Wednesday. "I've already been screwed by the media too much," he said.

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