

Hayes Ally Surrenders To Agents

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A 31-year-old woman wanted in connection with the murder of a Bay Area couple has surrendered to FBI agents in St. Paul, Minn.

Diane Susan Weller, an aspiring model who once worked for Hayes, surrendered to agents in the office of her attorney Doug Thomson early this morning.

She is charged here with being an accessory in the murders of Lauren deLaet, 36, and Donald MacVicar, 32, whose bodies were found in a remote area of the UCSC campus. She also was wanted on a federal warrant charging her with unlawful interstate flight.

Royal Kenneth Hayes, a Hawaiian real estate broker who has known Weller since the mid-70s, has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the deaths of deLaet and MacVicar.

Their decapitated bodies were found in shallow graves. Each had been shot once through the head.

Weller has been sought by local authorities since March 10 when Hayes was arrested on murder charges here.

Authorities believe she helped conceal evidence in the case and was present when the victims' bodies were buried.

A nationwide search for her failed to

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turn up any leads and authorities feared she might be dead.

This morning, Weller's attorney would not comment on her whereabouts prior to her surrender. He said she turned herself in to FBI agents at 8:15 a.m. and was taken to Minneapolis City Jail.

Bail is currently set at \$100,000.

According to Minnesota authorities, Weller is believed to have had a long association with Hayes.

She is also believed to have lived with James and Sondra Johnson, a Minnesota couple who are now charged with the murder of a suspected Minneapolis drug dealer.

The murder victim, Thomas Carroll, 32, was shot five times and buried in a shallow grave on an unnamed island in the Mississippi River.

According to newspaper accounts in Minnesota, Weller is believed to have met Hayes in 1974 or 1975 following the breakup of her marriage.

She worked for him at Central States Properties for a time, then enrolled in the John Robert Powers School of Modeling.

She dropped out of the school in January 1977, citing "abrupt changes" in her personal life which took her to California.

One month later, Hayes was released from Leavenworth Prison in Kansas where he had served a two-year term on federal weapons charges.

Hayes is believed to have met Johnson at the prison while Johnson was serving time on an extortion charge.

By the end of 1977, both Hayes and Weller were living in Hawaii.

Weller got a job as a cocktail waitress at the Kona Surf on the island of Hawaii in December 1977.

She was described as a model employee, but was fired in January 1980 after she refused to take a state-mandated tuberculosis test, according to Minnesota newspaper accounts.

After her termination, she worked at an island-based seafood company and then a car rental office.

During the time, authorities alleged Hayes was involved in a large-scale cocaine dealing operation.

Weller reportedly listed her address and Hayes' on job applications.

In January 1982, Weller called her mother in New Ulm, Minn., to say she was studying at a computer school in the Bay Area.

When her school work was finished, she told her mother she would return home.

In late January, Weller is believed to have returned to Minnesota where she moved in with the Johnsons at their Edina, Minn., home.

She was seen at their home by a federal probation officer Jan. 19, according to reports.

Hayes and Deborah Garcia — a key witness in the murder case here — are believed to have flown to Minneapolis/St. Paul in February.

They reportedly stayed with the Johnsons for a time, but left after Hayes got into an argument with James Johnson.

On Feb. 23, Hayes and Johnson met at the Minneapolis motel room where Hayes and Garcia were staying. That was the last time Weller had been seen, according to reports.

District Attorney Art Danner said today he would press to have Weller returned to California quickly in order to consolidate her preliminary hearing with Hayes' June 14 preliminary hearing.