

Grisly Stabbing Data By Shaken Coroner

SAN JOSE (UPI) — Two young girls slain while picnicking were the victims of a sexual psychopath and died in a "frenzied flurry of knife-wounds" inflicted so swiftly that neither could even struggle against their attacker.

This is the opinion of Dr. John E. Hauser, Santa Clara County Coroner, who was so shaken by the brutal crime he groped for words to express his thoughts.

"You know, I've been in this profession a long time and sometimes I think I'm rather callous, but when I saw these girls, believe me it was terrifying," Hauser said Tuesday.

"I've never seen a case with this many stab wounds. The Nazi sex mutilations during World War II were nothing compared to what was done to these young girls."

Hauser said the body of Kathy Snoozy, 15, had 150 stab wounds on her back, 50 on the front and a "storm" of punctures on her neck. The

body of Deborah Gay Gurlong, 14, had 100 wounds on her back and upper front and an uncounted number on her neck.

The bodies of the two girls were discovered Sunday on a grassy knoll not more than six blocks from their parents' homes in San Jose's suburban Almaden area.

Chief of detectives Barton L. Collins said his men have talked to 200 people so far searching for clues to the slayings, but have yet to turn up any substantial information.

"We don't have a thing," he told newsmen.

He said he would like to talk in "the worst way" with Andrew J. Manuel, being sought by the FBI in the investigation of seven coed murders in Michigan and five similar slayings in California.

Manuel is known to have been in Salinas, 35 miles south of San Jose, as recently as last Thursday. However, Collins said he had no direct clues linking Manuel with the San Jose slayings.