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# Police bust Queens teen's suspected killer in Greece

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Two dogged city detectives traveled halfway round the world to bag a savage killer who choked the life out of a pretty teen-age girl because she laughed at him, authorities say.

Murder suspect Peter Sedhom, 25, of Queens, was in a jail cell in Athens, Greece, last night awaiting extradition to New York on murder charges.

Cops say he killed 17-year-old Rebecca Pacheco of Queens on April 13, 1996, during a get-together at a girlfriend's house.

He then allegedly dumped her naked corpse in a pile of garbage under the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway near Cherry Street in Greenpoint, where it lay decomposing until cops discovered it on May 16.

The remains were so rotted that police couldn't establish an identification until June, when an anonymous tipster told them the body was Pacheco's.

Enter detectives Joe Falcone, of Brooklyn North Homicide, and Jack Goggin, of the 94th Precinct, who discovered that one woman

who'd been with Pacheco that night had vanished.

They also checked out the woman's boyfriend, Sedhom, who turned out to have been arrested on charges of killing a girl in Greece under similar circumstances in 1989, but was able to beat the rap.

And he had been busted earlier this year in five gas-station stick-

ups in Greece.

Falcone and Goggin jetted to Greece, where they located and grilled Sedhom, who eventually confessed, they said.

He allegedly said he had been with his girlfriend and Pacheco when the victim started laughing at him.

He sent his girlfriend outside, then choked Pacheco to death, ignoring her frenzied screams of agony and pleas to spare her life, police said.

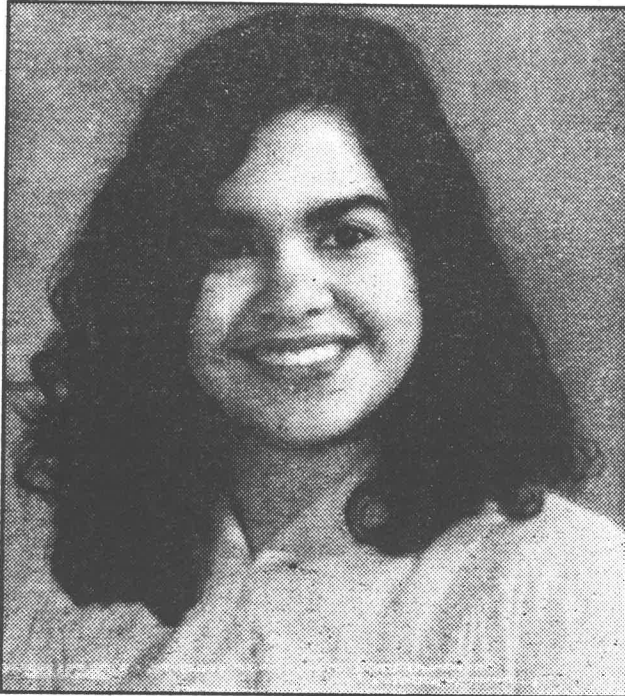
After disposing of her body, Sedhom forced his terrified girlfriend to accompany him to Las Vegas, where he turned her into a hooker to make money, police said.

He then fled to Mexico alone, then Lebanon — and had planned to settle in Brazil where U.S. authorities wouldn't be able to touch him, according to authorities.

The victim's mom urged prosecutors to press for the death penalty.

"My daughter was the most lovable girl in the world," a tearful Miguelina Pacheco told *The Post*.

She praised Falcone and Goggin for their "magnificent work in tracking Rebecca's killer. They refused to give up until they got him."



**REBECCA PACHECO:** Strangled last year.

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