

## Girl Is Terrorized on Highway, Police Hunt Stolen Car Driver

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Virginia State Police are searching for a man who terrorized a 19-year-old Washington girl on Route 1 south of Fredericksburg late Friday night.

Investigators said the man tried to pass himself off as a Washington policeman, threatened to shoot a motorist who stopped, and fled in a car reported stolen in Washington.

The girl was identified as Irene Elizabeth Semiklose, a Central Intelligence Agency employe who lives at 1610 Longfellow st. nw. She was driving to the Richmond area to visit her parents.

She was crowded off the road after fleeing the man for at least five miles at speeds up to 80 miles an hour. At one point she managed to force her pursuer into the oncoming traffic lane but could not elude him.

Part of the time he flashed his headlights while riding bumper-to-bumper behind her, she said, but "it takes more to unnerve me than that."

"I'm a D. C. policeman and

I'm going to arrest you for speeding," she quoted him as saying when he finally forced her off the road.

A tow truck driver, Andy Clay, 31, of Fredericksburg, said he and his brother were driving south when they saw a man standing beside a car with a woman screaming hysterically inside.

Clay said he and his brother, Curtis, 35, pushed the man away from the side of the girl's car and held him.

The man told them he was a policeman. As he went through his wallet in an apparent search for identification, the frightened girl drove away and Andy Clay followed in his tow truck.

The man broke from Curtis Clay's grasp and forced his way back into his own car. When he reached into a glove compartment for what Curtis believed was a gun, Curtis ducked behind the car and the man fled.

Andy Clay said the man told his brother earlier that he had a gun and threatened to shoot him.

The FBI said the Clays described the car involved as a black 1957 Plymouth with District tags PR 461. Metropolitan police said that James E. Hankins, listed at 2370 Champlain st. nw., reported that car missing from the rear of his home at 11 p. m. Friday.

Andy Clay later related that the fugitive must have turned off on Route 606, possibly toward Louisa, because he did not pass Andy, who was following Miss Semiklose south on Route 1.

Andy caught up with Miss Semiklose, who returned with him to the scene, where Curtis was waiting. They then notified the police.

The FBI said it was investigating the incident as a case of interstate transportation of

a stolen auto. An FBI spokesman said there seemed to be no likely connection between the incident and the Jan. 11 kidnaping of the Carroll V. Jackson family about 25 miles away and their subsequent slaying.

Clay described the fugitive as about 35, 5 feet 9, 180 pounds, with black curly hair hanging over his forehead, blue eyes, wearing dark trousers and a white shirt.

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