

Hunters Find Body Of Missing Girl, 10

The body of 10-year-old Patricia Ann Moore, who disappeared from the road in front of her Clifton, Va., home July 15, was found yesterday afternoon by two squirrel hunters in a densely wooded area of Prince William County.

Fairfax County police said last night the area, on the historic Rippon Lodge estate of retired Navy Adm. Richard B. Black, had been sealed off and the girl's decomposed body left where it had been found until a thorough examination of the area can be made today.

There was no immediate indication of what caused her death, Fairfax Police Capt. Dan Kriss said.

The Fairfax County girl was identified by the orange shorts, an orange-and-white striped pullover, green sneakers and tiny gold-ball pierced earrings she was wearing the day she disappeared.

Her body was found on the surface of the ground, in heavy undergrowth about one mile from Adm. Black's house. The area is about one mile east of Rte. 1 and 275 yards north of Rte. 638, police said. It is near Neabsco Creek south of Woodbridge.

The hunters who found her, two Woodbridge brothers, Jeffrey and Jerry Money, went to Rippon Lodge as soon as they discovered the body at 4:30 p.m.

Patty, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Moore of 7359 Clifton Rd., vanished while walking several hundred yards down the road to meet an 11-year-old playmate the morning of July 15.

Fifteen minutes after Patty left the house her friend arrived and asked where she was. Mrs. Moore, 27, told reporters afterward, "I knew then something was wrong." She said Patty was a shy, reserved girl and related an incident when Patty was walking home in a rainstorm and a woman stopped to offer her a lift. "She wouldn't get in," Mrs. Moore said. "She came home soaking wet."

For more than a week following her disappearance as many as 600 police and Army troops combed the rural area near her home, but found nothing. Clifton Road is a well-traveled road connecting Burke Lake and the town of Clifton.

Rippon Lodge is some 12 to 15 miles from the Moore home, police said.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors contributed \$500 to a \$2,500 reward fund raised by Clifton-area residents to help obtain information about Patty. Capt. Kriss said last night no information had been received and there still were no leads in the case.