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## Man charged with murder also suspect in teen's disappearance

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**LUBBOCK, Texas** - A 25-year-old man charged in the September murder of a pregnant woman is also a suspect in the unsolved disappearance of a Lubbock teenager, police said.

Rosendo Rodriguez III, a former Texas Tech student, was indicted in October on capital murder and aggravated sexual assault charges in the deaths of Summer Baldwin, 29, and her unborn child. Baldwin's body was found stuffed into a suitcase dumped in a landfill.

Investigators linked Rodriguez to the case through a bar code on the suitcase.

Lubbock County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Paul Scarborough said Rodriguez is also now a suspect in the disappearance of Joanna Rogers, 16, who vanished from her home in May 2004.

Authorities initially discounted any link between the cases, but Scarborough said investigators found Rogers' name on Rodriguez' e-mail list while searching his computer in the Baldwin murder investigation. His name was also on the teen's e-mail list, authorities said.

"With that connection and the current situation ... we believe that elevates him to the level of suspect," Scarborough said.

"We are doing some further investigation in that area," he said, adding that authorities were pursuing other possible connections between Rodriguez and the missing teen.

In the Baldwin murder case, a judge is expected to rule on a motion to dismiss Rodriguez' defense attorney.

Lubbock County Assistant District Attorney Tray Payne argued at a Thursday hearing that lawyer Albert Rodriguez could not defend the murder suspect because he had handled two knives being used as evidence.

But the defense attorney testified that the knives were never in his possession.

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