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## Hunt Suitor in Death of Film Beauty

# Stately Blonde, Once in Ziegfeld Follies, Victim of Murder on College Campus

Los Angeles, Feb. 26. A rejected suitor of Anya Sosoyeva, 32year-old dancer and Goldwyn Follies film beauty, was sought by police tonight for questioning about her slaying on the Los Angeles City college campus.

The hunt for the spurned suitor started shortly after Dr. Frank Webb, county autopsy surgeon, reported two examinations had failed to disclose that the stately blonde Miss Sosoyeva had been raped.

#### **EXPLANATION GIVEN**

Captain D. R. Patton, chief of the police homicide detail, said Beulah Ann Stanley, dramatics instructor and roommate of Miss Sosoyeva, was questioned today and gave a "satisfactory explanation" of her whereabouts before and since the slaying last Friday night.

Police said Miss Stanley consented to make a written statement telling all she knew about her roommate.

Authorities said Dr. Richard S. Murray, an osteopath, reported Miss Sosoyeva, Russian-born entertainer who once was in the Ziegfeld Follies and on vaudeville circuits, came to him about two weeks ago for a physical examination.

#### **PROBE CULT REPORTS**

Mrs. A. L. Miller, associated with Dr. Murray's clinic, told police she saw Miss Sosoyeva several times in the company of "a large man who I have been told is a member of a strange cult on the Los Angeles City college campus".

Captain Patton said an investigation was being made of various reports that the secret order, called the "Purple Cult," held weird rites at the home of a faculty member.

Investigation disclosed Miss Sosoyeva married Laurence Tulloch . . .