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# Transient Accused of Killing Girls

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DEL RIO, Texas  
(AP) — A rail-riding transient has been charged with murdering two 13-year-old girls in Texas and Kentucky, authorities said.

Tommy Lynn Sells, 35, was arrested Sunday in the stabbing death of Kaylene Harris, 13, and the slashing of

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Both girls were sleeping at Kaylene's mother's home near Del Rio on Friday when Sells allegedly broke in and attacked them with a knife, Val Verde County Sheriff D'Wayne Jernigan said.

Krystal, who was in stable condition after her vocal cords were severed in the attack, helped authorities find Sells by writing down a description of the attacker. Sells was an acquaintance of Kaylene's father and had visited the home



When police started questioning him about the attack, Sells stated, ``I guess you want to know about both of them," according to Lt. Larry Pope of the sheriff's department.

He then confessed to the May slaying of Haley McHone, 13, of Lexington, Ky., police said. He was charged Monday with murder, rape and kidnapping in her death.

Haley's decomposed body was found in bushes by railroad tracks near her house on May 23.



that night before releasing him, Lexington police Sgt. Mark Barnard said.

The site was just a couple of hundred yards from where University of Kentucky student Christopher Maier was beaten to death in August 1997.

Authorities in June linked Maier's killing to Angel Maturino Resendiz, a rail-riding drifter who authorities believe is to blame for a string of murders near railroad tracks in several states, including Texas.



believe he was responsible for Haley McHone's death.

Lexington police described Sells as a transient who rode the rails and passed through Kentucky in May. Police said he has held several odd jobs, including a stint in a circus.



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