

Boys school murder suspect identified

A 17-year-old Los Angeles youth, Arvie Carroll, has been identified as the youth charged with the murder of Marie Romero at the El Paso de Robles School for Boys on March 31.

Four other suspects in the slaying have been cleared and freed from isolation at the California Youth Authority facility in Paso Robles.

Carroll was a student in one of Mrs. Romero's classes. He was reportedly in Mrs. Romero's last class of the day on the day of the murder.

Her partially disrobed body was found in a pool of blood on a classroom floor at 4:40 p.m. by two other teachers.

According to an autopsy done by Los Angeles County Chief Medical Examiner and Coroner, Dr. Thomas Noguchi, Mrs. Romero was stomped to death.

Carroll, committed from Los Angeles, was serving time for armed robbery during which he shot and critically wounded an elderly woman.

Carroll was given a psychiatric examination by Dr. William Gordon Friday night and further tests by a Santa Barbara psychiatrist were scheduled today.

Carroll was officially arrested early Friday evening.

District Attorney Robert Tait said this morning he was uncertain how Carroll would be prosecuted.

He said he may be sent to juvenile court or he may be arraigned in Superior Court Tuesday.

The four suspects originally held pending charges were cleared after a month of evaluation of physical evidence by Noguchi's office.