

American tourist murdered by son in Indian resort

American teenager suspected of killing mother at a resort in the Osian village in India

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Jodhpur: Police have detained an American teenager suspected of murdering a 52-year-old American tourist at Osian village in a resort about 65km from Jodhpur in the state of Rajasthan.

During police interrogation, the suspect, Joncarlos Patton, said he was the biological son of the victim, but that his parents were divorced.

Staff of the resort found the body of Cindy Innarelli with her throat slit. She was staying with Patton, whom police later arrested when he was trying to board a flight from Jodhpur to Delhi.

Police superintendent Girdhari Lal Sharma said Patton may have murdered the victim after they had a heated argument.

Sharma said that Cindy and Jon Carlos had checked in at the desert resort in the ancient city of Osian, which is known for its old temples. They had come from Mumbai on August 11 and was expected to stay for a few more days.

Staff at the resort in Osian, on Friday morning, discovered the body of the woman inside the tented accommodation where she was staying.

"When the hotel staff found Jon Carlos missing, they alerted the police and the police swung into action and a manhunt was launched to look for the teenager and we finally nabbed him at the airport when he was trying to take the flight to Delhi," said Sharma.

He said the teenager admitted having an argument with the American woman on Thursday night. "It seems a sharp weapon was used to slit the throat of the woman," Sharma said.