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**Suicide watch
on med student
who collected
panties as
souvenirs of
his crimes**

— POLICE SAY

Medical student Philip Markoff was slapped in cuffs on April 20

PHILIP MARKOFF had it all – a million-dollar smile, a successful dentist dad, a bright future in medicine and a beautiful bride-to-be. But it wasn't enough.

Beneath the façade of promise and privilege, the 22-year-old all-American boy hid a sinister secret that finally exploded into murder, say cops.

GLOBE can now rip the lid off the sordid hidden life of the man accused of being the Craigslist Killer, who ruthlessly slaughtered a gorgeous New York masseuse and robbed another woman he lured into a trap using the Internet.

And there could be many more victims.

"He's a predator," says Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis.

Cops say Markoff preyed on women who advertised erotic services on Craigslist Web pages and set up meetings at upscale hotels through e-mail and phone calls.

"Markoff may be someone who uses his good looks, intelligence and gift of gab to charm his way into women's hearts, gain their trust, then do them harm," says former FBI profiler Mark Safarik who heads Forensic Behavioral Services, a company that evaluates criminals before their trials.

"Psychopaths zero in on vulnerable targets. Prostitutes or exotic dancers feed their sense of superiority and lower the risk of being reported or caught."

On April 14, the suspect answered an ad masseuse Julissa Brisman placed online – and arranged a hookup at Boston's posh Copley Marriott hotel at 10 p.m. that night, cops say.

Less than 15 minutes after entering the hotel, the 26-year-old aspiring model and actress was dead. She'd been restrained in plastic handcuffs, bashed in the head and shot three times. One slug ripped through her heart.

"This was a brutal, vicious crime – savage, and it shows Philip Markoff is a man who is willing to take advantage of women, to hurt them, to beat them, to rob them," says Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley.

"Julissa put up a pretty good struggle,



Boston police released a photo from the Westin Hotel security camera showing a 'person of interest' in an attack on a hooker

and as a result of that struggle, she lost her life."

Her murder came just four days after 29-year-old hooker Trisha Leffler was robbed at gunpoint at another Boston hotel, the Westin Copley, after placing a similar online ad.

Cops say the suspect in both crimes – who they insist is Markoff – was caught on surveillance cameras leaving the two hotels.

After seeing surveillance tapes, Leffler, who is a Las Vegas native, says Markoff is the man who robbed her.

She says the med student pulled a gun, bound her with plastic handcuffs, tied her to a doorknob and taped her mouth shut when she went to his room. He swiped \$800 in cash, \$250 in American Express gift cards and a debit card before fleeing.

Leffler believes she's only alive today because "I didn't resist him in any way."

Markoff, who has no prior criminal record, is also suspected in the attempted robbery in Warwick, R.I., of a stripper who posted an ad on Craigslist. She was held at gunpoint in a Holiday Inn Express just two days after Brisman was killed. Her husband came into the room and the robber fled.

Security cameras at all three crime scenes show what appears to be the same blond man casually texting on his Blackberry.

Working around the clock, cops zeroed in on the Boston University second-year



Trisha Leffler was robbed, but lived

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- COPS CHARGE

TERRIFYING TALE OF THE TAPES



CAUGHT ON CAMERA

The same suspect, who cops say is Markoff, gets caught on camera at the Marriott on the night a masseuse was murdered at the hotel



Cops believe this video shows Markoff on the night an exotic dancer was attacked before being chased off by her husband

medical student by tracing the e-mail address he set up to make a massage appointment.

Lawmen say they later discovered a semi-automatic weapon, duct tape and restraints in the Quincy, Mass., apartment Markoff shares with fiancée Megan McAllister.

Markoff, who reportedly hid his gun in a hollowed-out copy of the medical reference book Gray's Anatomy, also appeared to be collecting women's panties, which investigators believe were "souvenirs" from victims. Cops say they've tied his pistol to the slaying and found his fingerprints at the crime scene.

Now he's charged with murder, unlawful possession of a firearm, robbery and kidnapping, while investigators hunt for other victims.

After his arrest, Markoff tried to kill himself in his jail cell, cops say. The accused gunman was taken to a special prison and put on suicide watch after guards found a "shoelace mark" around his neck.

But what turned this seemingly good-natured man into a monster? Investigators are trying to determine if Markoff was attacking and robbing women to get money to feed a gambling habit.

Markoff was collared April 20 as he was headed to a Connecticut casino with a suitcase containing more than \$1,000, cops say. The handsome student had recently begun frequenting the poker tables where he'd bet \$1,000-a-hand, a police source says. Between April 2 and April

16, he made the 95-mile trek three times. He raked in \$5,300 in winnings on his final visit, just two days after Julissa's murder.

But Robin Sax, a Los Angeles sex crimes prosecutor and author of Predators and Child Molesters, believes the depravity runs much deeper than gambling.

"This case reeks of a sexual predator who uses control and violence to get what he wants," Sax tells GLOBE. "Anybody who purposefully seeks out female victims - especially those who work in the sex industry - isn't merely looking for financial gain."

But family and friends are stunned Markoff could be capable of such despicable acts.

And no one is as shocked as his fiancée. The two met during college at the State University of New York at Albany while volunteering in a medical center together. They were expected to wed on Aug. 14 in a lavish beachfront ceremony in Long Branch, N.J.

"Philip is a beautiful man inside and out," says McAllister, who insists Markoff is being framed by the "real" killer. She says she still intends to marry him and believes, "he couldn't hurt a fly."

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Aspiring model Julissa Brisman died after being shot in a Boston hotel room