

**UNDERGROUND PRISON** — Newsmen and passersby stand around narrow trench in pine forest near Atlanta in which Barbara Jane Mackle spent 48 hours buried in hole.

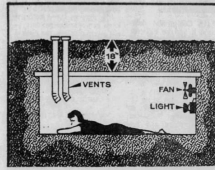
### FBI Arrests Kidnapper, Seeks 2nd

From The Record Call Wire Services  
**EL JOBEAN, Fla.** — An escaped convict accused of kidnaping Barbara Jane Mackle and burying her alive was captured early Sunday on alligator-infested Hog Island off the southeast Florida coast, Charlotte County Sheriff Jack Bent announced.

Just a few hours earlier a waterproof diving bag holding all but \$20,000 of the \$300,000 ransom paid Friday for Barbara Jane reportedly was found washed in the rotting hull of an old boat on the island.

"We've got the man and we're bringing him in," was the word radioed from an FBI agent on the island to a search command post at a nearby fishing village. Most-armed FBI agents, and a posse of local lawmen had hunted since early afternoon on the mangrove-covered island for Gary Steven Krist, a 37-year-old escaped convict.

There was no immediate word on whether the prisoner was taken without a fight. In Miami an FBI spokesman said, "We're still looking for the girl." He referred to Ruth Eisenmann-Scher, 26, a blonde and green-eyed biology researcher, charged along with Krist in the kidnaping.



**COFFIN FOR LIVING** — Sketch shows coffinlike box in which kidnap victim Barbara Jane Mackle spent 4 days.

Krist had been on the run since Friday when Miss Mackle's multimillionaire father paid the ransom and she was found buried in a coffinlike box.

The box—which was so small that she probably could not have moved for the 40 hours of confinement — was discovered 18 inches underground in a small Georgia village.

Miss Mackle, who said the kidnapers were very considerate, told her uncle, Frank Mackle, when she was found. "I'm fine, I'm fine, Uncle Frank."

A search party had been digging through the marshland since Saturday afternoon but the dense swamp growth protected Krist. Krist is believed to have

fired in a motor boat into the Myakka River and then hid in the snake-infested swamp on Florida's west coast.

A man answering his description was spotted buying a 15-hp motor boat on Friday in Fort Myers with \$20 bills. Mackle paid the ransom in \$20 bills.

Miss Mackle was reported in good condition Saturday after her ordeal. The box buried near Berkeley Lake, Ga., was connected to the surface by two vent pipes.

It was also equipped with a small amount of food, water, a battery operated fan, and a light which died a few hours before her rescue. The FBI has confiscated the box, but the size of the burial hole indicates it was very small. The hole measured 30 feet long, 20 inches wide, and 30 inches deep.

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