

# A HOTEL MAID, 33, FOUND MURDERED

A Tenant at the Warrington  
Is Sought for Questioning

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A Thai woman working as a maid in a midtown hotel that has many single and welfare tenants was found dead yesterday afternoon in the room of a tenant who is being sought for questioning by the police.

The 33-year-old victim, Mrs.

Saraj Bardharahedya, was the object of an extensive search by the police in the Warrington Hotel, at 161 Madison Avenue, between 32d and 33d Streets, when she disappeared shortly after reporting for work at 9 A.M. Also missing was a laundry basket that she wheeled from room to room when cleaning.

The police searched for four hours most of the 150 rooms in the old 11-story building.

The desk clerk was first alerted to the maid's disappearance when guests on the fifth, sixth and seventh floors began complaining that their rooms had not been made up. When

the maid could not be found, the police were notified.

When the police made their first search of the hotel, the occupant of room 605 answered their knock and told them that he had not seen the missing maid, according to a witness who refused to divulge his name.

In mid-afternoon the police started another sweep of the hotel. When they reached room 605, there was no response to their knock. As they opened the door they saw the maid's body in the laundry basket. It had been covered with sheets, the witness said.

The cause of death was not

immediately determined, but it was believed she had been strangled.

The occupant of room 605 was not identified, although a witness said he was about 25 years old and that he had lived at the hotel for a couple of months.

Mrs. Bardharahedya lived at 332 East 95th Street with her husband, who reportedly works in a Chinese restaurant.

Many elderly people reside at the hotel, where a fire killed Joseph Blair, 57, and his wife Nancy, 56, in room 1104 at 4:28 A.M. on Dec. 21.

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