

## Suspect faces murder charge

By SUN MEDIA

*Monday, April 9, 2007*

EDMONTON -- A small dog's desperate yelps as its owner was brutally murdered and her home ransacked weren't enough to raise the suspicions of anyone nearby.

Now, murder charges are pending against a 24-year-old man who stands accused of viciously beating a cab driver around 10 p.m. Friday before allegedly breaking into a nearby relative's home at 4204 38 St. and allegedly killing 25-year-old Stephanie Rae Butler, who was alone inside.

After his alleged violent rampage, police say the suspect walked up to a police car that had been called to the first crime scene, and got in.

"He exited the home, ran to a nearby police car, and got in the back seat," a police said.

The suspect faces charges of murder, break and enter and breach of recognizance. He's not been formally charged yet.

An autopsy to determine the cause of Butler's death is will be conducted this week.