

## Guild Member in Dismemberment Shock Horror Raid

Geoff Searle found himself in a spot of bother with the local constabulary whilst filming a short horror movie called *Meat After School* in some woods near Stevenage last month.

The shoot involves a clothed, decapitated corpse, complete with fake syrup blood. When the crew broke for dinner, they hid the body behind a bush – but not quite well enough. A teenage boy out walking his dog in the woods found the body, ran home and called the police. These were private woods with permission from the owner, but that didn't stop three police cars and a forensics team turning up and taking away the 'body' for inspection.

When the crew returned the body, prop blood and make-up had vanished. Some were a little spooked – well, it was dark, in the woods and they were making a horror movie.

Geoff takes up the story:

"We couldn't believe it had just vanished into thin air. It was only when we asked in the pub that we realised what had happened - that the film set had been a crime scene and the body had been confiscated by the police. They never contacted the land owners. The next day I had to visit the police station and claim back my "dead body". The police were pretty unhappy about it."

A pretty unhappy policeman commented:

"We had no prior knowledge of the production, which presented a challenge in the initial response. Not only will the discovery have caused some distress to the member of the public who came across it, but the subsequent police response involved the use of valuable resources."

It's a lesson to film-makers everywhere  
- tidy away your body parts after use.

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Geoff has recently completed the world's first one-man feature film 'Madness in the First Degree' which premiered in Leicester Square earlier this year - available to buy on DVD soon, details at: [www.onemanfilm.com](http://www.onemanfilm.com)



A woman with long brown hair, wearing a white button-down shirt over a white tank top and dark pants, stands in a wooded area. The scene is dramatically lit, with strong shadows and highlights. The image is framed by dark red, textured overlays on the left and right sides. The text "MEAT AFTER SCHOOL" is printed in white, bold, sans-serif font in the bottom-left corner.

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