

# TV Millionaire Found Dead in Canada

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**HOPE, British Columbia (RPRN) 08/26/09** — Reality TV star Ryan Jenkins, the accused killer of swimsuit model Jasmine Fiore (pictured), was found hanged to death in Hope, British Columbia on Sunday - Murder suspect apparently committed suicide

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After more than a week on the run from authorities, Ryan Jenkins, a contestant on defunct reality TV series “Megan Wants a Millionaire,” was found hanged Sunday in a remote Canadian motel room, apparently by his own hand.

The Associated Press quoted official sources as saying Jenkins, 32, was discovered dead by an employee of The Thunderbird Motel in Hope, British

Columbia. Jenkins likely entered the province Wednesday after launching a speedboat from Washington State, which he used to outrun American and Canadian pursuers, including the U.S. Coast Guard.

Jenkins was the prime suspect in the grisly murder of his ex-wife, 28-year-old Jasmine Fiore, whose body was found in a discarded suitcase in Buena Vista, Calif. on Aug. 15, one day after Jenkins reported her missing. Jenkins had been scheduled to go on trial in Nevada later this year for allegedly beating Fiore.

The killer had removed the swimsuit model’s fingers and teeth, likely to keep her from being identified using fingerprints or dental records. Police were able to use the serial numbers on Fiore’s breast implants to identify the body.

VH1 recently canceled “Megan Wants a Millionaire,” which was produced by a third party, and announced it would cease all reruns out of deference for Fiore’s family. It is unknown if the network will air the third season of another reality show, “I Love Money,” in which Jenkins participated and is rumored to have won.

Jenkins originally lived in Calgary, the largest city in the province of Alberta, which borders British Columbia. He had moved to the United States and, at the time “Megan Wants a Millionaire” was filmed, claimed to be worth \$2.5 million in U.S. funds.

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