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PHILADELPHIA — A lawyer for a man accused of murdering two women and shackling four others in a basement torture chamber says he has obtained files that show his client was the subject of U.S. army LSD experiments in the 1960s.

A year ago, police found three half-naked women chained to a sewer pipe in the basement of Gary Heidnik's house, after being led there by a woman who said she had escaped.

Limbs of another woman were

found in a freezer and a female corpse was discovered in a New Jersey forest.

Defence lawyer Charles Peruto said he plans to argue during the trial, set to begin April 4, that Heidnik was insane and that the hallucinogen LSD had aggravated his schizophrenia.

Peruto said that army and Veterans Administration documents show Heidnik was the subject of LSD tests between 1961 and 1963 — although an army spokesman said records did not show such testing.

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