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A surviving girlfriend, whose name was also withheld, told police that Calva was initially charming, winning her trust with poetry. But he soon turned jealous, controlling and obsessive, and once attempted suicide, the woman said.

Prosecutors said Calva may have killed two other women whose dismembered bodies were found in Mexico City in 2004 and 2007. Like Galeana, both were strangled.

Calva, arrested last week, is being treated at a local hospital for head injuries he suffered while trying to escape police by swinging down balconies from his upper-floor apartment.

He doesn't have an attorney yet and hasn't made a court appearance or given a public statement.

He will likely be charged with homicide counts that carry a maximum sentence of 50 years in prison, Salas said.

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Jose Luis Calva is treated by paramedics after he was run over by a car while trying to escape police in Mexico City, Monday, Oct. 8, 2007. Calva, an aspiring horror novelist, was arrested after police found the carved-up torso of his 30-year-old girlfriend, Alejandra Galeana, in his closet, a leg in his refrigerator and bones in a cereal box, according to a Mexico City prosecutors' spokesman. Investigators were trying to determine if chunks of fried meat found in a pan were human.

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