



Pocatello Police Department  
*"Community Commitment"*



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FBI-NA 162nd Session

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**TO: PERSON REQUESTING POCATELLO POLICE  
DEPARTMENT RECORDS**

**FROM: ELLEN MEYERS, RECORDS CUSTODIAN**

Attached to this letter are the report(s) you requested. Pursuant to Idaho Code 9-335 (1) (c), certain areas may have been blacked out. These deletions were made because the release of such information could constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and thus are exempt from disclosure. Typically, these areas include, but are not limited to, names (especially juveniles' names), social security numbers, telephone numbers, addresses and dates of birth.

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**Pocatello Police Department  
OFFENSE REPORT**

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TYPE OF OFFENSE: <b>MISSING PERSON (JUVENILE)</b>		DATE - TIME OF OFFENSE: <b>5-6-75</b>	LOCATION OF OFFENSE: <b>231 Fairbanks</b>
DATE - TIME REPORTED: <b>5-6-75 6:21 PM</b>		REPORT RECEIVED BY: <b>Cad. DANZ</b>	INVESTIGATION ASSIGNED TO: <b>KUTA</b>
VICTIM NO. 1: (LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE) <b>CULVER, LYNETTE</b>	FIRM NAME, IF BUSINESS	DOB: <b>7-31-62</b>	OCCUPATION: <b>student</b>
ADDRESS OF VICTIM: <b>231 Fairbanks</b>	<b>Pocatello, Idaho</b>	HOME PHONE: <b>232-4389</b>	PAGE: SEX: AGE: <b>Cad. F. 12</b>
PERSON REPORTING (LAST - FIRST - MIDDLE) <b>CULVER, MR. EDWARD A.</b>	ADDRESS: <b>231 Fairbanks</b>		

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| 1. Identify additional victims.   | 8. Report all property damaged, lost, or destroyed and value of same.  |
| 2. Identify weapons.  | 9. Describe premises - type, make of vehicle and where parked.   |
| 3. Identify and/or describe suspects.   | 10. For Burglary and Larceny (see below) report under the entry, make and how, type of tool used.              |
| 4. Describe property taken, including serial number, identifying marks and value of each. | 11. Reconstruct incident (offense and/or arrest).  |
| 5. Describe vehicle used by suspect and disposition.                                      | 12. Indicate time and location where victim and witnesses may be contacted later by followup investigation.    |
| 6. Describe physical evidence, where found, by whom, and disposition.                     | 13. For Juvenile, place in detention, indicate name, address and phone of parent or guardian and how notified. |
| 7. Describe victim's injuries and where medical exam occurred.                            |  |

11. Mr. CULVER advised that his daughter LYNETTE, described as 12 years of age, 5'2", blue eyes, light brown hair past shoulders, weighing between 105 and 110, wearing blue jeans, red checked shirt, maroon jacket with a fur collar, did not return to school after lunch this date. She is a student at Alameda Junior High. She was last seen approximately 2:30 PM this date (5-6-75) walking on West Eldredge Road alone. This girl is also reported to have a noticeable mole on her lower left cheek. After numerous attempts to locate the missing girl have been made by this department up to date of this report have not received any definite location of the whereabouts of LYNETTE CULVER. Telephone calls and correspondence to many cities still reveal no location on this girl.

At this time the missing girl will be entered into NCIC and due to the fact a case report number is required, an offense report is being made for NCIC.

12. Mr. CULVER can be contacted at his residence evenings or through Idaho State University (end)

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KUTA  
11:30 AM 10-15-75

The CULVER family has now moved to 1607 Von Elm, Pocatello, Idaho telephone 232-4389 (end)

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KUTA  
2:25 PM 10-15-75

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Missing Person  
 Crime Classification

*ALAMEDA IS IDENTIFIED AS  
A JR HIGH, BUT IS A MIDDLE SCHOOL.*



Pocatello Police Department

SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE MISSING PERSON	VICTIM CULVER, LYNETTE	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS CULVER, LYNETTE	REPORTING OFFICER KUTA	Date 2-25-76
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Received phone call from a Mrs. JEROME CAMPBELL, 14 Skyview Apts., that she believed that LYNETTE CULVER had stayed in #10 Sky View sometime last May and June. She said people in #6 and #7 would be able to give more information. Checked at Apt. #6 and #7 and learned from the tenants who wished to be anonymous at this time that they believed and were fairly sure that LYNETTE CULVER was the girl staying in #6 and #7 the last May and June and that the woman was a RUBY SAXTON, living in the area at this time. They were asked further how they could be sure it was LYNETTE CULVER. They stated the girl did have a mole and upon pursuing this one of the tenants did state that this girl was wearing a bandana around her head, or hair. She stated that this SAXTON woman had moved to Arbon Valley. Upon checking records she did move to Arbon Valley, however was not in Arbon Valley any longer. Subsequent learning subject was living at 766 South Broadway, Blackfoot, Idaho. Called BOB BUTTCANE, Blackfoot Police Department and asked him to check at that address and show a picture of LYNETTE to see if she was seen in that area. Received telephone message from BUTTCANE that the lady that was living at 766 South Broadway was RUTH MITCHELL, approximately 30 years of age. There was a young girl seen staying with her during the summer months. The manager said the picture of LYNETTE resembled the girl that was there. The girl that was there smoked and spoke with a pretty mouth. BUTTCANE stated that MITCHELL was on Public Assistance and they had called the Dept. of Health & Welfare and learned that her file had been transferred to Bannock County, her Pocatello telephone being 233-6170. BUTTCANE further stated that there was a male living with MITCHELL at the time, name not determined at this time. BUTTCANE stated this was all the information they had come up with at this time but should we desire they would be glad to check further. This RUTH MITCHELL is believed to be RUBY SAXTON.

It appears that SAXTON may return to Pocatello.

After learning that LYNETTE CULVER was believed to have been seen in the Blackfoot area last summer Mr. AL CULVER took picture and talked to SANDY LESTER and her employer and they were quite certain the person they saw was indeed LYNETTE CULVER. The next day Mr. CULVER received information that almost everybody in Blackfoot had seen this girl and if possible it should be checked into and more information should be gained. A letter was sent to RALPH MARRIOTT, Caribou County Sheriff, however as of this date have received no reply.

Received a letter from M. WESTOVER, Detective Division, Sheriff's Office, Carson City, Nevada, dated 2-23-76 reference to a body found between Wells and Reno, Nevada which had not been identified. Message from WESTOVER indicated the subject was found 7-13-72. (end)

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2:00 PM 2-25-76

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Report Number

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Crime Classification

Pocatello Police Department

SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE		SHAIL	10-8-76

Received information this afternoon at approximately 1:40 PM from Officer RAY LAVADA of the Fort Hall Tribal Police. He stated that he had received a call last date at approximately 10:00 PM that LYNETTE CULVER's body was in the cedars near the Fort Hall Police gun range in the area left or South of the buffalo pasture approximately 500 yards, between 2 trees. In the company of Detective JIM BENHAM, RICHARD McDANIELS of the FBI, and Agent PETE WELSCH, proceeded to that area with Officer RAY LAVADA, a field search was made at that time. Nothing was found. Search should be continued later as it seems possible that the grave might be found. Nothing further at this time. (end)

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4:15 PM 10-8-76

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE		BENHAM	10-12-76

Received information from Officer RAY LAVADA of the Fort Hall Tribal Police, that he and another employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs had gone back to the area previously searched by this officer. They had gone further to the South and in this area had located a tank top type T-shirt which he felt had blood stains on it. With this information, notified RICHARD McDANIELS of the FBI and asked him to meet reporting officer at the Law and Order Building at Fort Hall. Proceeded to this area and contacted RAY LAVADA who showed reporting officer an evidence bag which contained a ribbed, striped, cotton-appearing knit, size medium, pull-over shirt. This shirt appears to have numerous blood stains on the front and appears to be quite old, having apparently been outside for some length of time. From the back of the neck area to the bottom of the shirt it appears the shirt was rotted through, very conceivably by something having been lying on it while in the ground or on the ground, with the rest of the material either blowing away or being ripped away. The shirt is now in the possession of Special Agent RICHARD McDANIELS who is forwarding this article of clothing to the Federal Bureau of Investigation laboratory in Washington, DC for a blood type and a blood analysis to determine whether it is animal or human blood, also in the hope of finding body hairs to determine the race of the individual and possibly from the length, the sex of the individual involved. Word of this will not be received for approximately 2 weeks.

At this time, in cooperation with Detective LARRY McDANIELS of the Bannock County Sheriff's Office and Special Agent RICHARD McDANIELS of the FBI, proceeded to make arrangements to conduct a thorough ground search of the area where the body had supposedly been buried and the area where the shirt was found. It should be noted that the shirt was apparently seen by a Bureau of Indian Affairs employee named RED PERRY, real first name unknown. This subject states that he had found this garment approximately 300 yards West of Rio Vista Road and approximately 300 feet North of Calico Road, Calico Road running towards the bottom land from Rio Vista Road which runs North and South. This is also in the area which the anonymous telephone call had described and is considerably further than 500 yards from the Buffalo Pasture.

Contacted the Bureau of Indian Affairs and informed them that we were going to conduct a ground search and they stated they would assist in the search of the area if notified of the exact time and date of the search to be made.

With this information, proceeded to the Police Station and after consultation with the FBI representative and the representative from the Bannock County Peace Officers, it was decided that the Pocatello Police Department would retain jurisdiction in the case until it was proven that it was not a Pocatello case. Attempted to start the proceedings to set up a ground search. Talked with SKIP KRAMMER at the Vo-Tech Law Enforcement School at Idaho State University, and after consultation with PAUL TODD, they agreed to furnish their students to the reporting officer at 8:00 AM 10-13-76. They agreed to meet the reporting officer at the Bannock County Sheriff's Office at 8:00 AM for a briefing and transportation to the area to be searched. Detective McDANIELS, from the Bannock County Sheriff's Office is in charge of providing refreshments and lunch for the group searching the area. Also evidence bags will be taken and the reporting officer, Agent McDANIELS and others will provide photography at the scene. (continued)

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	CTA	FIRM NAME & BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON		CULVER, LYNETTE	BENHAM	10-12-76

Am attempting to contact someone from the pal-ontology and anthropology departments at Idaho State University to have them along during the search to alleviate picking up animal bones in the area. The area was previously observed by reporting officer and does contain numerous animal bones and without someone of professional quality we may well have a lot of bones which are definitely not human. (end)

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10-12-76

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Crime Classification

Pocatello Police Department

SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRST NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING JUVENILE	CULVER, LYNETTE		BENHAM	10-14-76

In cooperation with the Idaho State University Vocational Education Law Enforcement class, its three instructors PAUL TODD, SKIP CRAMER and JOHN NELSON, Dr. GEORGE R. MEAD and two graduate students from the Anthropology Department at Idaho State University, also LARRY McDANIEL, Lannock County Sheriff's Office, RICHARD McDANIEL, local F.B.I. agent, RAY LAVATTA from the Fort Hall Tribal Police and JOHN MOSS from the B.I.A., proceeded to the area located between Calico Road and Rio Vista, bounded on the North by the tribal buffalo pasture, bounded on the West by the bluffs overlooking the bottom land. A thorough, complete search of the area was conducted for approximately 7½ hours. A grid search of the area revealed only one area where any evidence of any possible value was found. This consists of what appears to have been a ladies purse containing a hair brush, Make up and a set of eye glasses which appeared to have been burned in a fire and were, in fact, found a short distance from the location of the T-shirt reported on previous supplement. These items were photographed and picked up by reporting officer and RAY LAVATTA from the Fort Hall police. Item is presently retained in the personal possession of reporting officer.

Unless the reported remains of the victim are buried deep enough to keep animals from digging them up, it would appear that this area can be alleviated from further concern. Grass in the area has had time to apparently grow over any area which had been disturbed prior to the search. (end)

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7:45 AM 10-14-76

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Criminal Classification

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING	PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE	SHAIL	5-18-77

On 5-13-77 received copy of report from the Sheriff's Department, Detective Division, Hall of Justice, 211 West Temple, Los Angeles, California wherein they advised partial remains of believed to be caucasian female juvenile had been located by their department. The lower jaw was found and along with the report a dental chart was sent our department. This chart was taken to Dr. BRENT BERRY, dentist, this city who reviewed the chart stating this was not of LYNETTE CULVER. Dr. BERRY did furnish a chart of the dental work done by him on LYNETTE CULVER and a copy of this is being forwarded to Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for future reference. Copy of letter written their department is attached to this report. (end)

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SHAIL  
9:10 AM 5-18-77

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Crime Classification



Pocatello Police Department

SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE MISSING PERSON	VICTIM CULVER, LYNETTE	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS CULVER, LYNETTE	REPORTING OFFICER SHAIL	DATE 1-23-78
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Contacted DEBBIE STODDARD at Dr. BERRY'S office who made a comparison of the dental chart of LYNETTE CULVER with the one on the attached composite and it is her opinion that they are not the same; however, for further clarification, a letter and a copy of Dr. BERRY'S dental chart on LYNETTE CULVER are being sent to the Police Department, Santa Cruz, California. (end)

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2:30 PM 1-23-78

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

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9:10 AM 5-18-77

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# Pocatello Police Department

## SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE		STONE #28	2-20-80

On 2-19-80 at approximately 1625 hours was contacted by AL CULVER by telephone at the Police Station. Mr. CULVER advised of having read of the arrest of RICHARD TODD FLINT and wished for someone to contact FLINT about his missing daughter, LYNETTE CULVER. Mr. CULVER advised that FLINT was contacted several years ago while in San Diego, California about his daughter as it was felt he may have information about her disappearance.

At approximately 2100 hours was able to contact agent R. MCDANIELS, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and advised him of Mr. CULVER'S request. Mr. MCDANIEL stated that as he had personally assisted in the original investigation he had already talked to FLINT about LYNETTE at approximately 1130 hours this date. FLINT was unable to furnish any new information on the case.

At approximately 1630 hours, 2-20-80, contacted Mr. CULVER at the Audio Visual Center, Idaho State University, 236-3212, and advised him of the interview. Mr. CULVER advised that he will still occasionally contact the Police Department as he is still concerned about his daughter's disappearance. Mr. CULVER also advised that he did not want his wife contacted about this investigation as it would just upset her. (end)

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STONE #28

1700 hours 2-20-80

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE		RICHINS #85	4-3-84

On 4-3-84 at 0005 hours I arrested DAVID EUGENE LAVATTA for DUI. Mr. LAVATTA was transported to the Pocatello Police Department to be offered a breath test, only to discover that the Intoximeter was inoperable. Therefore, I was instructed to escort Mr. LAVATTA to Bannock Regional Medical Center for a blood test. Prior to my leaving the Pocatello Police Department Sgt. STONE advised me that Mr. LAVATTA was an associate of LYNETTE CULVER and he suggested I mention her name and note if there was any reaction.

I then placed Mr. LAVATTA in my patrol vehicle and began transportation to the hospital. Approximately half way to the hospital I made the comment "What ever happened to LYNETTE CULVER?" In a laughing tone of voice, Mr. LAVATTA replied, "Oh, LYNETTE. She went bang, bang, splash and floated away in the river." I asked Mr. LAVATTA to repeat what he had said in an attempt to solicit more of a response, however, he stated "Never mind." Mr. LAVATTA, who had up to this point been quite talkative, became very quiet and began very noticeable deep breathing. I did not mention the subject again until we arrived at the hospital and I again asked Mr. LAVATTA what happened to LYNETTE, and he replied "You can't do anything about it now. It's too late."

Mr. LAVATTA's attitude changed dramatically after my mentioning LYNETTE CULVER as compared to his carefree, talkative attitude prior. Mr. LAVATTA was incarcerated at the Bannock County Sheriff's Office for DUI. (end)

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# Pocatello Police Department

## SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE		PRITCHETT #46	4-3-84

I was advised this date by Detective Sgt. STAYNER that DAVID LAVATTA had been arrested the previous evening, 4-2-84, and while being transported by Patrol Officer RICHINS, RICHINS had asked LAVATTA about LYNETTE CULVER. LAVATTA's reported response was "LYNETTE CULVER? She's the one that went bang, bang, splash, splash down the river." Sgt. STAYNER requested that I go to the Bannock County Jail where LAVATTA is incarcerated and attempt to interview him regarding this investigation.

I went to the Bannock County Jail at approximately 1043 hours on 4-3-84 and contacted DAVID LAVATTA there. I introduced myself to LAVATTA and advised him that I was wanting to talk to him about LYNETTE CULVER. LAVATTA stated that he did not know LYNETTE CULVER; that he had no information available. I confronted LAVATTA with the comment that he had reportedly made to Patrol Officer RICHINS last night and his response was that he did not remember making such a statement. During the course of the interview, LAVATTA continued denying knowing LYNETTE CULVER or remembering anything about her. LAVATTA also stated that he did not know why he was in jail; he could not remember what had happened the previous night and was not able to give any information regarding LYNETTE CULVER. LAVATTA was very vague and evasive in his responses, relying on the excuse that he did not remember about anything that he was asked of. (end)

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PRITCHETT #46  
1249 hours 4-3-84

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*Melina Doran*

**Pocatello Police Department**

**SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT**

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE		WAREING #58	4-10-84

On 4-9-84, I discussed the new developments in this case as reported in the 4-3-84 supplements provided by Det. PRITCHETT and Patrol Officer RICHINS with Capt. SCHIESS. Capt. SCHIESS advised that he has discussed this matter and the recent developments with FBI Agent RICH McDANIEL and that Agent McDANIEL had agreed to assist in an investigation into these developments at such time as it becomes necessary. I then discussed with Capt. SCHIESS the options available to us and it was determined that the Police Department would be willing to negotiate with Mr. LAVATTA with regards to cases now pending against him in the City of Pocatello if he was willing to assist in the resolution of this case.

I then contacted Bannock County Prosecuting Attorney SHAWN ANDERSON and discussed the matter with him, indicating that the Police Department was willing to negotiate present cases pending against Mr. LAVATTA in exchange for his willingness to provide information that would enable the Police Department to resolve this case. Mr. ANDERSON advised that he would go along with any arrangement that the Police Department would be able to strike with Mr. LAVATTA as long as they were reasonable and equitable under the circumstances. I then contacted Mr. LAVATTA's attorney, RANDY SCHULTHIES, and advised him of the new developments in this case and advised him that the Police Department was willing to negotiate the present cases now pending against Mr. LAVATTA in exchange for his assistance in resolving this case. Mr. SCHULTHIES advised that he would attempt to contact his client as soon as possible and arrange for a meeting between Mr. LAVATTA and myself in order that this investigation might be actively pursued. (end)

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4-10-84 ( )

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## SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE		DIXON #62	9-12-88

11. On 9-2-88 at 0700 hours, I received a teletype indicating a possible match on a NCIC entry on LYNETTE CULVER. The NCIC match was in response to this agency's NCIC entry #M221063178. Dental charts were attached from a deceased body located by the Natrona County Sheriffs office in Casper Wyoming.

Having received the dental charts, I then contacted Dr. BRENT BERREY, who was the dentist of record for LYNETTE CULVER. I spoke with Dr. BERREY at his office, and he advised that he would attempt to review the dental charts for possible identification; however, he did say it would take some time.

I spoke with Detective DAN BOLSON via the telephone. He relayed that Dr. DAYTON was the dentist who examined the skull of the deceased. Because of the medical terminology and comparisons that would have to be made, it was decided that the two Dentists, BERREY and DAYTON, should correspond directly.

Through the Pocatello Police Department, a conference call was initiated by me to Dr. BERREY and Dr. DAYTON, whereas they could correspond and I could monitor the conversation. The doctors decided that they would exchange dental x-rays as the charts that they were in possession of could not provide a positive identification. It was also decided that Dr. DAYTON would send Dr. BERREY x-rays of the skull to compare with x-rays of LYNETTE CULVER in Dr. BERREY'S possession. The conference call was concluded, and I will check back with Dr. BERREY in approximately one to two weeks to see what conclusions, if any, he was able to make.

12. Dr. BERREY can be contacted at his office, Cedar Dental Plaza at 233-5362.

Dr. DAYTON can be contacted at his office, 307-234-8971.

Detective DAN BOLSON can be contacted at the Natrona County Sheriffs office, 307-235-9282.

DIXON #62  
(9-12-88, 2 HOURS, 0912 HOURS)  
(TM, 0912 HOURS)

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**SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT**

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE		DIXON #62	9-15-88

11. On 9-13-88, I contacted Dr. BRENT BERREY at 1315 hours at his office at 333 W. Cedar. He informed me that based on examinations of dental x-rays, he does not believe that the unidentified body located by Natrona County Sheriffs office to be that of LYNETTE CULVER. The inconsistencies included restoration work done on Ms. CULVER, and x-rays of the deceased showed no such restoration. A copy of this letter from Dr. BERREY will be placed in the case file.

DIXON #62

(9-15-88, .5 HOURS, 0935 HOURS)

(TM, 0935 HOURS)

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Report Number

*Minna Dixon*

# Pocatello Police Department

## SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
MISSING PERSON	CULVER, LYNETTE		NELSON #42	11-25-88

2. EDMO, JODY - Indian male, date of birth [REDACTED] currently residing at 691 Moccasin in Fort Hall, business phone 238-0112. He is employed as a private contracting employee under NORMAN HAYBALL.

11. On 11-23-88 at approximately 1700 hours, I contacted RICH MCDANIEL, F.B.I. agent, at the Fort Hall Police Department. The purpose of our contact was to interview the witness listed above who had stated to Chief of Police MIKE OSTLIE of Fort Hall, that he had possible information about the CULVER girl. We contacted witness EDMO at the police station shortly after 1700 hours. EDMO stated that shortly after his release from the Armed Forces back in March 1970, he was at the AGNES LARKIN residence on Ellsworth Road on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. He stated he is not certain as to the year, but felt that it was in the early to mid 70's. He stated that it was during the summertime when he was at AGNES's residence, when a subject known to him as ARNOLD "GALLOW" LAVATTA pulled up in LAVATTA's vehicle to the LARKIN residence. EDMO stated as he recalled he was there with some other friends drinking and partying, and that when GALLOW LAVATTA pulled up into the residence, he walked out to the car to see what he was doing. EDMO stated that GALLOW LAVATTA had a young white female juvenile, estimated in his opinion to be approximately 14 years of age, weighing approximately 85 to 95 pounds, with straight sandy blond hair over the shoulders, wearing a white long sleeved blouse and no other clothing, sitting in the passengers seat of LAVATTA's vehicle. He stated that the female was crying hysterically and that LAVATTA, who was drinking at the time, asked EDMO "do you want any of this?" We asked EDMO how he took that statement from LAVATTA and he stated that he felt that LAVATTA was offering sexual services of this young female for EDMO if he wanted it. EDMO was quite certain that the female was completely nude, other than the white long sleeved blouse. He stated it had been such a long time since this happened, that he could not recall specifics as to the females' facial features or any distinguishing marks or scars on her face or arms. He indicated that he told LAVATTA he was not interested in any contact with the female, and that LAVATTA then drove away. He did not see him or the girl again in the distant future.

I asked him if he ever saw the female again and he stated no. I asked him when he next saw LAVATTA and he stated it was several months or even years later, and he never did bring up the subject of the girl again. We asked him what caused him to think of this incident again recently, and he stated a friend of his named RICHARD FLINT had been questioned several times by the police in reference to the disappearance of a young white female. And when FLINT mentioned it to EDMO, he recalled the situation involving LAVATTA at the LARKIN residence and decided to call the police about it. He was asked whether anyone else was in LAVATTA's vehicle, and he stated he could not recall. He was asked if anyone else from the party walked out to the car when he had the conversation with LAVATTA, and he stated he could not recall. EDMO indicated that he would be willing to submit to hypnosis or anything else necessary to refresh his memory, but insisted he was relaying everything that he could consciously recall. He made no statements about any future conversation with LAVATTA about the girls' whereabouts or what ultimately happened to her. He was asked if LAVATTA is still around in the Fort

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Hall area. He indicated that he is in his mid 50's, that he has since quit drinking, and that he lives in a white house off of East Ferry Butte Road north of Fort Hall. In giving directions to the residence, he stated that a person would turn right on east off of Highway 91 onto East Ferry Butte Road, go over the railroad tracks and immediately turn right and head south paralleling the railroad tracks on a gravel road. LAVATTA's residence would be the first white house after a person turns onto the gravel road.

He was asked about his relationship to AGNES LARKIN on Ellsworth Road. He stated that she is GALLOW LAVATTA's sister, and that during that time frame in the early to mid 70's, EDMO attended a number of drinking parties at AGNES's residence.

We asked him the current whereabouts of RAY LAVATTA. He stated he thought he was a jailer at Fort Hall. We checked with an on duty jailer and was advised that he had been working as a jailer but had recently quit, or had been dismissed. The jailer felt that he was still in the Fort Hall area and supplied a phone number of 237-7104. No attempt was made to contact RAY LAVATTA at this time. (end)  
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This date I was recontacted by LONNIE GRAY of Boise CIB, 334-2537. He requested that we use a fax machine to send photographs and face sheets on the offense report to go with the investigator from the Attorney General's Office when he traveled to Florida to interview BUNDY with regards to any possible involvement he would have in this offense.

At 1600 hours this date, the necessary information and photos were faxed to Mr. GRAY in Boise. (end)

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This date, I received a teletype from CIB Boise which indicated that they had been advised by Florida authorities that a suspect in custody there for multiple homicides of young females named TED or THEODORE BUNDY was willing to talk to authorities about unsolved homicides that he may be involved in or have knowledge of. BUNDY is scheduled to be executed on Tuesday of next week.

I contacted a LONNIE GRAY of Boise CIB at 334-2537. The only missing persons or unsolved homicide cases that he was interested in would be prior to January of 1979, which was when BUNDY was taken into custody. I supplied him with the name of LYNETTE CULVER, a description, date of birth and the basic facts regarding her disappearance, as well as the case number. He advised that an agent of their office was going to be traveling this weekend to Florida and would be questioning BUNDY about any and all homicides that are unsolved within the Idaho area and their office will be back with us next week if any positive results are obtained regarding this case. (end)

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
HOMICIDE	CULVER, LYNETTE		LT. NELSON #42	2-8-89

This date I contacted CHARLES BUD RAMENOFSKI in El Paso, Texas by telephone. He confirmed that he was the owner of the Holiday Inn during the time span including 1975. He stated a co-owner at that time was ANNE BRAND. I asked him if he would have access to or could put me in touch with persons having possession of any type of motel records during that time frame to check for persons registered at the motel during the early part of May, 1975. He stated that the only records he kept and has on hand would be receipts of financial transactions and that any guest register, receipts or registration cards would have been left with the new management when they took over in 1981 when he relinquished ownership. He stated that he does know ANNE BRAND, that she lives in El Paso near him and is in fairly frequent contact with her and was sure that she does not have any records either as they were co-owners at one point in time. He indicated that if the Holiday Inn management at this point did not have records back that far that there would be no records left that would assist us in this aspect of the investigation. (end)

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OFFENSE	VICTIM	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER	DATE
HOMICIDE	CULVER, LYNETTE		LT. NELSON #42	2-14-89

On 2-10-89, I was requested by Chief BENHAM to conduct some more follow up with regards to the weather conditions during the time frame when LYNETT came up missing, as well as the status of the freeway construction through Pocatello and also the construction of the new Tilden Bridge off of Ferry Butte Road, north of Fort Hall.

I contacted LARRY HUBBLE, of the U.S. Weather Service at the Pocatello Airport. He was able to compile some statistics regarding the general weather conditions during that time frame. He stated that the weather from January to May of 1975 regarding precipitation indicated that there was more than normal precipitation during that time period. He also stated that the temperatures were generally colder than normal for that time frame, which would indicate that in most cases, any precipitation during that time period would have been in the form of snow or a mixture of rain and snow and that the cold temperatures would have been conducive to keeping snow that was already on the ground around for a longer period of time. He stated that the average temperature in January of 1975 was 22 degrees, February: 21 degrees, March: 35 degrees, April: 39 degrees and May: 51 degrees. Precipitation amounts for January of 1975 totaled 7 tenths of an inch, February: 1.5 inches, March: 1.7 inches (both of those are approximately twice the normal amount received). April received 1.5 inches, which is above average, and May received 1.6 inches of precipitation, which is above average. Snow depth at the Pocatello Airport in early May of 1975 indicated 5 inches of snow on the ground. The greatest new accumulation of snow for early May was on May 5th, during the early morning hours when 3 inches of snow was recorded. The wettest day of the month of May was May 7th, when 59 hundredths of an inch of rain and snow mixture fell in Pocatello. In April a total of 11 inches of snow fell at the Pocatello Airport. The wettest day of the month was April 25th and the greatest snow depth during April was 2 inches of new snow on the tenth of April. He indicated that additional information could be obtained with regards to the weather forecasts by checking with the ISU Library, who stockpiles those newspaper clippings from that far back in time. He also stated more precise information could be obtained by calling or writing the National Climatic Data Center in Asheville, North Carolina, 704-259-0682. He also indicated in checking that the high temperature on May 5th was 43 degrees and the lower temperature was 31. The high on May 6th was 44 degrees and the low was 34. In the Blackfoot area, the high temperature on May 5th was 45, the low was 29. The next day the high temperature was 44 and the low was 30 degrees.

I next contacted BOB HARRISON of State Highway Department. He indicated that the new bridge spanning the Snake River at the west end of Ferry Butte Road, more specifically Tilden Bridge, was completed in early 1965. It is a state bridge and was constructed from Federal funds. In checking also with the Highway Department, it was determined that the stretch of freeway from the Pocatello Creek interchange north was completed in 1965 to all points north to Idaho Falls. (end) (1 1/2 hours) LT. NELSON #42 2-14-89 (1900 hours) 11 \* 1945

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On 1-23-89 at approximately 2100 hours, I contacted MITCH HATCH, manager of the Holiday Inn. I discussed with him the possibility of obtaining any type of records which would indicate persons registered at the motel on or about the 6th of May, 1975. He took me to their vault room and checked through his records and the furthest back that their records on hand went would be 1983. He stated that corporate headquarters would not have any information on that either. He stated that prior owners of the business during that time frame would have been a BUD RAMENOFSKI and ANNE BRAND. He stated that a manager for the business was STEVE STEELE and that this subject still lived in the Pocatello area. I also obtained from him the name of a controller who was responsible for much of the bookkeeping back at that time frame. Her name is KATHRYN OLSEN and supposedly lives in the Ketchum/Sun Valley area.

This date at approximately 2115 hours, I contacted Mrs. STEVE STEELE, wife of the former manager just mentioned. She stated her husband was out of town and that they are no longer affiliated in any way with the Holiday Inn. She, in turn, gave the names of RAMENOFSKI and ANN BRAND as former owners and that if anyone had information or actual records on hand of interest to us during that time period, that those subjects could be contacted. She stated both of them lived in the El Paso, Texas area.

I contacted telephone directory information and received a phone number for CHARLES "BUD" RAMENOFSKI in El Paso of 915-584-4365. Arrangements will be made next date to telephone him for a check on any pertinent information.

Earlier this date I contacted CHRISTINE LASLEY at the School District #25 Education Center Headquarters on Poleline Road. She supplied me with copies of LYNETTE CULVER's attendance and grade reports for the school year, 1974/75. Copies of these will be attached to the original report for review in reference to any types of truancies, excess absences or poor grades as related by BUNDY at the time of his alleged conversation with CULVER shortly before her death. (end)

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**SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT**

OFFENSE MISSING PERSON	VICTIM CULVER, LYNETTE	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER BENHAM #15	DATE 1-26-89
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11. On Monday, Jan. 23, 1989, I contacted Deputy Director RICHARD CADE of the Department of Law Enforcement. Mr. CADE informed me that three investigators from the Department of Law Enforcement and the Attorney General's office had interviewed TED BUNDY in Florida, and that he had admitted to being involved in a homicide in Pocatello, Idaho. I advised Mr. CADE that we would have someone enroute to Boise to talk with the investigators. I also spoke with Attorney General JIM JONES who confirmed the same information.

In company of Captain HARRIS, I proceeded to Boise and contacted JIM WHITEHEAD and RUSSELL RENEAU at the Department of Law Enforcement offices. The two investigators gave information which closely corresponds with the disappearance of LYNETTE CULVER on May 6, 1975. WHITEHEAD and RENEAU had interviewed BUNDY on 1-22-89.

BUNDY informed the investigators that in early April, 1975, he had driven to Pocatello, Idaho with the express intent of doing the "madness" of killing someone. He stated that he obtained a room at the Holiday Inn under a fictitious name but may have written down his correct license number. He stated that he had picked up a young teenage girl and killed her. In detail, he stated that he left the Holiday Inn and drove straight on the same street for 20 - 30 blocks to an area near a junior high school. He stated he got a young female, who was walking, into his tan Volkswagen Beetle and drove to the Holiday Inn. He did not say how he got her into the car, only that she went willingly. He described the girl as having long light brown hair, approximately 5'2" tall, and wearing levis. He could remember nothing more about her. He stated he did not know her name nor could he recognize her photograph when it was shown to him.

He related his conversation with the girl that she had relatives in the Seattle area, that she was having truancy problems, and that her family was considering moving and she was troubled by that fact. He also stated he thought she was going to meet a boyfriend at the time he picked her up. She also stated her grandmother either lived with them or close by.

He took her back to the Holiday Inn. From this point, he is very vague. He stated only that there had been sexual contact with the girl, and that he killed her by drowning her in the bathtub. During this point of the interview, he was very deliberate with his answers and gave no details.

BUNDY stated that he took the girl's body from the Holiday Inn and "placed" it in a river. He was confused here. He first stated it was about five miles away; then followed up by saying 30 - 40 minutes away from the hotel. He did describe the river as being 100 yards wide and being at the flood stage. He could not pin the location down further. From his description, it could have been anywhere from Blackfoot to Massacre Rocks. He stated that he left Pocatello at that time and returned to Salt Lake City, Utah.

When he first described this case, he was not certain if it had been Idaho Falls or Pocatello, but went on to relate it to Pocatello because of the university. He remembered the university because he had gone to a women's dormitory with his intentions, but he had been seen and asked to leave by "someone" in authority. An attempt to substantiate these facts should be made through Idaho State University.

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While at the Department of Law Enforcement offices, contact was made with the father of the victim, ED CULVER, who now resides in Wilder, Idaho. Arrangements were made to go to the CULVER home. Myself, Captain HARRIS, LARRY ECHOHAWK, and JIM WHITEHEAD contacted Mr. CULVER at his home. Mr. CULVER confirmed the fact that LYNETTE had relatives in Seattle, had a grandmother who lived close to them at the time, and that she had been wearing levis. All of these facts would have been known only to someone who knew the family or had talked with LYNETTE.

The facts that BUNDY provided about the time frame, the description of the girl, and the circumstances of her disappearance were accurate beyond a lucky guess. Mr. CULVER was informed of the facts and about BUNDY'S confession. He was also informed that with the information there was not much doubt that TED BUNDY had killed LYNETTE CULVER or about May 6, 1975 and "placed" her body into a river in the immediate area of Pocatello.

Mr. CULVER stated that he wanted to inform his wife of the death without our assistance. He also asked that if any other information is obtained that he be informed of it.

Due to the time involved and the hazard of attempting to find any remains, it will not be attempted at this time.

Unless follow-up information proves otherwise, I feel that TED BUNDY in all probability killed LYNETTE CULVER, but due to the circumstances, we may never be able to totally prove it.

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11. On this date, I attempted to contact Mr. BUD RAMENOFSKI in El Paso, Texas at 915-584-4365. I was advised by his granddaughter that Mr. RAMENOFSKI is out of the country until February 8, 1989. A return call will need to be made to him at that time to converse with him about facts pertinent to the follow-up on this case.

I next obtained a possible phone number for ANN BRAND in El Paso, Texas, 915-532-2725. I telephoned that number several times throughout the evening shift and received no answer. It has not been confirmed that this is the correct subject or phone number that we are looking for.

I next checked with Directory Assistance for phone number in the Ketchum, Sun Valley area for KATHERINE OLSEN, and I was advised that they had not listing for a female or a subject named OLSEN with that first name.

There was no further follow-up able to be accomplished at this time.

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OFFENSE <b>HOMICIDE</b>	VICTIM <b>CULVER, LYNETTE</b>	FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS	REPORTING OFFICER <b>LT. NELSON #42</b>	DATE <b>1-30-89</b>
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On 1-23-89, I contacted BOYD ROBERTS head of security for Idaho State University. The purpose of my contact with him was to request that he check back through his department's records for any possible contact by security officers or dormitory residents regarding a possible contact with a subject on 5-6-75 at one of the girls' dormitories. This information had been relayed by Chief BENHAM, who was in Boise at the time interviewing investigators who had talked with TED BUNDY about his contact with a young female subject during that time span in Pocatello. Apparently BUNDY had indicated that he had gone to a university dormitory in Pocatello during that same time frame and had attempted to locate a possible victim, but had been confronted and told to leave the premise by a security guard or some other person in authority at the dormitory.

In talking with Mr. ROBERTS, he advised that they only records they have on file would be those that are stored in the computer bank and that they only go back to 1983. I asked that he check with his superiors to ascertain if written records or officer log sheets would be available back to that time frame and be stored in another location. He stated that it was doubtful, but that he would check and advise this office of any success in locating those records. I also asked that he check and attempt to ascertain who the dormitory residents would be for the girls' dormitory back during that time frame. He stated he would check on that and also advise. No further action was taken at this time. (end)

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JAMES H. BENHAM  
Chief of Police

March 3, 1989

True Detective Magazine  
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Dear Sirs:

Our agency is investigating a homicide that occurred in May of 1975 in which a 12 year old girl was murdered. Her body was disposed of in a river and never recovered. Based upon the killer's recent confession, he claimed he drowned the victim in a motel room bathtub before disposing of the body. This method of death was not a customary means used by this person in previous and subsequent killings. He alluded to being an avid reader of True Detective Magazine. The subject was recently executed, so we have no means to obtain further information from him.

The purpose of this correspondence is to inquire as to whether you maintain back issues of True Detective Magazine for the months of January, February, March, April, and May, 1975. If you do, I would request that you assist us by having an employee research the articles in those issues to ascertain for us if they included any articles where victims of foul play were put to death by drowning in a bathtub.

This inquiry is strictly for law enforcement purposes directly related to our on-going investigation of this homicide and will be kept exclusively within law enforcement circles. Neither the victim's or suspect's families will be notified of this inquiry or any correspondence on your part. It is being done as a means of adding credence to the suspect's claims. If you do not have staff personnel or time to honor the request, and if those back issues are available for sale, we would be willing to purchase them for a reasonable price and conduct the needed research ourselves.

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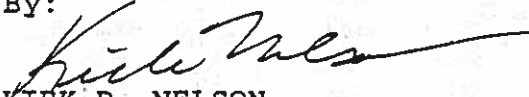


Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

JAMES H. BENHAM  
Chief of Police

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KIRK D. NELSON  
Detective Lieutenant

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