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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

CASE: 73-17592-12

VICTIM: KATHERINE MERRY DEVINE, Age 14
DOB: December 25, 1958, 5'8", 120 lbs., blue eyes,
long brown hair (parted in middle), pierced ears.

Brown mock-suede coat, flared blue jeans, white peasant blouse, brown waffle stomper boots, white bikini panties, white bra.

Gold cross earrings (pierced type), gold ring with green stone, silver friendship-type ring.

SYNOPSIS:

Katherine was last seen alive at approximately 1:30 P.M., November 25, 1973 at 91st Avenue and Aurora Avenue in North Seattle. She was last seen by two girl friends and a used car salesman. The girl friends had walked Katherine to this location and watched as she hitchhiked and caught a ride. Katherine was running away from home and intended to go to a cousin's house in Rockaway, Oregon.

The two girl friends described the vehicle which stopped as an "old pickup truck". One thought it was greenish-blue, the other brown. One of them thought it had a home-made wood canopy. They could only describe the driver as a young man with dark wavy shoulder-length hair. The car salesman believed the vehicle to be a 1951 Dodge pickup truck, brown in color; later, under hypnosis, he changed the color to red.

Katherine lived at 743 North 92d Avenue, Seattle, with her mother, an older sister and a younger brother.

Victim was found at Camp Margaret McKinney, a state park maintained by DNR, on December 6, 1973. This park is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Olympia and 5 miles west of Interstate Five. Victim was found near a parking area.

The body was found face down in seal brush. Vehicle access to approximately 10 feet of the body; part of the face, the front of the neck, the tongue and all of the chest vital organs devoured by rodents. Blouse and bra pushed up over the breasts. Blue jeans were unbuttoned and partially unzipped in front, pulled down slightly (just over the heels) and were cut from the small of the back to below the crotch. Panties were also cut down the back. The blue jeans and panties were then folded downward, exposing the entire buttock area. The left waffle stomper boot was missing and never located. Arms appeared to have been tied behind victim's back. Pieces of 3/8 inch hemp rope, cut with sharp instrument, were found about the body. A medic alert bracelet was cut or broken from around victim's left wrist. Some links were recovered by the body. Victim's coat had been pulled up from above, over the body. Pockets of the coat were cut open with a sharp instrument.

Victim was found to be wearing her jewelry, other than the identification bracelet.

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