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HOMICIDE - MISSING PERSONS CONFERENCE

THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE, 3 JULY 1974, 0900 HOURS

SYNOPSIS:

The conference was suggested due to the continuing disappearances of young women in Washington State and the possibility that a lead had been overlooked (not exchanged) due to a number of departments being involved over a period of time and considerable physical distance.

Information had been exchanged by teletypes, telephone, mail and meetings of individual investigators, but necessarily, these contacts had been brief, and they had been restricted to the exchange of basic information. There had not been the opportunity for any detailed discussion.

Initially, it was somewhat of a surprise that the news media was as interested as the participating law enforcement agencies, but after some reflection on a joint conference, that interest became obvious and was welcomed by all participants.

It was recognized that a joint conference of this type might be very beneficial to all concerned, and it may be expected that there will be other joint news media - law enforcement conferences in the future, especially if there is again a strong mutual interest, as there is in this particular case.

Highlights of the conference are recorded in the details of these minutes, but it should be realized that a considerable number of individual meetings (exchanges of information and ideas) took place among interested parties in addition to the recorded program.

Although the conference did not produce any startling new information or positive investigative leads, it was very successful from the liaison, communications and cooperation standpoint.

If we keep on exchanging information, if we keep asking ourselves how we can help each other, and how we can keep each other current, then the conference will truly have accomplished its primary purpose.

The members of the Thurston County Sheriff's Department and Evergreen State College Security wish to thank all participants for their time and effort. We appreciated your interest and input.

DETAILS:

SHERIFF DON REDMOND, THURSTON COUNTY:

The conference was opened with an introduction by Sheriff Don Redmond, Thurston County. He stated the meeting was called in an effort to gain better knowledge of what everyone is doing and to learn what we can do to help each other.

CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER ROD MARROM, EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE:

Rod was first on the agenda, with information on the missing 19-year-old coed, DONNA GAIL MANSON. Miss Manson has been missing from the Evergreen Campus since March 12, 1974. He theorized that possibly a person with some college connection was involved, thusly accounting for the missing girls from the different colleges.

DETECTIVE JANICE MARKS, THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Jan gave a summary on the homicide case of 14-year-old BRENDA J. BAKER. Her body was located in Millersylvania State Park, Thurston County, on the 17th of June, 1974. She was last seen by a friend as she was hitchhiking May 27th of this year. During the question and answer session, similarities between this and the Devine Homicide case were brought out; the age, the hitchhiking factor, knife wounds on the body and places of discovery--both in public parks of Thurston County.

DETECTIVE PAUL BARCLIFT, THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Paul elaborated on the KATHERINE MERRY DEVINE case, where a 15-year-old Seattle girl was found in the Capital Forest Park in Thurston County on 6 December 1973, with her throat slit and various other knife wounds. She was last seen hitching a ride with an individual in a truck on Aurora Avenue, Seattle, on November 25, 1973.

OFFICER CHERYL SCHMEIZER, CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Cheryl gave information on SUSAN ELAINE RANCOURT, a 18-year-old female student missing from that college since April 17, 1974. She was last seen walking toward her dormitory at approximately 10:00 p.m. Their investigation has produced no clues. She was not known to hitchhike, nor did she drive.

SERGEANT K. C. JONES, TUMWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT:

K. C. revealed details of a missing 17-year-old girl from the Tumwater area. CATHLEEN CARTER has been missing from her home since

February 2, 1974. On that date, her parents had gone out, returning at about 10:30 p.m. to find Cathleen gone. There is a record of her running away one time, but she remained in the area, staying with a friend and returned home after two days. There were no current problems between her and her parents; she took nothing with her; doesn't drive; is not known to hitchhike. She has not contacted anyone since the date of her disappearance.

NOTE: The young lady in question has subsequently been located as the direct result of a local newspaper article.

DETECTIVE GEORGE CUTHILL, SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

George was next on the agenda with details of the LYNDIA ANN HEALY case. Miss Healy, a 21-year-old senior at the University of Washington, was reportedly last seen on the night of January 31, 1974, when she was returning to her room. Her alarm was set to go off for work the next morning, but her bed was made, although several small amounts of blood were found on the pillow when the cover was turned back. She was known to hitchhike; her backpack was missing, but her ID was found still in her bedroom. She has not been seen since, nor has she contacted anyone.

Detective Cuthill went on to give information regarding the second girl missing from the University of Washington, 18-year-old GEORGANN HAWKINS. Miss Hawkins was walking to a sorority house and as in the other above-related cases, there are no clues. Miss Hawkins is described as an All-American-type girl, not a drug user, nor was she known to be promiscuous.

During the question and answer session on the above, it was theorized that perhaps a woman was involved in these alleged abductions. A woman would not normally be suspicious if another woman approached her.

Detective Cuthill also discussed a former mental patient that escaped from Western State Hospital, James Edward Ruzicka, a confessed murderer of two girls in King County. He is currently incarcerated in Oregon State to stand trial for rape of a 14-year-old girl from that area. He was originally sent to Western State in 1973 for a rape which occurred about four blocks from where Lynda Healy is missing. He left Western State Hospital the morning of January 31, 1974.

DETECTIVE TELBERG, SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Tel related information he had on the missing coed from Oregon State University. ROBERTA KATHLEEN PARKS, age 20, was last seen around 11:00 p.m., May 6, 1974. No luggage was taken and her bicycle was still where she left it. She was known to have had psychiatric problems and was unpredictable. She has not been seen or heard from since that date.

A. M. ZATKOVICH, DIRECTOR, PIERCE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Tony was introduced by Sheriff Redmond, and he told of some of his experiences when he was in police work, particularly of an investigation into the disappearance of a young girl from her home in the Tacoma area, which remains unsolved. He also expressed his views on the hitchhiking law.

EARL SUN, RETIRED DETECTIVE OF HOMICIDE, MULTNOMAH SAFETY DEPARTMENT:

Earl had been instrumental in the solving of a homicide investigation which occurred almost a decade ago. He brought out things that hamper an investigation of this type; such as, lack of time and money, and he suggested several things that might aid in the breaking of a case, i.e. additional help from the news media, the offering of a reward, an anniversary

story on homicides that are unsolved, and he also suggested a central filing system which would accumulate any and all information on crimes that would be accessible to any interested department.

CAPTAIN CARL SKAGGS, PIERCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Carl discussed the effects of the hitchhiking law; especially its effect on 13, 14, 15 and 16-year-olds who do not have the experience in determining with whom to ride or not to ride. He also mentioned a piece of legislation that is pending that would emancipate 16-year-olds. He feels that certain laws currently in effect for juveniles have certain drawbacks, but feels this new proposal needs looking into.

SERGEANT GEORGE TELLEVIK, WASHINGTON STATE PATROL:

George, who is connected with data processing, gave information relevant to the entering of items into the Washington Crime Information Center.

REPRESENTATIVE SHIRLEY WINSLEY, HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE:

Representative Winsley was concerned about "loopholes" in some of this State's laws, that might be a hinderance to law enforcement personnel in the apprehension or conviction of criminals. A discussion ensued that there seems to be more concern for the rights and liberties of criminals than for those of citizens. Representative Winsley will continue to work closely with all law enforcement agencies, and she would be very interested in periodic briefings and/or status reports on items of mutual interest.

INSPECTOR CHARLES GRAEF, THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Chuck stressed the importance of timely teletypes in the event of homicides and suspicious disappearances, urged full cooperation among all agencies

in the distribution of flyers and photos, and encouraged release of maximum information to the news media as soon as available. Public response as the result of good media coverage has furnished quite a few leads in many major criminal investigations.

DETECTIVE PAUL BARCLIFT, THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

Paul explained that a complete personal history statement on each victim, beginning with the date of birth, including schools attended, associates, likes or dislikes and other general background information, would be a valuable aid to investigation. This should be compiled and distributed to other departments.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, Sheriff Redmond stressed the fact that we need a lot of help from the people, more cooperation from establishments like Western State, and increased cooperation and communication of all law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff Redmond offered the continued future assistance of his Department in all related matters, including possibly developing programs of "Self Protection Measures For Women" anywhere in the State of Washington.

The following people attended the Homicide-Missing Persons Conference:

Mike Oakland	Reporter, Daily Olympian
Dan Wheat	Reporter, Daily Olympian
Julie McLaughlin	Reporter, Daily Chronicle
George T. Foster	Post-Intelligencer
Robert C. Cummings	Reporter, Tacoma News Tribune
Ann Rule	True Detective Publications
Jim James	KIRO - TV
Ray Walters	KIRO - TV
Joel Kamisher	Reporter, KIRO-COIN
Nancy Pease	Reporter, KITN Radio
Wendy Kramer	Reporter, KAOS-FM News
Shirley Winsley	House Judiciary Committee
Earl Sun	Department of Justice, State of Oregon
A. M. Zatkovich	Director, Pierce Co. Emergency Services
Herb Swindler	Captain, Seattle P. D.
George Cuthill	Detective, Seattle P. D.
G. S. Telberg	Detective, Seattle P.D.
Walt Stout	Detective, Pierce County S.O.
Grenville C. Legge	Lieutenant, Tacoma P. D.
Carl A. Skagg	Captain, Pierce County S. O.
John B. Stoner	Detective Sergeant, Centralia P. D.
Kenneth Payne	Chief, Centralia P. D.
John Penberth	Coroner, Lewis County
Larry E. Woods	Chief, Rainier P. D.
Rex L. Purdy	Lieutenant, Yelm P. D.
James C. Liley, Sr.	Chief, Tenino P. D.
Frank Rains	Chief, Shelton P. D.
Gene Niece	Undersheriff, Grays Harbor County S. O.
Ron Shultz	Detective, Olympia P. D.
Richard Minshull	Lieutenant, Olympia P. D.
Suzanne Shaw	Cadet, Olympia P. D.
Don Redmond	Sheriff, Thurston County
C. R. McFarland	Sergeant, Thurston County S. O.
Mike Cleland	Sergeant, Thurston County S. O.
Thomas Lynch	Deputy, Thurston County S. O.
Ron Frerichs	Deputy, Thurston County S. O.
Paul H. Barclift	Detective, Thurston County S. O.
Charles H. Graef	Inspector, Thurston County S. O.
Janice M. Marks	Detective, Thurston County S. O.
David Akehurst	Deputy, Thurston County S. O.
Kathy Kapron	Deputy, Thurston County S. O.
Caryn Burkett	Deputy, Thurston County S. O.
Pat Sutherland	Thurston County Prosecutor

K. C. Jones
J. D. Keselburg
Don C. Smith
Rod Marrom
McDonald Smith
Larry Olson
Michael L. Mudgett
Vic A. Piersol
Cheryl Schmeizer
A. H. Pickles

Richard Peregrin

George B. Tellevik
William B. R. Zumwalt
Bruce Guenther
Ernie Miller

Detective Sergeant, Tumwater P. D.
Sergeant, Lacey P. D.
Sergeant, Lacey P. D.
Chief of Security, Evergreen State College
Security, The Evergreen State College
Detective, University of Washington P. D.
Sergeant, University of Washington P. D.
Detective, University of Washington P. D.
Officer, Central Washington State College P. D.
Chief of Campus Police, Central Washington
State College
Trooper, Intelligence Officer, Washington
State Patrol
Sergeant, Washington State Patrol
Special Agent, U. S. Army CID
Chief, Enumclaw P. D.
Detective, Auburn P. D.