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This officer went to Viewmont High School and made the following interviews with students in regards to what they had witnessed on 11-8-74.

I first interviewed [REDACTED], who indicated that her assignment as an usher that evening was to pass out programs at the double doors to the auditorium on the west side. She stated that at approximately 1930 hours an individual came in and out several times. She indicated that this individual was approximately 6'1", approximately 200 pounds, light brown hair, about 27 years of age and that he was not wearing glasses. She indicated that she thought that he had brown eyes and that his sideburns were heavy to the middle of his ear and that his nose was long and narrow.

She stated that she did not notice his ears and indicated that the length of his hair was collar length and thought that he was dressed in brown with brown and green checked pants and a brown shirt. She doubts that she would be able to identify this suspect should she see him again but indicated that he stood by her door for several minutes, went in and out three or four times, acted as though he was looking for someone and she indicated that she was not sure whether this individual had a mustache or not.

I then interviewed [REDACTED] stated that she was taking tickets at the double doors which are on the east side. She indicated that she saw a fellow come in. She asked him if he had a ticket. He looked at her and said "No," and then walked back into the hall. She stated that she did not notice him again. Description on this individual was 6', 220 pounds, had a mustache, medium brown collar length hair. The hair was wavy. He was not wearing a tie. The shirt was dark in color as were the pants. His age was estimated to be 27. She stated that he seemed, or appeared to be walking normally, and did not appear to be intoxicated, or from what she could gather, under the influence of a drug. She stated that when he stood near the area, she did not detect any odor. He just acted as though he was looking for someone.

Contact was then made with [REDACTED] Cami stated that she was on the inside of the double doors on the east side of the auditorium, handing out programs. She indicated that she noticed two men. The first one had dark hair, collar length. He stood approximately 6' to 6'1", 20 to 21 years of age, 135 pounds and was not wearing glasses. And believed to be dressed in levis and a levi jacket. She thought that this young man and also his companion were college age. A second suspect had blond hair below the collar, stood approximately 5'11", 135 pounds, 20 to 21 years of age. Indicated that both were sort of husky, muscular. Second one did not wear glasses, had sideburns below the ears. She indicated that both these subjects watched her and a couple of the other girls quite a bit until just a few minutes before the play started. They then went in and sat down for the first part of the play. She stated that after the intermission she was not sure what they did, as they left early.

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This officer then interviewed [REDACTED] who stated that she saw two fellows, the first described as being 5'4", 150 pounds, brown hair and sideburns and was wearing levis and had on a blue parka. She stated that neither of these individuals had a mustache. She did not notice their shoes. She indicated that they were definitely no students. She has not seen them before. They both appeared to be looking for someone.

I then showed the composite drawing to those listed above. It was noted that Megan and [REDACTED] stated tha the composite looked like the fellow that they saw wandering around. Megan stated that his hair could have been longer and a little fuller on the bottom. That he had a dark complexion. Neither of them saw him with another individual. They both thought that he had purchased a ticket and gone in and sat down.

[REDACTED] stated that one of the two fellows that she had seen by her door stated, "Well, I'll just pick anyone." She stated that she did not hear any of the further conversation after this and was not sure what they were referring to.

I then interviewed Peter DAVIS, age 19, a senior [REDACTED] Pete stated that he and his friend Delvin BATES thought that they were going to have a stomp so they came to the area at approximately 1900 hours. He stated that they stayed around the gym inside the building until about 2000 hours, and then decided that they had misunderstood and there was not going to be a stomp and so they decided to stay in the back area behind the stage and give the ushers a bad time and just watch the production in general. Pete stated that he noticed a man who stood about 5'10". dark brown hair, curly or wavy, parted on the right side, collar length, who was wearing a dark suit, navy blue pants, same color shirt, who very definitely looks like the composite. He definitely said that he could identify this individual.

Contact was then made with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that she was working as an usher on the doors on the west side of the auditorium, indicating that she was handing out programs and taking tickets. She stated that she noticed a man who was described as being about 5'10", a dark skin, he had a mustache down to the lower lip but did not have a beard. She indicated that he was very well groomed, sideburns were just a little bit below the ears. She thought that he may have had his hair blow dried as it appeared to be quite fluffy, and full and very wavy. She definitely thought that he was wearing a tie. The jacket that he had on was a deep navy blue and also the pants. The jacket could have possibly been a sports jacket, other than a suit jacket. She stated that she was not sure on the shoes that he was wearing. He was described as being approximately 26 to 27 years of age, weighing about 170 pounds. Indicated that the hair was a little different than that on the composite, that it was a little longer and wavier,

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covering most of the ears. She noticed him when she first went to report Pete DAVIS and his friend for giving the ushers a bad time. She stated that he was walking up and down the hall and attempted to come through the door when she asked him if he had a ticket. He merely looked at her and then turned around and walked back out. He then continued to walk back and forth in and out the south doors. She felt that he was alone and that she did notice a ring on his one hand, this being the left hand. She never did see him talk to another soul and indicated that he was not wearing glasses. Also indicated that he was a very attractive individual and is positive she can identify him.

I then made contact with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he and his friend Pete DAVIS had gone to the school because they thought there was going to be a stomp. When they realized that they were in error they stayed around to give the ushers a bad time and at this time he noticed the suspect, a subject who stands approximately 5'11", 160 pounds, dark brown hair, having a mustache to the lower lips, no beard and was not wearing glasses. He stated that the suspect wandered all over. Went outside several times. He did not notice that he had a pipe or cigarette. He was wearing a dark navy blue suit or sports coat and matching pants and had on black shoes. [REDACTED] thought that possibly he was in charge of the ushers as he acted very official however he did not see him with anyone. He stated that the suspect walked all over the hallways and he walked to the rear of the stage doors, this being room C112, where the girls were running in and out in their tights. He spent sometime near this area, apparently just watching the girls going in and out of the dressing room. He stated further that after the intermission he observed the suspect again at approximately 2200 hours, going in and out the double doors to the south and feels that he can definitely identify this individual if shown a photograph.

I then interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that she also had noticed the same individual as she was selling tickets in the box office and indicated that one man did come in in his late 20's, acted somewhat nervous, and bought one ticket. She stated that he stood approximately 5'11", 170 pounds, was very good looking, had light brown hair and stated that the play started at 2000 hours and she left the booth at approximately 2015 hours and did not see this individual again. She stated that on Thursday night, 11-7-74 she got to school at approximately 1915 hours and noticed a man about 18 years of age, 5'8" approximately 175 pounds, dark brown hair, collar length, no mustache and was not wearing glasses but was wearing levis, who was sitting on a bench, when she arrived. She stated that he waited until just a few minutes before the play started and he then got up and went in, just stood around in the back. He sat down just for a few minutes before the intermission and then got up and left. Then came back after the play had started after the intermission and left approximately five or ten minutes before the play ended Thursday, which was on schedule at 2200 hours. She indicated that most of the time he stood behind the wall rather than taking a seat. She

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indicated that possibly he was a senior but she doubted that he was a student at this school, as she had not seen him before.

I then interviewed [REDACTED]
 I interviewed Pam at Viewmont High School and she stated that she works in the office and that at approximately 11:45 A.M. she stated that she received a telephone call from an individual who sounded like an older person, who wanted to know whether or not Debra KENT was at school or if she was on the absentee list. She was asked three or four times by this individual if Debra was at school. She informed him "no" and then he asked her if she knew where she was. She stated "No," and then asked the caller if he knew where she was. The caller then paused and then hung up the phone. She would estimate his age to be 25 to 26 and indicated that he was speaking in somewhat of a whisper.

I was contacted by Davis County Sheriff's Office and informed that a Mr. and Mrs. Randy CHRISTENSEN of [REDACTED] stated that they had a cousin, a step-brother by the name of Arley GINNS GERHART, DOB: 7-31-54, age 20, who had informed Mrs. CHRISTENSEN that he and his friend Mike ROMERO, who also lives in the Ogden area, had picked up a girl on Washington Blvd., the evening of 11-8-74 and had taken her to the foothills east of Ogden and raped her and then had taken her out into the brush and strangled her and had hid her body in the bushes. This officer asked Mrs. CHRISTENSEN whether or not she thought her cousin, Mr. GERHART was being serious or whether or not he way lying or fabricating the story. She stated that she was definitely of the impression that he was being serious and definitely he and his friend Mike ROMERO, were both very capable of doing such a thing. She stated further that GERHART had told her that ROMERO had drug the girl from the car and strangled her and that he had a rifle in the car but he decided not to use it because he did not want to get blood all over. I requested Randy CHRISTENSEN to return to Ogden and attempt to gain additional information for this officer in regards to this situation as it was very possible that this individual about whom they were talking, was the missing girl from Bountiful, Debra KENT, as she was described to have black hair or a wig and very possibly could have been picked up from the Bountiful area rather than from the Ogden area. Randy stated that he would contact this officer before 1700 hours, 11-12-74 and furnish additional information concerning this matter and indicated that Mike ROMERO was in Green River, Wyoming working and that Arley GERHART was planning on going over there 11-13-74 and so it was imperative that we move rapidly in order to try and get this situation resolved before Arley left the area. This officer was contacted at 1815 hours, 11-12-74, and informed that Randy CHRISTENSEN had returned my call and that there definitely was a body in Ogden. I immediately went to the station and made telephone contact with Mr. CHRISTENSEN wherein he stated that he had been riding with Arley earlier that evening and had asked him to take him to the spot and show him the body as he had never seen a dead body before. He stated that they got within 100 yards of where the body was hidden and then observed a marked patrol unit from Weber County Sheriff's

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Department in the area which stopped them and field carded them on a routine check. Randy then stated that Arley became quite nervous and shaken and then left the area and would not go to the exact site.

This officer, Officer J.R. Hunt from Davis County Sheriff's Office, Officer Art Stones and Ira Beal then left for the Ogden area after this officer had made telephone contact with Ogden Police Department and requested that one of their Detectives meet us at the Albertsons store on Harrison Blvd. 20th Street, after this officer had picked up the informant.

We picked up the informant and then made arrangements after learning that the location was in the North Ogden area where the body was hidden, to have a county sheriff detective meet with us. We all then left for the area in an attempt to locate the body.

After searching the area with negative results and after learning a great deal of information from Randy CHRISTENSEN which he had obtained from Arley GERHART concerning the alleged kidnap on Washington Blvd. and rape and homicide, this was determined that this was a kidnap and rape which had taken place on 11-8-74 however the victim was not killed. Additional details were obtained from Randy CHRISTENSEN by the Ogden Police Department as the kidnapping took place on 4th Street and Washington Blvd.

Officer Ira Beal was contacted by Ogden P.D., 11-13-74 and was informed that through the information received on 11-12-74 from the assistance of this department, they have made an arrest of the suspect, Arley GERHART, charging him with kidnapping and rape. They stated that they are going to get a complaint and arrest Mike ROMERO also.

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