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Case Details

Case Number: **2015-000896**
Disposition: **Exception**
Referred To: **Referred to Detectives**
Original Date: **Nov 8, 1974, 8:10 p.m.**
Original Location: **120 West 1000 North, Bountiful, UTAH 84010**

Last Modified: **Apr 14, 2015, 2:26 p.m.**
Status: **Closed**
Nature: **Cold Case - Kent**
Description: **MISSING - FOUL PLAY INDICATED (7902)**

Offenses

(7902) MISSING - FOUL PLAY INDICATED (Felony)

Offense: **(7902) MISSING - FOUL PLAY INDICATED**
UCR: **(90Z)**
Attempted/Completed: **Completed**
Location Type: **School-Elementary/Secondary**
Bias Motivation: **None (no bias)**
Suspected Of Using: **Not Applicable**

(7902) MISSING - FOUL PLAY INDICATED (Felony)

Offense: **(7902) MISSING - FOUL PLAY INDICATED**
UCR: **(90Z)**
Attempted/Completed: **Completed**
Location Type: **school/ college**
Bias Motivation: **None (no bias)**
Weapon Force: **Unknown**
Suspected Of Using: **Not Applicable**

(0920) MURDER (Felony)

Offense: **(0920) MURDER**
UCR: **(09A)**
Attempted/Completed: **Completed**
Location Type: **School-Elementary/Secondary**
Bias Motivation: **None (no bias)**
Weapon Force: **Unknown**
Suspected Of Using: **Not Applicable**

(1005) KIDNAP CHILD (Felony)

Offense: **(1005) KIDNAP CHILD**
UCR: **(100)**
Attempted/Completed: **Completed**
Location Type: **School-Elementary/Secondary**
Bias Motivation: **None (no bias)**
Weapon Force: **Unknown**
Suspected Of Using: **Not Applicable**

Public Copy**People****DEBRA JEAN KENT Debi** **Victim**

Aliases:
Gender: **Female**
Race: **White**
Ethnicity: **non Hispanic**
Incidents: **B396038, B407019**

TRISH ANN KENT MALONEY **Involved Other**

Aliases:
Gender: **Female**
Race: **White**
Ethnicity: **non Hispanic**
Incidents: **B396038**

Unknown Person **Confidential Informant**

Incidents: **B396038**

THEODORE ROBERT BUNDY **Suspect**

Aliases:
Gender: **Male**
Race: **White**
Ethnicity: **non Hispanic**
Incidents: **B396038, B407019**

BELVA JEAN KENT **Reporting Party**

Aliases: **KENT; J KENT**
Gender: **Female**
Race: **White**
Ethnicity: **non Hispanic**
Incidents: **B396038, B300107, B407019**

Stolen/Recovered Property **Total Value: \$1.00**

No property, used to satisfy NIBRS

Stolen/recovered

Value: **\$1.00**

Property **Total Value: \$1.00**

Blue shirt, three brushes and hair samples. DCSO case 75-4913

Unknown Relationship**Notes**

TURNED ALL PROPERTY OVER TO DCSO SGT. THOMPSON

Public Copy**Stolen/Recovered Property****Property**

White envelope containing a hair sample from Debra Kent.

Evidence (Collected)**HUMAN BONE POSSIBLY A PATELLA****Found Item, Seized** (Collected)

Value: \$1.00

Notes

Item was sent to UNTCHI for submission to NAMUS on 2/24/15 by FED EX
DNA FROM PATELLA CONFIRMS IT BELONGS TO DEBRA. PER M.E. PATELLA WAS RELEASED BACK TO
BELVA.

Blue shirt, three brushes and hair samples. DCSO case 75-4913

Safe Keeping (Collected)**Notes**

Property will be returned to DCSO

Hair curler. UPD case 74-54455

Safe Keeping (Collected)**Notes**

Property should be returned to UPD.

Incidents**B407019**

Occurred Time:	Nov 8, 1974, 8:10 p.m.
Reported Time:	Nov 8, 1974, 8:10 p.m. - Apr 17, 2017, 11:46 a.m.
Field Reports:	R2195184 Crime - 2015-000896 (MISSING - FOUL PLAY INDICATED) R2208381 Supplemental - 2015-000896 R2234175 Supplemental - 2015-000896 R2234183 Supplemental - 2015-000896 (KIDNAP CHILD)
Reporting Officers:	Killian, Troy , Alexander, Shane , Alexander, Shane , Alexander, Shane
People:	BELVA JEAN KENT DEBRA JEAN KENT Debi THEODORE ROBERT BUNDY
Property:	HUMAN BONE POSSIBLY A PATELLA \$1.00 No property, used to satisfy NIBRS \$1.00

Public Copy**Incidents****Killian, Troy** R2195184 Mar 11, 2015

This case has been created for follow up on the original missing person case of Debra (Debi) Jean Kent originally taken in November of 1974. The original 1974 case number is 9340-74. All subsequent follow up and evidence stored in the evidence room will be attached to this case. Suspect in the case is Theodore (Ted) Bundy.

CASE ACTIVE.....REFER TO DETECTIVES.....KILLIAN

PR: DL 3-11-15

QC/CB 3-12-15

Alexander, Shane R2208381 Apr 7, 2015

Supplement - Detective Alexander

I was contacted by Officer T. Crider of the Arlington Police Department. Crider stated she had collected the DNA sample from Trish Maloney and sent the sample to the University of North Texas for comparison. See APD report [REDACTED] A copy of this report will be in the case file. I contacted U.N.T. and they have received the sample and have it in process.

CASE ACTIVE.....REFER TO DETECTIVES.....ALEXANDER

PR: DL 4-7-15

QC/CB 4-10-15

Alexander, Shane R2234175 Jul 30, 2015

Supplement - Corporal Alexander

SOURCE OF ACTIVITY:

On 7-22-15, I received an email from Mark Tidwell of the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification. In that was a copy of the final report from the analysis of the Patella and the DNA samples belonging to Belva Kent and Trish Ann Kent Moloney.

The report indicates that human DNA was extracted from the Patella and analyzed. A synopsis of the report states the genetic data obtained from Belva and Trish are consistent with the unidentified human remains originating from the Patella. "These genetic data (autosomal S.T.R.s and Mitochondrial DNA) are approximately three trillion times more likely to be observed under the scenario that the unidentified remains originated from a biological child of Belva J. Kent and from a biological sibling of Trish Ann Kent Moloney as opposed to the unidentified remains originating from an unrelated individual from the Caucasian population. The above reported statistical value provides very strong support for the declared biological relationship between the unidentified remains in the family references."

I forwarded a copy of this report to Jill Haslam, an investigator for the Medical Examiner's Office. Jill then forwarded the report on to the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Todd Grey.

On Thursday, July 23, 2015, I received an email back from Jill stating that Dr. Grey reviewed the report from the University of North Texas and accepted their findings that the Patella has been positively identified as Debra Kent. In that email it also states that Dr. Grey has approved that the Patella can be released directly from the Police to Debra Kent's next of kin as long as there is a Chain of Custody form. The Chain of Custody form is to be sent to the Medical Examiner's Office once complete.

OFFICER'S ACTIONS:

The Patella was shipped from the University of North Texas and was received on 7-27-15 at the Bountiful Police Station. There I received the package, opened the package, and confirmed that the Patella was in the package. I observed that approximately 1/3 of the Patella had been removed.

I contacted Belva Kent by phone. I explained to her I had the bone back and wanted to return it to her. We arranged to meet at 10:00 AM on 7-28-15 though she had moved to a new residence in [REDACTED]

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On 7-28-15, Detective Hadley and I drove to [REDACTED] and met with Belva Kent at her new residence. There I showed her the bone and explained to her why parts of the bone were missing. I then explained to her that the DNA extracted from the Patella matched the DNA submitted by her and her daughter, Trish Ann. I explained that the Medical Examiner's Office concurred and identified the Patella as belonging to Debi.

I gave a copy of the final report to Belva and indicated to her that there is a possibility the Media may try to contact her regarding this. I explained to her she was free to say whatever she wanted to. I told her, however, if after talking to her family, and if they desired, they could put a statement together and submit it to the Bountiful Police Department who would at the appropriate time release their statement along with the Police Department's Press Release. I told her if wanted we could assist in maintaining their privacy. Belva stated she would talk to her family and decide.

I had Belva sign the Chain of Custody form releasing the Patella back to her and Detective Hadley and I left.

I emailed a copy of the chain of custody forms to Jill Haslam on 7/30/15. I faxed off a request for the final report from the M.E.'s Office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This information confirming that the Patella recovered in the Fairview Canyon in 1989 does in fact have a DNA link to the missing person. It is possible there are other remains of Debra in the Fairview Canyon area as described in Ted Bundy's confession.

CASE ACTIVE.....REFER BACK TO CORPORAL ALEXANDER

CB 7-31-15

QC/CB 8-2-15

Alexander, Shane R2234183 Apr 17, 2017

Supplement - Detective Sergeant Alexander

SYNOPSIS/NARRATIVE:

On 4-17-17 at about 0900 hours, I received an email from Brenda Galarza who is the NAMUS Coordinator. She was inquiring about releasing information about the resolution of this case. As I reviewed the case, I found that Debra Kent is still listed as missing on several websites including Utah's Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) missing persons clearing house.

I contacted Gina McNeil at BCI and discussed having Kent being listed as missing still. With only the victim's patella being located, we decided that it would be best if we left Kent as missing and re-list her on NCIC in the event more of her remains are ever located.

I had Dispatch list Kent as missing, putting in the miscellaneous field that remains were identified by DNA, listed again in case additional remains are located. I contacted the Davis County Attorney's Office and reviewed the details of this case with a prosecutor for a screening. I was advised that an official screening does not need to take place due to the suspect/offender is deceased.

This case will be closed by exception due to the death of the offender.

CASE CLOSED.....EXCEPTION.....ALEXANDER

PR:RS 4-18-17

QC: DL 4-28-17

B396038

Occurred Time:	Feb 2, 2015, midnight - Feb 23, 2015, 3:42 p.m.
Reported Time:	Feb 2, 2015, midnight
Follow Up:	Yes
Field Report:	R2160965 Supplemental (Follow-up) - 2015-000896 (MISSING - FOUL PLAY INDICATED)
Reporting Officer:	Alexander, Shane
People:	BELVA JEAN KENT

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Incidents

Occurred Time: Feb 2, 2015, midnight - Feb 23, 2015, 3:42 p.m.
Reported Time: Feb 2, 2015, midnight
Follow Up: Yes

TRISH ANN KENT MALONEY
DEBRA JEAN KENT Debi
THEODORE ROBERT BUNDY
Unknown Person

Property: HUMAN BONE POSSIBLY A PATELLA \$1.00
Blue shirt, three brushes and hair samples. DCSO case 75-4913
Hair curler. UPD case 74-54455
White envelope containing a hair sample from Debra Kent.

Alexander, Shane R2160965 Mar 3, 2015

Supplemental - Alexander- Original Bountiful Case 9340-74

SOURCE OF ACTIVITY:

I began to review this cold case from 1974. The synopsis of this case was on 11-8-1974 Debra Jean Kent (D.O.B. 3-12-1957) went missing from Viewmont High School. Debra has never been found. As the investigation continued a suspect, Theodore (Ted) Robert Bundy, was identified, but at the time evidence did not exist allowing for charges to be brought against him.

In 1989, Bundy was executed in Florida. Days prior to his execution he was interviewed by an investigator from the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. In that interview Bundy admitted to being responsible for Debra's death. Details were given by Bundy as to where Debra's remains might be. Based on the description of the location, Detectives from the Bountiful Police Department and Sheriff's Deputies from Sanpete County began a search of the Fairview Canyon area. In May of 1989, several bones were recovered, including a human patella.

All of the bones were sent to the Medical Examiner's (M.E.) Office and all but the patella were determined to be non-human. The M.E. case number is [REDACTED]. The patella was determined to be from a right knee, however, the M.E. was unable to test it further. It was given to Bountiful Detective Ira Beal. No other searches of the Fairview area were performed by Bountiful Police or the Sanpete County Sheriff.

OBSERVATIONS:

In February, 2015 skeletal remains were found in Fruit Heights. The remains were preliminarily identified as female, but were later determined not to be Debra.

The week of February 16, 2015, ABC Channel 4 News did a three part story on Bundy and his victims. Debra's mother, Belva Kent, was interviewed in this story. In the story Belva describes that she was given a patella by the Medical Examiner and has kept it in a box in her room. The box and patella were shown in the story.

After reviewing this case I found that Debra had not been entered in the NAMUS database, she was not entered NCIC, and she was not listed as a missing person. I found copies of dental records for Debra in the case file, but the records have never been coded by a Forensic Odontologist. DNA samples have not been obtained by surviving family members. Debra's Date of Birth was not in any of the initial reports, only her age of 17. A Social Security Number was never listed in the reports.

ACTIONS:

I contacted the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) who is the agency that maintains record of missing persons. I was put in contact with Gina McNeil, Utah Missing Person Clearing House Representative. I worked with her and created a NAMUS profile for Debra. I gave a copy of the dental records to McNeil to be coded. On 3-3-15, the dental records were coded and entered into NAMUS and added to the NCIC entry.

I contacted the M.E. Office and spoke to Jill Haslam. I asked if DNA could be tested on the Patella. I was told that it was more likely than not that DNA could be identified. I was then advised that the Patella was part of their case [REDACTED] and needed to be returned. As stated above, the Patella was released to a BPD Detective in 1989. I explained that I believed I knew where the Patella was. Haslam explained that Belva could not legally be in possession of the Patella. I asked Haslam if I could recover the Patella if I could send it to be tested, she stated I could.

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On 2-19-15, I contacted Belva and arranged a meeting with her at her residence at [REDACTED] 15 at 0900 hours. Assistant Chief Biehler accompanied me to the meeting.

MEETING WITH BELVA KENT 2-19-15:

Belva invited us into her home and we sat in her living room where the entire interview was conducted. Belva was the only one present in addition to Biehler and me. I was able to obtain Debra's Date of Birth as 3-12-1957. According to Belva, she didn't believe that they obtained a Social Security Number for Debra, because at the time one would only apply for a number to either go to college or obtain employment. Debra never had a job.

Debra was born in Logan, Utah. She had both ears pierced and may have been wearing silver hoop earrings as well as a gold chain necklace and a 1975 Viewmont High School class ring. She was described as being petite, wore size 5 shoes, and was wearing two-toned brown and black lace type shoes. She had her tonsils out and wore contacts.

Debra had braces, but they were removed and she wore a retainer. Belva stated Debra may have been wearing the retainer because they were never able to find it after she went missing. Belva did not have any X-Rays or any of Debra's baby teeth.

Next I told Belva about the NAMUS database and that I wanted to list Debra. I explained about the advancements in technology with DNA and requested a sample from her. Belva consented to give me a sample of her DNA. I had a collection kit with me from the University of North Texas Center for Human Identification (UNTCHI), who analyzes the samples and builds the DNA profile. I filled out the paperwork that was included with the kit and Belva signed the included consent form. I took four buccal swab samples from Belva and sealed them in the provided envelope.

After collecting the swabs, I packaged the paperwork and the samples into a postage paid envelope addressed to UNTCHI and later that day I mailed the sample. I asked Belva about the Patella. I explained that I would like to have it tested for DNA. Belva left the room and returned with a small white box that I recognized from the news story. Belva opened it up, inside was cotton surrounding a white and brown bone. It appeared to be the same one I viewed in the story. The bone was porous and dry, it appeared old. Belva willingly gave me the box and its contents.

I thanked Belva and she stated she didn't want to know the results of the test. She said that she wanted it to be Debra and did not want to know if it was not her. I told her I would respect her wishes. I gave her my business card and told her she could contact me. Chief Biehler and I left the house.

A short time later I received a call from Belva. She stated that she made a mistake and wanted the Patella back. I explained that I could not return it, but I would do what was in my ability to do what I can for her. She stated she was starting to have a panic attack. I asked her if there was anyone I could call for her to go to her house. She stated that her husband had just returned home. She again stated that she didn't want to know the results of the test and we ended the phone call.

SHIPPING OF REMAINS:

I arranged a meeting with McNeil from BCI after meeting with Belva. McNeil had paperwork for submitting the Patella to UNTCHI. After filling out the paperwork I sealed the box, initialed it, and entered it as evidence in this report. I then shipped it by Fed Ex to UNTCHI. The package was received on 2-25-15 and signed for by R. Ward. I later called UNTCHI and spoke to Darrell Dean who confirmed the package was in their possession.

NCIC AND NAMUS ENTRIES:

On 2-23-15 I entered Debra NCIC as a missing person with her description from 1974, the NIC number is M412460413. I submitted Debra's information into NAMUS the MP number is 27776. The Patella was entered into NAMUS by the M.E. Office, the UP number is 13579.

CONTACT WITH TRISH KENT MOLONEY:

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UNTCHI needs a minimum of two relatives to submit DNA. I had obtained from Belva, the name and contact information for Debra's sister, Trish Kent Moloney. I contacted Trish on 2-26-15 by phone, she lives in Arlington, Virginia. I explained to her what my involvement into this case was and requested she submit her DNA to UNTCHI. She agreed and I obtained the information for her local Police Department, the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD). The UNTCHI collection kit required law enforcement collect the sample.

I made contact with Detective Joe McGrath from ACPD, (REDACTED). He agreed to collect the sample and submit it. I sent him the contact information for Trish. I filled out the paperwork for the UNTCHI kit and mailed it to Detective McGrath. Once he collects the sample he will contact me.

BOUNTIFUL EVIDENCE ROOM:

On 3-3-15, I signed out a package from BPD Evidence that was labeled "Debra Kent Homicide." I opened the package and discovered there were items from the Davis County Sheriff's Office from a missing person case involving Nancy Baird DCSO case number (REDACTED). The items were a blue shirt/smock, three hairbrushes: white, pink and red and hair samples.

Another item located in the package was a hair curler that was packaged separately. Inside of the clear packaging was a paper with the following:

Salt Lake County Sheriff
(REDACTED)

Nancy Wilcox missing.

Enclosed sample of Nancy Wilcox's hair.

Deputy Ken Farnsworth Salt Lake County Sheriff's Juvenile Div.

The final item was an envelope that was sealed, written on the envelope was the following:

Debbie Kent
Hair Sample
Btfl Case 9340-74
IB

I took the items and separated them into three individual packages and rebooked them into evidence. I have contacted Davis County and arranged to turn over the property to them. I have left a message with the Unified Police Department's Cold Case Investigator. I will attempt to return the item to UPD as soon as I am contacted.

FURTHER ACTIONS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT:

As soon as the DNA profile can be determined by UNTCHI, it will be uploaded into NCIC and NAMUS. If the Patella matches the DNA profile, a search of the Fairview Canyon area should be revisited to search for other remains.

CASE ACTIVE.....REFERRED TO DETECTIVES.....ALEXANDER

PR: DL 3-3-15

QC/CB 3-12-15

B396039

Occurred Time:	Mar 4, 2015, 11:10 a.m.
Reported Time:	Mar 4, 2015, 11:10 a.m.
Follow Up:	Yes
Field Report:	R2208370 Supplemental (Follow-up) - 2015-000896
Reporting Officer:	Alexander, Shane
Property:	Blue shirt, three brushes and hair samples. DCSO case 75-4913

Alexander, Shane R2208370 Mar 5, 2015

Supplement - Detective Alexander - To Original Bountiful Case 9340-74

Public Copy**Incidents****Alexander, Shane** R2208370 Mar 5, 2015

On 3-4-15, I met with Sergeant Bob Thompson of the Davis County Sheriff's Office. I released to him the package marked with DCSO, Nancy Baird. Sgt. Thompson signed the booking sheet.

Sgt. Thompson allowed me to review an archived file on Debra Kent that had been at the Sheriff's Office, but it was all copies of information I already had.

I turned the evidence booking sheet back into evidence.

CASE ACTIVE.....REFER TO DETECTIVES.....ALEXANDER

PR: DL 3-5-15

QC/CB 3-12-15

Attachments

NCIC	Download Attachment (18 KB)
Property Record - Case 1974-9340	Download Attachment (45 KB)

Reports

Date Created	Report No.	Reporting Officer	Title	Supplemental	Pending Review / Status
March 3, 2015	R2160965 [Open / Print]	Shane Alexander	Supplemental (Follow-up) - 2015-000896 (MISSING - FOUL PLAY INDICATED) <i>Referred to Detectives</i>	<i>Supplemental</i>	<i>Committed</i>
March 5, 2015	R2208370 [Open / Print]	Shane Alexander	Supplemental (Follow-up) - 2015-000896 <i>Referred to Detectives</i>	<i>Supplemental</i>	<i>Committed</i>
March 11, 2015	R2195184 [Open / Print]	Troy Killian	Crime - 2015-000896 (MISSING - FOUL PLAY INDICATED) <i>Referred to Detectives</i>		<i>Committed</i>
April 7, 2015	R2208381 [Open / Print]	Shane Alexander	Supplemental - 2015-000896 <i>Referred to Detectives</i>	<i>Supplemental</i>	<i>Committed</i>
July 30, 2015	R2234175 [Open / Print]	Shane Alexander	Supplemental - 2015-000896 <i>Referred back to Officer (select Assign to Report)</i>	<i>Supplemental</i>	<i>Committed</i>
April 17, 2017	R2234183 [Open / Print]	Shane Alexander	Supplemental - 2015-000896 (KIDNAP CHILD)	<i>Supplemental</i>	<i>Committed</i>