

Dear Mr. LePage,

I really don't know where to start. Joyce and I had been friends for quite awhile. I was over visiting her in Orton Hall one day when I told her that I was going to be in Pullman this summer ^{that} ~~I~~ was going to be ~~subleasing~~ subleasing an apartment from a mutual friend of ours. She said that she was going to be going to summer school, so I jokingly asked her if she wanted to be my roommate. She said she didn't know. About a week later, I ran into her and David and she said that she and Jan Ellis were going to be living with the meditation people next fall, and that she would like to live with me this summer so as to save a little money. I remind you, David was with her. That is what kind of friends we were, and how we remained all of this summer. She came and went as she pleased, as did I. I would go to work at 7:00, ~~and~~ return at 5:00, make dinner, and then leave at 7:00 for band practice. Joyce went to classes somewhere around 8:00, so she was always asleep when I left. We ate dinner at the same time, in fact, that was about the only time we ever really talked. Usually that time was only about an hour at the most. I'd help her with her chemistry & sometimes we'd give each other a thumbnail sketch of what our plans were for the next few days, just so someone knew what was going on. The week before she disappeared, she seldom ate dinner

even here. She slept in Stevens hall, had lunch in the apartment, then went somewhere for the afternoon & she was usually going out to eat. With who, I never knew. In fact, that week ~~we~~ we had the least amount of communication of all summer.

I don't know where she could be. The last I saw her was at 6:00 on Thursday night when she went to her sky diving lesson. The last she was seen was ~~at~~ 11:30 on Friday morning, so the last thing I knew was that she had planned to go to the Atomic Cup race in Pasco, and that was it. I wish I knew more, but I don't.

The investigator has probably filled you in on everything that he knows, which is everything I know. We spent about 6 hours with him so far, and there is nothing more that I can think of. Every time I think of something, he chases it down, but so far, every try has come to a sickening dead end.

I realize that you are probably pretty busy now, so I don't know when you will be able to pick up her possessions. I have packed up everything she had in the apartment, so whenever you want to pick it up, it shouldn't take too much time. I might add that while I did this, I looked for possible clues, but there wasn't a thing that could lead anywhere. I had hoped that there might have been, but there wasn't. There is some stuff here that is Jan Ellis's and also some of Jan Manly's stuff. It can be left here & I can give it to them when they come

paged.

back to school this fall. This consists of 2
stereos, a fan, a pillow + a sheet, some
posters and some strange pieces of furniture.
If you could get here before Saturday, but
after that I will be gone. Her stuff is in the closet
by the door + in the boxes by the door + in her suitcase.
I left her dresses hanging up. There is one other
problem. She and I were going to split the
cost of the apartment. I was going to pay for the
first month (June), she would pay for July, and
the guy we were subleasing from was going to
pay for August. Well, I have paid for the
phone for the two months (including a couple of
her long distant phone calls), and the water,
and the rent. All of this has thrown me close
to \$90⁰⁰ in the hole from what I had planned
to spend. Any of this that you could make up would
be greatly appreciated because I am living on
a bit of a tight schedule, and so \$90⁰⁰ is quite
a large sum of money.

I'm sorry I couldn't turn her up anywhere,
I tried ~~as~~ as much as I could, but there
have been no breaks coming our way. I wish
she would turn up somewhere.

Sincerely,

Bruce Bierbaum

P.S. You can ~~let~~ have the land lady let you in.
She is in the apartment facing the street, #6, I believe.
The check can be left on the table + I can pick it up
next fall. I really wish she would surprise me +
walk in sometime soon. I think about half of the world would be over.

After I had unpacked the suitcases
last night, I drove to Stevenson ^{Hill} and
~~played~~ played the grand piano for a
few hours. I did not have any music
with me and had nothing memorized.
For me, that was the best experience
I have had. Though, it was obviously
sporadic, there was a very soothing sense
about it. From now on, hopefully, often,
that is how I intend to practice. It's the
best. If you have a piano in your house
or apt. you could maybe try it too.

"Happier man?" ~~How~~
How are all your friends? What are
the job opportunities? How does it feel
there?

I think we should both be congratulated
on our good bye. Considering the pressure of
time, ~~and the~~ and the lack of rehearsal,
we were quite admirable in my opinion.
No way could I just drive away with
you still in the airport, though. I would
have felt guilty and wondered if there
wasn't one something you could say or I could
say.

And everything has to get better and
better for both of us now. And it will.
Let me know what you find out about
that meditation society. There it could
possibly be a very strange group of people.
You might dig it too.

Let me know when you plan to lead a
revolution against the government. I'll send

in foreign aid from Pullman - lots of
propaganda material at least. Something
of which, I hope they didn't find the black dot
on your nose.

Two nights in a row I have dreamt
about you. This morning I woke up w/
a thing on my mind. ~~It took~~ It took me a
while to figure out what the words were.

Ever since you have gone. ^{Don't seem so} bright.

And now that I ^{I thought} felt quite right.

I can't stop myself from thinking
I can't stop myself from breaking promises
I've made to myself.

I have promised myself I wouldn't dream

But I find that awful hard. Sometimes to do.

Because when I'm alone I can't stop
myself from thinking

I can't stop myself from ~~at~~ breaking
promises I've made to myself.

Please, please come home to me
please come back.

my
phone me.

Jodie Hamilton

From: Jodie Hamilton
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 10:51 AM
To: Bruce LePage
Subject: RE: test

Wow, it's wonderful you still have your parents, and that they are still able to live in their comfortable surroundings.

I know there are some photos of your sister in the file, but more sure doesn't hurt.

Yes, I am hoping advances in science will work in our favor. I can't tell you off the top of my head if I have anything of hers or not. I don't believe so, as far as a known sample. I will be contact our lab, and brainstorm with them, as to the best way to get everything available done.

I am still playing phone tag with the WSU officer involved with the case. I don't need his permission/knowledge to work with the lab, so will go ahead and do that.

From: Bruce LePage [mailto:balp@clearwire.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 8:08 AM
To: Jodie Hamilton
Subject: Re: test

Jodie,

Thanks for your email address. I have a few photos of my sister which I will be emailing you today or tomorrow as an attachment just to add some amount of personal image / reference to my sister. If for some reason they don't email over please let me know and I will just mail you them on a DVD.

Thanks again for considering looking for possible D.N.A. material to go into a database. I don't know what material you have of Joyce's in storage. If you have next to nothing of hers and would need some D.N.A. sample source I believe we have a clipping of her hair.

Joyce's case is getting rediculously old but with modern methods occassionally a miracle happens.

For your information both of my parents are alive. My dad is 96, my mom 86. Both still live in the farmhouse that Joyce, I and our siblings were raised in just north of Pasco.

Best wishes,

Bruce LePage

----- Original Message -----

From: Jodie Hamilton
To: balp@clearwire.net
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 9:44 AM
Subject: test

I have e-mail open all the time, so if I am here, this is just another way to get through to me. I find it's also a way to get a quicker response too.

Jodie Hamilton

From: Jodie Hamilton
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 9:35 AM
To: Lorraine.Heath@wsp.wa.gov
Subject: RE: Old old case
Attachments: WSP lab report.pdf; body recovery sketch.pdf; Dept of Health teeth.pdf; evidence.pdf; FBI blanket & bones & hair.pdf; FBI hair & fingerprints.pdf; FBI lab bones.pdf; FBI lab other items.pdf; FBI lab results.pdf; FBI latent & handwriting.pdf; FBI latent vehicle.pdf

Lorraine,

I figure it is easier for me to just e-mail everything for starters, then you can look at everything at your convenience.

Joyce LaPage was a WSU student. She went missing around July 22 or 23, 1971. She frequented a closed house on WSU campus, Stevens Hall. A large piece of carpet was discovered to be cut from the lounge area of the house. This was reported to have occurred between the night of July 22 and early morning of July 23rd. Some of her personal belongings were located in the house.

Her vehicle was located on WSU campus 8/2/71. It wasn't checked until 8/3/71. They found a billfold with ID, checks, school papers, and shoes were in there. It was not "processed" until 8/12/71. There were two individuals, I believe from the Washington State Crime Lab, who searched the vehicle, and found "nothing significant." The vehicle and "personal effects" were immediately turned over to Joyce's father. The lab # is 0705. I have a carbonless copy of the report, but it has faded too much to be of much value.

A check of her apartment revealed no personal items were missing. I seem to remember some family members claimed some items such as a coat rack were missing. It was her roommate who initially went through the apartment with law enforcement.

4/16/72 Joyce's remains were found on the Wawawai Grade out in Whitman County. Since it was 1750 hrs and a dangerous area, they decided to wait until the next day to recover the remains. The bones that were found were sent to the FBI lab for identification. They confirmed this was Joyce. The remains were sent back here, and turned over to the funeral home. Per conversations I have had with Joyce's brother recently, she was cremated. They do still have some of her hair. Both of her parents and at least her brother are still living.

Numerous people of interest were interviewed and some took the polygraph. There is no solid suspect. We are hoping with the technological advances since the time of original submission, will assist in identifying a suspect.

To my knowledge, we have all the evidence except the bones and maybe teeth. Most of it is packaged in paper bags in my evidence room. I do not want to break seals to verify what's there and possibly contaminate it.

If I need to get you further information, please let me know. My direct line is (509)397-5366. My cell is (509)595-2593. Of course, e-mail works too. I leave it open all the time, so sometimes that's a quicker way to get a hold of me.

Thanks for your time,

Jodie

From: Jayne.Aunan@wsp.wa.gov [mailto:Jayne.Aunan@wsp.wa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 1:41 PM

To: Jodie Hamilton
Cc: Lorraine.Heath@wsp.wa.gov
Subject: Old old case

Hi Jodie!

I spoke with Lorraine and she said when you get the info on what the FBI did and what evidence you still have, get in contact with her.

I have CC'ed her on this email. Her phone # is 509-625-5453. Once you know what you have she will decide what you need to send in.

Of course you can always call me, I know how to use the transfer system!! 😊

Jayne

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Jodie Hamilton

From: Don Carlos Maupin [maupind@wsu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2003 10:12 AM
To: Jodie Hamilton
Subject: RE: Joyce LePage

Okay
0830 hours, here, next one I get to hide out there. I will get the case together and we can go over some information, ideas, and how to proceed ideas.

Don

From: Jodie Hamilton <JodieH@co.whitman.wa.us>
To: maupind@wsu.edu
Subject: RE: Joyce LePage
Date sent: Wed, 12 Mar 2003 09:55:03 -0800

Me there. I can hide there and we can get some work done that way. How about 0830 hours?

Jodie

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From: Don Carlos Maupin [mailto:maupind@wsu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2003 9:42 AM
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I'm on at 0700 hours too.

From: Jodie Hamilton <JodieH@co.whitman.wa.us>
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Jodi, should we make a meeting date to look over this stuff, maybe this Thursday or next? I'll look to see how many people are scheduled on shift so we don't get interrupted to much while you look some of the stuff over in the case.

I'll check me e mail today and tommorow (I'm back at work on Wedn. don

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jodie Hamilton" <JodieH@co.whitman.wa.us>

To: <carloisd@cableone.net>

Sent: Monday, March 10, 2003 10:54 AM

Subject: FW: LePage

> Don, I sent this to your office, thinking you were off Tues and Wed.....I

> was going to get a hold of the FBI about Johnson, and the realized I hadn't

> taken notes as to what you wanted exactly. I assume it is to track down a

> current address and employer, but I wanted to confirm this with you before

I

> called them. If you get this today, I leave this e-mail address open all

> day, so I can get the information pretty quick. I will then call the FBI

> and see what can be found.

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> Jodie

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> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: Jodie Hamilton

> > Sent: Monday, March 10, 2003 10:46 AM

> > To: maupind@wsu.edu

> > Subject: LePage

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> > Don,

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> > Did you get a hold of Bruce LePage? He did FAX me the article. The

> > suspect is King Arthur Bradford. Is that the person you had already ruled

> > out?

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> > If you need copies of what he just sent, let me know and I will FAX it to

> > you.
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From: Don [carlostd@cableone.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2003 8:42 PM
To: Jodie Hamilton
Cc: maupind@wsu.edu
Subject: Re: Joyce LePage

Hi Jodie,

I just got home a little bit ago and decided I should respond before I am off on another tangent.

Okay then, you are on the case. I am totally engrossed in some other things for the next few days. Don't ask. So you have plenty of time to familiarize yourself with the case. The Private Eye sent me some things on possible Robert Johnson's but I am not convinced it is him. Mike Finch, Robert Johnson and maybe this Jan Cole that Lt. Brennan felt was a good suspect may be a starting point. You know, looking at the possible suspects and updating ourselves on them. The Johnson guy; I wonder if he is dead or in prison. His social number is on the long first e mail I sent you. If you have connects, maybe you could track that down. Be interesting to see what came of him. Maybe he off'd some other people, maybe he is an acknowledged serial killer. ha ha ha.

Another thing we should check on is lab work. Past and present. The FBI did the original examination, but it seems that one of your investigators thought some of the report(s) was missing or not fully explained. I wonder if FBI would search their archive and send a copy of evrything they had. You have the original lab request and the exam number should be on it.

Present lab stuff. I wonder if a current forensic scientist would look at the FBI report and perhaps give an opnion on what currently could be gained from a re-examination of the items. It's weird Jodie but one of the pictures at the recivery site, had what looked like twine (not fishing line) tied around the pelvis, it made no sense to me. I mean it looks like it was tied on. I couldn't fathom how, unless it had been on her thigh before decomposing, Weird.

I am working some 12 hour days to cover things and will be on duty until Tuesday, Then off for a few .

On Bruce Bierbaum, I got a couple more e mails from his soon to be ex-wife, Dee. You know at first she said she saw the missing horn hat/coat rack, now she says she not sure, and is sending me pictures of old cow horns that Bruce has. Yuk.

She is definately out there in some other world I think.

I've been waiting for the P.I. to send me copy of the Dead Girl poem that Bruce wrote, but nothing so far. And the understanding was, is that he would send stuff and I wouldn't ask first.

Wow, there is a lot of stuff in our case that I have to get organized. I filled up two of those fat binders with the original microfiche case.

After you get familiar with everything, then perhaps you'd want to come over and I'll walk you through the thirty two year old crime scene. It's kinda interesting.

Back to Johnson; I was wrong about how far away he was working from where she was at. He was less than a hundred yards away and said he worked until 2:30 AM (That's during the period she was missing). I came across some obscure notes and some minor mention of a WSU work supervisor who had scuttlebut about one or some of his people seeing a gal who was staying in Stevens Hall when it was closed down. It mentions that a worker(s) was seeing this missing girl. But, who knows, it may have been a gossip story that made the rounds.

3/13/2003

Here's my work e mail too. You can write to me here and/or there.
maupind@wsu.edu

We can solve this Jodie. I really do believe that. I'll keep an open mind on the whole thing, maybe you will see something or someone totally different.

Don

----- Original Message -----

From: Jodie Hamilton

To: 'Don'

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2003 10:49 AM

Subject: RE: Joyce LePage

Don,

I thought I had better let you know what this office is doing with this case. I am being allowed to work it. I have pulled the case, but haven't had time to go through it yet. Don't worry about giving me copies of anything until I know what's there. If possible, I would like the next day or two to clear out what I already have going here, so I can devote lots of time to this case. Let me know what you would like to do.

Jodie

Jodie Hamilton

From: Don [carlosd@cableone.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 9:38 PM
To: jodieh@co.whitman.wa.us
Subject: Joyce LePage

Hi Jodi,

Here is an overview case:

VICTIM : Joyce Margaret LePage
DOB: 12-04-49
Auburn hair
5-09/130
Athletic
Junior at WSU
Was engaged. Her fiance' was studying
in South Africa at the time

Missing: Evening hours of July 22, 1971/early morning
hours of July 23, 1971.

SUSPECTS: Michael Finch
Robert Johnson
Bruce Bierbaum
Others mentioned

Last seen in the early evening on July 22, 1971, by Bruce Robert Bierbaum (052751). They had eaten dinner together and then he left the Oak Street apartment that they shared. The apartment is a ten minute walk to Stevens Hall.

Stevens Hall at that time was closed for summer session and some remodeling. Joyce several weeks prior to her disappearance had discovered a window that was unlocked in the bottom level of the building, and began an irregular practice of entering through the same window, and spending the night there in a small room at basement level and also in the hall directors office. She would study, write letters (to her fiance'), play the piano and ????. Several people knew this but there was never any information that she took anyone else inside. Some of the letters she wrote were recovered from her fiance'. A couple that were friends with her warned her once to stop staying up there because of the possibility of danger or arrest. She promised them that she would stop going there.

At 0800 hours on July 23, 1991, WSU PD received a burglary report that a piece of carpet had been cut out and removed from the lobby of Stevens Hall. Found in the Stevens Hall room was property, books, notebooks, belonging to Ms. LePage. Police were not able to locate her at her Oak Street apartment, to question her about the missing rug. Ms. LePage's VW bug, was found several blocks from her apartment, near the FIGI house. It did not appear to be a usual place where she parked her car (WSU PD Lt. Brennan later said). WSP Spokane Crime Lab came down and inventoried and processed the car. Nothing significant was found, other than it appeared to be parked there for a while.

On August 3, 1971 she listed as missing person, after her father called from Pasco, Washington, saying that she failed to show up at their home on July 24th (a tentatively planned visit was scheduled, with her being driven there by an Oakesdale, Washington teacher (Michael Ralph Finch 011144). There had been tentative plans made for Ms. LePage to chaperone an Oakesdale dance with Finch on July 23, and then he would drive her to Pasco on July 24, where she could see family and then attend the boat races with Finch on July 25th. Finch was contacted by police and he said that she never called him on the 23rd as planned nor was she home on the 24th when he drove by, leaving to Pasco. About a month and a half later Finch was involved in a serious one car rollover in

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Garfield County in which his VW was totaled and taken to Lewiston where it was salvaged and destroyed.

During the time that Ms. LePage was last seen, interior renovation was being done to Arts Hall, which was located approximately 200 yards from Stevens Hall. The work included tile laying. A vehicle belonging to one of the tile layers (Robert Loren Johnson 011336/ SSN: 533-30-8903), was seen parked next to Stevens Hall the night before she came up missing. The vehicle was an old Ford ambulance, (that was later being used up to the 1990's by Connell, Washington). Johnson was interviewed and admits to being on campus, and working until 0230 hours on July 23, 1971. He was later interviewed in 1973 by a WCSO detective and passed a polygraph.

Returning to Ms. LePage being missing: local jurisdictions attempted to track down leads to the whereabouts of Ms. LePage without success.

On April 16, 1972, subjects were rockhunting off of Wawaii road, about 10 miles from Pullman, when remains of Ms. LePage were found, at the bottom of a steep break, near a stream. Her body had stopped about three feet short of the creek, but her remains were almost exclusively skeletal remains. The remains were partially rolled up in, two blankets and the carpet piece that was missing from Steven Hall. Later it was determined that some of the original cut out carpet piece was missing, and was never located at the dump site. Also, her clothing was mostly missing. In a later examination by FBI lab, it was concluded that her underwear was sliced at both hip edges by a sharp instrument. FBI also reported that no blood was found on the blankets or carpet piece. They further determined that there were knife marking on her right rib areas, In 1991, I took the measurements made by the FBI to the WSU anthropology department and had them place the marks on a skeleton approximately the size of Ms. LePage. It was noted that for one of the entry points, below her right armpit, her right arm would have had to rotated upward as to expose the armpit. One supposition could be that she was trying to break the grip of someone that was holding her around her neck from behind, while stabbing her in the right side. As the report explains that the knife was very long and during one insertion knicked the interior side of her spine.

Police interviewed roommate Bruce Bierbaum and also conducted a polygraph examination, concluding that he was not involved.

Police interviewed Mike Finch, who denied any involvement in her murder. The interview was to be followed up by a polygraph examination at a later date, but was postponed after police received a call from his attorney (Carl Maxey), who said that he would not allow his client to be polygraphed or interviewed without his involvement.

The case remains unsolved.

On January 16, 2003, Dianna Bierbaum who is Bruce Bierbaum's current (third) wife, called WSU PD requesting information on the unsolved homicide. At the direction of WSU PD Lt. Scott West, I contacted Ms. Bierbaum by phone, to her residence in Kalispell, Montana, to ascertain why she was making the inquiry. I surmised that she might related to Bruce Bierbaum

Ms. Bierbaum explained that she is going through a divorce with Bruce as result of his odd behavior and his abuse to her. She said that while handling a domestic, local police discovered that he had a previous criminal record. She said that she confronted him for the reason he had an FBI number and Bruce responded that it was over an old incident in which his girlfriend in college was murdered and he was questioned about it. He told her that it turned out to be Ted Bundy and that did it, and did not discuss it any further.

Ms. Bierbaum stated that she has a private detective who was investigating the civil issues concerning Bruce, and that he might have some information to pass on to police.

I contacted the local law enforcement, Chief Frank Gardner and he provided me with some limited background on the Bierbaums. He added his opinion that the local P.I. that she had hired was creditable in his information in the past when working with police.

I contacted the local P.I., Ike Eisentraut. He recounted some of the information that Ms. Bierbaum had provided.

He said that he would like to share any relevant information that might be connected with the LePage case, that may come up. I advised him that previous investigators had cleared Mr. Bierbaum, and at this time no information has been established to link him with the LePage homicide. He stated that he understood that and would provide

any relevant information that might come up during his civil investigation

Since that time, Ms. Bierbaum has contacted me several times and provided the following unsolicited information. That she found a disturbing poem written by Bruce, concerning a woman laying on the ground and looking up dying. She further stated that she had moved a box that contained some items from Bruce's college days, to the PI's office. She said that she would share any suspicious information that was uncovered. I stated her her , and then to the PI, on three seperate occasions, that I was not asking them to remove, review, secure or hold, any property or items, for the purpose of any police investigation. I, in fact probably said that at least a half dozen times. Both stated that understood that and were acting on the own behalf and in their own interest, with no direction from police.

There were two items reported missing from LePage's apartment by her friend Jan Ellis (Ms. Ellis had the items stored at the apartment at the time of the murder). One was a blue vase and the other a hand made hat/coat rack made of animal horns.

I sent a picture of each of these items to Ms. Bierbaum. She stated that she recognized the hat/coat rack item as something that she had seen in the basement before. She did not know if it was still around. It should be noted that the items may or may not have any relevance to the case, but was something reported at the time as missing.

The P.I. has uncovered information concerning Mr. Bierbaum that indicates that he is heavily into pornography and has been videotaping sexual encounters between he and other women. He speculates that the current Ms. Bierbaum may have been secretly taped by him. I was also provided with a web address of where Mr. Bierbaum is currently advertising for a women. His preference is that she live within 50 miles of Vero Beach, Florida (this is near where his first wife Patricia Bierbaum (051153) lives). She is on active probation on a grand theft/fraud conviction.

It appears he intends to relocate to Florida, but unknown when. Bruce has a current veterinary practice in Kalispell, Montana, he is DVM.

I spoke today to both Dianna Bierbaum and P.I. Ike Eisentraut, and confirmed with them agin that no new information has be discovered that Bruce was involved in this old homicide. P.I. Eisentraut said that he was disturbed by the poem that Bruce had written and was going to send it to me.

I spoke with Ann Shannon earlier today, to apprise her of the limited information concerning this case, as "heads up" if something develops. It is her opinion that I have correctly stated law enforcements stance that neither subjects are being asked or directed to provide any information or take any action. She said that if some solid information is received it could be used to petition for a search warrant, before the Montana courts.

After you have had time to review some of you material, we should get together and update one another and fill-in any information that each of us lacks. Regardless of where Nierbaum is involved or not, this may present an opprotunity to collectively try to get a resolution to thsi old case.

Lt. Brennan was the WSU PD investigator on this and I asked him his opnion of things and he listed the suspects in the following order:

1. Mike Finch
2. Jan Cole
3. Bruce Bierbaum

*Jan Cole is mentioned in the report, but I cannot recall his significance other that he was someone that was interested in her, he was someone that the LePage family felt creepy about. he attended her funeral and her borthor remarked that Jan just kept hanging around like he wanted to say something to them but couldn't. He runs a local computer store in Pullman still.

I asked Lt. Brennan why he didn't list Robert Johnson as a suspect and he said that he really didn't know all the work that the county investigators did on him.

Okay....so you are now briefly informed.

Don