

September 1973

Information Ann Thomas, NE 1115 Orchard Drive, Pullman, Washington

332-5612

Related Following Information
Ref: One Michael A. St Martin

During Fall of 1971 Ann first met Michael and again in Summer of 1972 during month of June. Both parties were attending Summer School and eating lunch at the Quad Dining Hall. Ann stated that during these lunch periods Michael would sit by himself and stare at her for long periods of time. After some time Michael came over and started a conversation which started their brief association. Michael became quite taken and infatuated with Ann, which resulted in his proposal of marriage to her. Ann regarded their relationship only on a friendly basis and did not wish to become involved with Michael. During their talks Michael confided that he had been married to a girl by the name of Sue and divorced, had attempted suicide and had been in a Mental Institution. Further stated he was a suspect in Moscow for the murder of a girl. This relationship lasted for approximately one month, resulting in Ann rejecting Michael and severing all relationships. Michael became very angry, hostile, and irrational over the rejection, blaming his scarred and disfigured face for the rejection. Ann confided that she had become very concerned and frightened by Michaels bizarre and strange conduct.

sons and is accompanied by mental deterioration, it is known as senile psychosis. This illness is the result of a reduction in the supply of blood and oxygen to the brain by the hardening and thickening of the blood vessels in the brain.

Symptoms: The senile person has difficulty getting along with people. He becomes childlike in his habits, quarrelsome and hoards strange objects. He is unclear, selfish, and often comes into conflict with his neighbors, who complain of his habits. Children often annoy him and he shows an aggressive behavior toward them. He has a tendency to wander and becomes forgetful. He may leave his house, walk a short distance and forget where he was going or where he is. He may not remember what he ate for breakfast but will vividly describe events in his youth. As the illness progresses, his speech becomes rambling and incoherent and he may tell convincing lies to compensate for his inability to remember recent events. In some instances, he may even fail to recognize relatives.

Functional Psychoses

These mental disorders are basically the result of poor personal adjustment to life situations. The brain is apparently healthy but functions improperly. Schizophrenia, Paranoia and Manic-depression are the three general classes of functional psychoses.

SCHIZOPHRENIA: Disturbed relationships with people and their surroundings are the common symptoms of a schizophrenic patient. This illness develops over a period of years, while in other cases the change may be very rapid.

Symptoms: The less severe form of this illness is known as *simple schizophrenia*. The symptoms range from a gradual loss of interest in people to an increasing ineffectiveness in meeting social demands. The patient withdraws into a solitary life. He usually shows a marked apathy and irresponsibility and tends to be preoccupied with his own inner thoughts, ideas and fantasies. In some cases he may demonstrate a lack of emotional responsiveness to other people and the patient takes a line of least resistance. These persons become without any reluctance, alcoholics, idlers, petty thieves or prostitutes. The most violent reaction is an occasional irritability and grouchy refusal to accept pressure or suggestions from others.

PARANOID SCHIZOPHRENIA: Those affected by this disorder may produce a behavior of serious consequences to the community. Its outstanding features are strong, numerous and fantastic delusions accompanied by hallucinations.

Symptoms: This disturbed person not only believes people are plotting against him, persecuting him or depriving him of his rights, but he can "hear" them or "taste" the poison in his food. He "sees" them lurking at his window, under furniture, or can "feel" the electricity or radar waves which are being directed at him by his enemies.

This type of mentally ill person becomes highly

suspicious and defensive. He may become a chronic complainer about the morals and character of his neighbors, or he may accuse members of his family of trying to kill him. He may also be convinced that his enemies have listening devices hidden in his home. As long as he maintains a defensive behavior, he poses little physical threat. However, he may also become aggressive and violent. He may then register complaints about the police, initiate lawsuits, and frequently resorts to violence against those whom he feels are his enemies.

In the more serious cases, he is deluded into believing he is Christ, Moses, General de Gaulle or other historical or important persons. He can hear voices announcing his fame or bringing important messages to him directing him to eliminate enemies or to reorganize society. At first it is generally possible to see a connection between the patient's delusions and his personal wishes, needs and fears.

Although most psychotics are harmless and helpless, the paranoid-schizophrenic is a powder keg of lethal emotion. He lives in an unreal world and he is haunted by fears and delusions of persecution and grandeur. In his sick mind, an accidental bump on a crowded sidewalk, a passing criticism from a member of his family or employer can be transformed into an illusion that the world is plotting against him. A harsh word or threatening gestures by a uninformed police officer may trigger a violent reaction.

CATATONIC SCHIZOPHRENIA: This form of schizophrenia is one of the most intense demonstrations of withdrawing from reality. It is represented by two distinct phases: 1) *Catatonic Stupor*, which may last for extended periods, going on sometimes for weeks and months, and 2) *Catatonic Excitement*, which is usually of short duration.

Symptoms: Peculiar postures, gestures or grimaces endlessly repeated are typical of *catatonic stupor*. A patient can be identified by his slow and infrequent motions and may remain immobile or "statue like" for hours on end. He may also lie still as if unconscious.

Catatonic excitement is dramatically opposed to stuporous behavior. The patient literally goes berserk. In this extreme violence, he may smash furniture, assault those around him and pose a real danger of both homicide and suicide. Sometimes this frenzy is accompanied by delusions and hallucinations of great power. At other times it is more like a wild, disorganized outbreak of energy. These are the persons who for no apparent reason become "raving maniacs" at home or in a public place. Although these physical outbursts are usually of short duration, they cause considerable problems while they last.

PARANOIA: The true form of this illness is seldom encountered. It is distinguished from paranoid-schizophrenia in that the patient does not have hallucinations. The falsification of reality is restricted to his delusions, which are strongly entrenched. This patient offers a considerable challenge because he has no loss of intellectual effi-

Background Check on Michael revealed following:

Michael A. St. Martin (Known as Art)
DOB 11-26-42
2603 Galloway
Olympia, Washington

Record Check from Olympia

12-4-69 - Involuntary Transfer to Western State Hospital
7-26-70 - Involuntary Transfer to Western State Hospital

1-22-74 Interview with Dr. Betty Adams of Student Health Service. Dr. Adams advised Michael arrived at WSU August 1961 and was under continuing care and treatment by the Student Health Service and Student Counseling Center. First serious problems noted in 1965. 1966 - 1968 no contact made with Michael. 1968 returned to school and further treatment. Left school Spring of 1972. Michael was described as a loner with few friends or associates. Medical Condition - Schizophrenia, requiring daily use of drugs to control condition. Without drug Michael would become verbally violent and irrational, accompanied with bizzare illusions about himself.

During Summer of 1971 Michael was living in Ferry Hall and eating at the Quad Dining Hall. His course of travel would take him past Stevens Hall daily. Also past Thompson Hall and Morrill Hall. Joyce Le Page was living in Stevens Hall and taking classes in Thompson Hall and Morrill. Also her walk from Stevens to Fulmer for Chemistry class would take her directly past Ferry. It would seem most probable that Michael may have seen Joyce or made contact with her.

Follow Up Contacts:

Carol Meek - Student Counseling Center
David M. Scott - Chairman Architecture
Sue - Ex-wife of Michael
Registrar - Check for Local Addresses, Class Schedule

Roger J. Smith

Date April 18, 1972

Case 72-00173

TIME AND DATE:

1630 hrs. 4-16-72

LOCATION:

Wawawai Canyon - 1.3 miles south of Pullman turn off
Whitman County, Washington

OFFENSE:

Found Human Body - Wrapped in Blankets

COMPLAINANT:

04A Juvenile records - no offense

WITNESS:

Manis, Marian M. (Mother of Complainant)
address - same as complainant

OFFICERS:

Lackey, Gary D. W.C.S.O.
Hunter, Cleve D. W.C.S.O.
Humphreys, C. A. "Mike" W.C.S.O.
Gemmrig, Arthur W.C.S.O.
Brannon, Lt. Del W.S.U.P.D.
Clark, Wm. P.P.D.
Castle, Timothy P.P.D.

EVIDENCE:

- # 1A - Lower Jawbone containing teeth
- 2A - Right hand and arm bone
(Note) Items 1A and 2A were taken to Pullman PD
by complainant and turned over to Officer
Clark.
- # 1 - Skull containing upper jaw and teeth found in creek
3 feet below body wrapped in blankets.
- # 2 - Leg bone with foot attached found on bank of creek
below body.
- # 3 - Piece of multi-colored cloth with elastic band
found under Item #2 on bank of creek.
- # 4 - Various bones found in creek, on bank, and around
body area.
- # 5 - Unidentified piece of flesh - poss. left hand -
found in creek below blanket.
- # 6 - Complete leg bone found inside blanket 3 feet above
creek.
- # 7 - Clump of human hair - light colored - wrapped in
blanket with item #6.
- # 8 - Brown military blanket with U. S. Medical Corp.
insignia which had items #6 and 7 inside.
- # 9 - Brown blanket without insignia in same area as #8.
- #10 - Large white tooth found 1 foot below blanket.
- #11 - Small white cloth belt with buckle attached found
in tree top above blanket.
- #12 - Piece of green shag carpet found on creek bank be-
low body.
- #13 - Piece of carpet padding (brown) found in creek be-
low blanket.

EVIDENCE CONT:

- #14 - Same as #13 about 8 feet from blanket in middle of creek.
- #15 - Pictures of scene taken by Gemmrig and Lackey.
- #16 - Sample of green shag carpet obtained from Stephens Hall, W.S.U. by Lt. Del Brannon to be compared with item #12 - see case 71-04300.
- #17 - Dental chart of Joyce M. LePage prepared by Suhadolnj E. L. D.D.S. - Pasco, Washington to be compared to Items #1A and #1. See case # 71-04300.

Above items of evidence to be crated and mailed to the F.B.I. Laboratory in Washington, D.C. for processing.

DETAILS:

At about 1700 hrs. 4-16-72, writer received a phone call at residence from Officer Clark, Pullman PD stating that a young man had located a human body wrapped in a blanket in Wawawai Canyon area below Pullman. Clark further stated that complainant had brought the lower jaw containing teeth and right arm of the body to the Pullman Police Dept. for verification.

Writer advised Clark to have complainant stand by the police dept. and that writer would be enroute.

1900 hrs. 4-16-72

Writer and Deputy Hunter arrived at Pullman P.D. and talked to complainant Manis.

Complainant stated that he and his mother had been down on the Snake River all day looking for opal - rock. Upon returning to Moscow, complainant had driven north up Wawawai Canyon and had stopped about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the top to look for opal on the west side of the canyon. Time was about 1630 hrs. in order to reach the west slope of the canyon, complainant had climbed down a steep bank to a small creek. As he was preparing to jump the creek, complainant looked down and saw a jaw bone on the ground. Complainant at first thought it was some type of animal but then noticed a hand in the same area with fingers still covered with flesh.

Complainant then walked back up the bank to the car where his mother was sitting and told her about the incident. As his mother had her doubts, complainant went back down to the scene and placed items #1A and #1 in a brown paper bag and returned to the car. Complainant and his mother then drove to Pullman to the police dept. and contacted Clark.

Writer, Hunter, Clark, Castle and complainant drove back to scene and located the body.

The bank leading to the scene was so steep that it was necessary to tie a rope to the bumper of the patrol vehicle in order to get up and down the bank.

Office of the Sheriff

And Radio Station KOB279

COLFAX, WASHINGTON 99111



CLEVE & ED

Cleve as per our conversation on Sunday evening, I read through this mess, once over lightly and there are TOO many things wrong in my opinion. I did not study it as thoroughly as I would have like but ran out of time. The following are some of the points I did notice that you might be interested in;

In the Initial Report of 8/5/71, page 2, reference is made to 2 males seen in her car with her, but it does not show who it is. Reading Mike Finch's statement, indicates he might have been one of them.

Also in that report it indicates that DAVID PARKS saw her in her car at 1000 7/23/71, but in the report to Mr. Faris as Coroner, the last paragraph indicates her death between 7/23 and 1000 7/23/71 ??

In the Correspondence from the FBI page 1 it indicates fishline around part of the body, but I can't find any other reference to this line. Later however you will note in Mike Finch's statement he professes to be quite a fisherman. ~~WHERE IS THE FISHLINE NOW?~~ Where is the line now ?

The FBI in their Latent Fingerprint report, suggest that an attempt be made to contact the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau to ascertain if they had a complete set of her prints, I can find no indication that this is ever been done.

Correspondence to the FBI file; the letter of April 18, 1972, reference the U.S. Medical Corps blanket. No where can I find any indication of the color blanket. What color ? We should try to find an acquaintance of Finch who might remember seeing such a blanket, either in his car or his residence. There are a lot of those blankets around, but it might provide us with some additional probable cause. Also Finch was in the Medical Corp when he was in the Army

Where are the FBI Lab results for evidence items Q16, Q13, Q5, Q9, Q10, Q11. Q14 and K1 are the carpet, no disposition.

Was it ever established for sure that Finch was the guy that was disturbing her in her class? I can't find anything to follow up this.

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Why were BOTH of her thumbs missing ?

MIKE FINCH'S STATEMENT

1. page 2 reference the telephone call, why is his friend's name deleted,? Brannon may have the answer to that.

2. page 3, who is KIM ?

Some of Brannon's questions and comments indicate prior conversation with Finch, but no paperwork to show this.

Finch says he dated her, but had no serious conversations with her ???

DETAILS CONT:

At the bottom of the bank, a blanket rolled up was lying against a shrub which prevented it from falling into the creek, 3 feet below it. Several bones could be seen as could a large leg bone with foot attached which was located on the bank of the creek below the blanket. A large roll of what appeared to be carpet could also be seen partially in the water below the blanket. Two pieces of what appeared to be carpet padding were in the creek, one directly below the blanket and the other about 10 feet down stream.

Writer put in a call via radio for Lt. Brannon, see case #71-04300 and Deputy Gemmrig to take photographs prior to removal.

2006 hrs. 4-16-72

Gemmrig and Lt. Brannon arrived. The scene was shown to Lt. Brannon and pictures were taken by Gemmrig prior to anything being touched. Due to complete darkness, the evidence was not gathered. Arrangements were made to return in the A.M. for crime scene search.

1005 hrs. 4-17-72

Writer, Lt. Brannon, Sheriff Humphreys and Deputy Hunter returned to the area and conducted a crime scene search with the above listed items of evidence tagged and placed in plastic bags. Photo's were taken by writer during search and recovery of evidence. Item #4 contains various bones found on ground and in creek which included back bone - ribs and several unidentified smaller bones.

Item #12 was stretched out and measured with results given to Brannon to compare with measurements of missing carpet cut from main floor of Stephens Hall, W.S.U. July 22, 1971. See case #71-04300 in conjunction with missing co-ed Joyce LePage.

A rough drawing of location of body and area around it was drawn by writer, which includes measurements from Wawawai Road to the creek.

The evidence was transported to Colfax by writer for preparation to be sent into the FBI lab.

1515 hrs. 4-17-72

Writer contacted Prosecutor - Coroner Faris and explained the above information. Faris agreed that body should be sent to the bureau for processing.

1530 hrs. 4-17-72

Sheriff Humphreys called Dr. Binder, DDS and made arrangements to have items #1A and #1 compared with dental chart of Joyce LePage at 1700 hrs. date.

1600 hrs. 4-17-72

Lt. Brannon called writer and stated that he had checked carpet at Stephens Hall and that the measurements fit missing piece. He further stated that he had obtained a sample of the carpet to be compared with item #12. Deputy Jones was dispatched to W.S.U. to pick up the sample.

DETAILS CONT:

Brannon further stated that he had contacted parents of Joyce LePage, explaining that she had possibly been located.

1730 hrs. 4-17-72

Dr. Binder arrived and compared dental chart of Joyce LePage with items #1A and #1. with following results:

Upper Jaw:

Tooth #2 - Buckle occlusion going distally to enamel walls.

Tooth #3 - Two occlusional fillings

Tooth #15 - Buckle occlusional filling.

Tooth #16 - Impacted - cannot tell if tissue is gone.

Lower Jaw:

Only variance from chart is tooth #30-31 have buckle pit fillings which are not shown on chart - could possibly have been forgotten by dentist.

Opinion:

Dr. Binder stated that it was his professional opinion that the chart of Joyce LePage and the upper and lower jaw were one and the same with the only difference as described above. Binder further stated that the odds of two people with the same type of dental work would be astronomical.

0905 hrs. 4-18-72

FBI Agent Jim Davis was called regarding any special instructions in sending evidence to the lab. Davis stated that normal procedure should be followed with #2A individually wrapped with special attention "fingerprint section" written on box.

1100 hrs. 4-18-72

Lt. Brannon was called and advised to check with parents of Joyce LePage and attempt to get blood type - piece of Joyce's hair - medical report from family doctor which would indicate exact height - weight - prior broken bones or deformities or scars which might aid in identification. Also any information on the possibility of fingerprints being taken in the past so that the above info could be forwarded to the FBI lab.

★ 1155 AM - Lt Brannon contacted Dentist - Pasco - requested he forward X-rays + dental charts to FBI lab

1300 hrs. 4-18-72

A complete report was made by writer to the FBI lab which included all evidence mailed to them and the tests and comparison requested. See attached copy of report.

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DETAILS CONT:

1600 hrs. 4-18-72

Evidence was sealed in wooden box and shipped via air express (Air West) Pullman-Moscow Airport to the FBI Lab in Washington D.C. for processing. Return signatures of handling personnel was requested for chain of command and also an acceptance signature - time and date from the FBI.

0930 hrs. 4-19-72

Writer received a call from Lt. Brannon who stated that he had contacted Mrs. LePage who stated that she had a lock of Joyce's hair and her birth certificate which included fingerprints. Blood type is B.

Arrangements were made to mail the above info to Lt. Brannon for forwarding to the FBI lab for comparison.

1140 hrs. 4-19-72

Lt. Brannon called and stated that Mike Finch - (see case # 71-04300) was in the Armed Forces from August 8, 1966 to August 8, 1969 with the following address: Michael Ralph Finch DOB 1-11-44 HHC - USAS/TC - Ft. McClellan, Ala. Zip Code 36201.

Check to see if he was in medical corp.

Further investigation to follow:

Gary D. Lackey, Chief Criminal Deputy
W.C.S.O.