

C.I.D. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT / DES PLAINES POLICE

1. DATE/TIME THIS REPORT
16 Dec 78 2030 Hours2. OFFENSE OFFENSE
Missing Person

3. OFFENSE CHARGED TO:

4. VICTIM
Piest, Robert J.

NARRATIVE:

The following report reflects my activities of December 16, 1978 on the above mentioned missing person case.

On today's date I had a conversation with Investigator Harry Belluomini, of Area 5, General Assignment, Chicago Police Department, reference to a letter that he wrote to the mother of John A. Szyk. In this letter he made reference to the vehicle that belonged to John Szyk had been involved in an incident, whereas that had led the police department to believe that the subject, Szyk, must still be alive; as the vehicle had been involved in an incident. I questioned Investigator Belluomini about it and he indicated that his only contact with this case was that back at the time of the letter, approximately December of '76, the vehicle in question that belonged to Szyk had pulled into a gas station, obtained gasoline and left without paying. The attendant apparently copied down the license plate number of the vehicle which checked out to John Szyk's vehicle and, upon his going to the residence at [REDACTED] he found out that this subject, Szyk, was missing. He further advised me that he checked around the area and that the information he had received was that the subject John Szyk was, in fact, gay. He also indicated that information received by him indicated that possibly he might have moved to Colorado and was living there at this time. I further checked this out by checking with the Department of Motor Vehicles in Colorado and ascertained that there is no driver's license or a car issued to any John A. Szyk, which would refer to this missing person. I also asked Investigator Belluomini if he had ever seen the car or the subject that the car belonged to, and he indicated negative to this. At approximately 9:35 I concluded the interview with Investigator Belluomini.

At approximately 1000 hours I telephoned Cicero Police Department and spoke to Investigator William Baldwin reference Michael A. Rossi, M/W, DOB: [REDACTED] who had indicated to me that he had committed a battery upon John Gacy in Cicero and subsequently had been placed on probation for the offense. In checking with Investigator Baldwin, I learned that the only arrest that they showed for Michael Rossi were three charges for traffic related offenses and that this occurred on December 4, 1977, and the facts of this were that Rossi apparently did not stop for a stop sign and tried to elude the police department when they attempted to stop him. The chase was started in Cicero and was concluded at 3130 North Albany in Chicago and he subsequently was charged with the stop sign violation, eluding and reckless driving. At this time Rossi gave his home address as [REDACTED]. He pled not guilty, was found guilty, got a two year suspension of his license, but according to his 10-27 it shows that he does have a valid license; so it would probably be a supervision and a \$50 fine.

At approximately 1220 hours I then went to [REDACTED] to locate one Carol Hoff, which is the second ex wife of John Gacy, and spoke to one Rose Dussias, who lives in the building where Ms. Hoff is allegedly living. I was told that Carol no longer lives there, that she recently had been married and only her mother, one Jean Cienciwa, lived upstairs at the moment. Her telephone number is [REDACTED].

I then went to a location that we directed to by Ms. Dussias, which would be at the corner of Higgins and Normandy in Chicago at a beauty shop where we met and spoke to

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Carol Hoff's mother and we were given the address and phone number of her daughter. Her daughter is now married to one Bruce Lofgrn and they live at [REDACTED]. Detective Lt. Kozenczak was called and he in turn called Mrs. Lofgrn, who indicated she would call and come in at approximately 1500 hours. The license plate number for Mrs. Lofgrn's mother is [REDACTED] which checks out to the [REDACTED].

At approximately 1400 hours I then called the Chief of Police, one Larry Mitchell in Riverton, Illinois, this in reference to a map found in the vehicle of John Gacy which had a route outlined to that location. I called him at Area Code 217-629-9800 and inquired as to the possibility of them having found any floaters in any of the rivers around their area. Chief Mitchell indicated that they are right along side the Sangamon River, but no one has been located in their river in the last year or so. I asked him to further check in the telephone book for the name of Itullo, or any name similar to that, but he was unable to locate any. He did indicate that we should call the Sangamon County Sheriff's Police at 753-6666 for any further information.

At approximately 1900 hours date I was assigned to go pick up James G. D'Toole at [REDACTED] W/W, DOB: [REDACTED] for the purpose of interviewing him as to the reason why his driver's license was located at the residence of John Gacy. Detective Sommerschield conducted the interview of D'Toole and will forward a report on this.

sure that this was the person that was at the nurses station. Both Mrs. DeNeo and Miss Ax agreed again to be interviewed should the need arise in the future.

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15 Dec 78 1030 Hours2 ORIGINAL OFFENSE
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4 VICTIM
Piest, Robert J.

NARRATIVE:

On December 14, 1978 I contacted Mr. Eldon Burk, the Assistant Principal at Maine West, in an attempt to determine the owner of a 1975 class ring which had been recovered at the residence of John Gacy, 8213 West Summerdale, while executing the search warrant at the Gacy residence. Mr. Burk was advised the ring was made of a gold metal material, contained a blue stone, was from the 1975 graduating class at Maine West and had the initials J.A.S. engraved on the inside of the band. In addition to the initials J.A.S., this Officer observed the following letters and digits, H.J. - 10K. Mr. Burk stated that he would check the 1975 issue of the Dial-Tone, the Maine West High Telephone Directory, and attempt to determine the owner of the ring. Upon terminating my conversation with Mr. Burk, this Officer checked the '75 issue of the Dial-Tone and the 1975 issue of The Legend and noticed that two students who would have graduated in 1975 from Maine West had the initials J.A.S. The two youths were John A. Schimmel, [REDACTED] and John A. Szyk, [REDACTED].

At approximately 1830 hours on December 14, 1978 I received a call from Mr. Burk, at which time he stated that 1975 was the only year that salesmen were not allowed to come into Maine West to sell rings to the graduating class, therefore the ring would have been purchased from Herf Jones, a jewelry store on Miner Street next to the Des Plaines Theatre.

On December 15, 1978 at 1030 hours I received a call from Mr. Burk, at which time he stated the 1975 graduating class of Maine West did not purchase their rings through the school. The rings for the '75 graduating class were purchased through Herf Jones on Miner Street next to the Des Plaines Theatre probably in the fall of 1972 or 1973. The H.J. - 10K on the inside of the band denotes Herf Jones - 10 Carat. According to Mr. Burk, Herf Jones does not have records dating back to 1972 or 1973. In Mr. Burk's opinion, the ring was purchased by either John A. Schimmel or John A. Szyk. Upon receiving the information from Mr. Burk, this Officer made numerous unsuccessful attempts to contact either someone at the Schimmel residence or at the Szyk residence.

At 1855 hours on December 15, 1978 I called the Szyk residence and spoke with Mrs. Szyk. Mrs. Szyk stated that her son had purchased a 1975 class ring, although the youth had been reported missing to Chicago approximately two years ago. Upon further speaking with Mrs. Szyk, it was determined that John Szyk had been reported missing to the Shakespeare Avenue District and that subsequently John A. Szyk's automobile was found in the possession of a boy that stated he bought the automobile in February of 1977. Mrs. Szyk indicated that she had reported her son missing on/or about January 25, 1977 and felt the incident was somewhat unusual, because her son never picked up his check and the check contained an unspecified amount of overtime. To the best of Mrs. Szyk's knowledge, John A. Szyk's paycheck, including the overtime, still remains at his former employer and, as indicated by Mrs. Szyk, because the youth was of legal age she cannot pick up her son's paycheck.

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At approximately 2210 hours I contacted Patti Schimmel, at which time she stated that she believed her brother, John's, class ring had been lost in a lake, although she did not have any additional details. Ms. Schimmel was advised to inform her parents and her brother that we would like to speak with John as soon as possible to determine if, in fact, his ring had been lost or misplaced and if, in fact, the youth had a 1975 class ring from Maine West which contained a blue stone.

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1. DATE/TIME THIS REPORT

18 Dec 78 1500 Hours

2. ORIGINAL OFFENSE

Missing Person

3. OFFENSE CHARGES TO

4. VICTIM

Piest, Robert

5. ADDRESS

NARRATIVE:

At 1355 hours on 17 December 1978 Detective Pickell and Cook County Sheriff's Police Investigator Bedoe interviewed Michael A. Rossi, [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]. The interview took place in the second floor conference room of the Des Plaines Police Department. Also present for portions of the interview was Lt. Kozenczak.

In summary, Michael said that he was born in Arkansas and his parents moved to Chicago and when he was about two months old. He lived periodically in Cicero and in Berwyn. At present his mother lives in an apartment attached to a tavern she runs called "Little Joe's" at [REDACTED]. He is presently living at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a building that is owned by his father-in-law. Michael attended Morton East High School for two years, '74/'75, and '75/'76. After high school, he went to work for Max Gussis, who ran Hock Plumbing. He stated that he worked for Hock Plumbing for a couple of months, but the pay was no good, so he quit and went to work for P.D.M. Construction Company. The owner of P.D.M. Construction Company was John Gacy. Mr. Gacy was a friend of Max Gussis. Michael started at P.D.M. Construction in approximately June of 1976. At present Michael is a carpenter for P.D.M. Construction making \$10 per hour. He is happy with the work and he has no interest in becoming a union carpenter. He advised that during the winter of 1977/1978, he lived with his employer, John Gacy, for two to three months to save money. He was paying Mr. Gacy \$25 per month, which did not include meals. He was single at the time and after living with Mr. Gacy for that two to three month period, he then got his own apartment at [REDACTED]. Michael got married in the spring of 1978. His wife's name is Kathleen and her Date of Birth is [REDACTED]. He has a son, [REDACTED] age 9 weeks. Michael advised that approximately 1000 hours on 12-17-78 Mr. Gacy called him at home from the North Avenue job. He wanted to know if Mike had called David to work that day at the North Avenue store. Mike told Mr. Gacy that he had not called David and that Mr. Gacy should call him himself. At approximately 1030 hours on 17 December 1978 David Cram called Mike Rossi and at that time Mike Rossi told David to call Mr. Gacy. Cram told Mike that his car had been vandalized on 16 June 1978 in the area of the International Amphitheater in Chicago where Cram was attending a concert. Rossi further advised that Mr. Gacy had asked him about his interview with the Des Plaines Police Department on the 14th of December 1978. Rossi advised that on 12-16-78 he worked with Gacy. He said that Mr. Gacy had called him and directed Rossi to pick Gacy up at his home. After picking Gacy up, he went to the Shell Gas Station on Higgins between Canfield and Cumberland to gas up and then both parties went to Tannenbaum Hardware on Belmont. Rossi advised that worked until 1800 hours and after quitting working he had a couple of beers at the tavern next door to the North Avenue job and he then went home. He was asked if he took Mr. Gacy home, and he stated that Mr. Gacy had left the job with an electrician named Ed Fry in Mr. Fry's 1971 black Continental. Rossi stated that Mr. Gacy told him that he had paid his attorney \$10,000 and he advised that he was upset. He also asked Rossi if the police had questioned him in regards to sex and dope, and Mr. Rossi stated that he answered in a round about way. Rossi advised that Mr. Gacy is a work horse, that business comes first and social life comes second. He also advised that Mr. Gacy likes to brag about things, such as money. Mr. Rossi was asked about present employees with P.D.M. Construction and he advised that at present in addition to Mr. Gacy and himself were employees David Cram, Ed Refner and an office man Gordon Hall. He was asked about

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former employees and he stated that Mike Carrao, of [REDACTED] presently with L & M Construction, had worked at P.D.M. until last summer. He mentioned another former employee, Teddy, last name unknown, who was from Colorado. Teddy presently works at Belva Material in Chicago. Rossi next mentioned a Harry Shaft. Mr. Shaft was hired by P.D.M. in August and he left P.D.M. in November. He further advised that Mr. Shaft never came back for his paycheck. Rossi next mentioned a youth named Jeff, last name unknown, age about 19. Jeff worked for P.D.M. the summer of 1976 and attended high school, possibly Taft. Rossi next mentioned Randy Stewart, age 19 to 20, who lives in the area of Foster and Higgins. He is presently working at a print shop as of the summer of 1976. Rossi next mentioned a Ron Smith, age late 30's or early 40's, who is a carpenter, and Rossi advised that he thought Smith might be "AC/DC," meaning that he like boys as well as girls. Rossi next mentioned Dominick, last name unknown, who was a carpenter. He was fired on the first day that he worked last summer by Mike Carrao. Rossi next mentioned Charlie Itulla or Hitula, mid 20's, blond hair, 6'1", medium build, divorced. Charlie had a child, whereabouts unknown. Charlie also lived with his brother in the city. Rossi advised that last summer Charlie drowned. He had previously told Rossi that his wife's brothers hated him. The family of Charlie came for his last paycheck, according to what Mr. Gacy had told Rossi. Charlie was reportedly found dead in a river 60 miles south or west of Chicago. He was reportedly found in a river in the same town that his divorced wife lived in. Rossi next mentioned Bruce Borc, age 21 or 22. He stated that Bruce was well known to the Stone Park Police, because he got in various mischievous problems in that area. Borc is about 6' tall, skinny with dark brown hair and drives a Ford or a Chevy pickup truck black in color. He also reportedly has a cyclops tattoo on his left shoulder. He lives on [REDACTED] south of Grand Avenue and his father, Robert Borc, is a tile setter. Rossi next mentioned a former employee named Donny Bingham, early 20's, who presently works with the People's Gas Company. He advised that Donny Bingham knew Bruce Borc. Rossi next mentioned two friends of David Cram, Chris Cottles, who lives in the area of Belmont and Kedzie. Chris worked for P.D.M. last summer and another friend of David Cram's named Buddy, last name unknown. No other information about Buddy. Rossi next mentioned Bill, last name unknown, who was a friend of Ron Smith. Bill is in his late 30's, approximately 5'8", and 250 pounds. Rossi next mentioned Gregory, last name unknown, in his mid 20's, 6', medium build. Rossi last saw Gregory last year and he was a carpenter with P.D.M. Rossi next mentioned Greg Godzik, age 19 to 20. He stated that Greg started work about a year or so ago in the summer of '77. He worked two days and then left. He was on drugs and he advised that Godzik told a weird story about having a fight with another young man over his girlfriend. He stated this person kicked him in the forehead. Godzik had a pierced right ear and lived in the area of Norridge. He advised that the police and his parents were looking for him at this time. Michael Rossi was asked about his activities on Monday, 11 December 1978.

He advised that on that date he had worked on the North Avenue job until approximately 1330 hours, at which time he went to the unemployment office. He stated in the late morning, sometime around 1100 hours, he gave his time cards to Mr. Gacy who came to the job site. He thought that Mr. Gacy stayed at the North Avenue job site until approximately 1400 hours. At approximately 1650 hours Mr. Gacy called Mike Rossi at his home and they had discussed something about the business, but Rossi does not remember what it was. Rossi was asked if he knew if Mr. Gacy had an appointment to go to Misson Pharmacy on Monday, 11 December 1978, and Rossi stated that he did not know. Mike Rossi was questioned about his activities on Tuesday, 12 December 1978, and he stated that on that date he was working at the North Avenue job. He stated that he saw John Gacy sometime around 1430 hours. Mr. Gacy was with David Cram, and he said they stopped by the job site for a short time and left. He does not know where

they went. Sometime around 2100 to 2130 hours on 12-12-78 Mike Rossi took the P.D.M. van from his home to Mr. Gacy's home. When he arrived at Mr. Gacy's, there were some police officers there talking to him. He stated that the police officers were asking Mr. Gacy to come into the station to give a written statement and Mr. Gacy advised that he would be in later that night, perhaps around 2300 hours. After the police left Mr. Gacy's home, Mr. Gacy made a phone call to Chester Colletti and had some conversation in reference to having some checks signed. Michael advises that Mr. Colletti is associated with the Norridge Park Lighting Commission. Mr. Gacy then advised Michael that he wanted to pick up a Christmas Tree. Gacy told Rossi to go to Ron Rohde's Christmas Tree Lot at approximately 5000 Cumberland and Mr. Gacy would meet him there after running an errand. Rossi believed that Mr. Gacy may have gone to Mr. Colletti's house to have some checks signed. Rossi went outside to his van and he pulled the van up closer to the rear door of Mr. Gacy's home. He loaded up some Christmas Tree ornaments and Mr. Gacy told him to go to Ron Rohde's Christmas Tree lot and Mr. Gacy would meet him there after first running an errand. Rossi went to Mr. Rohde's Christmas Tree lot and bought a Christmas Tree for \$10. He waited until approximately 2300 hours on the 12th of December 1978 and Mr. Gacy did not show up. Rossi then went back to Mr. Gacy's house and he believes that Mr. Gacy was out on the driveway, possibly having just arrived home. Mr. Gacy then got into the van with Rossi and they went to an area behind Ripoff's Hot Dog Stand at Bryn Mawr and Cumberland. Mr. Gacy was interested in cutting down a Christmas Tree, many of which grow in that area behind the hot dog stand. Rossi went on to say that last year at Christmas time he and Mr. Gacy went into that area to cut down a tree and they found seven other Christmas Trees cut and tied. He stated that it's possible that somebody may have stolen those trees from the Christmas Tree lot and hidden them in that area. Rossi advised that he and Mr. Gacy took those seven trees and, after taking their own, sold the rest. Mike Rossi said that when he and Mr. Gacy arrived at the area where the Christmas Trees were allegedly growing, Mr. Gacy stated "It looked to messy to go out and look," and he then directed Mike Rossi to drive him to Rohde's Christmas Tree Lot. Rossi stated that he and Gacy never got out of the truck while they were in the area where the Christmas Trees reportedly grew wild. Upon arriving at Rohde's Christmas Tree Lot, they found that Mr. Rohde was gone and the lot was closed. Rossi then took Mr. Gacy home, arriving at approximately 2315 to 2330 hours. Mike Rossi then went home himself, arriving sometime around 2330 to 2345 hours. On Wednesday, 13 December 1978, at approximately 0015 to 0730 hours Mike Rossi went out to Rich Raphael's house in Glenview. He stated that he did some work around Mr. Raphael's home. He chipped some ice off of the roof and he laid a heater wire on the roof. He stated that he left Mr. Raphael's house sometime around 0900 hours on that date and he went to the Shell Station on Higgins between Canfield and Cumberland to gas up. He then went to the North Avenue job and arrived at approximately 1000 hours, at which time he spoke with Mr. Gacy.

Mike Rossi was asked if Mr. Gacy had ever given him gifts, and he stated that from time to time he did give him small gifts, such as perfume for his wife and other small articles. He was asked if he had ever given Rossi any jewelry, and Michael stated that he had not.

Mike Rossi began to talk about his automobile and he was asked where he had gotten the automobile. He said that he bought his '71 Plymouth Satellite from a friend of John Gacy's, who was named Szyk. Mr. Rossi spelled Mr. Szyk's name. In summary Rossi said that Mr. Gacy had told him that a friend was selling his car and that if Rossi was interested in it, he could purchase this vehicle. On one morning Rossi advised that Mr. Gacy called him to say that he had gotten the car keys from the owner and together Rossi and Gacy went to the area of Clark Street and Ohio Street, where they found the vehicle parked on the street. Mr. Gacy gave the keys to Mr. Rossi and

Mr. Rossi drove the vehicle around to test it. Gacy told Mr. Rossi that if he was not interested in purchasing that vehicle he, Gacy, would sell it to somebody else. After driving the vehicle, Rossi decided to buy it for \$300. Rossi advised that Mr. Gacy informed him that he had paid the owner \$300, therefore he, Rossi, owed \$300 to Gacy. Rossi advised that he paid Mr. Gacy back at the rate of approximately \$50 per week. Rossi went on to say that Mr. Gacy first got the title in both Gacy's name and Rossi's name. When the car was paid off, Mr. Gacy gave the title to Mr. Rossi. Rossi stated that after purchasing the vehicle, Gacy would not let him drive it until \$200 of the \$300 was paid to Mr. Gacy. The truck was parked in Mr. Gacy's driveway near the rear garage. After Rossi got the title, he then purchased his own plates. Mr. Rossi was asked if Mr. Gacy ever told him why the owner was selling the vehicle and Rossi stated that Mr. Gacy told him the former owner was moving to California, and he didn't want the car.

Michael Rossi was asked if he had ever been arrested, and he stated that he had been arrested for a traffic offense. He stated that he was involved in an incident where he tried to run away from the police. He was caught and placed on probation. He further advised that he was involved in a theft of gasoline in the winter of 1977 - 1978. He stated that he pulled into a gas station with his Plymouth Satellite and he got up. He left the station without paying for the gasoline. He stated that prior to pulling into the station, he had put on the license plates, which were owned by the former owner of the car and which were on the car when he purchased it. He stated that he had his own plates, but he put these other plates on the vehicle so that his could not be traced. He stated, however, that he was not smart enough. That the police officers traced the plates to the Szyk family and the Szyk family told the police that the vehicle was missing. They apparently then checked the title and traced the title to Mr. Gacy, who informed the police that Mr. Rossi had the vehicle. Mr. Gacy picked up Mr. Rossi and transported him to the police station, where this matter was resolved. The police officer told Rossi to get rid of the former owner's plates, which Mr. Rossi said that he did do.

Rossi was asked if he had learned anything about Mr. Gacy during that period of time that he lived with him. Rossi advised that he found that John Gacy is a lonely person, that he works very hard, that he likes to clown and that he enjoys going to Moose. When Rossi first moved in with Mr. Gacy, Mr. Gacy asked him if he was liberal minded. Reporting Officer asked Mr. Rossi what he meant by that and Mr. Rossi stated Mr. Gacy meant did he like boys as well as girls. Rossi told him that he was not interested in guys and he was not bothered by Mr. Gacy after that. Rossi was asked if he knew if Gacy had ever been arrested, and he stated that Mr. Gacy had spent some time in jail for gambling and prostitution. He went on to say that Mr. Gacy's father had died while John Gacy was in prison and John Gacy apparently did not find out until a month after his father had passed away. He appeared to be quite angry about that.

On 17 December 1978 at approximately 1900 hours Reporting Officer Pickell had some additional conversation with Mr. Rossi. Mr. Rossi advised that he remembered another former employee of P.D.M. Construction named Don Bacon, age/mid 20's. He worked for P.D.M. in the summer of 1977 and at present he was with Pharmaceutical Environments, a company that Mr. Gacy does work for. He also remembered two other friends of his that had worked for P.D.M., #1: Chris LaCore, age 20. Rossi advised that his friend Chris LaCore told him that John Gacy offered \$100 to Chris LaCore if Chris would let Mr. Gacy blow him. Rossi was referring to oral copulation. LaCore worked at P.D.M. Construction during the summer of 1977. A second friend of Mr. Rossi's, Jerry Caldwell, age 20, also worked at P.D.M. during the summer of 1977. Mike Rossi further advised Reporting Officer Pickell that during the summer of 1978 shortly after he began working for P.D.M. Construction, he had found a wallet in Mr. Gacy's

garage in some cabinets in the smaller part of the garage. One of the wallets contained a California driver's license, as well as other California I.D.'s. It also contained pictures of girls. He believed that the age on the California driver's license of the registered driver was 24. He stated that he found another wallet in the same area. The second wallet was brown in color and it too contained some pieces of identification. He thought that it might have contained an Illinois driver's license with possibly the age of the registered driver being under 21, because the license was similar to those issued to drivers under 21. Mike Rossi finally advised that these wallets had also been found David Cram.

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C.I.D. CONTINUATION REPORT

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1. DATE/TIME THIS REPORT
18 Dec 78

1555 Hours

2. ORIGINAL OFFENSE

Missing Person

3. OFFENSE CHARGES P.

4. VICTIM

Piest, Robert J.

NARRATIVE:

The following report reflects my activities in a follow up investigation of the missing person report of the above mentioned subject.

On 17 December 1978 at approximately 1000 hours I was advised by Lt. Kozenczak that the name of another individual who might possibly be missing had been brought up by the ex wife of John Gacy. This individual was allegedly to have had ties with Gacy by having been friends with him and having worked for the corporation P.D.M. The name given was one John Bukavitch, who was approximately 17 years of age in 1972, that would make him approximately 23 years of age at the present time. I took the telephone directory from Chicago and attempted to find someone by that name, however the only one I came up with was one Joseph Bukovich, of [REDACTED]. I contacted these people and they indicated they do not have any missing people in their family, nor was there anyone by the name of John in their family.

I then called 744-6222, the Missing Person Bureau, City of Chicago, Officer Frazier. Officer Frazier checked and advised that he had a negative for a missing person in 1972 by that name. At approximately 1130 hours Missing Person's Bureau called back and Officer Frazier indicated that in 1975 they had one by the name of John Butkovich, who had been missing since July 21, 1975, who was a M/W, 18 years of age, Last Known Address: [REDACTED]

I attempted to get information on this subject via telephone and located through the Haines Book that there are three phone numbers listed for that building, one is [REDACTED] to a Ronni DeMay, another phone number is [REDACTED] to a Jerald Hoskinson and [REDACTED] to a Jarvis Richards. It was later ascertained that none of these phone numbers or people had anything to do with John Butkovich. I also learned that the date of birth for Butkovich is [REDACTED]. Although LEADS and MCIC do not show a hit on him as missing, Chicago does confirm him as still active for missing. Missing Persons also provided the name of Officer Burkart as having been the one who handled the case from Area 6/Missing Persons, and I had a conversation with him at phone number 744-8266. Officer Burkart related to me that according to the information he had the youth had been at [REDACTED] with friends the night before he was found missing and, while there, he had been involved in some kind of disturbance, but nothing drastic. He indicated that he was to be moved in to an apartment the following day, but never did make it to the apartment. His 1969 gold and black Dodge was found approximately one block from his residence and in the car were found the items that he had left behind, which included his wallet and jacket. Approximately four months later he indicated they received, his family, a phone call from a girl calling from Puerto Rico, who indicated that John was alright, he was with them and hung up. The officer was able to trace the call, since it was a collect call, and called a business establishment in Puerto Rico where the owner, one Juan Perez, indicated that the phone was a business phone and was used by a lot of people and could not provide any further information. The officer indicated that the only thing odd about it was that all friends who used to come by the house all of a sudden stopped coming and never were heard from again. He indicated that the youth did hang around with Puerto Ricans and that he had worked for P.D.M. Construction Company, 8213 West Summerdale, Norwood Park Township. The officer

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5. CASE

6. CHARGE

7. UNCLASSIFIED

8. IF FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

9. DATE/TIME REPORT COMPLETED

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10. APPROVED - SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

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indicated that he also contacted those people, but they advised him he had been terminated and that as a matter of fact the subject never removed his money out of the Ravenswood Bank that he had left. He indicated that he had heard some rumors that the subject had been going to Puerto Rico and had been running dope. Subsequent to this, Detective Ryan and myself went to the Chicago Police Department, Area 6/Youth, and obtained a copy of the original report and one supplement, which pretty much gave us the same information that Officer Burkart had given us with the exception that the call had come at approximately one year after the subject had been shown missing. This subject did have in his possession a card from P.D.M. Construction Company. The father listed under the missing person's report is one Marco Butkovich, of [REDACTED] with a phone number of [REDACTED]. I determined that this phone number was not a good phone number and did, through the Soundex Machine, locate a license plate number for a Mark Butkovich. That was [REDACTED]. This registered to Marco Butkovich at [REDACTED]. We went to that location, however there was no Marco Butkovich living there at that time. This report is all filed under Report Number T300203.

Two other phone numbers were shown for the subject, one being [REDACTED] for the father. Illinois Bell indicates there is no listing for that number and [REDACTED] which is one of the many phone numbers for Amtrak Service.

The report of this missing is part of the Robert J. Piest file at this time. Also part of this file will be a Secretary of State's Office reply on a 10-27 on John Butkovich of [REDACTED] M/W, DOB: [REDACTED] which shows his corrected driver's license expired on [REDACTED] and had not been renewed and the printout from the 10-26 of KF-7996 shows Marco Butkovich at [REDACTED] on a '74 Dodge Station Wagon.

C.I.D. CONTINUATION REPORT

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1. DATE/TIME THIS REPORT

18 Dec 78

1115 Hours

2. OFFENSE OR VIOLATION

Missing Person

3. OFFENSE CHARGED TO

4. VICTIM

Piest, Robert J.

5. ADDRESS

NARRATIVE:

On 12-15-78 Reporting Officer contacted the University of Illinois, Agricultural School Extension in DuPage County, tx 682-7486, and spoke to Wally Schmiot, who is the Advisor. At this time Reporting Officer informed him as to why I was calling in reference to dirt samples that were taken off of a vehicle belonging to Gacy. At this time he was requested by Reporting Officer to see if they might possibly be able to do a test on the dirt sample and other findings from the vehicle, to determine if possible what area they might have come from in our general location in regards to a possible forest preserve area. At this time he related that the only tests they might possibly be able to do, which would not help us very much, would be on potash or phosphate P.H. content and that they would have to have actually an exact area and a sample from that area to test along with our sample. He related that even a sample from a possible location could vary very much in that the soil itself might not even be the same in different locations from the test site. He then related that it would still be difficult to even tell what area it might come from. He related that another subject at the University of Illinois, Champaign, a Doctor Ted Peck, who is the head of the Soil Chemistry Testing Lab, might be able to give Reporting Officer better information and they might also be able to do better tests. His phone number is Area Code 217-333-4256. Reporting Officer then contacted Doctor Peck and informed him as to why I was calling and he related that yes some tests could be made, but they would really need an area where possibly this suspect dirt and other samples came from. He could possibly give a general area, but he stated he was not sure. They would run tests on the organic matter, PH, acidity and phosphate. He further related that they could not definitely pin down any particular park or forest preserve where this sample would have come from, and that the best idea would be to have a possible suspect site and then checks could be run to see if the suspect site and our test samples were related, but then they still could not definitely tell whether or not our sample came from the suspect site. He related that should we need to send samples down to them, we could send it down in care of Ted Peck/Agronomy Department, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 61801.

Reporting Officer on 12-15-78 was able to get a hold of a John A. Schimmel, DOB: [REDACTED] address of [REDACTED] in reference to his initials being the same as on the ring located in the Gacy residence. At this time Reporting Officer spoke to him and he related that he was not sure exactly where he left his class ring. That he felt that it might have possibly been left on a picnic bench in Grasslake or one of the Fox Lakes, or possibly at an unknown location in Wisconsin. He related he was not sure, due to the fact that it was quite a long time ago and that it does not come to clear to his memory right now. In describing the ring, he stated that the ring had a light blue stone in it and that it had some type of an emblem or design in the middle of the stone. He requested that, since he was not to far from the station, he might be able to come down and look at the ring to see if definitely it was his. Reporting Officer requested that yes he should come down and look at the ring. Upon his coming down and looking at the ring, John Schimmel related that that definitely was not his ring, that it was the bigger one of two rings you could buy similar to that. That the stone in his was [REDACTED] and that he purchased his ring definitely at Maine West High School, and did not purchase it through Herf Jones on Miner Street in Des Plaines.

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On 12-15-78 Reporting Officer spoke to Mrs. Szyz whose son, John A., DOB: [REDACTED] who used to live with her at [REDACTED] also has the same initials J.A.S., as found on the Maine West Class Ring at the Gacy residence. The class ring was for 1975. At this time she related that her son apparently purchased the ring from Herf Jones in Des Plaines when he had transferred to Maine West in his Junior year. She related that he had been last seen on the 20th of January 1977 when he left work after working overtime at approximately 1930 hours. He worked at a Sargent & Lundy Engineers at 55 East Monroe Street in Chicago. Apparently at this time he was living at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Apparently a missing person's report had been filed in Chicago. Reporting Officer was able to determine on the 26th of January 1977 the report was filed and their R.D. Number is Y027095. According to Chicago, upon who Reporting Officer had contacted, it had been cleared on 09-10-77. According to the mother at the time her son was reported missing his hair would have been short and that it is red, but being short it looks like a darker color. He would have also had a mustache and, according to her, she did not believe he was wearing glasses, but that his eyes were getting bad and there was a possibility that he could have purchased them. She further related that apparently his apartment was left virtually untouched, there was not anything out of order except that the following items were noticed missing, a 12 inch Motorola black and white tv, which would have had a muddy to dirty color beige cabinet, purchased at Polk Brothers, a digital clock radio, which was possibly bought at Sears, which was dark in color, and not small but sort of standard size; an electric hair dryer and an electric iron. Apparently most of the electrical appliances in his apartment had been taken, except for his electric toothbrush. None of his clothes from the apartment were missing and apparently none of his winter clothes. According to her when she viewed the apartment, his winter coat was on the bed, the bed was unmade, there were tax forms on the kitchen table and it also appeared that he might have possibly eaten because some of the dishes were done. She related that he had approximately \$1.71 left in his checking account. He also had \$30 left in his savings account and that he had also left a check still at the place where he worked. His Driver's License Number would be [REDACTED]. His bank account would have been at the First Pacific Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60603, and his account number would have been [REDACTED]. According to her, he apparently also left his place of business and the last time he was seen he was in good spirits. She further related that apparently his car, as far as she could determine, had been located on August of 1977 and that another youth had, according to her, used it in an armed robbery of a gas station, but she was not sure. Apparently this youth said he had purchased it from her son in February of 1977. This was the information she related she had gotten through Chicago and an Officer Geary, who was handling the case, tx 744-8365, out of the Shakespeare Station in Chicago, had related this information to her. She related also that the dentist that did extensive dental work on her son would be a Doctor Vivirito, who has a office on Oakton Street. Reporting Officer checked the phone book for a Doctor Vivirito and the Des Plaines Phone Book shows that there is a Vincent C. Vivirito, D.D.S. at 1475 Oakton Street, tx 296-5166. Mrs. Szyz further showed Reporting Officers other items of her son's, including an address book and several pictures of him; whereupon two pictures and the address book were recovered along with other items of her son's for possible follow up investigation. Reporting Officer was also able to find that he had an Illinois for 1976 plate of KJ-963 and a possible '77 plate of [REDACTED]. Apparently also located in an address book was a note from Investigator Harry Belluomini, Area 5/General Assignments, 2132 North California, tx 744-8364 or 489-4905, in which he related to Mr. & Mrs. Szyz that he was unable to locate their son, but he did learn that apparently their son sold his auto in February of 1977 and told the buyer that he needed money leave town. That was all the note said and this has also been recovered.

C.I.D. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT / DES PLAINES POLICE

1 DATE/TIME THIS REPORT

2 ORIGINAL OFFENSE

Missing Person

3 OFFENSE CHARGED TO

4 VICTIM

Piest, Robert J.

5 ADDRESS

NARRATIVE:

The following is a recording of an interview of David Cram in reference to R.D.#: 78-35203. This interview is taking place at the Des Plaines Police Station the Second Floor Conference Room. Present for the interview are Detectives Pickell and Adams of the Des Plaines Police Department and David Cram. The starting time is 1411 hours on 16 December 1978.

David, do you understand that this interview is going to be taped?

David: Yes.

Do you have any objection to this interview being taped?

David: No

Do you understand that you are not under arrest?

David: Yes

Okay David, let me start out by asking you your address please.

David: [REDACTED]

Your Phone number.

David: [REDACTED]

And your Date of Birth.

David: [REDACTED]

How long have you lived at your present address?

David: About a year.

What high school did you attend?

David: Schurz and Sullivan.

When did you attend Schurz?

David: Around '73.

And you were there for how long?

David: A full semester.

Would that be a half of a year?

David: A full year.

And what year of high school was that?

David: Freshman

After that, you transferred to another school?

David: Yes, Sullivan.

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And you attended Sullivan for how long?

David: A half of term.

What happened after that half of a term at Sullivan?

David: I quit school after that and went to work for McDonalds.

Are you a high school graduate?

David: No, I'm not.

The McDonalds that you worked at where is that located?

David: Rogers Park on Clark Street.

And after McDonalds where did you work, Dave?

David: I was working at a Clark Gas Station on and off.

Okay, how long did you work at the Clark Station?

David: About 3 full years.

And, did you also work at the Jewel Food Store?

David: Yes, I did.

And you entered the Army on about February of 1975?

David: February 7, 1975.

And you were discharged on about February of 1976, is that correct?

David: Yes.

You also worked. Where did you work besides there?

David: I worked at Cassidy Tire.

And how long did you work there?

David: Approximately two months before meeting John.

Did you recall when it was that you first met this person, John? Who is John?

David: John was my previous employer.

What's his last name?

David: Gacy.

And do you recall when you first met him?

David: Um.

Would it have been the summer of '76.

David: Yes, the summer of '76 approximately the end of August or the beginning of August.

Under what circumstances or how did you meet John?

David: I was hitchhiking home and he picked me up in an Oldsmobile Station Wagon which was new at the time. I seen the P.D.M. Contractors sign in the window. We got in a discussion of construction, which I wanted to get into for a long time and he asked me what qualifications I had, and I explained them to him. And then he asked me if I could do any painting and I said I was pretty fair at it. With that he told me that he could use me on a job. He doesn't

know how steady it would be, but that he could use me.

Who were you living with at the time that you met John?

David: I was living with my grandmother I believe.

And what is her name?

David: Violet Duchon. She is deceased now.

Are your parents alive?

David: Yes

Are they living together?

David: No they're not. They are divorced. My mother remarried.

And you indicated that you are now living with who?

David: My mother and my stepfather.

Okay, and her name is what?

David: Diane Weber.

Have you ever been arrested?

David: Yes, I have.

For what?

David: For Theft.

Okay, and how old were you when you were arrested?

David: 19

What was the disposition of that arrest?

David: A year's probation.

Okay, Have you ever at any time had occasion to live at the home of the employer, John Gacy?

David: Yes I have.

Can you recall when it was that you first lived there?

David: About a month or two after I started working for him.

That would bring us to approximately what month and year?

David: September, no about October or November, somewhere in there, of '76.

During the time that you lived with him, was there anything unusual regarding his behavior that you observed?

David: He ah, On occasion he asked me. We were carrying a discussion and he advised me. He came right out and stated that he was open minded and I advised him I am too. figuring that he was talking about females and it turned out to be just the opposite.

Did he ever approach you in a sexual manner to ask to participate in any type of sexual act?

David: Well he tried to bring up the discussion with me.

Can you tell us what you mean by that?

David: Yes Well, what it boils down to is I told him my outlook on Bi-sexuality and he he told me his and they were completely the opposite.

What was his opinion of this thing that you call bisexuality?

David: He sees nothing wrong with it. That if God didn't intend for one male to have sex with another male he wouldn't have put the organs, or something like that.

During this conversation, did he indicate what he meant by bi-sexuality?

David: When two males engage in sexual activities.

Has he indicated to you in any fashion that he has engaged in this type of sexual activity?

David: Just by the question asked.

Do you know of any time or do you know of any person that he has ever engaged in a sexual act with. This would be a person of the same sex as him?

David: No I do not.

During the time you were living with him, did you pay rent or room and board?

David: Yes, I did \$25 a week.

Was that room and board?

David: No, that was just room. Intentionally I was free to use the food facilities that were on hand, but not very often.

Tell me what is your personal opinion of the type of person that this John Gacy is?

David: He is a hard working. Okay, he's devoted to his job and he lives, eats, breaths P.D.M. Contractors. But that's one side of him. The other side okay can be happy go lucky. Sometimes he's short tempered. Sometimes he's the most easiest going person in the world. Sometimes he patient. Sometimes he's not.

Has John ever been married?

David: Once that I know of.

Do you know who his first wife was?

David: No, Not off hand.

How about his second wife?

David: Carol, and I don't know her last name.

Were they married when you began working for Mr. Gacy?

David: No, they were just recently divorced to the best of my knowledge.

~~Does he have any children?~~

David: I believe he has a son, but he has never said.

Were there any other children

David: Michael

Named Michael.

Were there any other children in the marriage between he and Carol.

David: Okay, by then two no, but Carol by a previous marriage or a previous you know association with anybody she had two girls.

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During the time you were living with him has John brought home any male guests?

David: Oh yeah, there used to be male guests all the time.

Did any of them ever spend the night there?

David: No, not that I know of.

Do you know if John Gacy has ever during the time you were living with him or since you've known him gone out with young ladies or women?

David: Yes

How do you know that?

David: Well, I fixed him up with one girl. I know that. And a I went over there recent. The most recent one that I believe is another woman named Carol. There was a woman named Evelyn and there's been a few, you know, no lasting relationships.

Has John ever told you that he had a sexual relationship with any of these women?

David: Oh yeah, the same way guys talk you know a guys natural conversation.

You said that you fixed him up. Can you tell us about that?

David: Okay, we were down in Missouri and on a trip to Missouri to visit a previous girlfriend of mine and ah I fixed him up with one of her girlfriends. That I figured that he would have an enjoyable evening with. We left them at the motel and from there is heresay.

Where in Missouri were you?

David: St. Joseph.

When was that?

David: that was approximately '76 or '77. Later part of '76 or the early part of '77. Was it over the winter months here in Illinois?

David: Yeah, I think it was around Spring maybe. Yeah, it was Spring.

What was the name of your girlfriend?

David: Sue Morris.

Do you know the name of the girl that you fixed him up with?

David: Also Sue, but the last name I'm not sure of.

Did you ever go out socially with John?

David: On occasion we go, I would meet him at bars or something like that and we go out and have a few drinks stuff like that. Sometimes we go to the Good Luck Lounge where Edward Hefner tends bar.

Do you know where that Good Luck Lounge is?

David: Yes, on Montrose and Elston.

And who is Ed Hefner?

David: Ed Hefner is an employee of his, and a friend of the family I believe.

Are there any other places that you frequented with John on more than one occasion I mean regular hang outs.

David: Ah, there's none really regulars, because we don't associate socially that often, but on occasion I've been to Vickie's Lounge, which he was going to purchase, I went to the Good Luck Lounge for about half an hour because he was going to purchase that also.

Where's Vickie's?

David: Vickie's I believe is approximately around Central, Central and right off of Irving, or maybe yeah going south from Irving.

Now you said you have been working for John for how long?

David: On and off for about 2, 2½ years. Somewhere in there.

Has he had other employees during this period of time?

David: Several

Do you recall any of their names?

David: Randy, Mike Ferraro, Ron Smith, Michael Rossi, which is working now, still. Ah and then there's more, but I really don't recall their names.

Were there several employees that have worked with him since you have been working with him?

David: Yes, most of them come in when I quit.

I see.

David: Most of them replace me or to pick up the work left.

Why do these employees

David: John, Well they just, 1) they don't like the aggravation that they have to put up with, cause John is so much of a perfectionist when it comes to the work, He wants everything, he wants it to be perfect and it gets down right to the point where he's nitpicking.

Okay, do you know how long Ed Hefner has been working for Mr. Gacy?

David: Approximately 4 months.

And you mentioned another employee. What is his name?

David: Michael Rossi?

Do you know how long he's been working for Mr. Gacy?

David: Six months before I started.

Okay, Now I'd like to ask you if you know anything about his ex wife, Carol. Do you know where she lives?

David: Well, she lived with him when he got married. So I'm not sure if she's still living at her mother's. Taking care of her mother, because from previous conversations with John the two are almost inseparable, but her mother lives on Lawrence approximately 5 blocks north of Irving, no east of Irving on the east of Cumberland.

Okay, do you know her last name?

David: No I don't.

Do you know Carol's last name?

David: No I don't.

Okay, I'd like to have you think about last Monday, Monday of this week, December 11th. Can you recall what you did that day?

David: Monday, the 11th. I think I stayed in all day.

Did you work

David: No, I think I slept cause I was working Sunday. I believe I slept up until my girl came over. So I could be wrong about that.

Okay, do you recall Tuesday of this week, December the 12th.

David: Yes I do.

Can you tell me what you remember about that day?

David: Tuesday I received a phone call in the morning approximately between 9 and 11 from John telling me that it would be okay to pick up the car. You go pick up the dry wall for a job that I'm doing on the side, cause he's got the truck available. He came and picked me up and then I found out we ended up going around to jobs and then we did get the dry wall, but I picked up another job from him, which is the Democratic Precinct Headquarters and we ran around to a few stores Quality, which is on Elston and Wagner, Bel-Ray or Belmar Pharmacy, which is on Laramie, Belmont and Laramie, or Diversey and Laramie, one or the other. We stopped by the Les-On Drugs, which is on North Avenue. John wanted to see what kind of progress was being made. There we met Mike Rossi and Eddie Heftner, who was working on the job at the time and stopped to chat about how they were and just before he dropped me off to pick up materials, painting materials for the Democratic Precinct Headquarters. Then he dropped me off at approximately 5, 5:30, 4:30 somewhere in there, around Belmont and Sacramento.

During all this time you spent with John on Tuesday, did he discuss anything about the previous day, Monday.

David: If he did, it was just about the jobs.

Okay,

David: Which he's always talking about.

Did you get paid for Tuesday?

David: Cash no, but I did pick up a job for him, so I'll probably get paid. So I guess you consider it paid plus I gained knowledge from talking to the customers and finding out how to run down jobs, so on and so forth.

Can you tell me anything about Tuesday evening. Did you speak with John after he dropped you off.

David: No I didn't.

Can you recall anything about Wednesday.

David: Wednesday morning he called me up and, in the morning, Woke me up and told me that I should come over and pick up. It was either I called him or he called me. The night before he told me I was to be at his house fairly early in the morning to pick up truck and materials for this painting job at the Democratic Precinct Headquarters, which is still, the materials are still on the job and the job's still not finished. And ah I did that. I

went out there and he was not there. I picked up the keys for everything from Gordon, his office manager, and proceeded with the job. Later on that day he talked, I talked with him. Later on in the morning I talked with him and he said he would be around to check the job, but he didn't show up. The next time I heard anything about him is when I came to the house to drop off the keys after I was through with half of the job and as I walked in to work there was an investigation. I was approached by the Lt with a search warrant and badge and he explained to me what was going on.

And this was where? /

David: This was at 8213 West Summerdale, his house.

Were you free to leave that location?

David: Yes.

Where did you go when you left?

David: I went to my girl's first and picked her up. Then we went over to my house, ate dinner, watched a little tv. I took her home, Oh, No, before. When her home we stopped off at a girlfriend's of her's house to see if her boyfriend had a battery for Mike Rossi for his car. Then I went and found out he didn't and went to her house, my girl's, and sat there and tried to get in contact with Michael by calling his house. Cathy, his wife, told me that he was out at John's house. So I figured that seeing as Michael had a key, he was just checking the on the premises or making sure the house was secure. I called for Michael at John's house. John answered the phone. I asked John, you know when did you get out, and so on and so forth, and he asked me where I could meet him.

Can I interrupt you now? What time was this when you spoke with John?

David: Approximately 11

At night?

David: yes.

Okay, and then what else did you say?

David: I asked him what was going on, and he said well I'd rather not talk over the phone, why don't I come and pick you up. Then I said okay and he came and picked me up, it was approximately quarter to twelve, 10 to twelve when he arrived at my girl's house. He didn't knock he beeped the horn. I went outside. From there we went to Golden Bear Restaurant on Forest Preserve Drive and Harlem, had two cheeseburgers, coffee. Left there, went to his house. At his house he felt insecure about staying there alone, not knowing whether the police were there or they would come back or not, so I stayed there for about 45 minutes to an hour. We went over his house. We tried to straighten up a few things and more or less just listen to him complain about how things were wrecked and the carpeting was torn up.

Did he specify anything that was wrecked to you?

David: Carpeting, his drawers. He said that one Officer put the stuff in his hall closet back neatly. Then he went into his bedroom and found there was everything was all turned upside down. Not laying all over the place, still in the drawer, but not like it was.

Did he indicate to you anything that he found to be missing?

David: Yeah, he said handcuffs, some pills, books, stuff like that.

Did he say what the handcuffs were for?

David: Well he didn't say it at that time, but I seen them before cause he does charity benefits, clowning for hospitals and stuff and that's what he uses them for.

You mentioned he said some pills were missing. Did he say what kind?

David: Preludins

What was that?

David: Preludins

Preludins?

David: Yeah

Were they prescription pills.

David: I don't know if they were prescribed for him or not cause he could have a weight problem, and I don't know if they were prescribed or not.

Did he indicate anything else that seemed to be missing?

David: No, he said he couldn't really think of anything. He'd have to go through things you know, just as he stumbled across them.

Did he walk through the house?

David: Yes he did.

Where did he go?

David: Crawl space.

Down under the house?

David: Yes

Did you see him go down there?

David: Yes I did.

When he went down there, what did he do while he was down there?

David: Okay, he seen the mud on the floor. Complained about that. Went into the crawl space with a flashlight and the lights were on also. Went down in there walked about, didn't even take a full step. He just went around in a complete circle and came back out.

Did he walk around at all down there?

David: No, he went down into the crawl space, crouched down, cause there's not much clearance to stand up under there. He went in a complete circle. All he did was check it out and then came back up into the house.

Did he go anywhere else in the house?

David: Attic, bedrooms, bathroom, laundry room, kitchen, back room, every space in the house.

And did he indicate that he found anything else to be missing?

David: Just what I said and he'd have to stumble over it. You know, if there's anything else.

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Okay, what time did you leave John's house?

David: Oh, about I'd say 1:30 quarter to two. 1:30 quarter to 2 somewhere in there. Would that be in the morning or.

David: Ah, yeah that would be morning, early.

On which date?

David: Ah, Wednesday.

So are we talking now about the early morning hours. Would that be Wednesday or Thursday?

David: The early morning would be on Thursday.

Thursday morning.

Did he ask you anything about what happened while you were in his house and the police officers were there?

David: Yes he did. He said what were they looking for. What did they take? And also they had a few bags. There were probably other bags, because they were like mailing envelopes of some sort, brown, and he said no those were the books. He said were there about five of them and I said yeah and he goes what have they done with the book and I said they might have taken them with.

Did he say what kind of books they were?

David: He said dirty books.

Dirty Books?

David: Like that would be Playboy, all the way down the line, who knows?

Okay, do you recall what time you left John's house?

David: Approximately quarter to two.

Okay, where did you go?

David: We took a ride past the police station to see if his truck was, his car was left in the lot.

Did he tell you what his intention was?

David: Yeah, if they were there, that he wanted to pick them up, the truck up, because he needed transportation on the jobs. If the car was there, he was going to take that, so that either a truck or a van would be supplied for the men to haul materials, so on and so forth.

Do you recall what time you got to Des Plaines?

David: I wasn't paying attention to the watch, but I arrived home at around 2:30. Give or take a few, 10 - 15 minutes anyway, and it had to be between the time I left John's house and the time I arrived home and I live in Chicago and it's approximately a 20 minute drive.

And you said you left John's house at what time?

David: It was approximately quarter to two.

Okay, you said earlier I believe that you left about 2:30, or am I mistaken.

David: No, I arrived home at 2:30 or so.

Did you have any more conversation with John after you got home?

David: After he dropped me off, the next time I talked to him was on the phone the next morning.

That would have been Thursday morning?

David: Yes, Thursday morning.

What time did you have a conversation with him?

David: Must have been around 10 o'clock, 9 o'clock somewhere in there. I talked to him on a job site. He was at a job site. He carried a radio beeper with him and I had him return the call, requesting another job.

Okay, where were you working on Thursday morning?

David: Democratic Precinct Headquarters which is on Montrose.

Do you recall what time you finished working at the Democratic Police Headquarters? Or the Democratic Precinct Headquarters?

David: Yeah about 5:25. I called in on his radio, or his telephone at work in service. Left a message. Time out 4:35 and went back in the office. Knocked over paint. Had to clean that up, so it was about 5:25 when I left, so I called a cab from there. I arrived at his house at 6 o'clock, cause I stopped off at the Hunger Dog on Cumberland for a hot dog or Italian Beef and I arrived at the house at approximately 6 o'clock. From there I met the Lieutenant and other police officers.

And what date was that?

David: That was on Thursday.

Did you work for John on Thursday?

David: Yes I did. Wednesday is when the investigation was right?

Wednesday is when the police officers were at his house.

David: That's when it was, Wednesday, not Thursday, it was Wednesday when I worked for him. Thursday I worked for the Fox Valley Shopping Center with Rich and Raphael.

Did you have any conversation with Mr. Gacy at that time?

David: Once in the morning when he picked me up so I could drop him off at his house. He originally wanted me to get a rent car with him and go pick up his vehicles at the police station and he said he couldn't get his vehicles back, so he'd have to do it himself. That Richard would meet me out at Fox Valley Shopping Center.

And what happened, how did you get out there?

David: I took the van.

And how did you get the van?

David: From John Gacy.

And how did you get to his house?

David: John Gacy picked me up at my house.

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Do you recall what time you finished working at Fox Valley?

David: Yeah, 11 o'clock at night.

And what night was that?

David: Thursday.

Did you have any conversation with Mr. Gacy after that?

David: No I didn't.

Did you take the truck home?

David: Yeah, from Fox Valley Shopping Center at 11 o'clock I rolled into his house to pick up a wheelbarrow and unload headboards. I picked up the wheelbarrow and proceeded home.

Did you work Friday morning?

David: Yes I did. 7:30 in the morning I picked up Michael Rossi at his house. Followed him. Met Michael Rossi at his house, followed him, he drove his own vehicle. Followed him to North Avenue job. He parked his car at the North Avenue job, which is at North Avenue and Pulasqui. Both of us drove over to a lumber yard, Southernland Lumber, which is about 4 or 5 blocks from the North Avenue job. Picked up material on the job, went back to the job with those materials. I picked up extra material that was on the job site. That I dropped off at John's garage for storage. Stopped off before going back to the North Avenue job for the second load. Stopped off and got gasoline, delivered the material from Century Tile and what material was in his garage I delivered that also. Brought it back to the North Avenue job. Made one more stop at Southernland Lumber to pick up something. From there I left the city to go to Fox Valley Shopping Center.

Did you have any conversation with Mr. Gacy when you met with him?

David: I ran into him. He pulled up in the driveway on the first trip out to his house before I stopped and got gas and I was loading up materials from his house.

And did he say anything?

David: Well, he just asked me you know, has the police got in contact with you and stuff like that.

Did he discuss anything all about the police being at his home or related to his activities.

David: No, he said that he spent the night at his sister's house.

Where is that?

David: Approximately in Carpentersville. Somewhere around Carpentersville.

Can I ask you about your personal feeling about Mr. Gacy?

David: Well, it's hard to explain him. Sometimes he's the nicest guy in the world and sometimes he's evasive.

Has he ever indicated to you that he was arrested?

David: Yeah, he said he was arrested asodomy, I believe the word is. It's something to do with dirty films and stuff like that. Yeah, dirty films I believe it was. And prostitution. I think it was prostitution.

Did he say where the arrest took place?

David: I believe it was Ohio or Oregon. Or one of the southern states down south. Have you ever known Mr. Gacy to have an argument with anybody.

David: Oh, I argued with him all the time.

Okay, I'm talking about physically. Did he ever fight with a person.

David: Oh, Yeah, he and Michael Rossi were at Ma's Bar in Cicero, Little Joe, and they were out bar hopping. Michael, his friend and John. John was driving his own vehicle. Now this is just the story between the two of them okay. Now one has one story and one has another. They both coincide pretty well, but you know, I wasn't there so I can't say. But the story that I got was from Michael. John wanted to shoot pool and he felt like he was being teamed up on. They were exchanging words, goofing around and like guys do and John took it personal and said "Hell with ya," and walked out of the bar. He walked out into the street. John's version, he walked out into the street, drove around the block once, came back in. He double parked out in front of the bar, which was across the street from Ma's Bar, was going to walk back in supposedly. Mike a ride back to his car, cause his car was parked on the north side. Michael was made because he stranded in Cicero, Illinois, and they also previously exchanged words earlier that day, had an argument. John pushed Michael earlier that day at a restaurant and they went outside and had a discussion and came back in, you know, buddy, buddy. Well anyway Michael had a few drinks and walked across the street. Met John halfway in the middle of the street. Knocked away two guys, one knocked his mother and went at John, where he proceeded to fight with John. John didn't strike no blows. He tried to hold Michael back. Michael swung at him and John said the other guy, Michael's friend, hit him three times. And with that John went to the hospital for a couple of days.

Do you know the name of Michael's friends?

David: No, I don't.

Do you know what hospital John went to?

David: That I don't know neither, but it should be on the police report.

Well, what police department was called?

David: Cicero Police. And the court was being held at First Avenue and Highway 65, right there at that court building. And they gave Michael a year's probation.

Mr. Gacy signed a complaint against Michael?

David: Signed a complaint against Michael, and was going to have Ma charged with Dram Shot act for serving, you know, for having that on and so forth, but after Michael. This went on for about two months, I guess, Michael didn't work for him. Just before his court date John called Michael up asked him if he would like his job back. John's reason for this is no matter whether there is personal conflict or not. There should be no reason why should penalize myself because of the job, because of my job, cause Mike knows the system, Mike knows the carpentry So Michael accepted a position with John at \$10 an hour. His salary and so on and so forth would be recorded at his job.

Do you know anything about the investigation that we are working on? Do you know what it's about.

David: Ah, Yeah I from what I think it's about some guy from Les-On Drugs or something like that, isn't it?

Okay. Now is there any reason for you to think that perhaps Mr. Gacy could be involved this?

David: Well, like I say John is a funny person you know, I mean in my past history from associating with people that don't put nothing past nobody.

Is there anything in your knowledge about Mr. Gacy that would cause you to believe that something similar to this might have happened before?

David: Well he is a bit of a bragger, so on and so forth and he lives in a fantasy world. I believe. Now how much is fact and how much is fiction that's left up to the individual to decide. But, he claims that he does work for syndicate and so on and so forth you know. But that's neither here nor there. I don't have actual proof of the individuals, You know actual proof that I could come right out and stake my life on it.

Has he ever told you that he has been involved in something like this before.

David: Ah, Yeah he said he was, you know.

What does he say?

David: Well, he said he, well let's see if I can get this right. He's said he set people up before and he's just a few different things, just basically like that.

Did John have any statement to make to you about whether or not he was involved in this?

David: Ah, yeah he said I did not have nothing to do, I Swear to you that I had nothing to do with this one, with this guy.

Did he lead you to believe that perhaps he was involved with somebody else?

David: Ah, Yeah you could come to that assumption.

Can you talk about that a little more.

David: Well, Just by the way. I don't know. I imagine an innocent man would conduct, I mean he would get a little pissed off at the whole matter. Rather than to be shaken by it. Okay, I realize that it is a serious charge and everything, but why would he be upset as far as nervous and drawn out and you know go spend the night at his sister's house and be afraid of his own shadow more or less. Like I said it's personal opinion.

Have you ever found anything suspicious around his home or property?

David: Well, okay he's had a couple of wallets in the garage you know with identification in it. The identification was a driver's license, library card, military I.D. from maybe the Army Reserve or something like that. That was a little while back. school I.D., college I.D. I believe it was from De Vry Tech, De Vry Tech. I believe that's where it was from, De Vry Tech School I.D.

Do you recall any names on this identification?

David: I can't think of the names, no.

Now, how many wallets did you find?

David: About three.

Where were they?

David: They were in the cabinet, garage and the storage. Where he keeps his ah, nails and keeps his office supplies and just little junk more or less.

How long ago did you see these wallets?

David: About six months after I was working with him.

Did you mention finding these wallets to Mr. Gacy?

David: Yeah, I asked him if I could use the I.D. He said I was underage, so on and forth, and ah to go out with a couple of my older partners. To go drinking. He said, no you don't want those.

Did he say why?

David: He said cause they were some people that were deceased.

Would you repeat that?

David: Deceased. No longer living.

Did you ask him how he knew that?

David: No, because by the way he lives in that mysterious way. See I don't know if he was trying to put up an impression, because I grew up on the rough side of the street and I think he was more or less putting up an impression and he could be putting up an impression towards me. But then again he does it with just about everybody that I know of, so I just took it for granted. I just went by, you know didn't even ask a question, didn't have to.

Did Mr. Gacy ever mention anything about a trip to Wisconsin?

David: Ah, yeah he said he had to use a van one night for a trip to Wisconsin.

Okay, do you recall why he wanted to use the van?

David: He said he had to deliver a package. He said he had to deliver a package for "Let me quote his exact words" for something like Mr. Big or something like that you know.

Was there anything unusual about this particular trip?

David: Yeah, it was too late at night to be taking a trip to Wisconsin and coming back that morning.

What time was it about?

David: Well, he said he had to leave late.

And what time would you consider late?

David: We got done at 9 o'clock. We got done with the polls at 9 o'clock.

And what polls are you referring to?

David: Regular polls, Voting.

Do you recall which election it would have been?

David: The last one. The last election '78.

President or Aldermanic

David: No, what was the last election that was just held, Dunne?

David: Ah, the school superintendent.

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Gubernatorial?

David: Yeah

Okay the gubernatorial election of '78?

David: Yes.

Was about the time he made the trip to Wisconsin? That would have been on or about November 6, is that right?

David: Yeah

Okay, did anyone else have knowledge of that trip?

David: No they didn't. As a matter of fact it was the day before the voting.

And was there anything unusual about the van at that time? As best you can recollect.

David: Yes, it was on empty when I left and it was on empty when I brought it back and I did get chewed out, because I left the truck empty. Rule being that anybody using the vehicle is to fill it up. But seeing as it was so late at night and I was using it for the polls and I didn't take it anyway. I didn't think about filling it up.

Do you know where he went in Wisconsin?

David: No, I don't.

Do you know for a fact that he did make the trip?

David: I don't know for a fact, no.

Did you see him leave in the van?

David: No I didn't I went home I took the pickup truck home.

Has Mr. Gacy ever shown you any articles of jewelry?

David: Yeah, he gave me a couple of watches.

Okay, and where were the watches kept? And where did he obtain them?

David: Well he got the watches out of his dresser drawer.

Were they in a jewelry box or were they just laying loose?

David: Cigar box I believe.

Cigar Box. Did you question him about the watches?

David: I said thank you for the watch. I said why are giving this to me. Or no he goes. Previous to the conversation I was late and that week I was late about three four times and previous to the conversation after the ass chewing that I got everything calmed down a little bit and he walked into his room and said C'mere. I went in there and he said, he was digging through his box. He said here. Now there's no excuse for you to be late, and he handed me the watch. I said thanks a lot. At the time the watch was in fairly good condition and ah I said, where'd you get this one from and he goes from a dead person.

Did you question him any further about that comment?

David: no

Could you describe that watch?

David: Ah, Yeah it's a leather band with three smaller leather bands going around it. It was like a wrist band with a watch on it.

And do you recall the type of watch mechanism?

David: It was an off brand make. It was not a Seiko, but no, I'll take that back it I really didn't care very much. I think it was Lafayette or something like that.

And where is that watch now?

David: I have the band at home and I have a few watches laying around. I believe I might have them at home.

Did he ever give you any other or subsequent pieces of jewelry other than that particular watch?

David: He gave me another watch after I buried the one. Well, I was working on cement and the mechanism didn't keep time, so it lost 10 minutes everyday.

So the first watch was ruined? You retained the band.

David: Oh I kept the band, the band was beautiful. I mean it was in beautiful condition.

Did he then give you a second watch mechanism?

David: Yes he did.

Did you question him as to where he obtained the second mechanism?

David: No, the second one I didn't. I didn't question him the second time.

Have you ever seen any other articles of jewelry that he owns or has in his house?

David: Oh yeah, there was a lot of it in his box.

Do you recall any specific items?

David: Yeah, there's rings and stuff like that.

Had Mr. Gacy ever told you where he gotten any of the jewelry?

David: Not the jewelry itself, except for that watch in particular.

Have you ever seen any wedding bands, engagement rings, class rings, anything of that nature?

David: I couldn't tell you yes, because I'd be lying to you, cause I don't know for sure, I couldn't really place it right now.

Is there anything else that you can relate to us that you might consider importation to this investigation were working on?

David: Well, as far as violence goes with John, alright we wrestled around a few times. He's a strong guy, but for someone wanting to, alright just an assumption you know. If this guy that is missing, if he had a struggle with John. I think it could have been a fairly good fight if he was a halfway decent guy. But John's physical appearance, he's not as strong as he looks.

I'd like to ask you one more thing about the wallet in the garage. You mentioned that you wanted to use the identification perhaps to purchase alcohol.

David: Right, to go out drinking in bars.

Okay, as far as the driver's license is concerned?

David: It was still valid.

It was still valid.

David: I think it had a year left on it.

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Would the description on that license be fairly similar to your physical stature and build at that time?

David: Ah, yeah I would say about at the time I was around 155 or 160. I was about 5'8" - 5'7", no about 5'8", 5'8 1/2" and a brown hair, brown eyes."

Had you ever seen any other items of identification that may have belonged to anyone else in Mr. Gacy's home or his garage?

David: Well there was another wallet in there, but it doesn't flashback in my memory because I guess it didn't compare to me.

Are we talking about two wallets now or three.

David: No, there's two wallets.

Two wallets. Do you recall the color of those wallets?

David: One was brown and one was black.

Were there any other identifying features about the wallet?

David: one was a triple, okay you folded it twice and that was the wallet. It fit my description, and that was black. And the other one was just a regular fold wallet.

The brown was a regular billfold.

David: Yes billfold.

Do you recall any particular piece of identification in the brown wallet. The billfold?

David: No, I can't. No, maybe a couple of pictures, but that was about it.

Has Mr. Gacy ever been known to retain pieces of identification such as driver's license social security cards or school I.D. cards or things of that nature that other youths might be able to use.

David: Well, not really Okay like say when I was living there okay I get a tendency to misplace things at times. Like one time my wallet was missing and I don't know where it was with all my identification, all my pictures, so on and so forth. Now whether it would be it wants to create a psychological effect or something I don't know.

Does Mr. Gacy own any real estate in Wisconsin, or does he have any relatives that would own any property.

David: Yes he has a relative that just moved out of Wisconsin back to Elgin. And ah they had a hot dog stand.

And do you recall the location of that hot dog stand.

David: No, but it's on his job files. The hot dog stand is now closed down because they were, there pending an investigation, his relatives, and

What would the investigation involve?

David: He was caught stealing money from a bank?

Embezzlement?

David: Yeah.

Do you recall the names of those relatives?

David: Not off hand, Kuzman I think.

Kuzman?

David: Yeah

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And that was near any particular town that you can recall, or city?

David: No, like I said it should be on his job file. Okay, the investigation that's pending is Odebt Kuzman. The FBI I guess is going through it. She's now back in Belgium.

Is there anything else that you can tell us that you feel we should know in reference to to this investigation?

David: Not off hand.

Did we have a conversation at the Friendly Restaurant at the Fox Valley Shopping Center today, 16 December 1978 at approximately 1145 a.m.?

David: Yes we did.

This interview was terminated at 1712 hours on 16 December 1978.

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DATE: 12/16/78

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DATE/TIME THIS REPORT

21 Dec 79

1108 Hours

2. OFFICIAL OFFENSE

Missing Youth

3. OFFENSE CHARGED TO

4. VICTIM

Piest, Robert

5. ADDRESS

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1. CASE
SACB ☐ FORMAL ARREST ☐ UNFOUNDED ☐ INACTIVE FILE ☒ FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

7. DATE/TIME REPORT COMPLETED

21 Dec 78

8. PROPERTY/POSSIBLE EVIDENCE
REC NO9. LABS REQ REQUESTED
YES ☐ NO ☐10. CONTINUED ON C.I.D. CONTINUATION REPORT ☐

11. REPORTING OFFICER NAME

Dets: Adams & Sommerschield

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12. REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE

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NARRATIVE

1530 HRS. DATE 2/10 WENT TO [REDACTED] TO ATTEMPT
TO OBTAIN LATENT PRINTS FROM ITEMS BELONGING TO
THE MISSING PERSON. SEVERAL LATENTS WERE RECOVERED
AND ALSO A GLASS MICROSCOPE SLIDE WHICH IS BELIEVED
TO BE A SMEAR OF VICTIM'S BLOOD. THESE ITEMS WERE
RECOVERED FROM ARTICLES IN VICTIM'S BEDROOM. A 35MM
PHOTO'S WERE TAKEN OF A PRINT LOCATED ON VICTIM'S
"CANON" 35MM CAMERA AT THE SHOOTER TRIP HOTEL.

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Dets. Adams & Sommerschild

Des Plaines Police Department

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WITNESS STATEMENT

Date 12-21-78 Time 1610 Place Des Plaines P.P. R.D. # _____
I, William J. Ayman Jr., am 23 years of age
and my address is _____

This is in regards to an occurrence which was told to me by my friend Dave Edgcombe.

I was out with Dave on a Halloween night and later that evening dropped him off at home so I myself could go home and get to bed. I went back to Dave's house that next morning and went in his house to see if any face lenses and cut. I asked him what had happened and he told me that John Dacy had come over after I left last night and knocked in his bedroom window to invite Dave out drinking. Dave went over drank a whole bottle of alcohol and wound up at John's house. Lawrence Jr. had handcuffed him on his garage floor and started to beat him up. I saw that he was being hit by Lawrence Jr. but when I asked him out of the garage to help him instead.

I have read the 1 pages of this statement and the facts contained therein are true and correct.

In Test: _____

Witness: _____

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19 Dec 78

030 Hours

2. CHARGE(S)

Missing Person

3. OFFENSE CHARGE(S)

4. VICTIM

Piest, Robert

5. SUSPECT

NARRATIVE:

At 1900 hours on 12-19-78 Mr. John A. Lucas, [REDACTED] came into the Des Plaine Police Station to offer some information relative to the above incident. In summary, Mr. Lucas advised that he is the owner of the Higgins and Washington Shell Station, 300 Higgins Road, Park Ridge, tx 698-2360. Mr. Lucas advised that he has run that gas station at that location for the last 12 years, and he went on to say that he is presently doing business with Mr. John Gacy. He advised that last week Mr. Gacy came into his station and said to him that he was suspected of murdering Robert Piest, the missing boy from Des Plaines. Mr. Gacy further went on to say that he had nothing to do with it, namely the disappearance of the Piest boy and he could account for all but 20 minutes of his time on the date of the Piest boy's disappearance. Mr. Lucas advised that he first started doing business with Mr. Gacy sometime around April of 1978. Prior to doing business with his Shell Station, he advised that Mr. Gacy was in business with the E-Z Go Station on Higgins approximately two blocks east of Cumberland. Mr. Lucas was asked if he remembered what vehicles the defendant used, and he stated that he had a four door black Oldsmobile with a spotlight and he further thought that he had three pickup trucks and one van all black in color with P.D.M. markings on them. He was asked if he had seen any other vehicles driven by Mr. Gacy and he said that Friday of last week he came in with a gray or silver AMC product that Mr. Gacy said was a rented car. Mr. Lucas was asked if he had ever seen Mr. Gacy or any of his employees come in with white or red pickup trucks, and he stated that he has not seen any such trucks. He further went on to say that Mr. Gacy told him that he was with the F.B.I., implying that he was working for them. He specifically stated that he worked for the F.B.I. when Lillian Carter, the United States President's mother came into town. The defendant also told Mr. Lucas that he works all over the United States. Mr. Lucas stated that Mr. Gacy appears to be a very nervous and ornery person and that he appears to have a dual personality. He feels that Mr. Gacy is not the kind of guy to mess with. Mr. Lucas advised that the van with the P.D.M. markings on it only gets gas on Wednesdays. He stated this was an arrangement with Mr. Gacy, because the driver of the van takes that vehicle home and uses it for his own purpose; therefore that driver buys his own gasoline and Mr. Gacy only fills the tank once a week.

Mr. Lucas was asked for the names of his present employees and he stated that working with him now are Lance Jacobson (Lance Jacobson accompanied Mr. Lucas into the Des Plaines Police Department), Ronald Thorn, Rob Zimmerman, Rich Harley, and a person nicknamed Harley. Mr. Lucas does not know Harley's name, but Harley works at Flying Tiger Airlines at O'Hare Field full-time and he only works for Mr. Lucas on a part-time basis. This person Harley formerly worked at the E-Z Go Gas Station, mentioned earlier in this report, and apparently knew Mr. Gacy from when Mr. Gacy did business at that gas station. Mr. Lucas stated that sometime ago his employee, Lance Jacobson, told him about a youth who had been working for Mr. Gacy. Apparently this youth quit working for Mr. Gacy without giving notice, and a short time later Mr. Gacy invited the youth to go out drinking with him. He proceeded to get this youth intoxicated and they then went back to Mr. Gacy's home where Mr. Gacy and the youth went into the garage. He advised that the story he heard was that Mr. Gacy tied this subject up and beat him up. Mr. Lucas advised that the story had first been related by the person named Harley to Lance Jacobson and Lance Jacobson then related the story to Mr. Lucas. After hearing the

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2. DATE OF INVESTIGATION

3. DATE OF INTERVIEW

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5. DATE OF REPORT

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6. PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORTED

YES NO

7. CLAIMS MADE REQUESTED

YES NO

8. REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME

Det. J. Pickell

9. STAR

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10. REPORTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

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story first from Jacobson, Mr. Lucas advised that the person called Harley also related the same story to him and there were no differences between the story told by Jacobson and the story told by Harley.

Mr. Lucas also related that Mr. Gacy told him that he has his own body guard. Mr. Lucas said that he believes Mr. Gacy to be a person who likes to exaggerate and brag about things and he does not know what is truth and what isn't.

At 1735 hours on 19 December 1978 Detectives Adams and Pickell interviewed Lance P. Jacobson, [REDACTED] Mr. Jacobson stated that he had worked for John Lucas at the Higgins and Washington Shell for the last 8 years. He is the mechanic and manager of the station. Mr. Jacobson stated that he has been told that Mr. Gacy has sold marijuana to another gas station employee, Rich Henley, a student at Maine South. Mr. Gacy has reportedly said that he can get anything, meaning any type of drug. Sometime back, Mr. Jacobson stated that he saw four to five plastic freezer bags containing marijuana in Mr. Gacy's briefcase. Also present in the briefcase were bottles of pills. Mr. Jacobson said that he has seen Mr. Gacy give pills to his, Mr. Gacy's, employees. Mr. Jacobson said that he had been [REDACTED] to Mr. Gacy's home for a party, but that he never went. He said, however, that three other gas station employees did go to that party. The youths are Robert Zimmerman, Rich Henley and Steve Hoyle. He advised that these three youths went to a party at Mr. Gacy's home in August. He advised that it was a big party and the youths that attended said that there was a lot of dope there. Mr. Jacobson was asked if he knew if any of these youths regularly visited Mr. Gacy, and he stated that Rich Henley may go to Mr. Gacy's house to visit him from time to time. Mr. Jacobson further went on to say that another employee of the gas station, a subject nicknamed Harley, was, in fact, Bill Cygon. Mr. Cygon works daily at the gas station from 1100 to 1400 hours. Bill Cygon told Mr. Jacobson to stay away from Mr. Gacy, because he's trouble. Mr. Cygon went on to relate a story to Mr. Jacobson. A friend of Cygon's worked for Mr. Gacy for about a month and a half, perhaps six or so months ago. He advised Mr. Jacobson that his friend quit working for Mr. Gacy's P.D.M. Company without giving notice. A few days later Mr. Gacy invited this former employee to go out drinking with him. Mr. Gacy reportedly got the former employee drunk and then took him back to his house where he tied this former employee up and beat him up. Jacobson said that Cygon had told him that the former employee had been beaten up quite severely. Mr. Jacobson was asked if he could recall the vehicles that Mr. Gacy brings into the station for gas. He advised that there is a '77 Chevrolet Van, black in color, with P.D.M. markings on it. He advised that there is a '78 Chevrolet Pickup Truck, black in color, with P.D.M. markings on it and with a red "Western" blow on the front. He also advised that Mr. Gacy comes in in a '78 black '78 license [REDACTED] Mr. Jacobson was asked if he knew of any other vehicles that Mr. Gacy brought into the station for gas and he stated that he could not recall any other vehicles. He was asked if he recalled any red or white pickup trucks that Mr. Gacy brought in for service, and he stated that he could not remember any such vehicles. He did recall, however, that one of his employees, a male/white, age about 26, 6', tall, brown hair, and presently employed by Mr. Gacy, did come into the station with a red pickup truck, no marking, and a cap on the back, back in July of 1978. He stated that he has not seen this vehicle since that time. Mr. Jacobson further said that Mr. Gacy had told Bob Zimmerman that he got busted for dope at his house recently, and Mr. Jacobson went on to say that Mr. Gacy is a hoisterous type person who tries to impress people by exaggerating. Mr. Gacy apparently told Mr. Jacobson that he wants to retire by age 45.

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E.D. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT / DES PLAINES POLICE

1. DATE/TIME THIS REPORT

19 Dec 78

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2. SUBJECT OFFENSE

Missing Person

3. OFFENSE CHARGES TO

4. VICTIM

Piest, Robert

NARRATIVE:

At 1618 hours on 19 December 1978 Detectives Adams and Pickell went to Misson Pharmacy at 1920 Touhy Avenue. Reporting Officers spoke with Linda Mertes, the Store Manager. Reporting Officers asked Linda Mertes if she had a log book of the names of persons who brought film in to be developed, and she stated that they did have such a log book. Reporting Officers requested to see that log book and Linda Mertes produced the book. During this examination of the film log book, Reporting Officers observed that envelope number 36119 had been used by Kim Byers for film processing. That film was apparently placed in the envelope on 11 December 1978. Reporting Officers asked Linda Mertes if they could bring that sheet into the station, and she stated that it was alright with her, but the only thing is is that she would like to have a copy back for her book. Reporting Officers recovered that log sheet and made a copy and at approximately 1704 hours Detective Pickell returned a copy of that log sheet to the pharmacy to be placed in the film log book.

R.D. # 78-3:203

5. CASE STATUS

6. REPORT MADE BY

7. DATE/TIME REPORT COMPLETE

19 Dec 78

8. PROPERTY EVIDENCE NUMBER

YES ☐ NO ☒

9. CASE NO. REQUESTED

10. CASE NO.

11. REPORTING OFFICER PRINT

Det. J. Pickell

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12. REPORTING OFFICER SIGNATURE

G.I.B. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT / DES PLAINES POLICE

DATE/TIME THIS REPORT

19 Dec 78 2100 Hours

1. MISSING PERSON

2. NAME
Piest, Robert J.

NARRATIVE:

The following report reflects my activities in a follow up investigation of a missing person's report on the above mentioned subject and my events for today's date, the 19th of December 1978.

On today's date I went to the Cook County Sheriff's Police Facilities at Maybrook Center in Maywood at approximately 1030 hours where I obtained a colored photograph of an enlargement of an overview of the bedroom of John Gacy. This photograph was taken by the evidence technician on the date of the search warrant, which shows a beigeish brown or tan black and white Motorola Television Set. The television set is on a jewelry box, black in color, between the two mirrors of the dresser in the master bedroom of John Gacy's house at 8213 West Summerdale, Norwood Park Township. The reason for obtaining this enlargement is to compare it against the information we have as to the possibility of this being the television set that used to belong to John A. Szyk, formerly of Des Plaines, and listed as a missing person out of Chicago.

We then proceeded to the Cicero Police Department, located at 4932 West 25th Place in Cicero, and obtained a copy of the arrest card and the Bureau of Identification information sheet on one Michael Rossi, M/W, DOB: [REDACTED]. This would be covering the arrest of Michael Rossi of December 4, 1977 for the charges of disobeying a stop sign, eluding the police and reckless driving. On the arrest sheet, they show that the disobeying of the stop sign was SOL'd (Stricken On Leave To Reinstatement) and the charges of eluding police and reckless driving said he pled guilty, was found guilty, received a 2 year suspension plus a \$50 fine and no fine on the other charge. The copy of the transcript from the Illinois Bureau of Identification shows only that arrest from Cicero. These are now part of the original file of the missing person's report on Robert J. Piest. The above mentioned activities were conducted while in the presence of Detective David Sommerschield.

Upon my return to the station, I then proceeded to the Motorola Corporate Headquarters at Meacham and Algonquin Roads in Schaumburg, Illinois, where I was advised that they no longer have anything to do with television sets and that I should contact the Quasar Center in Franklin Park reference any information that I might want reference the televisions. The purpose of going here was to ascertain if we could get a photograph or a copy of the pamphlet on the television set which matched the papers and serial numbers that Mrs. Szyk had given us, as having been the papers that belonged to the television set that belonged to her son. This television set is missing and was in the possession of her son at the time that he turned up missing, however when she went to check the residence, the television as well as other electrical appliances were all missing. This is indicated in Detective Kautz's report of December 18, 1978 indicating he spoke to Mrs. Szyk and she described it as a 12 inch black and white Motorola television. She indicated the color was muddied to a dirty color beige. I then subsequently spoke to Mr. George Tatullo, of Customer Service at Motorola in Franklin Park, at 9401 West Grand Avenue, who advised me that the television set in question that I am referring to is a M-12 BP-3050XN. This is the same model number that is indicated on the guarantee that Mrs. Szyk provided us. He told me that he did have a pamphlet for it and it was a 1974 issue television set and that he would give me a copy of it.

3. CASE
STATUS

4. CHARGES - ARREST

5. INVESTIGATOR

6. DATE/TIME ACTION COMPLETED

7. DATE/TIME REPORT COMPLETED

19 Dec 78

8. REPORTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

9. REPORTING OFFICER'S NAME

Det. R. Tovar

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10. REPORTING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

R.D. # 78-35703

Mr. Tattalo subsequently brought it by the station and attached in the file you will find one 12 inch diagonal black and white Motorola television set, Model 9P3050KN. This is a high impact plastic cabinet in a two tone beige color. It should be noted that this tv is identical to the one in the blow up photograph, and is identical to the one myself and Detective Kautz observed in the bedroom of John Gacy.

Subsequent to this, I was ordered to ascertain from the family if a cross type of the victim's blood had ever been obtained and I subsequently telephoned the victim's parents, who advised me that Robert Piast had been at the doctor several times and he had had his tonsils out back in 1970. I subsequently contacted his family doctor, Howard Bresler, at 1585 Ellinwood Street, who indicated that he did not have it on his files, however that one Doctor Dale, who is on staff at Holy Family Hospital, could possibly have it, since he had done the tonsillectomy. I contacted Doctor Dale's Office at 825-2428 and they indicated that the only people that would probably have it would be the lab at Lutheran General Hospital, where the operation had taken place. I subsequently contacted Medical Records at 696-6150 at Lutheran General and ascertained from them that the blood was not typed and they did not have it on file.

On today's date I continued to attempt to find the correct spelling and/or any information on the other victim, who allegedly is missing, and was an ex employee of John Gacy, one Charles Mattula. On yesterday's date, the 18th of December 1978, I sent a message to the State of Texas asking the Department of Public Safety Office in Texas to search their records for any vehicle registration or any driver's license information on a Charles Mattula, spelled in various ways including Mattalla and Muttallo, indicating he was a male subject approximately 27 or 28 years of age and last known to have resided in Houston, Texas. On today's date, the 19th, I contacted the Chicago Police Department, Missing Persons, at 744-6222, and ascertained that there is no missing person's active on him in Chicago. I checked the telephone directory for Houston, Texas, and ascertained that there is a party listed for the Houston area under the name of Mattula with a non listed phone number. This was in reference to an answer that I received from the driver's license division of the Department of Public Safety in Texas indicating that they do have a Charles Antonio Mattula at [REDACTED] with a Texas Operator's License [REDACTED] which was issued on February 10, 1978 and due to expire on [REDACTED]. They described him as a male/white, blond hair, blue eyes, 6', 170 pounds, Date of Birth of [REDACTED]. After having failed to get a telephone number, the Harris County Police Department in Texas, of which Houston is a part of, was notified to see if they could obtain the number and they indicated they could not, however I had a conversation with one Sgt. Cooper at Area Code 713-221-6020, who was with the Harris County Sheriff's Police Department, and they indicated they would go to the residence and ascertain any information they could. Subsequent to that I did receive messages from Houston Police Department indicating that they had no missing person's report on that subject, nor was there any criminal history in the State of Texas and also received information that there was no vehicles listed for him under that name that could be obtained with the information provided.

I did finally run a 10-27 in the State of Illinois and received word that he is revoked under the name of Charles A. Mattula, with an address of [REDACTED] license number [REDACTED]. This license did expire on [REDACTED]. I then went to the Chicago Police Department and obtained an I.R. number for Charles Mattula. That number being 4674222. Under CB number 4681007, I found a report under RD number 1706673, which shows that he was arrested for possession of controlled substance and marijuana at his home on April 20, 1976 as a result of a search warrant. In his arrest report he does indicate that he is employed by P.D.M. Contractors as a carpenter. Also on his rap sheet they show an arrest for Charles Antonio Mattula in Freeport, Illinois on March 12, 1971 for curfew and possession of marijuana.

C.I.D. CONTINUATION REPORT END

R.O. # 78-35203

A photograph of the subject was also obtained from Chicago Police Department records and subsequent to this I was advised by Detective Kautz that Sgt. Cooper from the Harris County Police Department did call and indicated that they had spoken to someone at that residence and they in turn called here. The subject is the aunt of the subject Hattula, who indicated that Hattula had drowned in Freeport, Illinois on Mother's Day, 1977. Detective Kautz will make a further supplement to this conversation after we receive the information from the Freeport Police Department. Further reports to follow.

C.I.D. CONTINUATION REPORT ☐

R.O. # 78-35203

1. A. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT / RES PLAINES POLICE

19 Dec 78 2130 Hours

Missing Person

Piest, Robert J.

NARRATIVE:

At approximately 1800 hours this date I contacted Mrs. Byers to determine if her daughter, Kimberly, was at home. I was then advised that Kimberly was at a swim meet at Maine North High School, but was expected home at approximately 2000 hours. I then requested that Mrs. Byers contact this Department in reference to Kim providing us with a statement regarding photo receipt number 36119.

At approximately 2023 hours Kim Byers came to the police station with her father. Kim indicated that at approximately 1930 hours on December 11, 1978 she was turning in some film and the pictures were to be used as Christmas presents. The youth informed this Officer that she wished to have some enlargements made and, because of the fact the envelope would not be filled out in the usual manner, she had made a mistake on envelopes numbered 36117 and 36118 and subsequently envelopes 36117 and 36118 were torn up and thrown away. The youth stated that after completing envelope number 36119, she placed the receipt in the right front pocket of Rob Piest's jacket and subsequently the youth left the store wearing the blue jacket with the receipt in the right front pocket. The Byers provided this Officer with a written statement regarding the photo receipt. Kimberly Byers was advised that it may be necessary to recover the envelope and photos which she had sent for processing and those items would become a part of this investigation.

R.D. # 78-35213

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Det. J. Jones				[Redacted]				[Redacted]	

FIELD SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT / DES PLAINES POLICE

19 DEC 78 1600

1. SUBJECT: MISSING YOUTH

2. OFFENSE: UNKNOWN TO

3. NAME: PIEST, ROBERT J

4. ADDRESS:

NARRATIVE

ON THE ABOVE DATE MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS SEARCH & RESCUE TEAM SEARCHED THE FORE- PRESERVE AREA SURROUNDED BY RIVER RD LAWRENCE AVE IRVING PARK RD AND EAST RIVER RD. ALSO VACANT FIELDS ON BOTH SIDES OF CUMBERLAND AVE AT BYRON MAR AVE. ONE ITEM FOUND AND RETURNED TO THE REPORTING OFFICER WAS A LICENSE PLATE [REDACTED] ILL. 74 SEE R.D. # 7835939 NAME WAS NOT ON FILE AT THE TIME OF THIS REPORT.

5. REPORTING OFFICER: [REDACTED]

6. DATE:

7. DATE FOR REPORT COMPLETED:

19 DEC 78 1600

8. SEARCHED BY:

9. SUPERVISOR: [REDACTED]

10. FILE:

MILLANER 217 [REDACTED]

R.O. # 72-35205

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RD# 35203

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

8:15 P.M. December 22, 1978

At 11:30 P.M. December 11, 1978, Elizabeth Piest called this Department to report her son, Robert Piest, male white, age 15, 2722 Craig Dr. Des Plaines missing under unusual circumstances. She related that she went to Nisson's Pharmacy, 1920 Touhy Ave Des Plaines, Ill. at about 9:00 P.M., December 11, to pick up her son who was employed at this drug store. He requested that she wait a few minutes while he spoke to an individual about a job for summer employment. Robert Piest went outside the store and disappeared.

After 20 minutes Mrs. Piest became alarmed and contacted friends of Robert Piest to no avail. She was able to learn from her son's employer that Robert Piest may have gone outside the building to speak to a Mr. Gacy of P.D.M. Construction Chicago about a summer job. A Missing Person's Police Report was completed at 11:50 P.M., December 11, 1978. The appropriate information was entered into the State and National Computer at 1:54 A.M., December 12th.


The next morning, December 12th, at about 9:00 A.M. Mrs. Piest came to the Des Plaines Police Station with members of her family. Her son had still not returned home and none of his friends had heard from him. The Criminal Investigations Division of the Department initiated an investigation into the matter.

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Early in the investigation, speculation^{was} that Mr. Gacy may have had contact with the Piast boy outside the Nissop Pharmacy on the night of December 11th. Our investigation revealed that Mr. Gacy had a criminal history with a conviction for a sex crime in Iowa in 1968.

Lt. Korenczak, Commander of the Criminal Investigation Division then intensified the investigation of the missing Piast boy. Many people were contacted and interviewed. Mr. Gacy was placed under a continuous, round the clock surveillance during much of this period of time.



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From information and physical evidence gathered by investigators, Mr. Gacy was arrested by members of this Department at 12:15 P.M. December 21, 1978 and brought before Judge Marvin Peters of the Circuit Court of Cook County., Des Plaines Court branch on Dec. 22, 1978 for the charge of murdering Robert Piest. Judge Peters refused the defendant bail and continued his care to December 29, 1978 in the Des Plaines Court. Mr. Gacy will be transferred to the Cook County Jail, Chicago sometime during the day of December 23rd.

During the progress of the investigation, leads were developed by this Department that bodies of other victims may be buried in the home of Mr. Gacy at 8213 Summerdale, unincorporated Norridge, Ill. Since this is the Police jurisdiction of the Cook County Sheriff, they were requested to assist this Department in the searching of Mr. Gacy's home pursuant to a search warrant. At this time, they are conducting this search, and it is expected to continue for sometime.

As of this date and time, the body of Robert Piest has not been recovered. This Department is continuing its investigation.

Chief Alfano and Lt. Kozenczak wish to acknowledge the exceptionally fine cooperation of the State's Attorneys investigative staff and the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department in this matter.

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Arrested was John Wayne Gacy, Jr., male, white, age 36, divorced,
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Lieutenant Michael Clark


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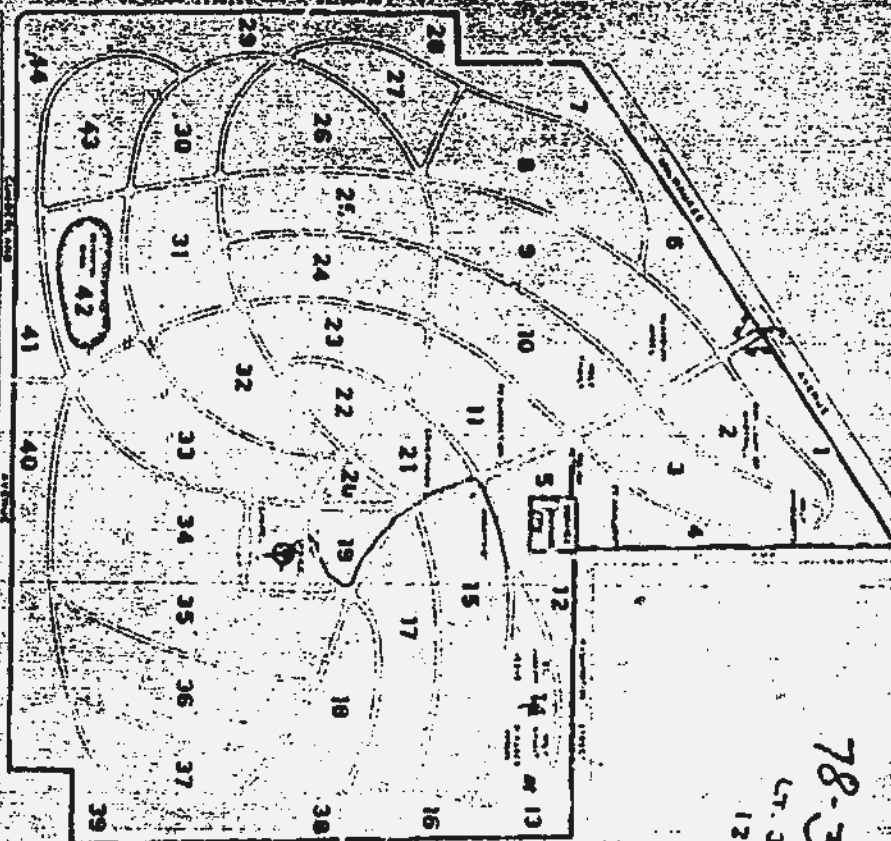
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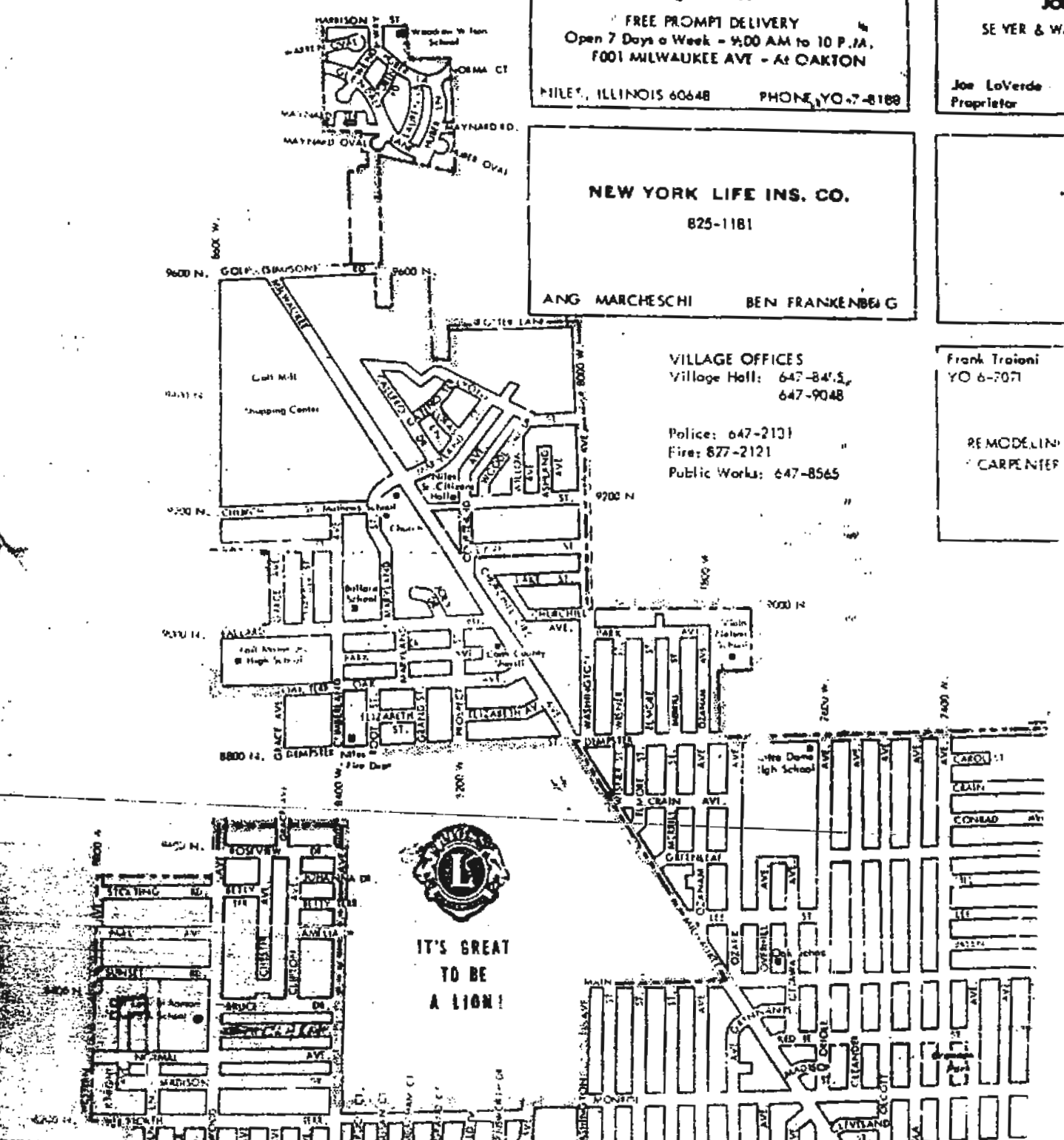
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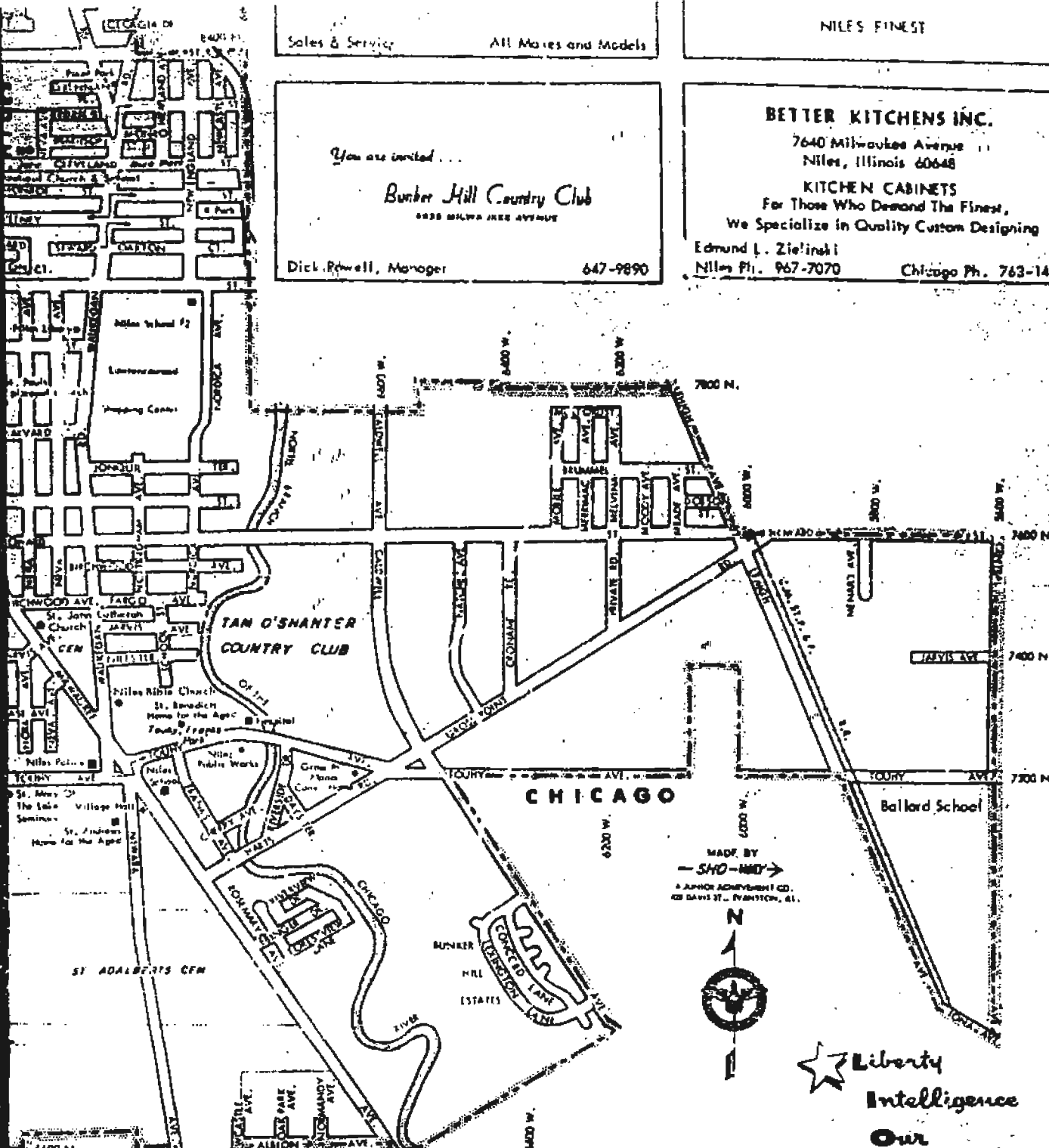
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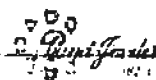
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