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Sheriff of St. Mary's County

P. O. BOX 426
LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND 20650

February 1, 1974

Detective Barclift Curtis
Thurston County Sheriff's Department
Olympia, Washington

Detective Curtis:

In reference to your inquiry on William Earl Cosden, Jr.:

Mr. Cosden was charged by this Department with the murder of a 22 year old white female. She was beaten and stabbed to death with a broken pool stick. Mr. Cosden was found guilty of the crime and was sentenced to the Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital in Jessup, Maryland in 1967 and was released in May of 1971.

When he was released, to the best of our knowledge, he went to Olympia, Washington to live with relatives.

Hoping this will be of some help to you and your department,
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Williams
Lawrence Williams
Sheriff, St. Mary's County

LW:bwn

Sheriff SANGER

City Clerk
301-475-9121 Main #
Presentment (Indictment) Ext. 18
murder
Clerk of the Circuit Ct.
2250
8-17-67
Dorothy Kueker

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February 27, 1974

Detective Paul Barclift
Thurston County Sheriff's Department
P. O. Box 1937
Olympia, Washington 98507

Detective Barclift:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the autopsy and investigation reports on the murder in our County.

We hope that this will be of some help to you in solving the homicide in your County.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Williams
Lawrence Williams
Sheriff, St. Mary's County

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Sheriff's Department

ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT REPORT

Name of Victim:	Offense:	Phone
Helen Patricia Pilkerton	Murder	
Address of Victim:	Date of Crime	
Lexington Park, Maryland	4-16-67	
Place or Location of Crime:	Time of Crime	
Near Leonardtown, Md.	App. 2:30 A.M.	
Name of Complainant:	Address:	Phone
Received by person-telephone-other means	Date - Time	Case assigned to
		Burroughs, Lancaster
		Follow up assigned to

Details of Offense - Including names and addresses of witnesses or suspects.

Description and value of stolen property, if any.

At 8:40 A.M. the Control Center called Harry Lancaster and Ben Burroughs and advised that a young girl in the Great Mills area, walking on the Flat Iron Road, saw a body floating in the water near a culvert. Tpr. Mills stood by the scene along with Tpr. Simms and Tpr. Whitman came later. S. Chief Deputy Lancaster arrived on the scene approximately 9:15 A.M. Ben Burroughs arrived there at approximately 9:30 A.M. Deputy Sheriff Rafer and Pulliam arrived on the scene at approximately 10 A.M.. Medical examiner, Dr. Patrick, was on the scene and John Welch, from Robinson's Funeral Home. Lancaster took several pictures of the body in the stream: that was in about a foot of water face down and appeared to be fully clothed. Tpr. Mills, Ben Burroughs, helped gather articles of clothing with Dep. Sheriff Lancaster and these were put into a plastic bag which Dep. Lancaster put into the trunk of his car and later during that day, they were put in the property room of the Leonardtown Jail. A search of the area by all of the mentioned officers was conducted at approximately 10:15 A.M. for a murder weapon. The body was turned over, ~~and~~ after permission was given by the medical examiner and a large open hole was very visible on the girls forehead and other wounds which were large and open were visible in the back of her head. She had a cut on her lip that was about 1" wide. Identification in her pocketbook found in the stream by Deputy Sheriff Lancaster ~~and~~ helped us identify the victim as Helen Patricia Pilkerton, age 22, Lexington Park, Md. Sheriff Burroughs and Dep. Lancaster left the scene and went to John and Elizabeth

USE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS.

Pilkerton's residence in Center Gardens and advised the mother that her daughter had been found dead. Then Sheriff Burroughs went to Eddie's Bar and contacted John Pilkerton, her father, and took him home. Mrs. Pilkerton stated that every Saturday Helen left work and got her hair fixed at the Powder Puff Beauty Parlor and that Helen had gone to Gloria McCabe's home and that they usually went to Takl Timbers to the dances. Then Helen stayed at the McCabe residence that night.

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WILLIAM EARL COSDEN JR
WFA, 6 ft 4 in, 195 lbs
Brown hair, Blue eyes
DOB: 12-19-46
POB: Baltimore, Maryland
SSN: 412
Serial number: USM 2155777
DL: 413

Parents: William Earl Cosden Sr, Rt 15, Box 413, Olympia
Janet Cora Cosden (Bakke) 3605 WESTLY DR. NW
943-4754

Married, one child. Date of marriage: October 1971

Wife: Rita Susan Cosden (Kirkpatrick)
WFA, ft in, lbs
Brown hair, eyes
DOB: 6-24-48
POB: Chehalis, Wn

(FRED) 352-2316
Parents: Charles F. Kirkpatrick, Rt 8, Box 446A, Oly until 1 Aug 74
Pearl Evelyn Kirkpatrick (Nichols) 9836 Scott Lk Blvd, Olympia

Employment: Sales & Services, Lathrop Road Restover Truck Stop
(Texaco Station). Owned by father.

Hobby: Photography. Claims to be free lance for Daily Olympian.
Takes pictures at weddings, etc.

Addresses: USMC, six years
Clifton Perkins State Hospital, Md Apr 67 to May 71
Rt 15, Box 413, Olympia Jun 71 to Oct 71
1412 SE 38th Ave, Lacey Oct 71 to Mar 72
(Capitol Court Complex)
Rt 4 1332 1st Street West, Olympia 943-7428 Mar 72 to Apr 74
Temp. Rt 8, Box 446A, Olympia Apr 74 to Jul 74
Rt 4 1332 1st Street West, Olympia

Wife's occupation: Hairdresser Formerly employed: Millers Beauty Shop
Present employment: Lynn's Beauty Shop (Stella Targett)
1373 Scott Lk R
352-0432

Credit references: Sears
Seattle Trust & Savings
LeRoys Jewelers
Millers
Wide World of Cameras

Residence located at Rt 4 1332 1st Ave West, Olympia purchased through GEORGE MARTIN RLTY. Residence 10 yrs old at time of purchase Mar 1972.

Vehicles: GE-5514 1972 International Truck, P/U. Burned at aprox 0200 hrs on 11-26-73 on Case Road.

GS-1324 1961 Dodge Truck, P/U, *white, flatbed.*

JCG-265 1973 Mazda, Station Wagon, *RED*

JCP-219 1974 Mazda, 2 dr, *SILVER*

1974 BAYER series 68/24 Mobil Home. Serial Number OW4461. (Title Purpose Only)

Marriage information: William E Cosden Jr & Rita S Kirkpatrick were married in the Tumwater United Methodist Church on 16 Oct 71 by Minister Larry Nickolson, who resides at 921 Linwood Ave, Tumwater. A Connie Wilson was witness. Marriage Lic #47919.
2 Pops Rita's cousin (1 Oregon,

Brother: Timothy J Cosden, DOB 1-11-54, employed at fathers Lathrop road truck stop. Married on 30 June 1972 to Margaret L Evans, age 16 (DOB 11-20-55), (POB Salt Lake City, Utah). Marriage license #48784 also issued 30 June 1972, waiver signed by Superior Court Judge. Married by Lester D Elliott, 405 West Dennis St, Tumwater. Elliott a Minister of Jehovahs Witnesses Parents of Margaret L Evans are: ARVIL EVANS & HAZEL PERSCHON (NEWPORT). Address for six months prior to date of license is 1292 Tom Evans Road, Olympia. Witness to marriage was DEBORAH ORENDORFF.

Chief Special Agent Rinde, Naval Intelligence Bremerton Ship Yards contacted at 1600 hrs 10-23-74. Service record information requested. At 1520 hrs, 10-24-74 Agent Al Smith, Seattle Naval Intelligence 527-3216 called and advised that he would be working on case. He advised he would call request to Washington D.C., and will attempt to rush information.

Weapon information: Cosden indicated on application for Concealed weapon permit that he owned a
357 Mag Smith & Wesson revolver
serial number N84050
this weapon not in computer DMV.

At time of vehicle fire on 11-26-73 he advised he had removed a rifle 30.06.

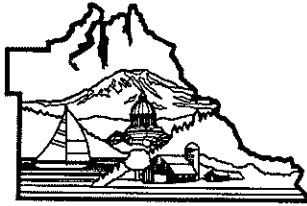
16 Apr 67 Homicide of HELEN PATRICIA PILKERTON - Leonardtown, Md.
16 Apr 67 COSDEN arrested.
17 Apr 67 COSDEN indicted.
17 Oct 67 COSDEN found insane. Committed to CLIFTON PERKINS State Hosp.
26 May 71 COSDEN found sane, released to relative.
2 Jun 71 COSDEN issued Washington state drivers license.
16 Oct 71 COSDEN married in Tumwater.
Mar 72 COSDEN bought house at Scott Lake.
24 May 72 COSDEN reported larceny of tools from his PU. 72-5284-5.
6 Jun 72 COSDEN reported vehicle struck him. 72-6034-6.
30 Jun 72 COSDEN at brother Tim's wedding.
5 Sep 72 COSDEN enrolled at Clover Park Vocational Center, Lakewood.
5 Oct 72 COSDEN issued citation in Lacey 45/25 zone.
3 Dec 72 COSDEN issued citation by WSP - Obstructed vision.
5 Jan 73 COSDEN purchased 357 Mag at ERNEST Hardware in Lacey.
9 Jan 73 COSDEN applied for concealed weapons permit - refused. 73-371-1.
19 Jan 73 COSDEN withdrew from school.
2 May 73 COSDEN issued citation by WSP 85/70 zone.
19 May 73 COSDEN involved minor accident Lacey. Citation for improper backf
5 Jun 73 COSDEN reported a car prowl at truck stop. 73-7540-6.
23 Jul 73 Daughter **102A** born St Peters Hosp.
20 Aug 73 COSDEN shot neighbors dog. 73-11796-6.
26 Oct 73 COSDEN reported a prowler his residence. 73-15632-10.
25 Nov 73 —
26 Nov 73 COSDEN's PU Truck burned up. 73-17072-11.
1 Dec 73 COSDEN reported by CRIME CHECK to have been Capitol Peak area.

29 Jan 74 COSDEN reported a small fire at his house. \$2,000.

15 Apr 74 COSDEN's house burnt down. \$40,000.

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THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON

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MARK CURTIS
Administrative Captain

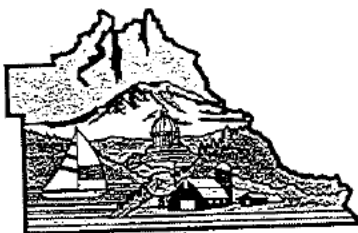
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Attn:

NISRA
Harry Chamberlain
2240 Decatur Ave.
Bremerton, Wa. 98311-5255

Resubmittal

Capt. Mark Curtis



THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Sheriff

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May 1, 1995

Mitch Anderson
NISRA, Bldg. 1010
Bangor Naval Base
Silverdale, WA 98315-1093

RE: COSDEN, William Earl Jr.
SSN 412
DOB: 12/19/46
POB: Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Inv. Anderson:

As you recall, we asked for federal inquiry among a few former Marine Corps associates of Cosden, while he was in Vietnam. Mr. Cosden may re-enter the community from prison soon or a bit later. Over the years he has claimed to have killed a "lieutenant" while in Vietnam. We asked you to confirm such a murder. Your agency hoped for a more exact time frame and location.

Thus, on 4/25/95 Mr. Cosden consented to an interview. In part, he waived his rights to silence, also in the presence of counselor Shirley Gray of Twin Rivers (Monroe, WA), and very briefly discussed his time in Vietnam. He flatly denied ever telling anyone he killed any lieutenant. Instead, now Cosden freely admits killing two other U.S. military people plus "lots of the enemy". He recalls one lieutenant was shot, but not by Bill. (That was a combat wound where this lieutenant was shot in the left temple and the bullet traveled some cavity canal around to exit out the right temple. He was taken to the hospital ship and returned to duty promptly with only a small size wound).

Cosden's comments are that one of his incidents was accidental. A medic failed to tell anyone that he was going outside the perimeter to relieve himself. The man returned from the front as Cosden saw his silhouette, shot the medic, and killed him.



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Mitch Anderson
May 1, 1995
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Cosden was told it was okay because it was all an accident. This was at "Phu Bai." His military record does show he served in the defense of Hue Phu Bai on 5/25/66 as his first combat patrol the first week he was in Vietnam. He had been designated as an ammo carrier. The record also shows Cosden participated in Operation Athens Phu Bai on 6/28/66. Thus, we cannot be certain which Phu Bai he speaks of.

Cosden also claimed that during Operation Hastings at the DMZ, he was shooting with his M-60 machine gun, while his group was being overrun and under heavy fire. A new replacement W/M ammo-humper about the same age as Bill was to bring up M-60 belt ammo but dropped it 20 feet away, disobeying an order from Cosden, who was in charge at that situation. Thus, Bill left his M-60 fighting position to go get the ammunition, and Bill used his .45 auto to shoot the ammo-humper. A USMC 2nd Lt. saw what happened and came over. The lieutenant had been directing fire and told Bill that the man "got what he deserved." Cosden claims that "not many made it out of Operation Hastings." His service record shows he was awarded the RVN Cross of Gallantry for service during the 8/2/66 action mentioned, in the vicinity of Quang Tri Province. When asked for more detail, such as names of witnesses, Bill could not recall.

In addition, I noted an old early 70s statement from a Cosden coworker, who was aware of Cosden's storytelling on the job. Bill had the reputation of having been a POW for a brief time and also had been a "Recondo." Bill also claimed to one sibling that his last job was washing down bodies. None of this appears on the record. In addition, Cosden has shown his ex-wife and sister Karen photos of Vietnamese children. He would then claim, "We had to kill them."

In all candor, I still ask that you make the necessary time consuming inquiries of former co-servicemen.

I must admit Bill Cosden Jr. has given inconsistencies. He no longer claims killing a lieutenant but now says he killed two other servicemen. His written record says nothing of being an M-60 machine gunner. Rather, it shows he was earlier an Asst. Gun/Demo Man, and then shortly later a 3.5 Rocket Man. More importantly to this inquiry, he was then designated an Aslt. Sec. Ammo Carrier, the very duty of the man he claims he killed. We know he was violent towards Marines in general and was abusive later at the hospital. Cosden now says he was 3 weeks in the hospital for shrapnel and dysentery. He went on to claim that a fellow Marine dumped his M-60 in the sand, which upset Bill, believing the act a personal attack. Bill admits he viewed the enemy the same as Marines and felt alone. He claims his commander told him that he could not ask for a better man in combat, but that Bill was the worst man he had in the rear area. For dumping the M-60 in the sand, Bill says he pulled a .45 on the man. Aiming a .45 at other servicemen has been corroborated.

Mitch Anderson
May 1, 1995
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It is quite important that we know any truths. Thus, we continue to ask for NIS inquiry of a few of his former co-Marines, especially his 2nd Lieutenant at Operation Hastings.

Sincerely,

Captain Mark W. Curtis

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United States of America



Certification of Military Service

This certifies that

WILLIAM E. COSDEN JR.
2155777

was a member of the
from
to

United States Marine Corps

July 27, 1965

November 18, 1966

Service was terminated by

Under Honorable Conditions
Discharge

Last Grade, Rank, or Rating

PVT

Active Service Dates

Same as above

Given at St. Louis, Missouri, on

March 29, 1969

National Personnel Records Center
(Military Personnel Records)
National Archives and Records Administration

THE ARCHIVIST OF THE UNITED STATES IS THE PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN OF THIS PERSON'S MILITARY RECORD.

(This form not valid without official seal.)

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EXHIBIT (2)

DGK-1-ep
6 Jun 1967

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Veterans Administration Central Office, Records
Development Section (O34C), Washington, D. C. 20420
ATTN: Mrs. Rogers

Subj: Statement of service; case of Mr. William Earl
COSDEN, Jr., former member of the Marine Corps,
service number 2155777

Ref: (a) Telephonic request of this date

1. Reference (a) requested a statement of service in the case of the Subject-named man.

2. The records show that Mr. Cosden, born on 19 December 1946 at Baltimore, Maryland, enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve (Inactive) on 18 May 1965 and was honorably discharged on 26 July 1965 to reenlist in the regular Marine Corps. He reenlisted on 27 July 1965, was assigned to active duty the same date, and was discharged on 18 November 1966 by reason of unsuitability with a General Discharge.

W. C. KEENE
By direction
W.C.

OFFENSES AND PUNISHMENTS

13Oct66: MB NB PHILA: Viol Art 92 UCMJ: Fail to obey a lawful order issued by the CO, to wit: do not remove ID band until discharge. Fail to obey a lawful order issued by the CO, to wit: personnel shall wear the uniform of the day when ambulatory. Viol Art 91 UCMJ: Having received a lawful order "to go to bed", did on or about 5Oct66 at or about 2105, willfully disobey the same. Viol Art 117, UCMJ: Wrongfully use provoking words, to wit: "Fuck you, I'll tear your ass up". Viol Art 128, UCMJ: Unlawfully choke SN A. B. CHURCH, USN, with his hands. Awarded Rest for 30 days, extra duties for 20 days and RED to next inferior rank, Red suspended for 4 mos. Not appealed: Given by CO at Capt Mast on 13Oct66.

CA Peterson ByDir

1Nov66: MB NB PHILA

Viol Art 91, UCMJ: On or about 26Oct66 at or about 0950, was disrespectful in language toward R. L. QUINCEY, HM1, USN his superior Petty Officer by saying "Keep _____ with me and I'll break your _____ neck or words to that effect. Viol Art 92, UCMJ: Having knowledge of a lawful order by HN HENDERSON, USN, to get out of bed, did on or about 0600 18Oct66, fail to obey same. Awarded Red to the next inferior rank, extra duties for 30 days, and restriction to base for 30 days. Awd by CO USN PHILA at Capt Mast. No appeal

CA Peterson ByDir

Good Conduct Medal Period Commences *f* 1Nov66

EMBOSSED PLATE IMPRESSION

COSDEN, WILLIAM E. JR. # 2157777

NAME (Last) (First) (Middle) SERVICE NO.

NAVJG 118(12)-PD (REV. 12-61) SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS EDITION WHICH WILL BE USED

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OFFENSES AND PUNISHMENTS

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RECORD OF SERVICE

ORGANIZATION	DATE	REASON	PRIMARY DUTY	PROFICIENCY		CON- DUCT	SIGNATURE OF MARKING OFFICER
				GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS	DUTY		
RecruitTrngBn, MCRDep, PISC	30 JUL 1965	Jd	Under RecruitTrng				UD 117-65 32122 ByDir
RecruitTrngBn, MCRDep, PISC	SEP 30 1965	Tr	RecruitTrng Compl	4.2	4.1	4.0	UD 185-65 32122 ByDir
1st ITP MCB, CamLe	OCT 1 1965	Jd	Duins Indiv Cbt Trng				312551 127 65 ByDir
1st ITP MCB, CamLe	OCT 2 1965	Tr	IndivCmbtTrng Completed		4.0	4.0	312551 221 65 ByDir
1stInfTrngBn	1stInfTrngBn						
MCB CamLe	MCB CamLe						
1stInfTrngBn	OCT 29 1965	Jd	DUINS Inf SpTrng				UD 131-66 131 ByDir
1stInfTrngBn	NOV 15 1965	Tr	Compl Inf SpTrng		4.1	4.1	UD 131-66 131 ByDir
COA, 1STBN, 6THMAR	16Nov65	Jd	0351 AsstGun/DemoMan				125-65/12163 ByDi
2DMARDIV, FMF, CAMLEJ	16Nov65	To Lv	0351 AsstGun/DemoMan				125-65/12163 ByD
COA, 1STBN, 6THMAR	5Dec65	To Du	0351 AsstGun/DemoMan				125-65/12163 ByD
2DMARDIV, FMF, CAMLEJ	31Jan66	Semi-Ann	0351 AsstGun/DemoMan	3.9	4.0	3.9	UD 37-66/12165 ByDir
Co "A" 1st Bn 6th Mar	23Feb66	Tr	0351 AsstGun/Demo	3.8	4.0		UD 37-66/12165 ByDir
2d Mar Div, FMF, CamLej	24Feb66	Jd	0351 3.5 RocketMan				UD 37-66/12165 ByDir
Co "C", 1stBn, 6thMar,	18Mar66	Tr	0351 3.5 RocketMan		4.0	4.0	UD 37-66/12165 ByDir
2dMarDiv, FMF, CamLej	21May66	Jd	0351 AsltSec AmmoCarrier				UD 50-66/13187 CO ByDir
Co L, 3dBn, 4thMar	27May66	To sk	Co A 3dMedBn				UD 53-66/13187 ByDir
3dMarDiv(FMF)	30May66	Fr sk	Co A 3dMedBn				UD 53-66/13187 ByDir
Co L 3dBn 4thMar	31Jul66	Semi-An	Ammo Carrier		4.5	4.6	UD 53-66/13187 ByDir
3dMarDiv FMF	24Aug66	To sk	Patient Co C 3dMedBn				UD 53-66/13187 ByDir
Co L 3dBn 4thMar	20Oct66	Tr	Patient w/sk				UD 53-66/13187 ByDir
3dMarDiv FMF	30Oct66	Jd/SR	USNH PHILA w/sk				UD 53-66/13187 ByDir
SU#3, HqCo, H&SBn	140Oct66	Tr/SR	USNH PHILA w/sk				UD 53-66/13187 ByDir
FMF Pac	150Oct66	Jd/SR	USNH PHILA				UD 53-66/13187 ByDir
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COMBAT HISTORY—EXPEDITIONS

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SERVICE NO.

MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES, EDUCATION COURSES, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND TESTS COMPLETED

MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES

DATE	PRIMARY MOS	1ST ADD. MOS	2ND ADD. MOS	TITLE OF MOS	AUTHORITY	UNIT DIARY NO.
SEP 23 1965	0300			Basic InfMan		UD 1844
20 Oct 65	0351			AtAsltman	CMC Spltr DFB/1-pcm of 30 Sep 65	214-6 31255

CIVILIAN EDUCATION

TYPE SCHOOL	MAJOR SUBJECT	NO. YEARS	GRADUATE		YEAR LEFT SCHOOL
			YES	NO	
GRAMMAR SCHOOL		8	x		1962
HIGH SCHOOL	Acad	3	x		1965
COLLEGE-UNIVERSITY					
TRADE-BUSINESS					

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

JOB TITLE
Farm Hand, Dairy

DOT NO. **3-14.10** YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: **1 1/2**

DUTIES **Fed & tended dairy herd; milked cows b machine & operated farm machinery to produce crops.**

SERVICE SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES COMPLETED

SCHOOL ATTENDED AND LOCATION	COURSE	NO. WEEKS	YEAR COMPLETED	INCOMPLETE	UNIT DIARY NO.

ACADEMIC EDUCATION COURSES, TESTS AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES COMPLETED

DATE	TITLE OF COURSE OR TEST	SCHOOL AND LOCATION	CREDIT	GRADE

USAFI GED TESTS

	DATE			STANDARD SCORES ON TESTS				
	PASSED	FAILED	INCOMPLETE	1	2	3	4	5
HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL								
COLLEGE LEVEL								
RETEST- LEVEL								
RETEST- LEVEL								

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

REMARKS

CCSDEN

William

E. Jr. 2155777

DATE PREPARED

2 Aug 65

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
INDETERMINATE SENTENCE REVIEW BOARD

700 Capitol Center Building, 410 W. 5th • Olympia, Washington 98504 • (206) 753-6797

September 13, 1989

Gary Edwards
Sheriff
Thurston County
2000 Lakeridge Drive
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: William Cosden, DOC #249717

Dear Sheriff Edwards:

This is in response to your letter regarding the above inmate.

As you may be aware, Mr. Cosden was found to be parolable in April of this year. At that time, his resources for the purposes of parole planning were all located in the Spokane area. The Board was also quite clear in recommending that the Department of Corrections reintegrate Mr. Cosden through lower levels of custody.

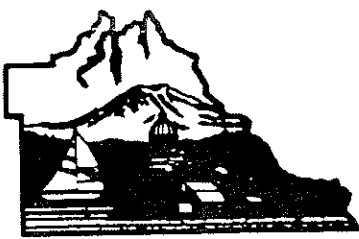
To date, we have not taken any action to parole. The Board appreciates your concerns and those of the citizens of Thurston County and will take them into consideration in any future decisions regarding Mr. Cosden.

Sincerely,

Dennis Marsh
Executive Secretary

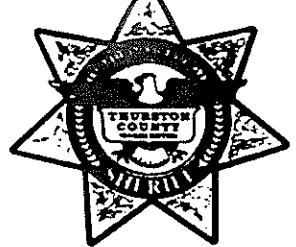
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cc: Inmate File



THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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August 31, 1989

Board of Prison Terms and Paroles
700 Capitol Center Building
410 W. 5th
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Inmate #249717
William E. Cosden, Jr.

Chairman and Board Members:

I'd like to take this opportunity to express concern on the part of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office about the possibility of release of the above-named inmate to the Olympia/Thurston County area. We strongly encourage you to insist on his placement elsewhere.

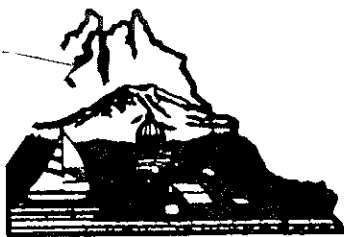
Your files should show that Cosden committed a homicide of a woman in Maryland prior to his rape conviction in Olympia. Furthermore, we are concerned that he remains a key suspect in a late-1973 homicide of a girl, plus a suspect in unsolved arson cases. Bill Cosden is an individual who seemingly is unable to control anger and repeat crimes seem quite likely should he ever gain release. Thurston County has been victimized enough and rehabilitation of this man appears doubtful.

Please consider our sensitivity toward this community.

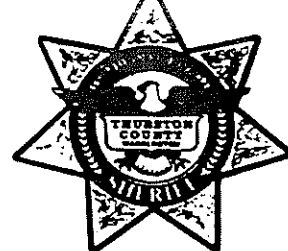
Sincerely,

Gary Edwards
Sheriff

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15/GE-22
cc: Lt. Curtis ✓



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August 31, 1989

Board of Prison Terms and Paroles
700 Capitol Center Building
410 W. 5th
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Inmate #249717
William E. Cosden, Jr.

Chairman and Board Members:

I'd like to take this opportunity to express concern on the part of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office about the possibility of release of the above-named inmate to the Olympia/Thurston County area. We strongly encourage you to insist on his placement elsewhere.

Your files should show that Cosden committed a homicide of a woman in Maryland prior to his rape conviction in Olympia. Furthermore, we are concerned that he remains a key suspect in a late-1973 homicide of a girl, plus a suspect in unsolved arson cases. Bill Cosden is an individual who seemingly is unable to control anger and repeat crimes seem quite likely should he ever gain release. Thurston County has been victimized enough and rehabilitation of this man appears doubtful.

Please consider our sensitivity toward this community.

Sincerely,

Gary Edwards
Sheriff

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cc: Lt. Curtis ✓



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September 13, 1989

Gary Edwards
Sheriff
Thurston County
2000 Lakeridge Drive
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: William Cosden, DOC #249717

Dear Sheriff Edwards:

This is in response to your letter regarding the above inmate.

As you may be aware, Mr. Cosden was found to be parolable in April of this year. At that time, his resources for the purposes of parole planning were all located in the Spokane area. The Board was also quite clear in recommending that the Department of Corrections reintegrate Mr. Cosden through lower levels of custody.

To date, we have not taken any action to parole. The Board appreciates your concerns and those of the citizens of Thurston County and will take them into consideration in any future decisions regarding Mr. Cosden.

Sincerely,

Dennis Marsh
Executive Secretary

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cc: Inmate File

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October 22, 1993

Gary Edwards
Thurston County Sheriff
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Olympia, Washington 98502

RE: William E. Cosden
249717

Dear Sheriff Edwards:

Thank you for your letter of October 17, 1993.

Regarding Mr. Cosden's status, he was last seen at a parolability hearing in October, 1992. At that time, he was again found to be not parolable and an additional 60 months was added to his minimum term. He will, therefore, next be eligible for parole consideration in May, 1996.

Whether he will be paroled at that time or at any point prior to his maximum expiration date of February, 2024, is, of course, a future decision not yet made. In any case, be assured that your letter with accompanying materials will be retained in the file for consideration by Board Members making decisions in this case.

Sincerely,

Dennis Marsh
Executive Secretary

DM:ms

cc: Gary Tabor, Chief Prosecuting Attorney

MEMO TO FILE

RE: Bill COSDEN JR.

5/10/95

We received a call from Dennis Marsh, Exec. Secy. for the DOC Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board. His info is:

Cosden is under their jurisdiction until he max's out at 2024, unless he is found to be parolable, which is possible but unlikely. He will be age 77 in 2024, Too old to be a danger.

The DOC would likely be willing to parole him, if, our prosecutor was wanting to go through the expensive Civil Commitment Trial. Cosden can also be paroled at the maximum date.

The earlier predicted "hearing" date of May '95 will not occur. Cosden is said to have lost a little of his good time. At this time, Cosden is not scheduled for any hearing at all until Jan. 1997. This is partly because he waived his earlier date until his sex offender treatment program maximum benefits expire.

Cosden could get a hearing date set if he passes this program. That decision is in the near future and does not seem probable (from my perspective.)

Capt. Mal Carter



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August 18, 1995

Captain Mark Curtis
Thurston County Sheriff's Office
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Olympia, Washington 98502-6045

RE: Cosden, William E., Jr.
DOC # 249717

Dear Captain Curtis:

At your request, we are notifying you that Mr. Cosden has been tentatively scheduled for a parolability hearing in October 1995.

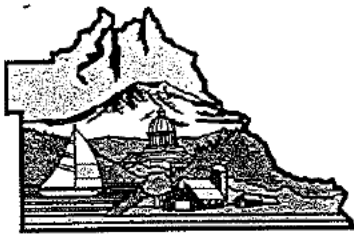
When Dennis Marsh spoke with you last May, there were no immediate plans for a hearing. Since that time, the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board was advised that Mr. Cosden completed treatment at the Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP). Although we have not received a treatment summary yet, all necessary reports will be made available to the Board panel when they see him in person.

We still have your letter of April 28, 1995 in a prominent location in Mr. Cosden's file for the Board's consideration. Do feel free to write again if you have additional information.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Van Loo
Hearing Officer

BVL:ms



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GARY P. EDWARDS
Sheriff

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28 April 1995

ATTN: Dennis Marsh, Executive Secretary
Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
4317 Sixth Ave. SE
P.O. Box 40907
Olympia, WA 98504-0907

RE: William Earl COSDEN Jr. #249717

Dear Mr. Marsh:

Mr. Cosden is in sexual-psychopathic treatment at Twin Rivers, at this time. He agreed to my interview on 25 April 1995, in the presence of counselor Shirley GRAY, and waived his right to silence. He did not permit tape recording. Enclosed is a copy of my report and related letters generated due to this interview.

Cosden seems as dangerous as he ever was and maybe more so, now, with planned sophistication. His possible re-entry into society flat gives me chills. He now claims he killed two U.S. servicemen while in Viet Nam. One killing was accidental and the other intentional. He admitted to his sister Susan, telephonically, about 1-1/2 years ago, that he recalls having sex in the woods in Maryland, 1967, with the Pilkerton girl who he also murdered in those woods. He had previously and since claimed that he blacked out and cannot recall the act of murder. Yet, on 25 April 1995, he displayed to us how he thrust the weapon. Shortly later, he claims how it was only "possibly" how he did it. Further, prior to incarceration for Rape, he freely would display photos of living, young Vietnamese children who he and other Marines "had to kill", later.

Cosden denies he murdered the young 101C [REDACTED] at/near Capitol Forest in Thurston County, in 1973. He still refuses to be polygraphed on that one, single case. He denies ever setting any fires, as long suspected. He also does not wish to fully admit to long-time sex abuse [REDACTED] nor other young girls, as suspected.



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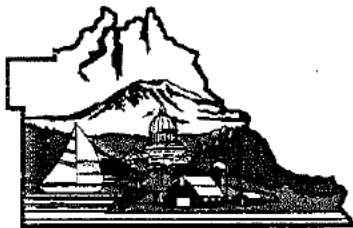
Surely, his Twin Rivers treatment is not yet successful or he should by now be more honest. I am particularly worried about his opinion expressed that he may do anything he wants to drunken women. I have no confidence whatsoever that this attitude is solely in the past. Bill Cosden's behavior towards women is dangerous and predatory. He speaks very macho towards men, but it is girls and women who seem in danger.

Considering his past proven violence, and claimed unpunished violence, suspected arsons, other murders and sexual abuses, it seems reasonable to again ask the Board to consider a Civil Commitment. He is now quite knowledgeable about what to say to impress or attempt to manipulate, relating to sexual psychopath treatment. But, the reality appears that only a good smoke screen is there. Cosden should be denied release and permanently retained in custody.

Sincerely,


Capt. Mark Curtis

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October 17, 1993

State of Washington
Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
700 Capitol Center Building
410 West 5th
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: William Earl Cosden, Jr.
DOC Number: 249717
Date of Birth: 12/19/46

Dear Board Members:

We last communicated with Dennis Marsh, Secretary of the Indeterminate Sentence Review Board, on August 31, 1989, concerning our worry that Bill Cosden, Jr. might be released back to Thurston County. We believe Cosden fits into a Level III sexual predator status and would be a danger to our community as well as his family. Our request is that you consider:

- A. Keeping him the full term of his 48 year sentence and at a minimum file a sexual commitment as a sexual predator. It is my feeling that this individual would be a serious threat to the citizens of Thurston County and to his original victim and family if he was ever returned to this jurisdiction.
- B. At the minimum bar his return to Thurston County or any county in the nation that his sister, Karen Cosden-Harris, or his 1975 rape victim may live.

In general, we cite information that Cosden is incarcerated for rape now; committed a 1963 murder in Maryland; is suspected here of a minimum of one unsolved murder; committed a minimum of one arson vehicle fire here, and is suspected of others; intentionally injured animals; sexually abused 101C; and allegedly had predatory contacts with other juvenile girls and women prior to his incarceration.

Cosden's ex-wife and two sisters fear his return. His rape trial prosecutor told the court that a life commitment would be proper as Bill is very dangerous to innocent people.



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Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
October 17, 1993
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We previously sent for your consideration the August 4, 1986, statement of Cosden's 101C [REDACTED] She is [REDACTED] of Olympia. [REDACTED] has suffered long-term child molestation by Cosden. He once told her he needed sex six times per day.

We now send to you statements recently given by [REDACTED] and his ex-wife, Rita Luce. [REDACTED] was his victim of sexual abuse and rape between the ages of about 4 and 15, including the day he returned from Vietnam up to the day he went for sentencing and incarceration for his rape conviction. Luce's statement covers Bill's alleged admission of an arson fire, corroboration of [REDACTED] molestation, observations of hallucinations when drunk, inappropriate contacts with 12 and 13 year old girls (one of which was found naked in his car), cruelty to a family dog, and his claims of enjoying killing people while in Vietnam in about 1963 and 1964. Fits of rage were a common occurrence by Bill. His anger was often directed towards women in general, and he was described as unsafe to walk the streets. A very disturbing situation was related by Rita Luce on how Bill once brought home a lady whose phone and power was cut late at night and Bill just happened to stop by at that time.

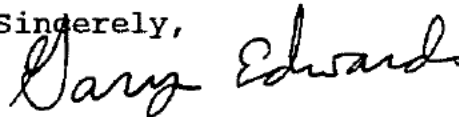
Collectively, Cosden's sisters and ex-wife have given us additional bits of information that tend to further point to Bill regarding a 1973 murder investigation at Capitol Peak in Thurston County.

Bill's [REDACTED] is said to be willing to testify in a court as to the abuse allegations, but only if under subpoena.

We are aware that Bill had control of a .357 Magnum S&W, and a 30.06 rifle during the time frame of 1973, when he allegedly shot a neighbor's dogs at Scott Lake.

After consideration of the information previously submitted, together with the additional statements provided herein, we hope the Board will rule in favor of the protection of society and continue the incarceration of Mr. Bill Cosden.

Sincerely,



Gary Edwards
Sheriff

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cc: Gary Tabor, Chief Prosecuting Atty.



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DECISION AND REASONS

NAME:	COSDEN, William E.
NUMBER:	249717
INSTITUTION:	McNeil Island Corrections Center @ WCC
TYPE OF MEETING:	.100 Hearing
DATE:	May 25, 1999
PANEL MEMBERS:	JG & JA

BOARD DECISION:

This was a Deferred Decision. The decision of the full Board is to find Mr. Cosden not parolable and to add 90 months to his minimum term.

NEXT ACTION:

Schedule a May 2001 Administrative Progress Review.

HISTORY/COMMENTS:

Mr. Cosden is under the Board's jurisdiction for Rape in the First Degree. The time start was March 15, 1976, with a maximum expiration date of February 10, 2024. The Judge recommended 120 months and the prosecutor recommended 240 months. The SRA (Sentencing Reform Act) range is 51 to 68 months, with an adjusted range of 49 to 66 months. Mr. Cosden's current PERD (Parole Eligibility Review Date) is September 26, 1999, and as of today's date he has served approximately 278 months.

File materials describe the underlying conviction as Mr. Cosden following a young woman home from a gas station where he had been working in a snowstorm, and Mr. Cosden faked car trouble to encourage the woman to assist him. She did assist him and he overpowered

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her, hit her in the head with a rubber mallet, and raped her. Mr. Cosden also has a history which involves a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity for a 1967 murder of a young woman. There are some file materials that suggest that the woman was raped prior to her death, although Mr. Cosden maintains it was consensual sex and he beat her to death during a blackout afterwards.

REASONS:

The Board last saw Mr. Cosden in April of 1996. At that time he had completed the Sexual Offender Treatment Program (SOTP) at Twin Rivers. The Board at that time was concerned with information presented that involved Mr. Cosden writing a "novel" which contained graphic sadistic and violent sexual behavior. The SOTP Treatment Summary Addendum was quite negative with respect to this novel and stated that the novel fed his deviant fantasies of torture, murder, and multiple rapes, and consisted of child pornography at it's very worst. The staff at Twin Rivers at that time period rated him a high risk to reoffend. Subsequent to the .100 hearing in 1996 he received an infraction in November of 1996 for possession of pornographic material. Mr. Cosden explains that it was one of the scripts which was the subject of the last .100 hearing. The Board questioned him as to why he had the script in his possession since it had been quite clearly discouraged by staff and the Board, and Mr. Cosden stated that he had sent some of the books out to publishers and that it may have been a manuscript that was sent back.

There is a current psychological from Betty Richardson dated April of 1999, which is more positive than past psychologicals, but still has some areas of concern. On the risk assessment ratings from the PCL-R, Mr. Cosden was rated a moderate risk for committing another

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violent offense within four years of release. On the LSI-R he scored in the medium to high risk needs category. On the Multiphasic Sex Inventory Profile he was unable to follow directions and answered in a manner that resulted in an invalid test.

Mr. Cosden has clearly been incarcerated for a lengthy period of time. After evaluating the available information, the Board still believes that he is too high a risk to release into the community.

FACTS RELIED UPON:

The panel relied upon previous Board dictations, a review of the entire ISRB and DOC files, as well as the face-to-face interview with Mr. Cosden.

JG:jas

June 4, 1999/June 21, 1999

CC: INSTITUTION
RESIDENT
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DECISION AND REASONS

NAME:	COSDEN, William E., Jr.
NUMBER:	249717
INSTITUTION:	Twin Rivers Corrections Center
TYPE OF MEETING:	.100 Hearing
DATE:	April 2, 1996
PANEL MEMBERS:	CO, KB, & JG

BOARD DECISION:

This was a Deferred Decision. The decision of the full Board is to find Mr. Cosden not parolable and to add 60 months to his minimum term.

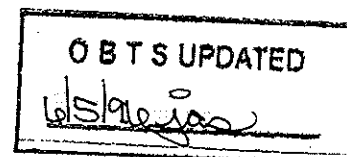
NEXT ACTION:

Schedule an April 1998 Administrative Progress Review.

HISTORY/COMMENTS:

Mr. Cosden was convicted of Rape First Degree in Thurston County in February of 1976. He has been incarcerated since that time. The Judge recommended ten years and the prosecutor recommended 20 years. As of April 1996, Mr. Cosden has served 234 months. His current maximum expiration date is February 10, 2024. The instant offense involved Mr. Cosden raping a young woman in Thurston County. He struck her in the head two times with a rubber mallet, took the victim away in his truck, and subsequently raped her twice. After the rape he threatened her by grabbing her throat and demanding that she not say anything. Records also indicate that Mr. Cosden used the threat of a gun underneath the seat of the vehicle, although the victim never saw the gun. He was convicted of Rape First Degree. Previously, in Maryland (1967) Mr. Cosden was found not

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guilty of Murder by reason of insanity. He was confined to a State Hospital from 1967 until the fall of 1971. It should be noted that the instant offense was similar to the one that he had been involved with in Maryland, which resulted in the Rape and Murder of a female companion who also had multiple bruises and contusions around the back and top of the head and body.

Mr. Cosden has a file history which is characterized with many inconsistencies regarding his life prior to his incarceration. It is clear that he was in the military and he did serve time in Vietnam. However, it is unclear as to what happened to him while he was there. There is one version of his story that claims he was wounded several times in Vietnam and that he killed U. S. servicemen and Vietnamese women and children.

REASONS:

The ISRB met with Mr. Cosden in October of 1995. This meeting came as a result of Mr. Cosden receiving Maximum Benefits from the Sexual Offender Treatment Program (SOTP) at Twin Rivers in May of 1995. The Board elected to not take any action at that hearing in view of some recent developments which raised serious concerns regarding Mr. Cosden's behavior and treatment benefits.

The Board asked for an updated report from the SOTP, as well as additional information from the Department of Corrections (DOC) in order to reach a decision. As a result of this additional information, a .100 hearing was held on April 2, 1996.

The Board discussed with Mr. Cosden his writing of a "novel", which contained graphic, sadistic, and violent sexual behavior. It contained scenes where there were child victims and other victims who enjoyed being raped and brutalized. The novel had come to light when it was discovered by

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correctional staff after Mr. Cosden had completed the in-patient portion of the program.

Mr. Cosden was asked to comment. He stated that he was writing the novel after being granted permission by SOTP staff and getting approval from his therapy group, with which he had shared some of the input. He went on to indicate that he was encouraged to continue writing this novel so that he could purge himself from the bad feelings that he did not want to duplicate.

His counselor, Pat Glebe, as well as SOTP counselor, Shirley Gray, and other SOTP staff to include Mike Morris and former therapist John Rockwell, all testified that this novel was not an approved document. In addition, it had not been encouraged or known of prior to the discovery by the correctional staff. They also indicated that it was not a part of the program's treatment modality. Part of the Sexual Offender Treatment Program does require participants to complete "covert scripts". These scripts were to be written and shared with the therapy group and therapist, and would deal with the offender writing a deviant arousal situation complete with an intervention scene. The arousal scene was to stop short of the participant touching the victim. Each script was to be about two pages in length. Mr. Cosden completed 15 written scripts and they were referred back to his SOTP therapist at that time, Mr. Henry Schmidt. The covert sensitization process was intended to assist offenders in managing a deviant sexual arousal and was read in group three to five times daily for practice in reducing sexual arousal. It was also stated that the potential victim was not to be engaged in any kind of conversation or physical interaction of any kind. Lastly, the potential victim was not to be displayed as enjoying or liking the situation, or having any fault for the situation. This novel clearly violated those mandates.

Mr. Cosden had completed the in-patient phase of the Sexual Offender Treatment Program and was participating in the Maximum Benefits Group, which is a group meeting for individuals who have

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completed the in-patient part of the program. He has continued to be employed by the Ex-Mark Corporation, where he has received satisfactory reports. He stated that if he were allowed to parole, he would continue to participate in Phase Three of the SOTP, where he would work on relapse prevention. He also indicated that he had VA benefits as a result of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. He, along with his attorney, pointed out that he had served in excess of the recommended time by the Judge and the prosecutor and had responded to the Board's request that he complete the Sexual Offender Treatment Program and is willing to continue treatment in Phase Three of the out-patient part of the program.

The Board finds enough evidence both in Mr. Cosden's "novel" as well as his denial and contradictions of program purposes and practices to conclude that Mr. Cosden has not internalized the treatment principles and continues to demonstrate that he is not safe to be at large.

FACTS RELIED UPON:

This panel relied upon the testimony by Mr. Cosden, his counselor, Mr. Pat Glebe, Mike Morris and Shirley Gray of the SOTP, the addendum to the SOTP Maximum Benefit Summary dated October 25, 1995, the Sex Offender Treatment Summary dated May 17, 1995, a letter dated April 3, 1996, from Mr. Cosden, input from Mr. Cosden's attorney, Rich Linn, the ISRB file, previous Board dictations, the DOC file, and the ISRB report.

CO:jas

April 24, 1996/May 31, 1996

CC: INSTITUTION
RESIDENT
FILE



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May 25, 1999

Captain Mark Curtis
Thurston County Sheriff's Office
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98502-6045

RE: COSDEN, William E. Jr.
DOC #249717

Dear Captain Curtis:

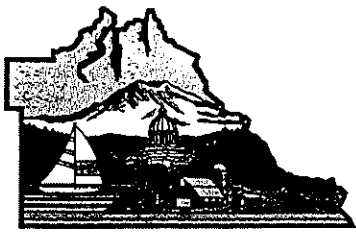
Thank you for your letter of May 20, 1999 and your perspective on Mr. Cosden. Your comments will be available for the Board Members as they consider his case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. P. LaRosa", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Richard P. LaRosa
Hearing Officer

RPL:rlr



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May 20, 1999

Rich Larosa
Indeterminate Sentencing Review Board
POB 40907
Olympia, WA 98504-0907

Dear Mr. Larosa:

I am writing regarding William E. Cosden, Jr., DOC #249717. My understanding is that he is due for a potential parole-review hearing.

I encourage you to keep him locked up. Simply, Mr. Cosden is too dangerous to be released into the community - any community. I would be concerned for his relatives, especially his own mother. She seems elderly, and vulnerable to his physical and psychological pressures. His siblings appear uncomfortable with his presence, as well. Few of your inmates from Thurston County present his level of community threat.

Cosden is an exception. It seems best - even for him - to remain incarcerated.

Sincerely,

Captain Mark Curtis



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ATTN: THURSTON COUNTY ***AND***

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RE: COSDEN, WILLIAM E. JR. DOC/249717 DOB/121946 M/W 601/193 BLU/BRO
COM FROM THURSTON COUNTY FOR RAPE 1ST.

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SPONSOR: DEACONESS HOSPITAL
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SPOKANE, WA

FACILITY: EASTERN WA PRE-RELEASE, SPOKANE

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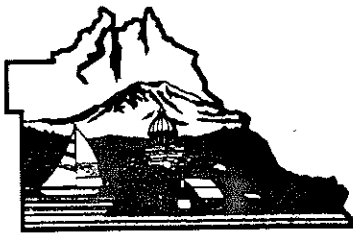
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AUTH/N. CAMPBELL
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON KG

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The Board just left
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against any decision to
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August 31, 1989

Board of Prison Terms and Paroles
700 Capitol Center Building
410 W. 5th
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: Inmate #249717
William E. Cosden, Jr.

Chairman and Board Members:

I'd like to take this opportunity to express concern on the part of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office about the possibility of release of the above-named inmate to the Olympia/Thurston County area. We strongly encourage you to insist on his placement elsewhere.

Your files should show that Cosden committed a homicide of a woman in Maryland prior to his rape conviction in Olympia. Furthermore, we are concerned that he remains a key suspect in a late-1973 homicide of a girl, plus a suspect in unsolved arson cases. Bill Cosden is an individual who seemingly is unable to control anger and repeat crimes seem quite likely should he ever gain release. Thurston County has been victimized enough and rehabilitation of this man appears doubtful.

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Sincerely,

Gary Edwards
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cc: Lt. Curtis ✓



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September 13, 1989

Gary Edwards
Sheriff
Thurston County
2000 Lakeridge Drive
Olympia, WA 98504

RE: William Cosden, DOC #249717

Dear Sheriff Edwards:

This is in response to your letter regarding the above inmate.

As you may be aware, Mr. Cosden was found to be parolable in April of this year. At that time, his resources for the purposes of parole planning were all located in the Spokane area. The Board was also quite clear in recommending that the Department of Corrections reintegrate Mr. Cosden through lower levels of custody.

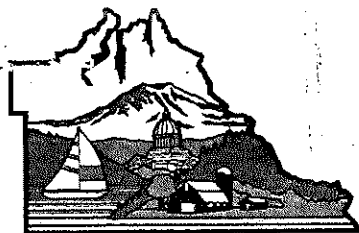
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Sincerely,

Dennis Marsh
Executive Secretary

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9 January 1989

Spokane County Sheriff's office
W. 1100 Mallon
Spokane, WA 99260

RE: COSDEN, William E., Jr.
W/M - 12/19/46

Dear Sir:

Geiger Pre-Release last week received a McNeil Island Inmate you need to know about and we hope to hear from you if he re-offends.

He committed an assault-rape in 1975 in Thurston County that still has our attention.

Cosden worked for a family-owned, large truck stop and followed an attractive young woman to a point where she was forced over to the side. He hit her about the head with a rubber mallet and made some comment similar to his surprise that here he, "was doing the same thing as Ted". At that time frame, the "Ted" (Ted Bundy murders) were quite well known. His victim survived to testify and his sentence was a maximum of 48 years.

But, there is more. Earlier in Maryland, he stabbed a young woman (possibly a girlfriend) to death with a broken pool cue and was sent quite briefly to a mental institution. His father, now deceased, was successful in gaining the man's release to Olympia. A chain of fires were set/or/involved with Cosden, Jr. that seemed to coincide with some tension involving him. They were;

- 1) a "stolen" and torched truck of his on 8/10/73,
- 2) another truck of his on 11/26/73, following a witness seeing blood in his truck bed and was inconsistent in story,
- 3) a house fire at his home on 4/15/74,
- 4) a truck-wash fire at his work 7/15/75,
- 5) and a pole shed-dwelling fire of his neighbor he didn't care for on 10/26/75.

We have two (2) unsolved runaway hitchhiker girl murders, i.e.,

- 1) a likely Memorial Day 1974 case of 101A [REDACTED] found a few miles east of Cosden's work at Millersylvania State Park, likely stabbed in the upper body area, and
- 2) a likely 11/25-26/73 case of 101C [REDACTED] who was found west of Cosden's work at Capitol Forest, likely attacked with a knife to the neck area. Her jeans were cut on the back and peeled over the buttocks and she had previously been tied with rope.

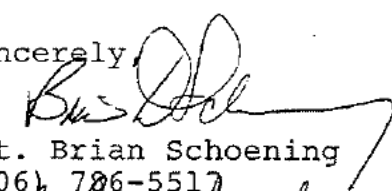
Mr. Cosden remains a very possible suspect in the 1973 homicide and we are anxiously awaiting the soon-to-be-possible state testing of DNA for hair. At this juncture, we do not know the comparability of hair evidence. We do know the evidence is not unlike that of Cosden. While in prison, he worked with weights and is unusually strong.

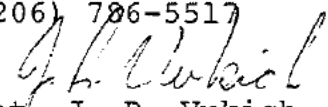
It might be fair to say we are aware of several different subjects of interest reference the 1974 homicide.

As Bill Cosden seems to be in your area, the greater risk seems to be to your community. However, his mother, brother and ex-wife still reside near Olympia, as is the family business. Thus, we are concerned he will return to work or visit when full DOC release occurs.

Please keep him in mind and us as well, should we be of any assistance or if we need to know any facts.

Sincerely,


Det. Brian Schoening
(206) 786-5517


Det. J. R. Vukich
(206) 786-5527

BS/JV/dr

cc: Lt. Curtis
Sgt. Lynch
Chief Hansen
Spokane Police Dept., Attn. Chan Bailey

THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
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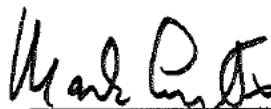
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REGIONAL OFFICE

SIXTH & LENORA BUILDING
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98121



Date:

In Reply
Refer to:

346/272
C-23 371 501

Mr. William E. Cosden Jr.
1332 First Street West Scott Lake
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Mr. Cosden:

We are sorry it has become necessary to discontinue your course of vocational rehabilitation for the objective Commercial effective 2-1-73 Photographer for the following reasons:

voluntarily withdrew

Sincerely yours,


EDDIE JORDAN

Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

(Address)

682-9100, Ext. 361

(Telephone No.)

See reverse side for information on Procedural and Appellate Rights

NOTICE TO SCHOOL OR ESTABLISHMENT:

The named veteran's vocational rehabilitation has been discontinued. He may not reenter vocational rehabilitation under Chapter 31, Title 38, U.S.C. unless you receive VA Form 21E-1905 authorizing reentrance.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL OR ESTABLISHMENT

Clover Park Education Center
4500 Steilacoom Boulevard
Lakewood Center, WA 98499

ATTN: Veterans Clerk

(See Over)

FL 22-71
NOV 1973(RS)

Show veteran's full name, VA file number, and social security number on all correspondence.

Date: JAN 22 1973
In Reply Refer to: 346/212
C 23 371 501

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
REGIONAL OFFICE
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Mr. William E. Cosden Jr.
1332 - 1st Street, Scott Lake
Olympia, WA 98501

Your course of vocational rehabilitation is being interrupted effective February 1, 1973
(Date)
~~because~~ pending selection of another training facility.

You are expected to reenter training at the place and date as follows:

(Place)

(Date)

Please let us know promptly if you are unable to reenter training as shown above. To neglect this may cause you to lose future vocational rehabilitation benefits.


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ATTN: Veterans Clerk

FL 21E-70
MAY 1971(R)

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STUDENT NAME _____

☐ CHANGE

INDICATE CHANGES OR ADDITIONS IN RED
ABOVE BOXES TO BE CORRECTED.

[illegible]

C	COURSE TO DATE HOURS	SOC. SEC. NO. (4)
MI-SCH. CD. (2)	PRESENT 0432 ABSENT 0090	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY									
D	NAME	(16) IF NOT HOME CONTACT	(14) TELEPHONE NO.	(12) BEN.	(11) ST.	(10) FULL-2	(9) AM-PM	(8) MRS DAY	(7) AD BEN
[REDACTED]									

PROGRESS AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

DATE

11/03/72
QUARTERLY

CLOVER PARK VOCATION - TECHNICAL DIVISION

TYPE OF REPORT

STUDENT NAME COSDEN WILLIAM E		STUDENT NO. 404	QUARTER HOURS PRESENT 66 ABSENT 12		COURSE HOURS PRESENT 276 ABSENT 54		ENTRY DATE 9/05/72	WITHDRAWAL DATE
COURSE TITLE COMM PHOTOGRAPH		COURSE NO. 12011	INSTRUCTOR COWAN					
SUBJECT NO.	SUBJECTS RATED		QUARTERLY STANINE					
			FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	SUMMER	
01	CAMERAS LENSES & SHUTTERS		5					
02	CAMERA TECHNIQUE		3					
03	COMPOSITION 1 & 2		1					
04	NEG MAT AND THEIR USES		7					
05	EXPOSURE METERS & EXPOSURE		7					
06	FILM PROCESSING		7					
07	NEG NUM AND FILING		5					
08	PHOTOGRAPHIC PAPERS		*					
09	PROOFING & PRINTING		5					
10	FILTERS THEIR USES		*					
11	COPYING		*					
12	ADV PHOTOGRAPHY		*					
13	PUBLICITY PHOTOGRAPHY		3					
14	PHOTOGRAPHY & THE LAW		*					
15	BASIC PRINCIPLES OF BUSINE		*					
PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS								
16	HOUSEKEEPING		5					
17	PERSONALITY		4					
18	ATTITUDE		3					
19	DEPENDABILITY		5					
20	PHYSICAL AGILITY		5					

CODES

- 9 SUPERIOR
- 8 EXCELLENT
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- 4-5-6 AVERAGE
- 3 BELOW AVERAGE
- 2 POOR
- 1 FAIL
- * NOT RATED
- X SUBJECT
- CONTENT CHANG.

CURRENT GRADE

QUARTER	5
W/D	
FINAL	

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE

PROGRESS AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

CLOVER PARK VOCATION - TECHNICAL DIVISION

DATE

01/19/73
WITHDRAWAL

TYPE OF REPORT

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02	CAMERA TECHNIQUE		3	1				
03	COMPOSITION 1 & 2		1	*				
04	NEG MAT AND THEIR USES		7	2				
05	EXPOSURE METERS & EXPOSURE		7	2				
06	FILM PROCESSING		7	2				
07	NEG NUM AND FILING		5	4				
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Date: December 29, 1972
In Reply
Refer to: 346/212

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Mrs. Helen Odell, Veterans Secretary
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You are hereby authorized to bill VA for \$502.95 plus 50¢ handling charge for equipment and supplies needed by Mr. William Cosden, C 23 371 501, for Commercial Photography.

Please attach a copy of this letter with your billing to the VA.

Eddie Jordan

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Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

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