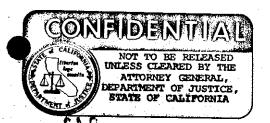
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AN ANALYSIS OF A SERIES OF IN CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN

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#### Readers:

This report focuses on the murders and disappearances of several young women throughout the states of California, Oregon, and Washington.

Over the past five years, there have been fourteen young women murdered in Northern California, and all of these murders appear to have been committed by the same person. Eight other young women have mysteriously disappeared in the states of Oregon and Washington over the past year. Since the murders and the disappearances may be related to each other, both topics will be discussed in this report.

The California Department of Justice, through its Division of Law Enforcement, has developed this report with the help of many local law enforcement agencies. The report has been designed to present a brief overview of the crime situation, to aid investigators in solving these crimes, and to offer suggestions as to a course of future action.

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#### GENERAL STATEMENT

After evaluating more than one hundred murder cases involving young female victims, it appears that thirteen of these crimes were committed by the same person. Each of the thirteen cases occurred in Northern California within the past five years. As of this writing, the suspect remains unknown and the cases unsolved.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In June 1974, representatives from a local law enforcement agency met with personnel from the California Department of Justice to discuss several unsolved murders, all having the following similarities:

- 1. The victims were female,
- 2. under thirty years of age,
- 3. found nude or partially clothed,
- 4. apparently dumped at locations other than where they had been murdered,
- 5. with some or all of their clothing missing.

During the meeting, the California Department of Justice was requested to implement a study of all homicides that appeared to match the above listed criteria. The purpose of the study was to determine if a series of murders existed that appeared to have been committed by the same individual or group.

In July 1974, the California Department of Justice initiated the study as requested. One hundred and three cases were found to have the above listed characteristics, and each case was reviewed. After review, it was this writer's opinion that thirteen of the unsolved murder cases (fourteen

victims) did have enough common similarities to constitute a series.

Furthermore, each of the thirteen cases appeared to have been perpetrated by the same individual.

During the study, it was also learned that several young women had mysteriously disappeared in the states of Oregon and Washington. Two of the missing females were later found murdered. Due to the similar characteristics involved in the multi-state crimes, it was thought possible that a connection existed between the cases of the missing young women and the selected murder cases in the California series.

The remainder of this report focuses on the thirteen cases in the murder series, and the possible connection with the missing females in the states of Oregon and Washington.

#### SUMMARY OF THE MURDER SERIES

This section of the report briefly summarizes each of the cases in the series, beginning with the first case in 1969.

On December 10, 1969, Leona LaRell Roberts was abducted from her boyfriend's apartment in the city of Rodeo. Her nude body was discovered on December 28, 1969, lying over a roadside embankment near Bolinas Lagoon in Marin County. The victim had apparently been kept alive for approximately ten days after her abduction. Although the victim was found completely nude and none of her clothing could be located, she apparently had not been sexually molested. The cause of death was listed as aspiration due to an unidentified virus. To date, none of her clothing has ever been located.

On March 13, 1970, Marie Antoinette Anstey was last seen in the parking lot of the Coronado Inn in the city of Vallejo. Her nude body was discovered in Lake County on March 21, 1970, lying off an isolated county

On November 20 or 21, 1972, Lori Lee Kursa was last seen by a family acquaintance in a Santa Rosa market. Her nude body was discovered on December 12, 1972, lying over a roadside embankment in a heavily wooded area of eastern Sonoma County. The cause of death was listed as a dislocation of the first and second cervical vertebra. The victim was apparently dumped at the location completely nude, and none of her clothing has ever been located. She had not been sexually assaulted.

On May 29, 1973, the nude body of Rosa Vasquez was discovered lying in some shrubbery in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. She had apparently been murdered elsewhere and dumped at the location where she was found. All of the victim's clothing was missing except for her bra, which was found around her neck. She had been sexually molested, as semen was found in her vagina, rectum, and mouth. The cause of death was listed as strangulation.

On June 9, 1973, Yvonne Quilantang was last seen leaving her San Francisco residence enroute to the store. Her nude body was discovered the following day, lying in some bushes on a vacant lot. The victim was apparently dumped at the location completely nude, and none of her clothing has ever been found. She may have been sexually molested, as semen was found in her vagina. The cause of death was listed as strangulation.

On July 1, 1973, Angela Thomas was last seen leaving a friend's house in the city of San Francisco. Her nude body was discovered the following day, lying in the schoolyard at the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School in San Francisco. She had apparently been murdered by asphyxiation and dumped completely nude at the discovery site. Although none of her clothing has ever been located, she apparently had not been sexually molested.

On July 12, 1973, Nancy Patricia Gidley was last seen at a motel where she was staying, while visiting in San Francisco. Her nude body was

discovered on July 15, 1973, lying in a parking lot on the Washington High School grounds in San Francisco. She had apparently been strangled to death and dumped at the location where she was found. None of her clothing has ever been located, and it appeared she may have been raped.

On July 15, 1973, Caroline Nadine Davis was last seen leaving her grandmother's house in Garberville, hitchniking south on US Highway 101. Her nude body was discovered on July 31, 1973, at the same remote location where the remains of Maureen Sterling and Yvonne Weber were found on December 28, 1972. She had apparently been dumped over the roadside embankment after being murdered at some unknown location. None of her clothing has ever been located. Death was caused by strychnine poisoning. It is unknown if the victim had been sexually molested.

On December 22, 1973, Therese Diane Walsh was last seen hitchhiking on US Highway 101, from the area of Malibu Beach to her home in Garberville. Her nude body was discovered in a creek in eastern Sonoma County on December 28, 1973. She had been strangled to death, hog-tied with a 1/4-inch nylon rope, and then thrown into a creek. None of her clothing has ever been located. She may have been sexually assaulted, as semen was found in her vagina.

On September 29, 1974, Donna Marie Braun was found floating in the Salinas River near the city of Greenfield in Monterey County. The area is typically a rural farm area and floodplain. She had been strangled to death and dumped into the river completely nude. None of her clothing has ever been located. When she was pulled from the river, she was still relatively warm, indicating she had not been dead long. It is unknown if the victim had been sexually molested.

#### AREA: WHERE THE BODIES WERE DISCOVERED

All six of the Sonoma County murder victims were discovered in the eastern section of the county, in areas that are typically rural and semi-isolated. The bodies were found dumped over roadside embankments, into ravines or creekbeds heavily lined with trees and brush.

The map on the following page depicts the discovery sites of the Sonoma County victims. On a scale of three miles to the inch, it can be seen that the furthest point between the discovery sites is sixteen miles.

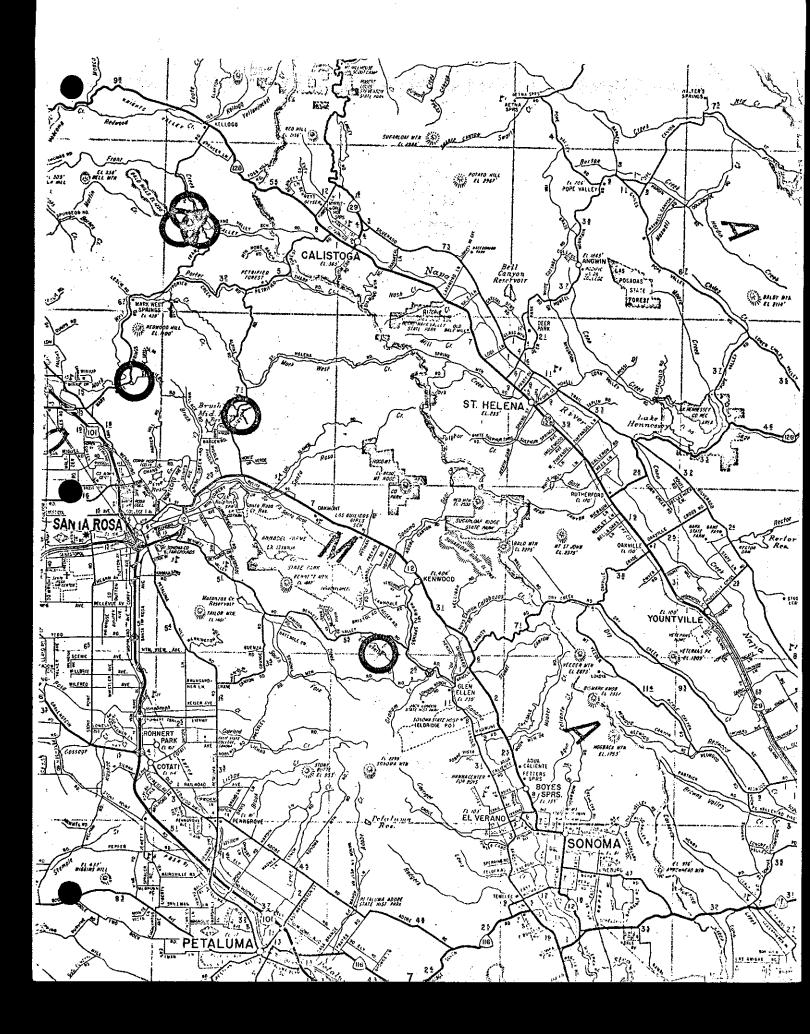
NOTE: Maureen Sterling and Yvonne Weber were discovered at the same location on December 28, 1972, and seven months later the body of Caroline Davis was discovered in exactly the same place.

Other victims found in similar type areas were Marie Anstey, found in heavy brush near an isolated county road in Lake County; Leona Roberts, found lying over a roadside embankment near Bolinas Lagoon in Marin County; and Donna Marie Braun, found in a river in a rural farm area of Monterey County.

In San Francisco, the areas where the bodies were discovered are somewhat different. Two of the victims were found lying on schoolgrounds, two were found in parks, and one was found in some bushes on a vacant lot.

#### SUSPECT PROFILE

Although the suspect in this murder series remains unknown, and no physical description of the perpetrator is available, the following tentative profile of the suspect was developed. The writer has based the profile upon his knowledge of the cases, past cases of a similar nature, and his interpretation of the available information.



- It is the writer's opinion that the suspect is:
- Male, because of the strength required to throw the bodies to their resting places.
- 2. Caucasian, because the majority of the known perpetrators in past crimes of this nature were Caucasians.
- 3. Under 50 years of age, because of the sexual overtones involved in some of the killings (a psychiatric evaluation of six murders in the series lists the suspect between 17 and 25 years of age), his physical strength, and because the majority of known offenders in similar crimes were below the age of 50.
- 4. Physically strong, for the same reason as cited in item #1.
- 5. Familiar with witchcraft or the occult, because of a witchcraft symbol found during the Caroline Davis case and the possible occult involvement in the missing female cases in the states of Oregon and Washington.
- 6. A lone operator, because of the nature of the crimes and the fact that the suspect has not been detected. If this was a group effort, the chances are that some information on the suspects would have been detected and reported.
- 7. Cunning, because of the lack of evidence at the discovery sites. The suspect apparently parked his vehicle in the roadway and not on the shoulder, thus eliminating any possibility of obtaining tire track impressions.
- 8. Knowledgeable in the art of knot typing, because of the type of knots used in binding Therese Walsh. Other victims also showed signs of having been bound; however, no bindings were located at the scenes.
- 9. Familiar with the geographical areas where the bodies were deposited,

because of the close proximity of the discovery sites in Sonoma County and San Francisco.

- 10. A collector of his victim's clothing, because none of the clothing of the fourteen victims has ever been found.
- 11. Probably working in a job that allows him to travel about freely and unsupervised, primarily along US Highway 101, such as a long-haul truck driver, traveling salesman, or construction worker. The majority of the bodies were discovered east of US Highway 101, within a few miles of the highway.

#### VICTIM PROFILE

Each of the murder victims had certain physical characteristics which were quite similar, and were combined to make up the following profile of the typical murder victim in this series. The victims were typically:

- 1. Female
- Caucasian (except Yvonne Quilantang, who was a Negro)
- 3. Between 12 and 24 years of age
- 4. Of small to medium physical stature
- 5. With long hair parted in the middle
- 6. With pierced ears
- 7. Attired in casual street clothing

#### VICTIM INFORMATION

The following section of this report contains the physical description, clothing description, and photograph of each murder victim.

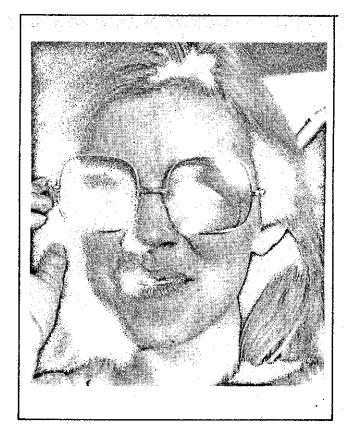


#### LEONA LARELL ROBERTS

Female, Caucasian, 5-0, 110, 1-8-53, long brown hair, brown eyes, pierced ears.

# Last seen on 12-10-69, wearing:

- 1. One piece tan dress size 3 to 7, tan lace and tan underlining, full length sleeves with a flare on the end, high neck.
- Key chain with a large red fluff with eyes on the end, two Nash automobile keys, one Volkswagen key, and two house keys.
- 3. Woman's black purse, imitation leather, zipper on the top, two side pockets, rectangular oval shape, double straps, size: 8"X10".
- 4. Woman's billfold, black or dark brown, with picture inserts containing various identification cards in the name of Leona Roberts.
- 5. Brown and white bell bottom pants, size 14.\*\*
- 6. Black V-neck blouse, long sleeves, bow in the front, flimsy material, size: 34.\*\*
- 7. Wristwatch: Hamilton yellow identification model. Vantage, florentine plaque, polished area for initials, link bracelet, with safety chain, 17 jewels.
- \*\* Victim was carrying items 5 and 6 when last seen.



# MARIE ANTOINETTE ANSTEY

Female, Caucasian, 4-11, 95, 24 years, medium length bleached blond hair, pierced ears.

## Last seen on 3-13-70, wearing:

- Light colored "wooley" type coat. Pink crepe blouse. Pink mini skirt. 1. 2. 3.



LINDA SUSAN DUDLEY

Female, Caucasian, 5-7, 110, 8-18-49, brown hair, hazel eyes.

# Last seen on 8-20-71, wearing:



## MAUREEN LEE STERLING

Female, Caucasian, 5-5, 117, 2-18-59, long brown hair parted in the middle, blue eyes, pierced ears.

# Last seen on 2-4-74, wearing:

- 1. 2.
- Blue jeans.
  Purple pullover shirt.
  Red sweatshirt with hood and a zipper up front. 3.
- Brown suede shoes.



## YVONNE LISA WEBER

Female, Caucasian, 5-2, 105, 1-29-59, long blond hair parted in the middle, blue eyes, pierced ears.

## Last seen on 2-4-72, wearing:

- Blue jeans.
- Lavender and white, button-up-the-front, tweed pullover shirt. Black velvet coat. 2.
- 4. Brown suede boots.



#### KIM WENDY ALLEN

Female, Caucasian, 5-5, 130, 9-22-52, long light brown hair parted in the middle, hazelblue eyes, pierced ears.

# <u>Last seen on 3-4-72</u>, wearing or having in her possession:

1. Gold plastic barrette in her hair, three inches in length.

White blouse with white embroidery.

3. Blue jeans or levis, cut off above the knees.4. Full ankle length skirt, blue with flowers.

5. Orange backpack, aluminum frame.

6. Necklace, approximately 24 inches in length, fashioned from driftwood, seeds, eucalyptus buttons, seaweed, tree moss, and seashells.

7. Straw carrying bag, approximately 24 inches long and having straw handles.

8. Health food, bread, fruits, nuts, and intestinal cleanser were carried in the straw bag.

9. Black cotton scarf.

Green cotton scarf, coarse material.

11. Paperback cookbook.

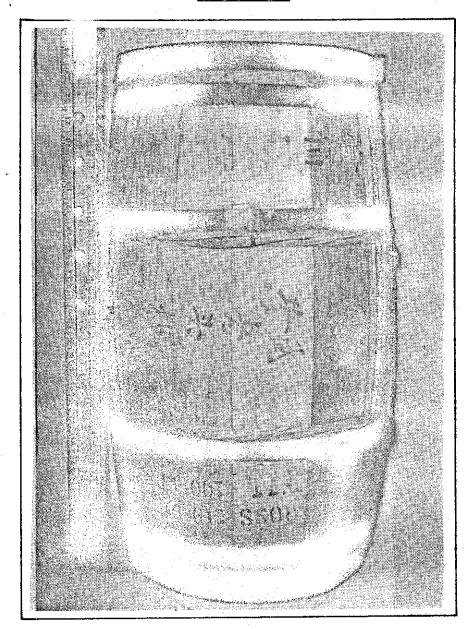
12. Three quarter length coat; beige, velour or suede cloth type, having a hood with white lining, slash-type pockets.

13. Ring, turquoise, oval shape with silver setting.

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- 14. A wooden drum or barrel, approximately two and a half feet tall and one foot in diameter. Natural wood finish, with the word "Soy" printed in black ink, also some Chinese writing.
- 15. Blue zipper-type sweatshirt with a hood.
- 16. Checkbook with personalized checks.
- 17. Over the shoulder type purse, heavy cloth, Indian or Moroccan design, greenish color, has stripes in the design in the middle of the purse. Strap is a thick solid green cloth material.
- 18. Charge card from Rosenberg's department store in Santa Rosa.
- 19. Her paycheck, from Larkspur Natural Foods, in Larkspur.

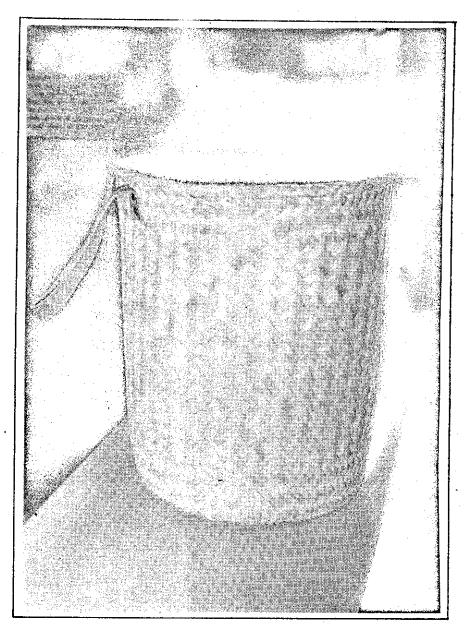
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An item similar to that pictured above was in the possession of Kim Wendy Allen at the time of her disappearance on 3-4-72. Kim was found murdered the following day; however, the barrel has never been located.

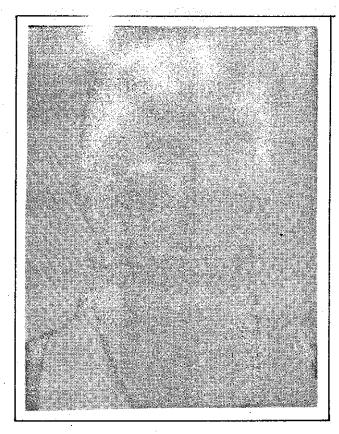
The item is described as: A wooden drum or barrel, approximately two and a half feet tall and one foot in diameter. Natural wood finish, with the word "Soy" printed in black ink, also some Chinese writing.

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An item similar to that pictured above was in the possession of Kim Wendy Allen at the time of her disappearance on 3-4-72. Kim was found murdered the following day; however, the bag has never been located.

The item is described as: A straw carrying bag, approximately twenty-four inches high, with straw handles.

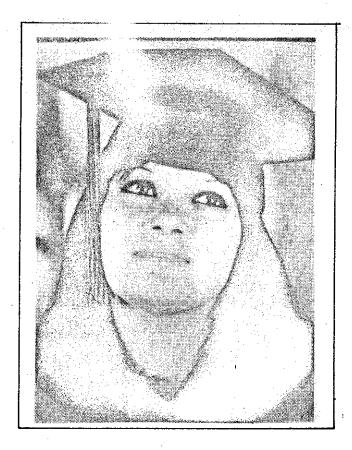


# LORI LEE KURSA

Female, Caucasian, 5-2, 100, 2-26-59, long blond hair parted in the middle, blue eyes, pierced ears.

# Last seen on 11-20 or 21, 1972, wearing:

- Blue, polished-denim bell bottom pants. Brown leather jacket. Brown suede cowboy boots. 1. 2. 3.



# ROSA VASQUEZ

Female, Caucasian/Latin, 4-9, 106, 20 years of age, medium length black hair, brown eyes, pierced ears.

# Last seen on 5-26-73, wearing:

PHOTOGRAPH UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

## YVONNE QUILANTANG

Female, Negro, 5-3, 125, 17-11-57, long black hair, brown eyes, pierced ears.

# Last seen on 6-9-73, wearing:

PHOTOGRAPH UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

## ANGELA THOMAS

Female, Caucasian, 5-4, 113, 16 years of age, long brown hair, brown eyes.

# Last seen on 7-2-73, wearing:



## NANCY PATRICIA GIDLEY

Female, Caucasian, 5-6, 140, 24 years of age, long reddish blond hair, brown eyes, pierced ears.

# Last seen on 7-14-73, wearing:



#### THERESE DIANE WALSH

Female, Caucasian, 5-5, 125, 3-25-50, long brown hair parted in the middle, brown eyes, pierced ears.

# Last seen on 12-22-73, wearing or having in her possession the following articles:

- 1. Jade-colored bead choker.
- 2. Silver, hand-made cross.
- 3. Fire-Opal ring, almost one inch long, purple and orange.
- 4. Copper band ring, worn down.
- 5. Navy blue, big-legged, lady's pants with cuffs.
- 6. Sweater type blouse, long sleeves, dark and light purple.
- 7. Black body-top, round-cut neck.
- 8. Blue and green vest.
- 9. Green printed, short dress with cape sleeves.
- 10. Pink "1930" type dress.
- 11. Dark tan or light brown sweater, with a white circle on it. Within the circle is a shooting star and the number "5".
- 12. Long plaid skirt, wool, with the same colors: brown, orange, and white. to go with the sweater.
- 13. Flannel, black-printed night gown, short length.

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- 14. Black suede purse, red rose and green leaves imprinted on the side. Shoulder type bag, not very large.
- 15. Her address/telephone book, black leather, binder type.
- 16. Pair of brown hiking boots.
- 17. Pair of levis.
- 18. Long string of tiny beads, put together on a chain. She wore them every day.
- 19. Photographs, especially of her son.
- 20. Long sleeved blouse, smock type, purple checks.
- 21. White cuffed pants with a leather heart patch on the back.
- 22. Peasant type blouse, with white lace around the neck.
- 23. Jacket, fur, dark brown with two inch long fur and a hood.
- 24. Old back pack; the straps were broken and had to be tied together.
- 25. Light green suitcase, cheap model.
- 26. Pair of small silver earrings.
- 27. About \$10.00 worth of colored beads for making bracelets.
- 28. Six strand floss (embroidery) thread, lots of it, to make a shirt. Also a hoop to hold the material.
- 29. White, short-sleeved printed blouse, tie back.

# GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- There are no crime scenes per se; all of the victims were murdered at some unknown location and their bodies deposited where they were found. (One possible exception is the murder of Marie Anstey, who was believed to have been killed where she was found.)
- Most of the victims were found near water (i.e., lakes, rivers, streams, ditches, etc.).
- 3. Only those victims over eighteen years of age were sexually molested.
- 4. All of the victims were found completely nude and none of their clothing has ever been found. (One exception is the murder of Rosa Vasquez in San Francisco. She was found nude; however, her bra was found around her neck.)
- 5. Most of the victims were known to hitchhike, and several were hitchhiking when they were last seen.
- 6. Several of the victims were involved in narcotics, generally to a small degree. However, drugs did not appear to have been the motive for the killings.
- 7. Generally, the victims disappeared over the weekend; Friday through Sunday. The time of day was consistent with the hours of darkness.
- 8. The majority of the victims were known to have been sexually active.
- The majority of the victims were from broken homes or homes with family problems.
- 10. Some of the victims had been bound.
- 11. The majority of the bodies were discovered east of U.S. Hwy-101, within a few miles of the highway.
- 12. The bodies were deposited over roadside embankments in rural, semiisolated areas or in schoolyards, parks, and vacant lots.

- The suspect may experiment in various methods of killing. In the majority of cases, strangulation was the cause of death; however, some of the victims were stabled or poisoned.
- 14. The suspect is apparently physically strong, since the victims were thrown bodily by the suspect to their resting places. There was no indication that any of the victims had been dragged to where they were found.

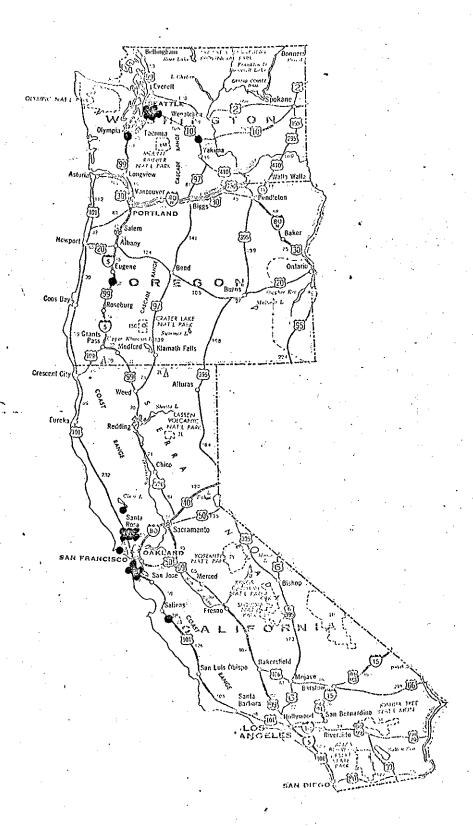
#### POSSIBLE OUT-OF-STATE CONNECTION

Since January 31, 1974, eight young women have mysteriously disappeared from various locations throughout the states of Washington and Oregon. On September 10, 1974, the skeletal remains of two young women were discovered lying over a roadside embankment in King County, Washington. The remains were later identified as being: Janice Ott and Denise Naslund, the last two missing females in the state of Washington.

Perhaps there is a connection between the murder series in California and the missing females from out-of-state, as there are several common similarities:

- The missing females match the general profile of the murder victims in California.
- 2. The bodies were discovered in similar type areas.
- 3. The bodies found in Washington were found nude and no clothing was located.
- 4. The missing females in Washington and Oregon disappeared between January and July 1974. There was no reported activity in the California murder series during that time.
- 5. The unknown suspect in the missing persons series apparently travels about freely as the unknown suspect in the California cases is believed to be doing.

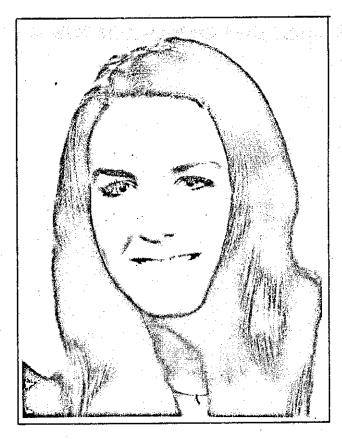
The map on the following page depicts the general locations where each of the California murder victims were discovered, and where each of the out-of-state females disappeared.



#### OUT-OF-STATE VICTIM INFORMATION

The following section pertains to the missing females in the states of Washington and Oregon. Included in this section are: a photograph of each missing female, her physical and clothing descriptions, and a brief summary of the disappearance of each young woman.

At the end of this section is a composite of a possible suspect in the disappearance and murders of Janice Ott and Denise Naslund.



## LYNDA ANN HEALY

Female, Caucasian, 5-7, 115, 7-3-52, long brown hair parted in the middle, blue eyes, 1/2 inch scar on the bridge of her nose.

The missing female was last seen on Thursday, 1-31-74, at 2400 hours, when she left the main floor of her campus residence at the University of Washington, to proceed to her basement bedroom. Bloodstains were found in her bedroom, and the victim is still missing.

#### Last seen wearing:

- 1. Blue jeans.
- 2. White smock type blouse with blue trim.
- 3. Brown vinyl waffle stompers.
- 4. Brown belt.
- 5. Turquoise rings on each ring finger.

#### Missing from her room:

1. Red backpack, possibly containing a yellow ski cap and miscellaneous books. Her identification was intact and in the room.



#### DONNA GAIL MANSON

Female, Caucasian, 5-0, 100, 6-9-54, long brown hair parted in the middle, blue eyes.

The missing female was last seen on Tuesday, 3-12-74, at 1900 hours, while walking from her dormitory, 300 yards to a hall for a jazz concert at Olympia's Evergreen College. To date, she is still missing.

#### Last seen wearing:

- 1. Red. orange, and green striped top.
- 2. Green slacks.
- 3. Black fuzzy maxi coat.
- 4. Bulova wristwatch.

#### COSETTE ELLISON

Date of Disappearance: 3/3/1970

Place of Disappearance: Moraga (Contra Costa Co.), CA

Investigative Agency: Contra Costa Co. Sheriff's Office, Martinez, CA

Body Discovered: 1/1/1971 off Morgan Territory Road, Clayton, CA

#### DETAILS:

machine).

Victim (V) was dropped off near her residence (423 Canyon Road, Moraga, CA)by Campolindo HS school bus driven by Gene YEE at about 3:20/3:30 pm on 3/3/1970. YEE reported seeing a 1958/1959 FORD Pickup (Red with step sides, pumpkin-colored doors and pumpkin-colored hood) parked on the right side of road at a small turn-off space facing toward Canyon area. A White Male, late 30's/early 40's wearing blue jeans, blue denim jacket, red plaid shirt having brown hair combed straight back was seen walking toward this pickup. When YEE went to Canyon and dropped off the MENGE girls and he returned about 3:40 pm the pickup truck had been moved and was now on the other side of the road and was parallel to V's mailbox and now facing toward Moraga. No one was in sight in or around the pickup.

A <u>Witness (NBI)</u> reported seeing a 1959 white Chevrolet hardtop parked in the Northbound lane at the intersection of Canyon Road and Camino Pablo at about 3:50 pm. No driver was seen in this vehicle.

Anonymous phone call was made to Ellison family home on 8/4/1970 from a Male in the course of which the Operator interrupted to say caller's 3 minutes were up. Caller (NFI) said that V was living in the Haight-Ashbury district, was on drugs, was prgnant, had lost 15 pounds and was going by the name "Co". (Message was recorded on Ellison's answering

Juanita Menge, Box 300, Canyon, CA described the man connected to the

pickup on 3/3/1970 as 5' 9" - 5' 11" having heavy black heair. (376-4653)

Julie Winninger, Box 300, Cqnyon, CA described the same man as having greyish-brown hair, wearing jeans and a grey shirt. She thought he might be a "telephone man". (376-4653)

Diane Meyers, Box 82, Canyon, CA described the same man as having dark hair, possibly greying with a "dark pickup truck." (376-6594)

Diana Williams, Box 82, Canyon, CA described the same man as 45-50, greying dark hair, possibly 6 feet tall and well over 200 pounds. He was driving an "old pickup brownish in color with lighter blotches as if the paint had faded and been painted over. (376-6594)

George Keherer, Box 113, Canyon, CA at approximately 4:15 pm saw a grey or green sedan (about 1964-66 vintage) parked about 100 yards from Ellison gate toward Canyon. A male of indeterminate age about 6 feet tall with dark hair was near car. (376-0570)

Maile Bailey and Ronnie Clark also in school bus are possible witnesses.

3/8/1970:

Contra Costa Times newspaper reported: "After questioning the truck driver (NFI) officers said they determined he was not involved in Miss Ellison's disappearance.....There was no indication V had been home although Yee saw her collect the mail."

3/10/1970:

Contra Costa Times newspaper reported: "Deputies have searched the entire area around the Ellison home as well as areas where anonymous telephone calls indicated she might be."

L. L.'s information: Phone calls to Ellison's home on 3/15/1970 said
"I got your daughter" and on 3/16/1970 there was no answer and caller
hung up. One of these calls was traced to Jason's Realty & Investment

Co., 8200 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA (415) 568-5666).

6/1974 (approx.)

Captain , Head of Investigations, CCCSO advised he feels certain they know who committed this murder as well as that of Maureen Fields. This Suspect attended Campolindo HS with both V's and knew them both and he declined to submit to a Polygraph examination.

1999

The above individual was arrested in 1979 and convicted of the murders of Maureen Fields, Lisa Berry and Latitia Fagot.

2003

Ellison case is still officially unsolved and open.



Sheriff Walter F. Young Today disclosed that the body of a young girl found in a creek bed in the foothills of Mt. Diablo, along Morgan Territory Read, on New Years Day of this year, has been positively identified as Cossette Ellison, who had disappeared from in front of her Moraga residence upon returning from school on March 3, 1970.

Following the New Years Day discovery, an attempt was made through dental records to affect identification of the missing Moraga youngster. However, imitial examination by the family dentist failed to affect an identification. Although following the subsequent identification of clothing found on Morgan Porritory Road as that of the missing youth, a re-examination of the dental repairs by a Richmond Dentist disclosed the possibility that the remains were that of Cossette Ellison. Since teeth were missing from the body, the results of this examination were essentially inconclusive.

Further examination of the skeletal at ructure by Dr. W. J. Levin, Kaiser Hoopital, Walmut Creek; Dr. Howard Steinbach, of San Francisco, and ultimately Walter E. Birkley, Physical Anthropologist in the Human Identification Laboratory of the University of Arizona, identified the remains as that of the missing girl.

Investigation by this office and related agencies is continuing into the circumstances surrounding the youth's dissapearance.



The above photograph depicts a reconstruction in modeling clay of the facial features of the victim based upon the snatomical features of the skull. The reconstruction was performed according to the method of Krogsan. The reconstruction should not be construed as necessarily a precise likeness, but represents the best estimate of facial features upon the available skull. Particularly noticeable features include a rather prominent jaw and nose, and a moderate overbite. The hair measures 19 inches in length.

Tinvestigation Cont.

### PATRICIA KING

Date of Murder:

3/5/1970

Place of Murder:

Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, CA (DVC)

Investigative Agency: Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office, Martinez, CA

Cause of Death: Strangulation with Victims (V) Leotards

#### DETAILS:

V, residing at 2200 Lisa Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA attended a Gym class af DVC until a few minutes past 8:00 pm. A <u>Witness</u> (NFI) reported V appeared "bothered about something" and kept looking at the door when anyone walked by as if she was looking for someone. She also said her boyfriend might come down that night to watch the class.

Margaret Goetzke, 1420 Creekside Drive, Apt. 6, Walnut Creek, CA, an Instructor at Monte Vista HS, Danville, CA left the gym class at about 8:25; m that night. She saw V greet a White Male driving a car similar to a Chevy II, 1965 vintage with no chrome strip and a large rear window. She saw only the left side of the vehicle and it appeared undamaged. She described the Driver as a head taller than the V, slender, with dark, possibly black hair, wearing dark horn-rimmed glasses and possibly a "Beanie" and wearing a P-Coat. He might have had a mustache.

2 other students at the DVC gym class that night reported hearing a Pickup truck outside the Gym Building at about 7:30 pm that night.

3/12/1970 Contra Costa Times newspaper reported "Murdered DVC coed Patricia Ann King probably was not raped. Miss King's clothes were in disarray and the black tights she had worn to a Thursday evening class were knotted about her neck."

3/14/1970 Individual (NFI) reported the presence of of a hand printed message on a bathroom wall at DVC which stated "That girl I strangled had quite an ass! And she was sure fun to ass fuck her." (An direction)

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individual (NFI) reported this writing wasnot on that wall on 3/12/1970). (See Attached Copy of Message)

3/19/1970 Contra Costa Times newspapaer reported "Other than her missing wallet and the possibility that Miss King had been raped officers have been unable to establish a motive for the slaying."

This case remains officially unsolved.

## VACAVILLE INCIDENTS

LOCATION:

Alamo Apartments 1567 Alamo Drive, Vacaville, California

TIME:

April-May, 1974

DETAILS:

On 7 May at 5:00 am and, again, at 6:00 pm and, again on 8 May at 12:30 am and 4:00 am Gail HOUSE, 26, a School Teacher at Green Valley Intermediate School, Rt. 1, Box 277, Cordelia, California received phone calls at her apartment at the above address (Apt. 15) -- (phone: (707) 448-7889). The first call rang twice and she did not get to the phone in time to answer before it stopped ringing; the 2nd call she answered and heard the caller hang up; the 3rd call she answered after 2 rings and heard a dial tone and the 4th call she answered after 2 rings and heard a dial tone. On none of these calls did she hear a voice or any sounds.

On 9 May Miss House went to her boy friend, Ralph WALTON's rented house in the country on Silveyville Road in Dixon.

On 10-11-12 May Miss House went to Coarsegold area above Bass Lake and stayed with her 72-year old grandmother, Hilda JONES who operates a general store there during the warm months by the name of Jones's.

On 13-14-15 May Miss House returned to her Wataville apartment and, as a precaution, took the phone off the hook.

On 16 May Wiss House again visited Ralph WALTON at the Silveyville Road house in Dixon.

On 17-18 May Miss House stayed with her grandmother in

Coarsegold area.

On 19 May Miss House returned to her Vacaville apartment and found the threatening letter addressed to" to House" in her mailbox which had been mailed from Sacramento, Ca on 15 May 1974. (See Exhibit A) Miss House, in great distress, drove to her parents (Ralph and Laura HOUSE) home at: 3891 Linden Lane, El Sobrante, California and she never again lived in her apartment in Vacaville thereafter.

On 24 May at approximately 12:15 in the early morning Miss House answered the phone at the family home in El Sobrante. Where she was staying (Listed phone number was: (415) 223-2509) and she heard the caller hang up. At 1:15 am the same morning Mr. House answered the shone after several rings and he heard the celler hang up. Nothing was said during either of these calls. The following day the House's requested and obtained an unlisted number for their El Sobrante home which they are now using. They have received no subsequent unusual phone calls. Gail House continued to live with her parents until late in June after the school year was over.

On 22 May Ralph WALTON, living alone on Silveyville Rodd, Dixon received a phone calls at some time between midnight and 2:00 am (phone number: (916) 678-3347) and a male voice asked:

"Is Miss House there?" Angered, Walton slammed down the receiver. Being sleepy he could not give any elaboration as to the callers voice quality, approximate age nor if there were any identifiable background noises.

on 12 Jun the mailmag attempted to deliver a letter addressed to "G. House" at the Houses residence in El Sobrante which had been sent without a stamp and had 10 cents postage due. However, no one was home and the letter was delivered the following day, 13 Jun. Anticipating the possible recept ion of another threatening letter the House's turned the letter over promptly, without handling the message inside, to the Contra County Sheriff's Office, Martinez, California and the envelope and contents were sprayed for possible prints and a possible print was developed in the upper right hand corner. However, the sender had crumpled up the scrap of paper with the message on it and then smoothed it out before sending it making an apparent effort to thwart possible fingerprint evidence. (The letter is Exhibit R.)

No member of this family or their friends has received any other telephonic or written communications of a suspicious nature and no involved individuals have felt they were

being followed at any time.

On/about 6 Jul Hilds JONES, Miss House's grandmother, was at work in her general store above Coarsegold (last 15 miles up to her store are on rutted dirt roads). She reported that a man in his 50's with hair that was unusually long in back and high on his head (for his age expecially, she said) came into her store and ordered something to drink. She attempted to engage him in pleasantries without success and he only stared at her and followed her every move. She finally became so frightened of this individual that she retreated to the rear of the store. She did not see what kind of a car he was drivingand, when shown a picture of Suspect she said she could not be certain as the man she saw was not wearing glasses and his hair was much longer than that on the man

#### WITNESSES

Sisan Lee CLAY, age approximately 25, Social Security Number: 521-78-9912, married or separated from a prisoner at CMF, Vacaville formerly resided in the same apartment building in Vacaville as Miss House. Mrs. Clay lived in Apt. 18 during the period of Apr-May 74 and she worked at the 7-11 Store, 1450 Alamo Drive, Vacaville (one long block from the apt. bldg. where she and Miss House resided). Mrs. Clay told Miss House minum in approximately early May 74 that a man had been in the 7-11 Store and had asked about "the girl in Apt. 15" or "Miss House" - Mrs. Clay could not recall exactly. She said she could not describe the man as the store was very busy at the time and she did not take a good look at the man. Miss House did not think that much of it at the time as it was before she began receiving phone calls and letters.

Mrs. Clay later moved out of this apartment building (on 20 May) because, according to their records, she was "being bugged by phone calls and being followed" and for this reason she did not want to leave a forwarding address. All of the following information came from Prad LEONARD, a friend of Mrs. Clay's who works as a Cook at Mr. Ed's Restaurant, Vacaville (phone no: (707) 448-1515) who relayed, or said he did, our questions to Mrs.

Clay and her answers back to us:

Mrs. Clay reported that while she was in Apt. 18 during the afternoons in the Apr-May 74 period she saw a car parked in the back parking lot of her (and Miss House's) apartment building and that a man was always sitting in the car. She estimated she had seen the car/man possibly 3-4 times a week over a 2-3 week period and she feared that since her husband was in CMF and they were having marital difficulties it was possibly somebody who was a friend of her husband's and he was keeping an eye on her. She did not report it at the time it was going on inasmuch as she was not certain of her suspicions and the man took no overt action. She said she could not describe the man (or possibly would not?) but she was certain of the description of the car although she claimed not to have taken down the license number. She described the car as being (1) New or near-new, (2) dark green, (3) 4-dr. sedan, (4) large and (5) a Ford (The suspect drives a 1974 Ford LTD, 4-dr. sedan dark green in color - license number 772 JIL, California).

Brad LEONARD stated Mrs. Clay had mentioned her concern about the car and the man sitting in it which was allegedly parked behind the apartment building and he claimed that he drove by one or two days (he couldn't remember which) and he did see such a car which he described only as being "dark green or dark blue" and a big sedan. A man was sitting in the car but he could not describe the individual and he did not attempt to obtain the lic-

ense number, he stated.

## WITNESSES

Elaine GOINES, about 26, is Manager of the Alamo Apartments at 1567 Alamo Drive, Vacaville and she lives on the premises and was Manager during the Apr-May 1974 period. Mrs. Goines seems a stable and responsible individual who was and is concerned about her tenants welfare and who was worried about Gail House's safety as a result of the incidents of May-Jun 74.

Mrs. GOINES was shown a picture of our Suspect (1971 Drivers License photo - Exhibit 3) and asked if she had ever seen this individual at or around these spartments. She took a long, long look (8-10 minutes) while saying "I know I've seen that face - let me think." Finally, she stated that if this man (referring to picture) has hair that is "considerably longer and greyer" when it appears in the picture she is certain he is the man who came to her Manager's apartment door in approximately Apr or May 74 and said he was from the Phone Company or City Directory Service or some such organization. She stated he asked her about the number of vacancies and a few other probing questions about the property which he implied or stated was necessary for some type of survey or information-gathering service he was performing. She stated he did not stay too long and kept his questions general (he did not ask about specific tenants) and left. She stated his clothing appeared messy, his shirt somewhat soiled and his hair somewhat dishevelled. She was almost certain he did not show any identification and she said she answered the questions only because they were general in nature and he left fairly soon.

On 6 Sep 74 Mrs. Goines went to the Alcoholics Anonymous regular meeting at the Grace Episcopal Church, lat & Kentucky, Fairfield, California (a meeting which suspect attends regularly on Monday and Frigay nights from 8:30 to approximately 10:00 p.m.) After the meeting was started Mrs. Goines walked over to the open door and looked in, hesitated a moment, and went into the meeting. She was in the meeting only 5-6 minutes and on returning stated that the minute she looked into the meeting she could see that the man with the great shock of grey hair and horned-rimmed glasses who was wearing a pink shirt and sitting facing the door was, without any doubt the same man who came to her door in Apr or May. his hair is combed and longer than it was 4-5 months earlier and he appeared very nest tonight as opposed to when she first saw him but she said she was absolutely certain he was the same man who came to her door. (There was a room full of approximately 20 individuals at the AA meeting, mostly men, and I returned to the meeting room just before the meeting broke up to be certain Mrs. Goines was talking about our Sispect and I found that he was sitting directly facing the door, was wearing a pink shirt, and that his hair is very high on his head and he was wearing his horned-rimmed glasses.

Mrs. GOINES: phone number in Vacaville is: (707) 446-0315.

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# FEBRUARY 4, 1972

1. STERLING, Maureen L., WFJ, DOB: 2-18-59

2. WEBER, Yvonne Lisa, WFJ, DOB: 1-29-59

1. Last seen: 2-4-72, Friday night 9:00 P.M.

2. Location: Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, Redwood Ice Skating Rink

3. Last seen by: Sanchez, Richard, WMJ, DOB: 12-30-55

4. Found: 12-28-72, approximately 4:00 P.M.

5. Found by: FROST, Glen Jack, WMJ, DOB: 9-3-55

BROONER, A. Dave, WMJ, DOB: 10-29-56

6. Location: 2.2 miles north of Porter Creek Road on

Franz Valley Road

7. Bodies: Approximately 26 feet from roadway, west side.

8. Condition of bodies:Bones only

9. Cause of death: Unknown

10. Scene of death: None. No clothing found at scene. Presumption

bodies were nude when dumped.

11. Evidence at scene: One (1) gold chain necklace with cross

One (1) earring - pierced type

12. Suspects: None

13. Crime report #: CR 2756-00

14. Sexual assault: Unknown

### MARCH 4, 1972

## 3. ALLEN, KIM WENDY, WFA, DOB: 9-22-52

1. Last seen: 3-4-72, Saturday, approximately 5:20 P.M.

2. Location: Bell Avenue freeway entrance 101 Highway,

northbound at San Rafael, California

3. Last seen by: Ferrari, Tony, DOB: 3-31-48

4. Found: 3-5-72 at approximately 2:00 P.M.

5. Found by: BLY, John A., WMJ, DOB: 7-6-54

BUNTING, Scott J., WMJ, DOB: 2-9-54

6. Location: Enterprise Road, body lying over embankment

7. Body: Approximately 20 feet from roadway.

8. Condition of body: Good

9. Cause of death: Strangulation with rope-wire or similar type of

material. Victim had also been bound at wrists,

and ankles as if spread-eagled.

10. Scene of death: None. No clothing or personal property found.

Body was nude when dumped.

11. Evidence at scene: One (1) gold earring, loop type, pierced type.

12. Suspects: None

13. Crime report #: CR 2663-96.

.14. Sexual Assault: Semen in vagina.

## APRIL 25, 1972

4. KAMAHELE, Jeannette, Japanese-Hawiian, DOB: 2-10-52

1. Last seen: 4-25-72, Tuesday, 9:30 A.M.

2. Location: Cotati on-ramp Highway 101, Cotati

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3. Last seen by: CLARK, Terry Allen (boyfriend)

4. Found: Body never located

5. Found by: None

6. Location: None

7. Body Approx. None

8. Condition of body: None

9. Cause of death: Unknown

10. Scene of death: None

11. Evidence at scene: None

12. Suspects: None

13. Crime report #: CR 2679-99

14. Sexual Assault: Unknown

### **DECEMBER 14, 1972**

5. KURSA, Lori Lee, WFJ, DOB: 2-26-59

November 20 or 21, 1972, Monday or Tuesday. 1. Last seen:

5:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

U-Save Market. Was with mother who reported victim Location:

missing on November 11, 1972.

SCERBO, Barbara, WFA Last seen by:

12-14-72 approximately 3:40 P.M. Found:

MOORE, Lex Fredrick, WMA, DOB: 8-11-52 5. Found by:

Calistoga Road over an embankment Location: 6.

7. Body Approximately: 50 feet below roadway.

Fair. Body was frozen due to extreme cold, however 8. Condition of Body:

victim had been dead one to two weeks.

Dislocation of first and second cervical vertebrea Cause of death:

with compression and hemorrhage of spinal cord due

to trauma.

None. No clothing or personal property found. Body Scene of death:

was nude when dumped:

Evidence at scene: (2) gold wire loops in pierced ears. No earrings

attached.

None Suspects: 12.

CR 2752-78 Crime Report #: 13.

14. Sexual Assault:, Negative 6. DAVIS, Carolyn N., WFJ, DOB: 12-3-58

1. Last seen: 7-15-73, Sunday, 1:50 P.M.

2. Location: Highway 101 on-ramp, Garberville, California

3. Last seen by: COOK, Adelia (grandmother), WFA

4. Found: 7-31-73, approximately 8:30 P.M.

5. Found by: APEL, Randall Lee, WMA, DOB: 11-21-46

6. Location: 2.2 miles north of Porter Creek Road on Franz Valley Road (same location as Sterling & Weber)

7. Body approximately: 26 feet from roadway, west side.

8. Condition of body: State of putrification

9. Cause of death: Strychnine poisoning

10. Scene of death: None. No clothing or personal property found at

scene. Body was nude when dumped.

11. Evidence at scene: Symbol made of sticks located on shoulder of

roadway (see photo)

12. Suspects: None

13. Crime report #: CR 2823-94.

14. Sexual Assault: Unknown

7. WALSH, Therese Dianne, WFA, DOB: 3-25-50

1. Last seen: 12-22-73, Saturday, 9:00 A.M.

2. Location: Highway 1, Zuma Beach, Malibu, California

3. Last seen by: Friends: ROBINSON, James, LITWIN, Stan

EDWARD, Joni

4. Found: December 28, 1973, approximately 2:10 P.M.

5. Found by: BRAZIL, Jeffery Louis, WMA, DOB: 11-8-54

6. Location: Mark West Creek, 3/4 mile to nearest road

7. Body: Lying in creek bed under log, hog tied

8. Condition of body: Good

9. Cause of death: Manual strangulation

10. Scene of death: None. No clothing or personal property found at scene.

Body was nude when dumped.

11. Evidence at scene: 1/4 inch nylon rope to tie victim. FBI unable to

identify.

12. Suspects: None

13. Crime Report #: CR 2870-27

14. Sexual Assault: Semen in vagina.

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