

WACO POLICE DEPT

CONTINUATION/FOLLOW-UP REPORT

1. Time/Date Dictated 7:25 P.M., 7-18-82
2. Case Number 82-07-25720
3. Date Offense Reported 7-13-82

4. Location KOEHNE PARK
5. Date Offense Reported 7-13-82
6. Offense or Incident CAPITAL MURDER
Victim or Complainant (Last Name First) FRANKS, KENNETH
Address 2804 SAVANNAH COURT

PROPERTY	7. Qty.	Description (Size, Color, Model, Style, Material, Condition, Serial No.)	Value Stolen	Value Rec

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 Owner Address DA 06933 Est. Value

Upon continuation of investigation of this case, at 8:40 A.M., 7-17-82, I received a call from Judge WALTER SMITH who inquired about the information of the autopsy from Dallas, which he had read in the paper, that the kids had eaten approximately an hour before death. Also, that it had been told by Mr. RICHARD FRANKS, that his son had eaten hamburger and french fries at approximately 5:30 or 6:00 P.M., on 7-13-82. That he had sent him out to WHATABURGER on N. Valley Mills, to get this for him, and for Mr. FRANKS also. I did tell Mr. WALTER SMITH at this time, that it was possible that the kids had eaten again after this had happened, being that the report also showed that the girls had eaten approximately an hour before death, and that they had eaten some type of Mexican food or pizza.

At 8:45 A.M., same date, 7-17-82, I received information from a Mr. LINSTAEDTER of Eagle Canyon Estates in Waco. He stated to me that he had been a supervisor of kids at the school where he worked, and that he had been thinking about the incident, and there was no way that one person could control all three people. That whoever had killed them, was a person that was trusted by the kids. He also stated that a JIM WOODS who was the golf coach to KEN FRANKS at WACO HIGH SCHOOL, could be contacted possibly to find out if KEN FRANKS had made any comments about his father. Mr. LINSTAEDTER suggested that the father should be checked first, as a suspect in this case.

At 10:45 A.M., 7-17-82, I made contact with a DEBBIE CUNNINGHAM of 1205 W. 9th Street in McGregor, where she stated to me that at 11:00 P.M., she had been at KOEHNE PARK and was there with a friend. That they had gone into the boat ramp and turned around by the boat ramp, facing back up toward Lake Shore Drive. She said she was sitting close by her friend, and she had looked through the rear view mirror, and saw a subject standing behind the truck. At this time she told the person that she was with, that there was a man behind them, watching them. At this time, her friend made a motion to reach for something under the seat. At this same time the subject was standing by the drivers window, next to her friend. When he saw the occupant of the truck lean under the seat, the subject broke and ran and went back north, toward the boat ramp area. She described this man to be a white male in his early twenties, 5'8" to 5'10", 150 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans. She stated that she could identify this subject if she saw him again. She stated that the subject did not have any facial hair such as a beard or mustache. He did have short hair.

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2:30 P.M. to 1:00 P.M., 7-18-82, Detective NICOLETTI and myself did go out to the scene of prime, to see if we could walk around the area and see if we could find any evidence. After walking around the area for approximately an hour and a half in all directions, we were unable to come up with anything that would be helpful in this investigation. We did at this time drive to MIDWAY PARK, to check that area, to see what we could find. In doing so, we located a yellow Cadillac which had been brought to our attention several days before. That a Cadillac, yellow in color, had been seen on N. 19th by ROCKET CAR WASH, washing some blood off of the right fender and the right door. This Cadillac had license number DLW 926. We did stop the vehicle, and identified the occupant as STEVEN WADE SMITH of 2000 Austin, Room #4. We found this subject to have PD Folder #17004, with our Department. Also found that the Cadillac was a 1976 2DR. Detective NICOLETTI and myself did walk around the car very closely, but we could not find any evidence of the vehicle having any specks of blood. It did show on the right front tire, that the subject might have run over a curb, being that the tire had a scuff where the whitewall is. We released these people at the scene, after viewing the vehicle.

Later in the evening, at approximately 5:00 P.M., I received a call from a lady here in Waco who refused to give me her name. She told me that a white female from MARLIN had been at KOEHNE PARK, and had seen a car near where the orange car was, at approximately 9:30 P.M. Later she had gone back at 12:30 A.M., 7-14-82, and had stayed out there until about 3:00 A.M., and she had not seen his vehicle moved since that time. I did tell the unknown caller to have Mrs. BETSY LYON of MARLIN, who was identified to me as a WF, 23 years of age, who was at KOEHNE PARK with another man, other than her husband, to contact me herself, where I would not embarrass her by calling her at home, and having her husband answer. As of this time, Mrs. LYON has not returned this call.

Approximately 8:05 P.M., 7-18-82, I did have a short conversation with newsmen BILL MOORE, who was talking with me about the subject who had murdered his roommate at BRYAN, and had been killed, having ruled as insane at the time of the murder, and sane at the time of the prosecution. He was telling me that he had received information from a FRANK MAYES, who is a newsmen for the BRYAN EAGLE NEWS in Bryan, that the subject who committed this murder, who is known as

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Lic. Yr-State-Number V.I.N. Identifying Marks-Condition-Missing Parts

Owner Address

DA 06935

Est. Value

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TIGHTON HURST, was now presently in our City attending a welding school at TSTI. I have not had any contact with Mr. MAYES to ascertain this from his story, that he made with the BRYAN LE.

On 7-17-82 at approximately 4:00 P.M., this is a note that I had not brought forward, that Police Sergeant WINKLER was contacted by a RONALD WAYNE ROBINSON of 1017 Morrow, phone 756-52- who stated to him over the telephone that he, ROBINSON, had seen a black Lincoln Continental at approximately 1:00 or 1:30 A.M., on Wednesday morning of 7-14-82 at KOEHNE PARK. He stated that this car was suspicious to him, being that shortly before, he had seen the orange Pinto coming into the Circle at KOEHNE PARK, and a subject getting out of it, and a few minutes later a green Duster which was jacked up in the back with white tires, had come burning into the Circle, picked up the subject that had driven the orange Pinto in, and left. Approximately two to three minutes later, the black Lincoln Continental comes in and parks near where the orange Pinto is. He stated that at this time that he had been trying to advise the girlfriend that was with him in the car, being that she was intoxicated, and this subject had come and talked to him, and had given him his name and a phone number where he could call him later. The call ROBINSON, stated that the white male in the Continental appeared to be stoned, and was smoking HASHISH while he was talking to him. He stated that he knew what the subject was smoking, because he had been around it before. He thought that this was kind of suspicious, for a Lincoln to come in there after this car had picked up another subject, and then leave shortly after that himself.

Sgt. WINKLER did run the phone number down through the crisscross, and found it to be registered to a ROBERT FREUH who is a reverend at a Baptist Church at 26th & Mitchell.

At 8:45 P.M., 7-17-82, I made contact with Chief COPELAND of McGregor, who also gave information a biker, BENNY POSTON, had made contact with him, Chief COPELAND, and had told him that his wife DONNA who works at FOUR-C COLLEGE in Waco, was familiar with a Reverend FREUH who was the habit of inviting couples to his home, and showing them dirty movies, and then making passes at the men after the movies were over. Apparently these are X-RATED MOVIES that are shown in the homes with cassette or video equipment. POSTON also told Chief COPELAND that this

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PERSONS

9. Arr. Want Canc

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VEHICLES

10. Abandoned Used in Offense Parked at PD

Year Make

Model Name

Body Type

Color(s)

Stolen Stored Vict's Veh Towed Canc

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Identifying Marks-Condition-Missing Parts

Owner

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subject, Reverend FREUH frequents the SPEEGLEVILLE AREA quite often, and that the subject FREUH is quite knowledgeable about the murders.

Sgt. FORTUNE then decided that Detective NICOLETTI would talk to POSTON and try to ascertain more information on this Reverend FREUH.

This investigation on this matter will be conducted by Detective NICOLETTI, and will be on his FORM 3.

At 9:15 A.M., 7-17-82, I received a phone call from a AMY BROWN, white female, 17 years of age of 3508 N. 23rd, phone 753-5793. She told me that a friend of her's had told her, that a BECKY DES MARIAS of 4308 Shady Glen, who is at this time a runaway from home, had told AMY's friend that a friend of BECKY's had told her that he knew where three bodies were in SPEEGLEVILLE PARK. This information was before the bodies were found by the Police Department. AMY also told me that as of this time they had been trying to find BECKY, to have her come forward with the information of the subject who told her about the bodies before they were found. However, they do not know her, and her friends do not know where she can be located. She did state that some of the friends that BECKY runs with, are a BILLY WORTHAM, 18 or 19 years old, and a biker who is called ARMADILLO, who is older in age, being approximately 25 years old. As of this time, I did tell AMY BROWN that if she ever heard where BECKY was, or from some of her friends, to call this department right away, where we could make direct contact with her, before anybody else did. AMY stated that she had heard that BECKY was afraid to come forward with any information, because she was in fear of retaliation on her, for giving the information.

At 12:45 P.M., 7-18-82, I was contacted by Sgt. SIMONS of Patrol, where after meeting with him and discussing the case, he told me that he had been checking several of the parks to see if he could find evidence belonging to these bodies that were found at SPEEGLEVILLE PARK. He said he had checked the park area behind VIKING HILLS, and also had found that this was a round way that you could get to Speegleville Park from there, without any trouble, getting through there by the FARM BUREAU. While he was checking around this area, behind the VIKING HILLS SCHOOL and the park, he found a white woman's nightgown type slip, with a pair of panties tied in a knot with it. In checking further in the area, he went to a green trash can approximately 100 feet from where the slip and panties were tied together, and found a pair of pink panties. He also found a pair of pink panties.

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VEHICLE

Owner

Address

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and a bra and a piece of plastic material which was also tied into knots. At this time a local Investigator was called, which is JIMMY WILCOX, where he took pictures and measurements of the items found. As of this time we do not know if any connection with these items to the murders. However, just in case, everything was picked up and tagged as evidence.

The lady's slip with the panties tied to it and a box which contained the vinyl plastic pants which is a Gerber's box, was placed in the evidence box envelope and placed together. Also the pair of size four girl's panties, pink in color, that were found in a green trash can apparel, brand Vassarette and a white bra, size 32C, the name Bali and a plastic diaper tied in knots, white in color, was placed together in another evidence envelope. The clothes tag size seven, was Sears brand which is possibly from the white slip, was also tagged and placed in evidence bag.

These items will be matched with the bonds that were used to tie the hands together to see if they are the same type knots in these items. While conducting this investigation at the scene and picking up the evidence, we were contacted by a STEVE JAMES of 1721 S. 11th, 754-8122, who had told me that he was a coordinator for the Baptist Church which is Western Heights, bus. ph./776-2524. He stated that he had had a group of kids at this park at 12:45PM, Wednesday afternoon, that he had had fourteen kids altogether in the group and they had had a wiener roast. He stated that these items that we were picking up at that time that were mentioned above, were not at this location while they had their party. We also received information at this time also that a HAROLD ROSE of Box 1112 Bruceville, Eddy, 9-5539, had seen a Little League Ball team at the park Friday night, after the five o'clock curfew, having a party there also and that there was none of the evidence that was picked up at the scene, was there at that time either. This leads us to believe that the items might have never been placed there, possibly late Friday night or Saturday night sometime. However, due to the items that were picked up being tied in knots and such, we felt like it needed to be worked out to see if it might belong to the victims and it might have been placed at this location at a later date. The panties that were located in the trash barrel were a size four and the bra was a size 32C. We'll have to contact the parents of the girls to find out what underclothing they wore to see if they match.

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At 7:30PM, 7/18/82, was contacted by Det. THOMPSON who advised that a caller had called in and advised that he had found a wire fence cut in Speegleville Three and after giving directions to get to it, Det. THOMPSON and myself did go to that location where we went into the Speegleville Three gate, went to the "T" and turned left to where the model airplane field is. After driving past it, went to another "T" and made a right and went into the end of the fence where we saw what appeared to be tracks of a vehicle to go into the field north of this fence. We followed the track of this car into the field by indentation or the grass being pushed down, showing that a vehicle had gone through here and followed it all the way around til we came to where the fence was cut. Evidence was also there by the grass being plastered down that the vehicles had exited this field after going over the wire that had been cut.

The wire fence is cut approximately a quarter mile from the blocked road on Road One north of Gate Three Entrance.

We did try to see if there were any tire tracks that would lead out on some of the ground that was bare and could not locate any. I did drive my detective car through just about the same area varying maybe two or three feet from where the grass tracks showed and could not see any evidence of tire tracks after we went through. I will make contact with the park rangers and find out who is taking care of this field to ascertain how long this fence has been down or if it might have been cut by the people that are working in the field to have easy access to get straw out of the field.

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