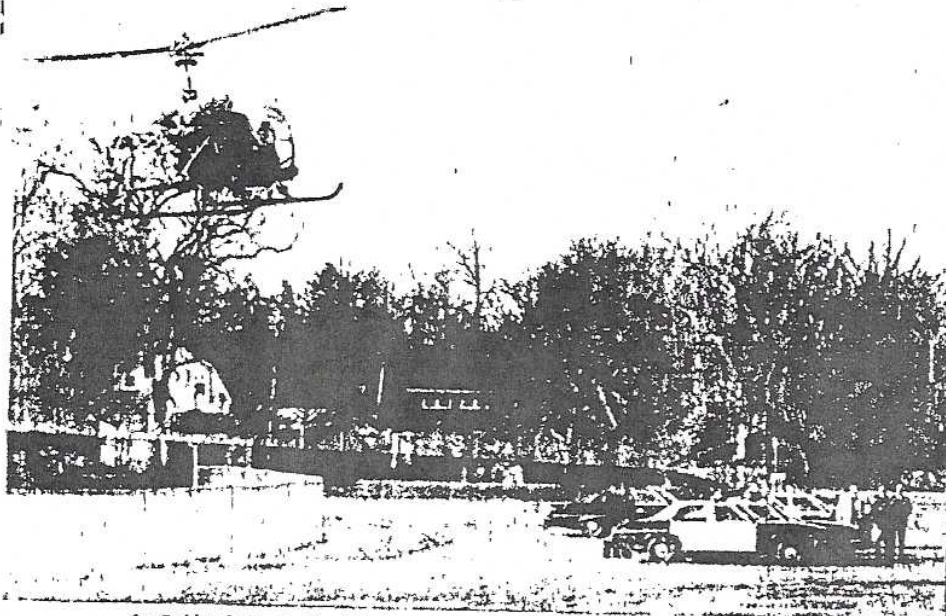


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B'ham Boy, 11, Missing



An Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. helicopter takes off from Poppleton Park, Birmingham, to begin a search for a missing 11-year-old boy. (Tribune Photo by Richard A. Hunt, Chief Photographer)

Fifty Officers Search

More than 50 police officers searched today for a Birmingham boy missing since 3 p.m., Wednesday.

Birmingham police, aided by the Oakland County Sheriff's department and a special South Oakland police task force investigating the deaths of six youngsters, conducted door-to-door and helicopter searches for 11-year-old Timothy King.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry King, 1509 Yorkshire, told police their son hadn't returned home after walking to a drugstore three blocks away to buy some candy earlier in the evening.

Seen at 8:15 p.m.—

Timothy was seen about 8:15 p.m., at the Maple-Hunter Pharmacy, on Fifteen-Mile at Hunter, said Police Chief Rollin G. Tobin.

Tobin set up command posts at the police station and Poppleton Park, near the King home.

Tobin said it would be out of character for the boy to run away or stay out overnight. There were no family or school problems, he said.

Attorney—

King, an attorney, and his wife had left Timothy home Wednesday night with his 17-year-old sister Kathy, Tobin said. Two other brothers, Christopher, age 14, and Mark, age 14, were also out.

Shortly after 7:30 p.m., Tobin said, Timothy borrowed 30-cents from his sister and headed for the drugstore on his stateboard.

As an employee at the drugstore remembered that the boy bought candy and left through the rear door opening into the ~~main shopping area~~ parking lot, Tobin said.

Left Shortly After—

Kathy left the house shortly after Timothy left for the drugstore, Tobin said, to attend a show at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dearborn. The parents returned about 9 p.m. and found no one home and the front door ajar, he said.

The Kings said they knew their daughter was leaving before they returned.

Timothy was wearing a red nylon hockey jacket, white tennis shoes and green corduroy pants when he disappeared, police said. The jacket has black and white stripes on the upper arms, double flags and other hockey patches on the front and back, police said. Timothy is four feet tall and 63 pounds.

Cautions—

Police reacted cautiously overnight to the first report because the boy had been missing only a short time. But

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Police Task Force Shifts To New Disappearance

The South Oakland Police Task Force investigating the disappearance and death of Kristine Mihelich and five other youngsters quickly shifted its attention today to 11-year-old Timothy King of Birmingham, missing since Wednesday.

"They are already working on the case, said Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson of Oakland County, this morning at 8:30 a.m.

The King boy was reported missing from his home at 1507 Yorkshire at 3:15 p.m., Wednesday when he failed to return from a trip to a nearby drug store. We're working on the case as a missing person," Patterson, chief spokesman for the task force said.

Never Run Before—

He said the boy had never run away from home before.

"The disappearance is contrary to his past behavior. He is a responsible boy, and was never a problem at home."

The task force, headed by Michigan State Police, is made up of detectives from



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several South Oakland Police departments and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

It was formed immediately following the discovery of Kristine Mihelich's body on Jan. 21 in Franklin. She had been missing 18 days, and was last seen in downtown Berkeley near Twelve-Mile and Coolidge.

Nearly 60 Days—

The Task Force will have investigated her death 60 days on Monday, along with those of five other Oakland-Macomb youths slain since Jan. 16, 1976.

"Unless something breaks, I wouldn't think the Task Force will investigate Kristine's death another 60 days," Patterson said.

"Everyday gets tougher, and the leads have dwindled. We will need some kind of break soon. But the deadline for dissolving the Task Force will only be reached when all

leads are gone, or when Berkeley can handle the case alone."

The series of disappearance and deaths began on Jan. 15, 1976 when 16-year-old Cynthia Gadeux of Roseville disappeared.

Her body was found the next day on Franklin Road north of Fourteen-Mile, Bloomfield Township. She died of a skull fracture.

On Jan. 18, 1976, 14-year-old Sheila Stock, 624 West Lincoln, Birmingham was found shot to death at her sister's home, 1772 Villa, Birmingham where she had been babysitting. It is three blocks from the home of the latest missing child.

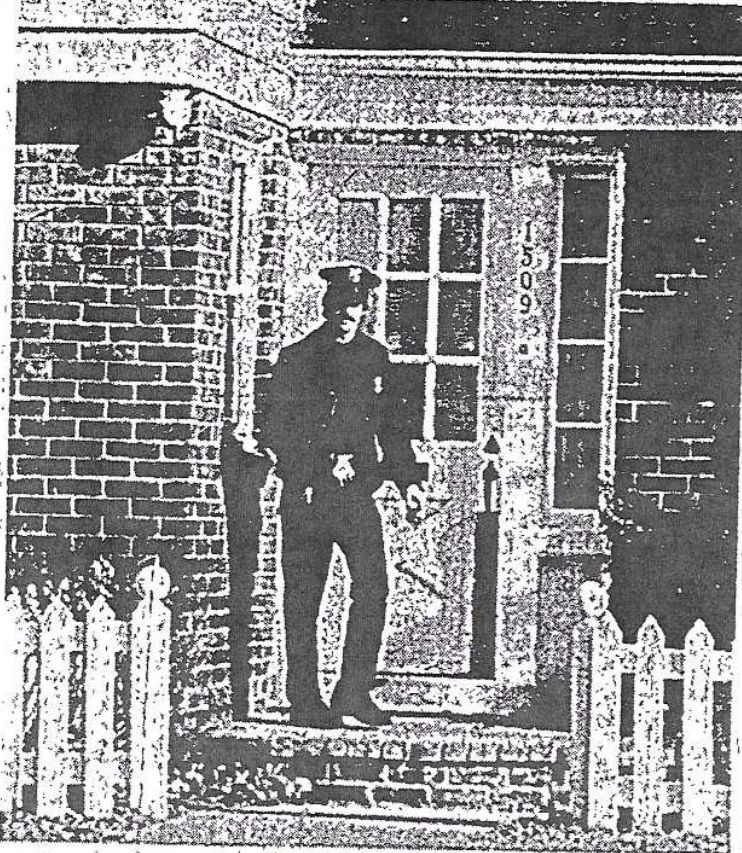
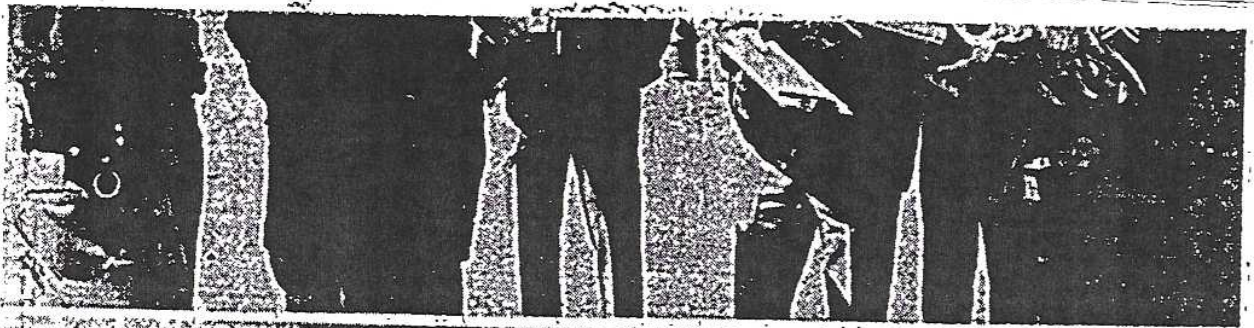
Ferdale Boy—
The body of Mark D. Stebbins, age 12, 429 East Saratoga, Ferndale was found

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Wilkinson's 'Move' Begins

Moving from the old Wilkinson Junior High School to the new \$1 million replacement school on Greig, east of John R. Madison Heights, begins after school today.

Wilkinson's seventh and eighth graders have Friday off for the moving which will continue through the weekend. Students will return Monday from 8 to 11 a.m. to learn their way around their new school. Regular classes resume Tuesday.



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on Feb. 19, 1976 near a parking lot at the Fairfax Plaza Building, Ten-Mile and Greenfield, Southfield. He had been missing four days and was smothered. He was last seen on Nine-Mile near Woodward, Ferndale.

Jane Louise Allan, age 13, 2335 Guthrie, Royal Oak, was reported missing on Aug. 7, 1976 and her body was found four days later at the edge of the Great Miami River in Miamisburg, Ohio. She died of carbon monoxide poisoning, believed caused when held in a car trunk. She was last seen on I-75 near University Drive, Pontiac Township.

Jill Robinson, age 12, 1312, Mayfield, Royal Oak, disappeared on Dec. 22 and her body was found four days

later on I-75, north of Sixteen-Mile, Troy. She had been shot.

Three of the youngsters — Cynthia Cadieux, Sheila Srock and Mark Stebbins — were sexually assaulted. There was no evidence that Jane Louise Allan nor Jill Robinson were molested.

Patterson said there are conflicting test results on whether Kristine was molested.

"Gibraltar of the Caribbean" is the name given to the Brimstone Hill fortress on the West Indian island of St. Kitts. The 18th-century structure once gave safe anchorage for British men-of-war during combat with French and Spanish fleets for control of the seas of the New World.

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by early morning they were gearing up for an all out search effort and alerting other departments to aid in the search.

The midnight shift was held over, to put more men on the streets. The afternoon shift was called in early and days off cancelled.

Lt. Edward P. Ostin, Birmingham police, said an Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. helicopter searched an area bounded by Twelve-Mile on the south, Twenty-Mile (South Boulevard) on the

north, Lahser on the west and Coolidge in Troy on the east during the morning.

Best Way—

"It's the best way to check an area quickly," Ostin said. The lack of foliage allowed a clear look at the ground.

The helicopter arrived at Poppleton Park on Hunter north of Oakland, shortly before 9 a.m.

Six more deputies arrived at the police command post at the park at 10:15 a.m. After conferring with Birmingham officers, they left to search areas north of Fifteen-Mile.

The helicopter resumed its search, covering chiefly the same area, police said.

Yorkshire is one block north of Fifteen-Mile (Maple) east of Adams. It is three blocks directly north of Villa, the street where 14 year old Sheila Srock was murdered on Jan. 19, 1976 while babysitting at her sister's home.

Robert Jones, principal of Adams Elementary School where Timothy, a sixth grader, described the boy as, "a fine young fellow, not one we'd expect to be truant."

The boy is doing well in school and isn't a loner or experiencing any problems," Jones said. "He had lots of friends, he was a popular little guy."