



January 19, 2004

Attention: Det. Sgt. Ray Anger

Ray,

This time of year always reminds me of the Oakland County Child Killings. This will be my last attempt at trying to provide information on that case and trust it may assist you in your on-going investigation. I will remain anonymous, unless you feel the need to identify me. I believe that a newspaper article on "cold Case Investigations" could bring the leads you need in this case. I submit the following for your inspection.

"A retired police investigator, who has been working with Det. Sgt. Ray Anger of the Berkley Police Department has provided some information which may be pertinent to the Oakland County Child Killing Cases. Sgt. Anger has been in contact with a number of investigators over the years and has interviewed a number of persons who may have information on the case.

Evidence from two of the crime scenes has indicated that a vehicle, other than the blue Gremlin may be involved in these cases. Although police investigators have never been able to locate the owner of the Gremlin seen in the parking lot where Tim King was abducted, there is no positive indication that it was involved. Evidence and eye witness accounts at the two scenes support the involvement of a 1971 or 1972 blue Pontiac LeMans with a V-8 engine and damage to the rear of the vehicle. The imprint left in the snow at one of the scenes shows that the car had a trailer hitch that had been damaged and pulled to the left. That imprint also shows a two inch exhaust on the right side of the car. Other information indicates that the vehicle had a broken left tail light. This would indicate that damage was incurred by a vehicle in tow to the rear of the suspect auto. All the measurements found in the snow were given to all American made auto manufactures and some foreign manufactures. After exhaustive investigation and comparisons, the LeMans was the only vehicle that matches the imprints.

Based on the somewhat obscured footprints left in the snow and the depth of the snow, there are some conclusions which should also be considered. The suspect was able to carry the victims through fourteen (14) to sixteen (16) inch deep snow at the crime scenes. The distance of the footprints and the weight of the victims would indicate that the suspect is approximately 5' 10" tall or better and has good physical strength. This would also indicate that the suspect should still be of a living age. Other evidence shows that he carried a shotgun in his vehicle from time to time. It is also possible that the shotgun is a short barreled or sawed off weapon.

This investigator believes there is a strong possibility that the suspect(s) used a badge to get the victims into his vehicle. There are many types of badges available legally and a number of others can be purchased at outlet stores. The indications that the abductions took place near commercial businesses would make it easy for a person to indicate that they were police or security personnel. This would allow them to get the children into their vehicle without any public display. The fact that the children were held day or weeks may also indicate the presence of a second subjects involvement.

If someone knows a person who owned a vehicle of the above description and fits the general description of the subject, please contact Det. Sgt. Ray Anger at the Berkley Police Department.”

Ray, in March I will be returning to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children for additional training on “Cold Case” investigations. If I am able to gain any further investigative lead information, I will share what I have..

Sincerely,



Jack Kalbfleisch

January 24, 2005

Mr. David Gorcyca, Oakland Co. Prosecutor  
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Mr. Gorcyca,

I am a retired Detective Lieut from the Birmingham Michigan PD. While a member of that department, I was assigned to the Oakland County Child Killing Task Force during 1976-1978. During that period of time S.A. Mort Nickel of the FBI and myself were able to show that the blue Gremlin was not the auto involved in those crimes. I do not know why the State Police Capt in charge of the task force refused to enter this information or share it with other investigative agencies. I feel that holding this information back from the public may have hindered the investigation and that even today it could assist in resolving the case.

Since retiring, I have worked closely with Det. Sgt. Ray Anger of the Berkely P.D. in trying to get someone who could get this information to the public. We have been unsuccessful and I had sent the information to the Attorney Generals office asking for assistance. Thomas Furtaw of that office has referred me to your office. I understand that the new Chief of the Berkley PD may not approve of Sgt. Anger spending more time on this investigation, but I believe that any investigative agency owes the parents of the children the best we can offer.

I have included copies of correspondence that I have sent to various parties over the years, which I believe verifies my contention that a 1971-1972 Pontiac LeMans with a V8 engine and possibly blue in color was involved. I am not interested in any notoriety in the investigation, but will be available to assist in any way possible.

A newspaper article from your agency which states that continued investigation indicates that a vehicle other than the Blue Gremlin was involved may bring in additional leads. If the article doesn't bring in the information, it would show that law enforcement hasn't given up on these crimes.

Yours for better law enforcement,

  
Jack Kalbfleisch



May 3, 2006

Attention: Mike Martindale

The following information is for your use in doing a follow up on the investigation of the child killings. During my time at the task force, I had access to the written reports, but not the crime scene photos or the ME reports. There are some aspects which I feel need clarification to assist in providing possible information on the killer.

I believe that the killer placed the victims bodies over his right shoulder when he moved them from the car to the drop sight. As mentioned, I was not privy to the crime scenes other than being present at Kristine's location on Bruce Lane. The subject's footprints in the snow were located on the left side of her body and her left arm was shoulder height without any apparent dragging in the snow. If the subject did place the victim over his shoulder, the hair found on the victims torso may well be that of the killer.

If the photos of the Jill Robinson crime scene show the killer's shoe prints on the left side of the body, with the toes pointing toward the body, the subject probably used a right handed shooting position. If the pellets were in a straight down position it again would indicate a right handed person. If the pellets go from left to right and the left shoe print is away from the body, it would indicate a left handed shooter. If the killer did carry the victims over his shoulder and dropped them onto the snow covered ground, it would explain my theory that Jill may have had air forced from her lungs causing a noise. The pressure from the backpack on a drop from two to four feet would be sufficient.

Additional information from the hair may provide some information of the killer. This would include:

1. If the hair is human, does it indicate Caucasian as suspected.
2. What is the color of the hair, does it appear to have gray, bleached, or hair coloring.
3. The length of the hair could indicate the hair style.
4. Now that DNA tests are available, was the hair sent for analysis requested--when and to Whom was it sent.
5. If the results of the DNA are available, was it checked against the CODIS File. If the killer was convicted of a crime, his DNA could be in that file for comparison purposes.

Sgt. Anger reported that a young man had advised him of a man attempting to pick him up at the Hunter-Maple location a day before the Tim King abduction. This report was made a considerable period after the crime, but the person did provide a composite of the subject. Sgt Anger has this composite. How does the hair compare to the above findings? Considering the similarity of the appearance of the four victims, I would also be curious about this persons appearance.

I also would be interested in the time of death of Tim King. We know that he ate a Kentucky Fried Chicken prior to death, but I don't have time of death. If we consider the time of death, the approx time to dress the victim, and the time she was dropped, we may be able to determine the approximate time of travel and subsequently the distance from the scene to the killers home location.

I realize that none of the above will aid in solving the case by itself, but the culmination of information should assist the investigators. Each set of crime scene photos, Each ME report may provide additional leads.

I wish that you could spend a couple of days down here to go over much of this information. Talking on the phone is good, but often we think of factors not discussed when we have hung up the phone.

I will make myself available to any investigator if there is a possibility of assisting them.

Jack



May 8, 2006

Attention Mike Martindale

I have been going over the information you gave me today in an attempt to clarify what may have happened. Maybe the years have clouded my memory, but I will try to recall as best I can what transpired.

As I recall, that the investigation by the Troy PD on the Jill Robinson crime scene had a possible witness. If that person stated that he observed a car similar to one he had (past tense) his information should be fairly reliable.. The incident occurred during Christmas of 1976.

The best I can remember of the crime scene identification in Kristine's case is as follows: Mort and I took the photo of the impressions in the snow to the various car manufactures in an attempt to identify it. Ford and Chrysler had nothing close to it. General motors proving grounds was able to provide several of it's models as possibilities. We were unable to narrow down the specific vehicle.

Mort was able to locate a photo interpreter at the University of Michigan. We took the photo to him. He provided us with the measurements of the vehicle and stated that the car had a trailer hitch that had been pulled to the left (driver's side) of the vehicle. Considering GM was the only possibility would cause me to take that information to the GM headquarters for further study.

The fact that my original report did not include information regarding the trailer hitch is indicative that I was not in possession of that information at that time. I am unable to determine why a report I made in June of that year would not be posted until Sept. When I talked to Sgt Gray, he didn't question my information, but said too much time had passed. Considering he has been studying these files, I would have presumed that he would have told me that there was nothing like that in the reports.

Hopefully your checking with the Troy and Birmingham Depts will clear this matter up, one way or the other. If I am incorrect, I would like to extend my apologies to you for the time you have spent on this matter

Jack

Attention: Mike Martindale  
May 14, 2006

Mike,

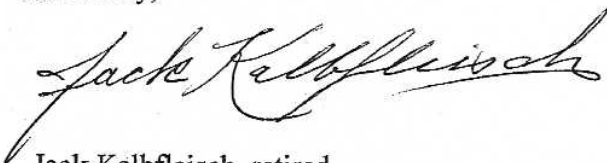
I have been trying to recall any source that could assist you in identifying the vehicle that left the impressions at the Kristine Mihelich crime scene on Bruce Lane in Franklin, Michigan. I would submit the Detroit office of the FBI could be a logical source. S.A. Mort Nickel worked with me on checking with the big three automakers in an attempt to determine if any of their products would match the impressions. Ford and Chrysler had negative responses, but the GM proving grounds had several makes and models that could be possible. We had no definitive car and the possibilities were still too numerous.

Agent Nickel subsequently was able to locate a photo interpreter at the University of Michigan. We took the photo to the interpreter and requested his assistance. He replied that he was able to provide the measurements to within 1/32 (one thirty seconds) of an inch. I took these measurements to the GM headquarters in an attempt to narrow the list of vehicles that could have made the impressions in question. Their reply showed the vehicle was a Pontiac LeMans. I cannot remember whether it was a 1971 or 1972 model.

I would expect that SA Mort Nickel was required to submit reports on his activities with the task force to the Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit office. They should be able to provide any pertinent information regarding this aspect of the investigation in an attempt to find the killer.

The identification of the vehicle combined with other potential information gleaned from the various crime scenes may assist in resolving these crimes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Kalbfleisch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jack Kalbfleisch, retired  
Detective Lieut.  
Birmingham Police Dept.

Attention: Mike Martindale

Mike,

I have been going over the circumstances surrounding the possible identification of the vehicle in the child killings. I will outline the lead up to our present situation and what I believe could resolve the question.

During Sept or Oct of 2005, I received a call from Sgt. Anger of the Berkley PD asking if I had copies of correspondence we had over the years regarding the Pontiac LeMans. When I acknowledged that I did, he requested that I fax some copies to him for forwarding to the MSP. He advised that the MSP had recently assigned two officers to the investigation and that they now had a new updated computer system. I did send the material to him.

When I contacted Sgt Gray of the MSP in December of 2005, I was surprised at his response. He stated that the information was too old and it would be embarrassing to release it at this time. I told him that he use me as the informant or list it as anonymous source. He replied that he would not release the information and that was final. I was concerned over this response, which is why I contacted your newspaper.

I believe that Sgt Gray gave you my original report covering the reply from GM proving grounds to close the issue. The subsequent report, made after the photo interpreters measurements and the check with the GM headquarters, was not made available to you. The fact that there was no mention of the trailer hitch would tend to verify that view.

There are two locations where copies of the photos taken at kristine's crime scene may be available. Sgt. Anger of the Berkley PD and the MSP records from the original investigation, are two locations that could provide them to you. The problem with this is your having to locate a photo interpreter and then checking those figures with GM. I would hope that my third possibility could be less of a problem and possibly no cost.

S.A. Mort Nickle ( he said his name was the same as the coin) and myself took on the investigation of the impression in the snow bank. Originally we took the photo to Ford, Chrysler and the GM proving grounds in an attempt to identify the vehicle. Ford and Chrysler had nothing and only the GM proving grounds supplied some potential makes and models. After the reply from the interpreter, I submitted the information to the GM headquarters. It was their reply that I have used since that time. I believe that the FBI would require that Mort supply reports on his action to the SAC (Special Agent in Charge) on any actions he took with the task force.

If you feel that you would like to check with the FBI, I have written the attached report for submission to the SAC. I don't want to muddy the water in requesting the information from the Bureau.

Jack