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Re: Oakland County Child Killer: Suburban Legends

Dear Captain Love:

Three unrelated sources have advised my family that my son, Tim, was murdered by the son of a prominent automotive executive. This information was given to each source many years ago by someone who was identified as an employee of a law enforcement agency. The Mihelich family members received similar information several years ago. The recent identification of Christopher Busch as a suspect and the availability of additional information gives my family concern that the following events may not be coincidental:

- November 20, 1978: Busch's body is discovered at his parents' home, where he had been residing.
- November 29, 1978: Reporting officer closes the case indicating Busch committed suicide.
- December 6, 1978: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Crime Detection Laboratory report indicates the cotton swab evidence from Busch's hands was insufficient to indicate the presence of gunshot residue. The report therefore stated that "no conclusion can be made as to whether the subject did or did not handle or discharge a firearm."
- December 13, 1978: The suicide case is again closed.
- December 13, 1978: We understand that Oakland County Circuit Court case number CR77-32312-FY was dismissed against Busch because of the defendant's death. (The date is obscured on our copy of this document.)
- December 15, 1978: The Task Force is disbanded.

Is it possible that Busch did not commit suicide or that attempts were made to cover up or mislead his involvement in the murders?

The King family has the following observations and questions to which I request a response from you:

1. The identification of the four cases against Busch referred to in the Bloomfield Township Police Department Incident Report. (See page 3 of 4 of typewritten Narrative Report.) Does

this include Oakland County Case No. 77-32312-FY, apparently the case being handled by the probation officer? Were any of them pending on April 14, 1977 when counsel for Busch advised the Court there had been no further incidents of any kind? What was the final disposition of the other cases in which Christopher Busch was a defendant?

2. On July 27, 1977 Busch was allowed to plead guilty to assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct with penetration in Case No. 77-32312-FY. The other two counts, third and fourth degree criminal sexual conduct, were dismissed because any sentence imposed would run concurrently with the sentence on count III and that the ends of justice would be served by dismissing these two additional counts. Is this the same case in which his co-defendant was sentenced to life imprisonment?
3. Why did the reporting officer at the suicide notify the Task Force shortly after arriving at the Busch residence?
4. Who are Task Force members, John Davis and Ron Pierce, who came to the scene and did they file any reports on this incident? Has the present-day Task Force made any attempt to locate and interview these two men?
5. Where was Busch between March 1977 and October 1978 when he commenced employment at Franklin Club Apartments?
6. Why did the Bloomfield Township Police Department advise the King family on January 24, 2008 that the Busch suicide file had been destroyed? Why was a copy of the Incident Report delivered to Heather Catallo of WXYZ-TV on December 3, 2009? Why was the King family not notified when the Incident Report was located? What prompted the Bloomfield Township Police Department to locate the Incident Report after January 24, 2008? Why do the Michigan State Police rather than the Bloomfield Township Police have photographs of the suicide scene and the drawing of a young boy resembling Mark Stebbins found on the bedroom wall near Busch's body?
7. What happened to Genesee County Circuit Court Case No. 77-27478-FY, *People v Christopher Busch*? The Clerk advised me that this case file could not be located in its archive files.
8. Who called the *Detroit News* and requested that its police reporter replace Ms. Keenan on the Oakland County Child Killer case? Why was this call made?
9. Who participated in the decision to terminate the Task Force on December 15, 1978 and who made the final decision?

If there is any truth to the above suburban legends or if there were errors made on the Busch suicide case in 1978, they are not the responsibility of the current prosecutors or police. We suggest that this letter should result in a reexamination to determine if there is any basis to the suburban legends.

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If any recipient of this letter has heard any similar suburban legends regarding the perpetrator being the son of an automobile executive, please leave a message at 248.457.7110.

Very truly yours,



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