4 cities take investigators off task force

By JOE STEBBINS Press Staff Writer-

BIRMINGHAM — The Oakland County Child Killer Fask Force will lose one-third of its manpower by the end of June.

Four area police departments — Troy, Royal Oak, Livonia and Berkley — will remove their officers from the investigation. But each of the communities will continue contributing \$200 a month through Dec. 31.

The manpower decisions didn't surprise the task force.

"When we were funded last January, we knew it was only until the end of June, so we were anticipating the loss of some men and maybe some money," says Sgt. Joseph Krease, assistant task force coordinator.

"Some of those departments are hurting for men and we have to respect their judgment.

"Like Berkley. Their entire detective department has only two men; and it cuts them in half to send one here. They can only take that so long."

When the four departments remove their men from the investigation, the task force will be cut from 15 investigators to 10, Krease says.

'Losing personnel always hurts your investigation, and maybe we will change the priorities on the stuff we handle. It will hinder our work because you can always do more with more men, but we intend to stay on it and do the best we can.

"As long as there is information to follow, we will continue to work on it."

The number of tips left for investigators is slowly dwindling, and it is possible

there will be no need for the task force by December.

"It all depends on how fast we clear the information we have left and how many tips we get this summer as to when we decide to close down," Krease says.

"There certainly would be no point in continuing operations if we were just waiting for information."

Task force commander Lt. Robert Robertson has speculated the force could shut down this fall.

Task force coordinators recently approached the 24 communities contributing resources, seeking funding through the end of the year. The task force's budget of about \$4,800 a month was based on full financial participation of the communities.

The budget, however, only pays for overhead and operating expenses. Investigators and their vehicles are financed by their home departments, Krease said.

"It is too early to tell if all of the communities will continue the funding, but we expect they will," Krease says. "We expect to have some response from them by the middle of May."

Spokesmen for some of the departments removing men from the operation say their decisions were a question of manpower.

"At one time we had seven men down there," says Troy Capt. Robert Mortensen. "It is simply a scaling down of the task force and a question of manpower in our department."

The task force is investigating the abduction-slayings of four area children between February 1976 and March 1977.

March 16 trip. His body - sexually abused, carefully cleaned and suffocated - was dumped beside a road in Livonia six days later

Police believe the person who murdered him killed three other Oakland County youngsters, aged 10 to 12, in the previous

supplied were widely circulated. The tipster didn't know the model year of the A description of the car and a drawing of the man based on details the woman swamped by reports of blue Gremlins and auto she saw. The task force soon was men thought to resemble the sketch. 14 months.

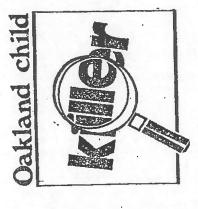
If the operation is put into effect, a Officers have checked thousands of those tips without success.

computer would break down blue Gremlins by the communities in which

list of the owners there, along with a task force request to check each one not already investigated and determine Police in each community would get a where the Gremlin was on the evening of March 16.

force investigator said Tuesday. "I don't "It's a hell of a lot of work," one task cnow how the (local police) chiefs would feel if we sent them a list of 50 names and said, 'Go check 'em."'

considered, if only because the task force has few other promising leads left to Even so, the project is being seriously pursue.



will deliver child killer handl /olunteers

BIRMINGHAM - The Oakland County Police Task Force had thousands of randbills postmen agreed to deliver, for free, to local businesses.

postal officials informed the carriers it was against regulations to distribute any The day they were scheduled to go out, material without charging for it.

The misunderstanding meant the nandbills about the Oakland County Child Killer couldn't go anywhere.

When the Task Force's plight was made sublic, its office was deluged with calls.

The handbills show a profile, physical description and color sketch of the man

suspected of killing four Oakland County

Eventually carriers from local branches said they would deliver the

handbills on their own time.

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still supports us."

pay the postage on all the handbills we wanted to send out. This shows the public

children in 1976 and 1977. It also advertises the \$100,000 reward offered for information leading to his arrest and conviction. groups offered to distribute the messages. Lt. Robert Robertson, of the Task Force, said, "One man even offered to Citizens, companies, and community

Police hope posting the handbills in local businesses and public places will turn up new leads in the case.

Off-duty postmen will distribute handbills in Birmingham, Troy, Royal Oak, Madison Heights, Huntington Robertson said, "The letter carriers think Woods, Pleasant Ridge and Berkley. that other branches will pick up the ball

too. We hope to cover all of south Oakland County."

Robertson believes the area will be covered within 10 days.

cost of \$1,000. The tab was split between the Task Force and the Birmingham About 25,000 handbills were printed at a Kiwanis Club.

Any person or organization interested in obtaining a handbill, should write the Bellvine Trail, Task Force, 32605 Birmingham 48010.

42. Jordan feels that the abductor asked Tim for directions or told him that he was sent to take him somewhere. 43. Tim went voluntarily. (44) The abductor was in the drugstore. 45. He was using the second phone to the left. The abductor may have purchased beer. The abductor was dark with black hair. 40. Jordan has two people in mind. 49. The abductor may have been talking to this other person on the phone. 50. Jordan had written the word "moffet" this morning. It may have been "buffet" for Monahan's Buffet (a local eatery). After visiting the King crime scene, Jordan was taken to the Mihelich p site. The following are some of his observations as they appeared the investigation file: The psychic "felt" there was an Irish Setter barking somewhere close-by; the name Sherry was significant - the killer may have been calling the victim Sherry; the girl's body was in the front seat, and the person unloading her was crying; the smell of baby powder. Then, the psychic wished to visit the area around the Seven-Eleven ore where the abduction was presumed to have taken place. [He] received indications that Kristine did not make it to the Seven-Eleven store; that the abductor sat and watched her cross the street from a parking lot; that she may have been tied for a short period of time; that she was passive and submissive when taken captive, there was no harsh treatment; that the killer felt regret when he killed her; that if he had sexual contact with the child, it would have been oral. The psychic also felt that: r captor killed her because he was doing away with something in his past; mat he really preferred male victims, but he was trying to prove he is normal, that is, heterosexual, and that is why he took a female victim. The following day, Jordan and Redsicker were driven to the spot along busy I-75 where Jill Robinson's body had been found. His observations again were interesting, even startling, but not particularly useful. He again "felt" a blue car, with two men in it arguing, one of them (not the killer) had dark hair, and was the subject he heard on the Danto tape (the

- 10. Tim was not as tormer ted as the others. It doesn't seem as though he was tormented for as " 'agth of time.
- 11. He [Tim] did not go the dight some of the things the others did.
- 12. The killer wanted to get rid of Tim as quickly as possible.
- 13. There was a fear with him, a fear of disposing of him.
- 14. He [Jordan] feels that a dark blue vehicle (sedan) was used.
- 15. Killer came from the north (Eight Mile Road) onto Gill Road.
- 16. Tim was in the back end of the car (trunk).
- Killer came from the west to Gill Road and left in that direction (toward the expressway).
- 18. Killer was frightened by something.
- 19. The tree farm was significant.
- 20. He [Jordan] smells the odor of grapes (may be significant).
- He [Jordan] is concerned with a sewage-treatment plant or watertreatment facility.
- 22. He [Jordan] is drawn to the park again (Poppleton).
- 23. Tim was wrapped in a rug at some time.
- 24. Kensington is significant. Jordan is drawn to this area [there is a metropolitan park called Kensington about forty miles west of Birmingham . . . also numerous streets in the metropolitan area are named Kensington author's note].
- 25. The rug is maroon or pink, a more fleshy color.
- 26. The car is a bigger car, it is not an economy car.
- 27. It is blue in color.
- 28. There were two vehicles. One is used to pick up the victim, while the other is used to transport the body.
- 29. He [Jordan] is also drawn to Lathrup Village.
- (30). The water tower is on a stand.
- He [Jordan] sees the boy walking towards the tank (tower) with a skate-board and gum [the skateboard was all over the newspapers and television—author's note].
- 32. Tim went willingly with his abductor.
- 33. Tim approached the abductor's vehicle from the passenger side.
- 34. He [Jordan] feels that the abduction of the King youth took place in the center of the parking lot.
- 35. The abductor went out the south side and turned right toward Woodward.
- 36. He [the abductor] then turned right again and went to the park (Poppleton).
- 37. The park is significant.
- He [Jordan] feels that the abductor may have previously observed the child.
- (39) He [Jordan] sees a dark green car (a metal-flake green).
- 40. It is a large car (Pontiac or Oldsmobile size). .
- 41. Tim did approach the car from the passenger's side, and the window was down; he spoke to the abductor through the window.

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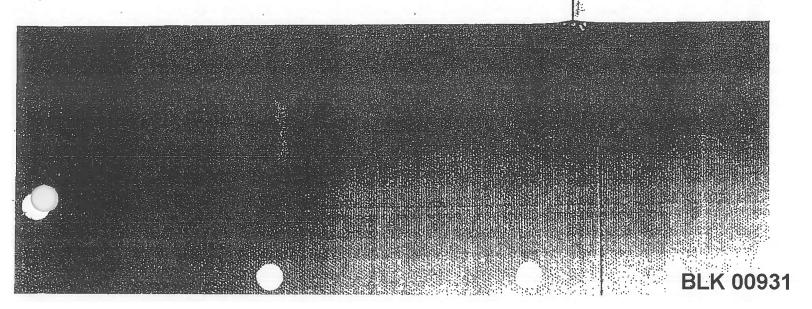
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him as he worked the scene to jot some of his primary thoughts ngs down. He would fill in on the way back.

y pulled slowly down Gill Road, stopped at the exact spot along where Timmy's body had lain some five months ago, and the got out. Jerry pulled back about thirty feet and parked, letting he idle. He watched Jordan pace the site, staying pretty much fifteen foot radius of where the body had lain. He watched him veral times, resting the clipboard on his knee to make notes. dan finished in about fifteen minutes. He walked slowly back up it to where Jerry sat. The psychic turned once to look back at the just finished working, then wordlessly got into the car. He imposed in the clipboard. Tobias turned the car and headed back woods.

dan's debriefing was completed in less than two hours. The sessing recorded, then transcribed for distribution to Command. The thoughts were interesting, but far from revolutionary. Of the list tems, or "thoughts," many were general in nature, some, though could be made to fit the scenario if one tried hard enough, and are downright wild and appeared to be little more than guesses. ere common-sense thoughts, such as Jordan's "feeling" that King lingly with his abductor. There were many similar "thoughts" expy the man from New York. The transcription prepared by Tobias in to Command included the following list:

enscript Summary B—Comments from the Timmy King drop site. (Subtutilized the King boy's jacket here.)

Jordan feels that a white van may be involved here.

It is a step van with sliding door.

There is a large tank of water associated with this. The killer and King had to pass this tank [there is a water tower near Poppleton Park—author's note].

- There is a pine tree farm associated with this, a nursery.
- . The killer and Timothy came by a tree farm and water tank,
- . The killer stopped by a water tank for some purpose.
- Jordan sees a number 722 or 272. These numbers could be arranged differently.
- . The white van may be associated with the killer's employment rather than the abduction [perhaps the delivery route Allen referred to in his letter to Danto—author's note].
- .. Jordan feels that a sedan may have been used in the crime.

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MOTION FOR ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Friend of the Court states:

- 1) A support order was entered in this matter on May 5, 1986.
- 2) This order required that the payer pay the sum of \$ 35 per week.
- The Office of the Friend of the Court has reviewed the files and has determined that there is an arrearage in support, service fees and court costs in the amount of \$ 470 as of this date.

 The arrearages exceed the statutory amount allowed.

NOW. THEREFORE. THE FRIEND OF THE COURT REQUESTS that this Honorable Court issue an order to show cause why the payer should not be held in contempt for failure to comply with the order of this Court and/or why court costs should not be assessed against the payer for costs incurred herein by the Office of the Friend of the Court.

I declare that the statements above are true to the best of my information. knowledge and belief.

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ROLAND C. FANCHER FRIEND OF THE COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

At a session of said Court, held in the City of Alpena, County of Alpena and State of Michigan on October 8,1990

PRESENT: HONDRABLE JOSEPH P. SWALLOW CIRCUIT JUDGE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the paver.

before this court on November 6. 1990 at 12:30 p.m/ to show cause why payer should not be held in contempt for tailure to comply with the court's order.

JOSEPH P. SWALLOW

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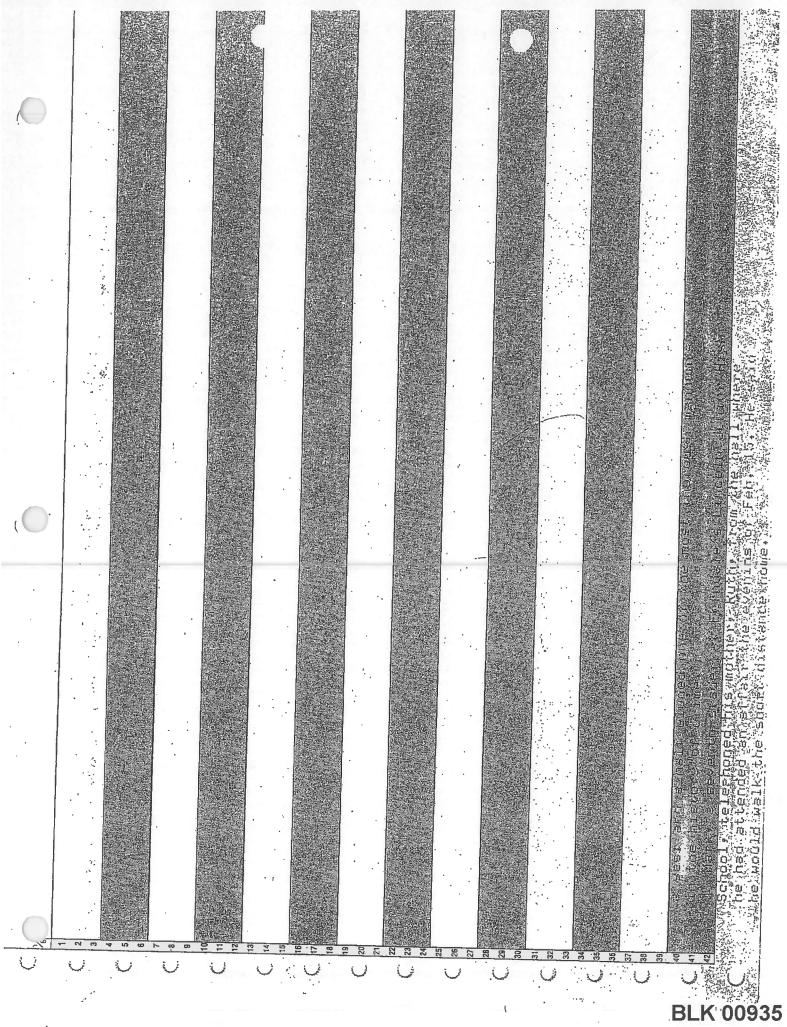
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From: Margret Dagner To: coldcases@yahoogroups.com Date: 2/25/01 3:26pm Re: [coldcases] Re: oakland county child killer 1976-77 michigan Subject: one of the mothers of the victim has passed away...but the killer is very much a live..and there are still a few officers working on the case..you have to understand about police officers...with the age of this case...they have to have all there ducks in a row..i know this as i was married to one for 30 years...and my daughter is a det. and her husband a police officer....helen TK Smith wrote: > How awful for the families of these victims! The police are is a wonderful > position since the alleged killer is now deceased! They don't really HAVE > continue to work the case since there's noone left to prosecute. Kinda reminds > me of another case involving a child's death that has been so well publicized in > our media. The police dropped the ball from the beginning and if they ever > actually get an indictment of one of the "suspects", the probability of actually > convicting is small! > Tricia > ---- Original Message -----> From: > To: coldcases@yahoogroups.com > Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2001 12:55 PM > Subject: [coldcases] Re: oakland county child killer 1976-77 michigan > --- In coldcases@y..., "TK Smith" <tricia10@p...> wrote: >> You read my mind, Nancy Has there been any effort to bring this killer > justice at all?! If not, why would the county officials ignore this > information? > > > > Tricia ---- Original Message ----From: > > To: coldcases@y... > > Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2001 12:09 PM Subject: Re: [coldcases] oakland county child killer 1976-77 michigan > > > > > > How can these murders remain unsolved if you are aware of the killer? Were they not able to convict this monster?????????????????? > > > > Nancy Mae >> hi thanks for the question. they just didn't want to belive that the oakland > county child killer, would just be up in alpena mi.and they did come up and

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