

**OAKLAND COUNTY CHILD KILLER
COINCIDENCE OR COVER UP?**

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Eleven-year old Timothy King was abducted on March 16, 1977, sexually abused and then suffocated on March 22. For more than 30 years his mother Marion, his father Barry, and his siblings Cathy, Chris and Mark did not receive any information from the investigators or government officials on the person or persons who committed this crime or the status of the investigation Tim was the fourth child murdered in 1976 and 1977 by a person or persons identified as the Oakland County Child Killer (OCCK). Tim's body was found in Livonia, a city in Wayne County. All four children were abducted in Oakland County and all of the other bodies were disposed of in Oakland County.

In 2006 Cathy and Chris received information about an unidentified suspect. Because of the previous responses from Oakland County Cathy called Cory Williams of the Livonia police department in July 2007 with this information. On or about November 30, 2007 Williams and the revitalized OCCK Task Force identified this suspect as Christopher Busch, the son of H. Lee Busch, a prominent Vice President of General Motors. On March 1, 2010, the Oakland County Prosecutor advised Barry that Busch was no longer a suspect in Tim's murder. Many of the following facts have led the King family to conclude that Oakland County was more interested in covering up how the murder investigation was conducted rather than solving these crimes.

1. After Busch was identified as the principal suspect. Cathy had her attorney friend Lisa Milton order a copy of his suicide report from the Bloomfield Township Police Department in early January 2008. The Township police reported that the file had been destroyed. Almost three years later, on December 3, 2010 Heather Catallo of Channel 7 gave Barry a copy of the report. When the Michigan State Police delivered 3,411 pages of its records to Barry on December 15, 2010 we learned that the Township delivered copies of the Busch suicide file to the Michigan State Police on February 8, 2008. The Police Department later advised Barry that the file had been misplaced and was located only after receiving the MSP request. How do you deliver copies from a file which had been destroyed? Why was there no attempt to correct the incorrect information given to Milton a month earlier? Does the Police Department keep a separate list of destroyed files? Coincidence or Cover Up?

2. In 2009 the King family made several requests to the Oakland County Prosecutor and the OCK Task Force for a meeting to discuss the Busch investigation. The Task Force adjourned the scheduled meetings of October 7 and 14. On October 20 Barry received a phone call from Erica McAvoy, the sister of Kristine Michelich, the third victim. McAvoy advised Barry that she received a phone call from her mother on Friday, October 16 requesting her to arrange a meeting with the Task Force to discuss the status of the investigation. The Task Force commander, Michigan State Police Sergeant Garry Gray, met with them on Monday October 19. Gray identified the three principal suspects as Busch and his companions, Gregory Greene and Vince Gunnels. They were shown large notebooks for all three suspects. The Task Force then agreed to meet with the King family on October 27. We invited McAvoy and her stepfather to join us. The meeting was attended by the Oakland County Prosecutor, the Wayne County Prosecutor, the Michigan State Police, the Livonia Police Department and the FBI. THEY DID NOT ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS FROM THE KING FAMILY! Coincidence or Cover Up?

3. Soon after the October 27 meeting Barry requested his secretary in November to order copies of the Busch and Greene criminal files from the criminal sexual conduct/pedophile case in Genesee County case in which they were codefendants. The Genesee County clerk advised the secretary they had no file on Greene and that the Busch file was in the archives. She would order the Busch file and expected to have it in a few days. When Barry later called the clerk advised him Genesee County could not locate the Busch file. On February 21, 2010 Heather Catallo gave Barry copies of both files. The suicide report (Item 1) and these criminal files were the only documents the King family requested before March 1, 2010. Lie to me once shame on you. Lie to me twice, shame on me. Coincidence or Cover Up?

At the October 27 meeting the government officials asked the King family to take no further action until December 1. Only Wayne County contacted us in the interim. In January Wayne County requested us to be patient for an additional 3 or 4 months. On March 1, 2010 Jessica Cooper asked our friend Don Studt, now the retired Captain of the Birmingham Police Department, to call and advise Barry that Christopher Busch was no longer a suspect in these murders. When no one would discuss the basis for this conclusion, in 2010 Barry filed Freedom of Information law suits

against both the Michigan State Police and the Oakland County Prosecutor.

4. Jessica Cooper filed a motion to consolidate the two law suits. Her motion was denied by the Circuit Court, the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. Why should Oakland County taxpayers pay to review the MSP files or the Michigan taxpayers pay to review the Oakland County files? Based on the information in the rest of this discussion the King family has concluded that the basis for the prosecutor's motion to consolidate was for Oakland County to control the information from all other sources and to deny the King family and the other victims any information. Coincidence or Cover Up?

Once the Supreme Court denied the Motion to Consolidate, on December 15, 2010 the Michigan State Police provided the King family with 3,411 pages on the Busch investigation at a cost of approximately \$11,000. For the first time the King family had confirmation from the government of the history of the Christopher Busch involvement. The MSP files give rise to questions which we will now discuss.

5. After the October 27, 2009 Task Force meeting Jessica Cooper wrote Barry a letter on November 13 advising him that the dissemination of polygraph information was a crime. The Michigan State Police reports which we received on December 15, 2010 contained copies of the February 19, 1977 articles in the Detroit News and the Royal Oak Daily Tribune quoting I. Brooks Patterson, then the Oakland County Prosecutor. Patterson announced that Busch was not a suspect in the murder of Mark Stebbins, the first victim, because Busch had passed a polygraph test on January 28, 1977. Busch had been released on probation before Tim was abducted on March 16, some six weeks later. Did these 1977 public announcements excluding Busch affect the future judgment of Oakland County? How do you charge a suspect after you publicly exclude him? Coincidence or Cover Up?

6. Interestingly Jessica Cooper wrote Barry a letter on November 13, 2009 stating: "In addition, the publicizing of some information, such as that related to polygraphs, is actually a crime." Is it too late to charge I. Brooks Patterson for his February 1977 publications described above (Item 5)?

What was Cooper trying to tell Barry about polygraph discussions when he had not yet received any polygraph information? Coincidence or Cover Up?

7. On April 1, 2013, after a lengthy delay which we will discuss later, Barry was granted access to the October 28, 2008 search warrant file for the former residence of Christopher Busch. The search warrant affidavit, which was prepared by the Oakland County Prosecutor, states that three other polygraphers concluded that Busch had not passed the January 28, 1977 lie detector test. How does Oakland County justify publishing some, but not all, of these results? Coincidence or Cover Up?

8. In both of Barry's 2010 Freedom of Information Act cases he was served with an order of suppression from the 48th District Court denying him access to the Busch search warrant file. The proper court to question any order is the court that issued the order. Barry filed a motion to intervene with the 48th District Court on July 1, 2010. He was finally allowed to look at the file on April 1, 2013. The Oakland County Prosecutor obtained these suppression orders pursuant to the Michigan search warrant statute (MCL 15.231). The last sentence of the search warrant statute states:

"This subsection and subsection (8) do not affect a person's right to obtain a search warrant affidavit from the prosecuting attorney or law enforcement agency under the freedom of information act".

Thus far the Michigan courts have not required Jessica Cooper to explain how she filed these orders in these two 2010 FOIA cases when the statute specifically states they cannot be filed in FOIA cases. Coincidence or Cover Up?

9. After April 1, 2013 Barry noticed that the suppression orders filed in his two Freedom of Information Act cases were dated April 29, 2011 and were not identical. They were both filed with the Oakland County Circuit Court after the order date. The original copy in the 48th District Court file was identical to one of them but was undated. Again, the Michigan courts have not required Oakland County to explain these apparent discrepancies. Coincidence or Cover Up?

10. Jessica Cooper obtained the suppression orders without an affidavit or testimony. Again, the Michigan courts have not required her to explain how she obtains orders without evidence supporting the alleged facts. Coincidence or Cover Up?

11. The October 28, 2008 search warrant affidavit Barry obtained on April 1, 2013 is an eight-page single spaced form prepared by the Oakland County Prosecutor and signed by the Michigan State Police. It describes the circumstantial evidence involving Christopher Busch, including the fact that three polygraphers concluded he did not pass the January 28, 1977 lie detector test. Except for this original polygraph result, the King family has never reviewed any facts which exclude Busch. Why did Oakland County attempt to deny the King family access to this affidavit or knowledge that three polygraphers did not agree with the 1977 results? Coincidence or Cover Up?

12. Christopher Busch was cleared as a suspect on Tip 369 dated January 25, 1977 because he passed the January 28, 1977 polygraph test. Subsequent Busch tips submitted in Oakland County state "Cleared Tip 369". If Cathy had called Oakland County in July 2007 we can only assume, once Busch was identified, her tip would have received similar treatment. Coincidence or Cover Up?

13. Since all four children were abducted in the winter months it was common conjecture that the abductors may have taken the children to a summer cottage. The Busch family owned a summer cottage at Ess Lake in Montmorency County. Cory Williams suggested a search warrant for both his residence and the summer cottage, but the authorities only obtained the residence search warrant. After the Christopher Busch possible participation in these murders was made public, the Ess Lake cottage was razed and rebuilt. Coincidence or Cover Up?

14. The Michigan State Police reports contain an internal Michigan State Police memorandum dated October 9, 2009 stating that Jessica Cooper did not want to receive any reports regarding Christopher Busch. At the October 19 meeting with the Michelich family (Item 2) the Task Force identified Busch and his two companions as the principal suspects. On October 27, 2009 the Task Force refuses to talk to the King family (Item 2).

After the October 27 meeting the Michigan State Police began working with Oakland County rather than Wayne County. Barry was then advised by Jessica Cooper on March 1, 2010 that Busch was no longer a suspect. Since no one will explain to the King family the reason for the change to Oakland County or the reason Busch was no longer a suspect, the King family concluded that Oakland County did not want its history on the Busch case to become public. Interestingly, at some later time unknown to us, the Michigan State Police was again working with Wayne County rather than Oakland County. Coincidence or Cover Up?

15. A few days after Tim was abducted the police announced that Tim had been seen talking to a man near a Blue Gremlin. This was the only car mentioned publicly to these four murders for more than three decades. A July 1, 1978 reward poster contained a picture of this car. The Michigan State Police records which we received on December 15, 2010 contained references to several other cars. Coincidence or Cover Up?

16. The body of Kristine Michelich, the third victim, was found in a snow bank which contained a bumper imprint. Jack Kalbfleisch of the Birmingham Police force had this imprint reviewed by the three Detroit automobile companies. General Motors identified the car as a Pontiac Lemans or a Buick Skylark. The bumper imprint revealed unique and potentially identifying damage to the car bumper. There was no announcement or follow up on this lead. Coincidence or Cover Up?

17. The body of Jill Robinson, the second victim, was found adjacent to I-75. A passing motorist told the Troy Police Department that he saw a Pontiac Lemans parked at the location where the body was found. He told the police he knew it was a Lemans because he had owned one. Again there was no announcement or follow up on this lead. Coincidence or Cover Up?

18. After Marion died Barry married her friend Janice Bollinger. Janice had a friend Doug Wilson who saw Tim at the Hunter Maple Parking Lot. He was hypnotized and interviewed in June of 1977. Wilson identified two suspicion men and wrote me a letter stating:

“When the session ended I thought only 15 or only 20 minutes had elapsed. When I looked at my watch I was shocked to see four had passed. The

agents were excited about my observation. The agents were excited about my observations. I was able to confirm the possibility that two men were involved. This was information that the FBI had only speculated on. From my description the sketch artist was able to get a pretty good likeness of each man. But the most important information was my identification of the car that the older man was sitting in. It was a 1973 Pontiac Le Mans 2/door coupe”.

Again the only car ever mentioned by the police was the Blue Gremlin. Coincidence or Cover Up?

19. When Tim’ brother Chris returned from his baby-sitting job on March 16, 1977 he took his baseball bat and went looking for him. Chris turned 16 the day before and now had his driver’s license. When he arrived at the Hunter-Maple site where Tim had been abducted the stores had closed and there were only 3 or 4 cars in the parking lot. One of them was a Blue Gremlin and Chris looked in the car to view its upholstery. After the police identified the Blue Gremlin Chris told the police of these facts. The police records do not contain any reference to his report. Coincidence or Cover Up?

20. In early 2011 a member of the Birmingham Senior Men’s Club asked Barry if he would like to meet Richard Thompson. Thompson was the Chief Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor in 1977 and succeeded L. Brooks Patterson as Prosecutor. When we were introduced the only comment Thompson made to Barry was a reference to the Blue Gremlin. Coincidence or Cover Up?

21. On June 20, 2011 Barry wrote a letter to Richard Thompson which contained a police report. This report included the following statement: “Officers advised him Greg Greene told these officers that he, Busch, had killed Stebbins” The records we have reviewed do not include any information indicating that the investigators or any prosecutor followed up with Greene on this information. Thompson never responded to my inquiries. Coincidence or Cover Up?

22. The letter to Thompson also included an undated email from Michigan State Police Sergeant Garry Gray to Lieutenant Darryl Hill stating "... and Dick Thompson from the Oakland County Prosecutor's office believed these two men were involved in the child murders". The two men were Busch and Greene. The email was prepared sometime after the revitalized Task Force was created in 2005. Perhaps this statement accounts for the fact that Thompson refused to meet with Barry. Coincidence or Cover Up?

23. In the 2012 election the King family supported Michael Bishop for Oakland County Prosecutor to replace Jessica Cooper. Our principal complaint was the failure of Cooper to keep us informed. One month before the election on October 12, 2012 Cooper appeared on television waiving papers stating she had met with Barry 27 times. On November 20, 2012 her office provided Barry with a list of these meetings. Fifteen of the dates were court appearances where her assistants were instructed not to talk to me. In our judgment only a June 25, 2012 meeting when Lisa Milton, Chris and Barry met with Chief Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Paul Walton on the one specific subject he wished to discuss (Items 25 and 39). A summary of these 27 meetings is at afathersstory-occk.com, Chapters 61-64. Why did Cooper lie to or mislead the TV audience with this incorrect information? Coincidence or Cover Up?

24. In early July Barry was served with a subpoena to appear before The Oakland County Grand Jury on July 20, 2011. On July 19 Paul Walton called David Binkley of Barry's law firm and asked that Barry and he appear in the courtroom of Judge Martha Anderson the next morning. Binkley was not Barry's attorney in the Freedom of Information law suits against the Oakland County Prosecutor, but he is an acquaintance of Jessica Cooper. Barry assumed the meeting was to review his Grand Jury testimony. When Binkley and Barry appeared in the courtroom they were asked to sit in the jury room. After 15 to 20 minutes they entered the chambers of Judge Anderson. Cooper and Walton were already there. What did Cooper and Walton tell Judge Anderson before Barry arrived? Walton then accused Barry of telling TV Channel 4 of the existence of the Grand Jury which is a crime in Michigan. Walton did not give any evidence to support this assertion. Barry denied this allegation and stated that he talked only to his attorneys on this subject. Barry had not even told his children. To this day

Cooper and her assistants will not give Barry the facts or persons supporting this criminal claim. Until someone tells him to the contrary Barry can only conclude the only purpose for this action was to interfere with his efforts to find out the truth on the investigation of Tim's death. Coincidence or Cover Up?

25. When Barry returned to his office after the July 20, 2011 court appearance he called Kevin Dietz, the Channel 4 reporter who had publicly announced the existence of the Oakland County Grand Jury. Dietz prepared a letter which reads:

"This note will confirm that Barry King was not the source of my information on the Oakland County Grand Jury proceedings. I will swear to this under oath if need be".

Barry delivered copies of this letter to Judge Anderson, Cooper and Walton the next morning. At our June 25, 2012 meeting (Items 23 and 39) Barry asked Walton who reported the false accusations to the prosecutor's office prior to the July 20 hearing. Walton replied "Kevin Dietz". What would you do if a prosecutor asked you to come to court and falsely accused you of a crime with no supporting facts? Why is the court system protecting Cooper? Who is lying, Dietz or Walton? Coincidence or Cover Up?

26. The Oakland County Grand Jury was a partial success. Two suspects in cold murder cases who were identified by the Grand Jury were convicted. Interestingly, Barry spoke to family members of the other OCKK victims. None of them were called to testify. How do you try the OCKK case if you do not call the families of the other child three victims as witnesses? Was the Oakland County Child Killer murder added to the list of Grand Jury cases just to keep Barry quiet? Coincidence or Cover Up?

27. In her November 13, 2009 letter to Barry Jessica Cooper advised him "The Oakland County Prosecutor's Office is not an investigative agency. Rather, we prosecute crimes which have already been investigated by police agencies to the point where the issuance of criminal charges against specific, living individuals is both legally and factually justified." What police agencies did Cooper rely upon to charge Barry with a crime on July 20, 2011? Coincidence or Cover Up?

Jessica Cooper was granted summary judgment in Barry's first two Freedom of Information Act law suits and the Circuit Court did not allow him to interrogate Cooper. While Barry's second FOIA was pending you can imagine our surprise when we learned on November 20, 2012 that Cooper had spoken to Kevin Dietz of Channel 4 in Detroit, Marney Keenan of the Detroit News and Laurie Brassier of the Detroit Free Press earlier in 2012 regarding the Busch investigation. The Oakland County summary judgment in Barry's FOIA second case against Cooper was entered on January --, 2012. The courts have denied Barry's request for an explanation for these disclosures to the media and his appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court is pending.

28. On June 19, 2012 Kevin Dietz of Channel 4 sent an email to Cooper requesting "A copy of the Christopher Busch CSC file that we reviewed in your office on Monday, June 18th, 2012". Cooper delivered to Dietz 123 pages from her files. At the same time Cooper is telling Barry and the judges that this is privileged information. Cooper first meets with Dietz and then gives him the documents she showed him the previous day. Coincidence or Cover Up?

29. On an undated October 2012 request Laurie Brassier of the Detroit Free Press requested the following specific documents in a Freedom of Information Act request:

1. All documents provided to the family of Timothy King
2. Birmingham Police Department Reports regarding the investigation
3. Documents related to the vehicles the policed investigated including the Blue Gremlin
4. Autopsy reports detailing the condition of the children's bodies.

At the same time Jessica Cooper delivered these documents she continued to tell the Michigan Courts that Barry was not entitled to this information. Coincidence or Cover Up?

30. After the Michigan State Police cancelled their two October 2009 meetings with Barry and Chris on October 12, 2009 Barry met with Judy Dieboldt and Marney Keenan of the Detroit News regarding the status of the case. Keenan is in the process of writing a book on this case and she met with Jessica Cooper in August 2012 for more than two hours. Why did

Cooper meet with and provide information to the media on at least three occasions and refuse to talk to the families of the victims? Was Cooper more interested in being reelected than solving the OCCK case? Coincidence or Cover Up?

31. Three or four weeks after the Detroit News published its first article on the OCCK murders on October 26, 2009 a young man visited Barry. He had played on Tim's hockey team and he talked with a police officer in the early 1990s about the case. The officer told him the murderer was the son of a prominent GM executive. After her October 26, 2009 article Marney Keenan received a phone call from a lady who taught Kristine Michelich, the third victim. The teacher was at the Salamander Bar in Detroit and met a police officer. The officer advised the teacher the case had been solved and the murderer was the son of a prominent automobile executive. Cathy and Chris had a friend at Marquette University who advised them she met a police officer from Oakland County in Chicago who told her the case had been solved and the murderer was the son of a prominent automobile executive. After Cathy published a WordPress article on May 16, 2016 she received the following note:

"I was a teenager in Detroit at that time and my father had a stamp and coin store at Eastland Shopping Center. One of his customers was E. Harwood Rydholm, a big executive at Chrysler. Mr. Rydholm told my dad that the OCCK was the son of a powerful GM executive and the police were protecting GM's reputation so he probably wouldn't be arrested. Mr. Rydholm passed away in 1987. The ghastly part is that Mr. Rydholm told my father this story shortly after Kristine Mihelich went missing."

This all took place during the thirty years of silence from 1977 to 2007. Coincidence or Cover Up?

32. The Michigan State Police reports we received on December 15, 2015 introduced the King family to the North Fox Island child abuse scenario. Someone purchased the island in Traverse Bay and installed an airport runway. They then flew underprivileged boys from Detroit, allegedly for charitable purposes. However, these visitors were sexually abused.

Christopher Busch was found on the island with a suitcase of pornographic pictures. Busch was never charged for this criminal act. Interestingly, on April 12, 2017 the Detroit papers announced that an Oakland County resident with similar pictures received a ten-year sentence. Can anyone explain to the King family why no similar criminal charges were taken against Busch? Coincidence or Cover Up?

33. The owner of North Fox Island was a prominent rich man from Grosse Pointe who quickly moved to Europe after a CSC case was filed against him on behalf of the minors he had sexually abused and after the FBI and the Michigan State Police started their investigation. No action was taken to return him for trial. Until someone can explain to the contrary, the King family believes that this may be related to the many references to a ring of wealthy persons participating in the Detroit area child abuse program during this 1977 time period. Coincidence or Cover Up?

34. In February 1977 Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson publicly stated that Christopher Busch was not a suspect in the murder of Mark Stebbins, the first victim. When Busch died on November 20, 1978 members of the OCK Task Force were called almost immediately and responded to the alleged suicide scene. To the knowledge of the King family the responding officers, John Davis and Ron Pierce, were not examined by the current investigators. Why were they called in 1978 if Busch was not a suspect in the Stebbins case after January 28, 1977? Coincidence or Cover Up?

35. The FBI was asked to talk with Charles Busch, the only surviving brother of Christopher Busch. Before Charles would answer any questions he asked that his nephews be placed in a protection program if his statements were made public. If Charles was fearful of his nephews being injured, the King family can only conclude there is some live person or persons Charles must have had concerns that someone would injure them. To our knowledge no one has followed up on this lead. By the way, Christopher Busch is alleged to have sexually abused and raped one or both of his nephews. Coincidence or Cover Up?

36. Christopher Busch was in Alma, Michigan when he was named a codefendant in the Genesee County case. On the January 28, 1977 trip from Alma to Flint Busch waived his Miranda rights and spoke at length

about his sexual history. When asked where he found his victims he identified three locations. These were the same locations where Mark Stebbins, Jill Robinson and Kristine Michelich, the first three victims, were abducted. Busch also told the officers that Gregory Greene, his codefendant in the Genesee County case, and he planned to have one of them employed during the day and the other one to have a night job. This would allow them to have someone at home with a child. When asked what they would do with the child when the relationship ended, Busch did not answer. This information was not made public in 1977-8. Coincidence or Cover Up?

From 1977 to 2006 the King family was not informed on the status of the investigation. In 2006 Cathy and Chris received a phone call from Patrick Coffey who lived across the street during their school years. Coffey had become a polygrapher and spoke at a conference in Las Vegas. Lawrence Wasser, a Southfield Michigan polygrapher and several other attendees asked Coffey to speak to their state constituents. Coffey advised Wasser that he had studied polygraphy because of the death of his neighbor, Tim King. Wasser stated that he knew who killed Tim. When Coffey attempted to reach Wasser concerning the proposed speech in Michigan Wasser would not accept or return the calls. In July 2007 Cathy called the Livonia Police Department and spoke to Cory Williams concerning this unidentified suspect. On or about November 30, 2007 Williams advised Cathy that the unidentified suspect was Christopher Busch.

37. Patrick Coffey and Lawrence Wasser were served with investigative subpoenas. Coffey flew in from California at his own expense and testified. Wasser retained counsel and refused to testify. When the Wayne County Circuit Court ruled against Wasser, he appealed to the Court of Appeals. The appellate court also directed Wasser to name the suspect. Rather than testify Wasser agreed to meet with Cory Williams and Garry Gray, the investigating officers. Wasser told them he was asked to take the polygraph of a suspect in a child pedophile case. Wasser knew the suspect had passed a polygraph examination regarding the OCCK case in Flint. Wasser remembered the names of Ralph Cabot, the Flint polygrapher, and Jane Burgess, the suspect's attorney. However Wasser could not remember the name of the suspect. Wasser advised Williams

and Gray that both the suspect and his attorney were deceased. Williams and Gray determined that Cabot had taken no more than five polygraphs in the OCCK case and Christopher Busch was only suspect who was deceased along with his attorney. The King family has not talked to anyone who has challenged Coffey's story nor anyone who does not believe Wasser identified Busch. If Cathy had called Oakland County rather than Wayne County the King family believes this identification would never have occurred. Coincidence or Cover Up?

38. After Lawrence Wasser identified Christopher Busch he made several public comments denying the truth of the Patrick Coffey testimony. Coffey then commenced a libel law suit against Wasser and his attorney, James Feinberg, for their false statements. Wasser and Feinberg paid Coffey a sum of money to settle the law suit. The Michigan State Police Reports do not contain any follow up with Wasser after the identification was complete. We also understand that Wasser is a friend or acquaintance of Jessica Cooper. Coincidence or Cover Up?

39. Among the four counties in which Christopher Busch pleaded guilty to pedophile crimes were Genesee and Montmorency Counties. On June 28, 1977 Genesee County Assistant Prosecutor Judith Alderson wrote a letter to the Montmorency Prosecutor which stated

“Our office will allow Busch to plead guilty to Assault with Intent to Do Criminal Sexual Conduct Involving Penetration, but we will not enter into a sentence concession whereby Busch will be placed on probation.”

Barry Chris

Busch did plead guilty and received probation in all four counties, and their attorney, Lisa Milton, met with Chief Assistant Prosecutor Paul Walton on June 25, 2012 he presented to us his office copy of the Christopher Busch complaint. This copy had written on it “No Deals R Thompson”. Walton explained this note meant that no case could be settled without the approval of the Prosecutor, L. Brooks Patterson, or the Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Richard Thompson. The case was again settled with a probation sentence with no indication the approval had been granted. Walton advised that any current assistant prosecutor who settled a similar

case today without approval would be fired. Who gave approval in the 1977 Busch case? Coincidence or Cover Up?

40. Barry and Chris received their introduction to DNA technology at the October 27, 2009 Task Force conference. After the Task Force refused to answer any of our questions Erica McAvoy, the sister of the third victim, asked about the DNA test indicating a match between Vince Gunnels and a hair on her deceased sister's jacket. Chief Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Paul Walton gave a long response stating that this was an mDNA result which you inherit from your mother (Item26). Thus many other people may have identical readings. Thus it was not applicable to our case. You can imagine our surprise when we learned the Oakland County Prosecutor publicly announced the result from the conviction of one of the Grand Jury suspects by using mDNA evidence. Barry called the attorney for the defendant in that case who confirmed this result. Does the Oakland County Prosecutor use a different interpretation of this mDNA evidentiary rule depending on whether or not she wants to try the case? Coincidence or Cover Up?

41. We later learned there is substantial additional evidence concerning the involvement of Vince Gunnels in these murders. Gunnels was asked to take a polygraph test. He deliberately took action to invalidate the first test. The polygrapher stated this procedure was usually attempted by those who were guilty. Gunnels stone cold flunked the second test. In addition his statements to the police contain several contradictory statements. The King family would not have any of this Gunnels information if we had not received the Michigan State Police Reports on December 15, 2010. Coincidence or Cover Up?

42. Gunnels, who was the victim in the Midland and Montmorency County convictions of Busch, advised the Flint police that while walking near his home in Flint the mother of Christopher Busch offered him money not to testify against her son. Gunnels ignored this offer and told the authorities. The King family has seen no evidence of any follow up on this report. Is it legal for the suspect of any crime to pay the complaining witness, or any other witness, not to testify? Coincidence or Cover Up?

43. The DNA science at issue was not discovered until sometime after 1980. Therefore DNA evidence was not a part of the initial investigation.

The Michigan State Police and Wayne County tried to assemble the trace evidence after Busch was identified in 2007. To their surprise most of this evidence had not been assembled by the original Task Force. However, there would have been no reason to collect this evidence if you had determined that the leading suspect, Christopher Busch, was dead. Is this why there was no activity from 1978 to 2007? Coincidence or Cover Up?

44. After Jane Burgess was identified as the attorney for Christopher Busch, Barry received a call from Judy Dieboldt, a retired editor for the Detroit News. Dieboldt advised Barry that in her younger days she often shared cocktails with Jessica Cooper and Burgess. Is it possible that Burgess may have discussed with Cooper how she had successfully pled Busch guilty in all four cases with only probation sentences? Coincidence or Cover Up?

45. On February 23, 2015 Barry received a phone call from a Michigan State Police officer who did not want to identify himself. Based on his review of the Christopher Busch suicide evidence and other factors the officer was convinced that Busch was the murderer or was at least involved in the murders of the four child victims. The officer wanted to make certain that Barry had received all this evidence. How many other police officers reached the same conclusion? What procedures are followed when a prosecutor will not explain her reasons for not charging a person who is identified as the principal suspect by the police. Coincidence or Cover Up?

46. On December 1, 2010 Barry wrote a letter regarding the Oakland County Child Killer case to William Schuette who had been elected Michigan Attorney General the previous month. At a meeting last year at the Birmingham Senior Men's Club Barry asked Schuette if the Attorney General had authority to take appropriate action if a prosecutor was not acting properly. Schuette acknowledged he had this authority. Schuette also confirmed this result to Barry at a talk before the Village Club later that year. Schuette has never responded to the King family regarding his position on the King family concerns. Coincidence or Cover Up?

47. On August 8, 2012 Chief Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Paul Walton filed a verified Bill of Particulars stating that he reviewed police records and

“The materials were returned in their entirety to the FBI and the State Police and are not now, nor were they at the time of the Plaintiff’s FOIA request, in the possession of the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office.”

These are the same police records Jessica Cooper gave to TV Channel 4 on June, 2012 (Item 28) and the Detroit Free Press on October 10, 2012 (Item 29). How were all these materials returned if, at the same time, they were given to the media? Coincidence or Cover Up?

48. After the Christopher Busch photograph was published more than six adults of both sexes advised the King family that Busch had tried to pick them up in their childhood. If this information was received by the King family, how many more were made to the police? One woman was interviewed by Bill Beachum, a former FBI agent, and Barry. This woman advised them that as a young child she met with several adults whom she assumed were police officers at her school regarding the gentleman who attempted to pick her up. Until someone will talk to us, this leaves little doubt in the minds of the King family that Busch spent a substantial amount of his time locating children who would be abused by his customers or himself. Coincidence or Cover Up?

49. The Christopher Busch suicide report raises several interesting observations. Kevin Dietz of TV Channel 4 made arrangements with Western Ontario University to analyze the situation. In its 25 page report these investigators concluded that it was more likely a murder than a suicide, but could not make a final decision from the information given to them. Oakland County will not discuss this probability with the King family. Coincidence or Cover Up?

50. On the wall of Christopher Busch’s suicide bedroom was a drawing of a screaming young boy wearing a hooded jacket identical to that worn by Mark Stebbins, the first victim. What are the odds of this happening? Coincidence or Cover Up?

51. The Crime Detection Laboratory Report on the suicide scene concludes “Levels of antimony found in items 2 through 5 (swabs) were insufficient to indicate the presence of gunshot residue.....”. If Busch did not fire the shotgun, who did? Coincidence or Cover Up?

52. In July 2012 Jessica Cooper publicly requested information from the public on a new suspect, Archibald Sloan who was serving a life sentence for pedophile activities. She announced that hairs on the bodies of Michael Stebbins and Tim King matched a hair found in Sloan's car. Remember, no one assembled the trace evidence from the four communities where these four victims were abducted or the four other communities where their bodies were found until Wayne County became involved after Cathy's July 2007 phone call (Item 43). Oakland County has not talked to the King family on the status of this lead. Wayne County has advised us that Sloan was offered freedom from his life sentence if he could identify the source of these hairs. Since the DNA science was discovered after 1980, perhaps the source of these hairs is deceased or has not been involved in pedophile cases since 1977. The King family acknowledges this is a good lead which was overlooked by Oakland County for over three decades, presumably because it concluded in 1978 that Busch was guilty. However, this lead originated in Cathy's July 2007 phone call and the Wayne County follow up. Coincidence or Cover Up?

SUMMARY

Based on the above discussion, and unless someone submits undiscovered facts, the King family has concluded that Oakland County was silent for more than three decades after it concluded Christopher Busch was involved in the OCCK murders. If anyone has additional information on Busch or Sloan, either pro or con, we would appreciate it if you could forward this information to us.

Cory Williams and Denise Powell of the Michigan State Police have told us they will investigate every lead. If you have any facts, pro or con, on the Busch or Sloan leads please speak up.

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