

OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

JOHN F. BURTON, M.D.

12-26-76 10120 AM

PROPERTY LIST

NAME OF DECEASED JILL ROBINSON FILE # 76-2375 AUTOPSY # 522

RECEIVED IN SEPERATE BAG, CONTENTS UNKNOWN

REMOVED FROM BODY AS CLOTHING: TOP COAT

JACKET

HAT

SHIRT

UNDERGARMENT

SLACKS

SKIRT

SOCKS OR STOCKINGS

SHOES OR BOOTS

CASH IN BILLS \$

CASH IN COINS \$

JEWELRY: WATCH, RING, BRACELET, NECKLACE,  
(DO NOT EVALUATE)

OTHER:

MEDICAL EXAMINER CLERK:

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DATE

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3:50 PM.



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

GENERAL INFORMATION

AGE OF DECEASED MARK DOUGLAS STEBBINS CASE # 76-330 AUTOPSY # 73  
AGE 12 RACE White SEX Male D.A.S., ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (CHECK ONE)  
DATE & TIME OF DEATH 2-19-76 12:00 N DATE & TIME OF AUTOPSY 2-20-76 10:20  
~~Rear of 15660 - 10 Mile Rd.~~  
Southfield, Michigan

REF: FOUND FULLY CLOTHED, LYING ADJACENT TO PARKING LOT AT REAR OF 15660 - 10 MILE ROAD, SOUTHFIELD. HAD BEEN REPORTED MISSING TO FERNDALE P.D. 2-15-76.

CAUSE OF DEATH: ASPHYXIA due to SMOTHERING.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.

IDENTIFIED BY: Tag.

PROPERTY:

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EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

O. BODY GENERALLY - INTEGUMENTARY, HEMATOPOIETIC, & LYMPHATIC SYSTEMS.

LENGTH  $\frac{60''}{152 \text{ cm}}$  WEIGHT  $\frac{90\#}{41 \text{ kg}}$  RIGOR 0 LIVIDITY See below. FROZEN 0 DECOMP. 0

SKIN: COLOR Wh SCARS 0 TATTOOS 0 EDEMA 0 JAUNDICE 0

INJURIES: See photos: Scalp: 2 crusted lacerations of scalp in left parietal area measure 3 cm & 4 cms in length.

Face: Shows diffuse punctate reddish-purple mottling of face, eyelids, upper neck, anterior & posterior portions of body & ear lobes. Skin behind right ear lobe is bright red.

Nose: Nares patent, with small quantity of brown stained nasal secretion present. Small speck of dirt of right nostril.

Arms & Ankles: Show light brown discoloration of wrist and above ankles. Considered to be artefacts.

SPECIAL NOTES: Bilateral subconjunctival hemorrhages (punctate). Apparent "ligature" mark of neck is considered an artifact & probably due to jacket.

SPLEEN: WT. 250 GM., CAPSULE: Red-blue. CONSISTENCY: Moderately soft.

COLOR OF CUT SURFACE: Dark red with prominent follicles. PULP LESIONS: Congestion.

LYMPHNODES: GENERALLY NORMAL ENLARGED SOFT x FIRM

SPECIAL NOTES:

ANATOMICAL LOCATION AND/OR GROUP WHEN INDICATED: Mesenteric lymphadenopathy.

I. MUSCULOSKELETAL STRUCTURES: Not remarkable.

FRACTURES:

CAVITY RUPTURES AND EVISCERATIONS:

AVULSIONS, MUTILATION AND DISMEMBERMENT: Patulous anal orifice with superficial lacerations at muco-cutaneous junction. (See photos). Fecal material around anal orifice and adjacent skin.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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## 2. RESPIRATORY TRACT:

AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION: MECHANICAL 0 TRAUMATIC 0 FOOD BOLLUS 0

TRACHEOBRONCHIAL TREE: Patent - mucosa congested.

PULMONARY ARTERY &amp; BRANCHES:

LUNGS: WT. RT. 350 GM., WT. LT. 325 GM. PLEURA: Smooth. Many petichial hemorrhages.

SPECIAL NOTES: Section of lungs reveal dark red surfaces due to congestion. Blood and edema fluid ooze from the cut surfaces. Epiglottis unremarkable, rima glottis patent.

HEMOTHORAX ----- HYDROTHORAX ----- PNEUMOTHORAX -----

## 3. HEART:

\* WT 225 GM. PERICARDIUM: Intact. FLUID: Minimal.

CHAMBERS: Dilated - dark red liquid blood &amp; clots. ENDOCARDIUM: Smooth.

VALVES: All normal in size and shape.

THICKNESS OF RT. VENTRICULAR WALL 3 MM., LT. VENTRICULAR WALL 12 MM.

MYOCARDIUM ON SERIAL SECTION: Firm, dark reddish-brown throughout.

CORONARY ARTERIES: Patent, thin-walled and otherwise unremarkable througho

SPECIAL NOTES: Many epicardial petichial hemorrhages. No congenital defects.

## 4. BLOOD VESSELS &amp; LYMPHATICS:

LARGE ARTERIES: Unremarkable.

GREAT VEINS: Unremarkable.

SPECIAL NOTES: None.

## 5. ACCESSORY DIGESTIVE GLANDS:

SALIVARY GLANDS (NAME AND/OR ANATOMICAL LOCATION AS INDICATED)

SPECIAL NOTES: Not examined.

LIVER: WT. 1200 GM., CAPSULE: Smooth, translucent & thin. COSTAL BORDER: Sharp & thin.  
 CONSISTENCY: Moderately firm. CUT SURFACE: Dark reddish-brown throughout. Hepatic vessels engorged.  
 SPECIAL NOTES: None.

GALLBLADDER: Contains bile, otherwise unremarkable. STONES: None.

EXTRAHEPATIC BILE DUCTS: Patent.

PANCREAS: Post-mortem autolysis, otherwise unremarkable.

## 6. ALIMENTARY TRACT:

ESOPHAGUS: Patent - smooth mucosa. STOMACH: Wall intact, non-distended by contents.

STOMACH CONTENTS: Approx. 5-10 cc light brown fluid present.

SMALL INTESTINE: Not remarkable, fecal gas present.

LARGE INTESTINE: Not remarkable. Rectum filled with soft, brownish fecal material, mostly empty in ano-rectal area, feces around anal orifice.

APPENDIX: Normal. MESENTERY: Intact. PERITONEUM: Smooth

SPECIAL NOTES: Anal orifice widely distended over and above the expected usual, mucocutaneous tears obvious upon inspection. (See photo)

## 7. GENITO-URINARY TRACT &amp; FETAL STRUCTURES:

KIDNEYS: WT. RT. 110 GM., LT., 110 GM. SUBCAPSULAR SURFACE: Smooth, dark red-gray.

CUT SURFACE: Dark red-purple color & even with capsular edge. RENAL MARKINGS: Well-defined.

CONDITION OF Pelves &amp; CALYCES: Not remarkable.

URETERS: Patent.

URINARY BLADDER: Contains urine (100 cc). Mucosa unremarkable.

PROSTATE, SEMINAL VESICLES & TESTES: Not remarkable.

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## UTERUS, TUBES &amp; OVARIES:

FETUS - LENGTH \_\_\_\_\_ CM., WT. \_\_\_\_\_ GM., GESTATION AGE \_\_\_\_\_ WK/MO.

SPECIAL NOTES:

## ENDOCRINES:

PITUITARY: Not remarkable. PINEAL: Not remarkable. ADRENALS: Not remarkable.

THYROID: Not remarkable. PARATHYROIDS: Not re- markable. OTHER:

THYMUS: (A DUCTLESS GLAND-LIKE BODY SHOULD BE DESCRIBED HERE IF INDICATED),

WT. 50 gms. Capsular petichial hemorrhages, otherwise not remarkable

SPECIAL NOTES:

## NERVOUS SYSTEM AND SPECIAL SENSE ORGANS:

BRAIN: WT. 1425 GM., MENINGES: Intact.

DURAL SINUSES AND CEREBRAL BLOOD VESSELS: Engorged. SPINAL FLUID:

CEREBRAL HEMISPHERES: Symmetrical.

CONVOLUTIONS AND SULCI: Not remarkable.

SERIAL SECTION OF BRAIN AND BRAIN STEM: Section shows marked capillary congestion of the white matter and edema.

SPECIAL NOTES: (INJURIES, ANOMALIES, ETC.) The undersurface of scalp shows hemorrhage in region of the lacerations. These are 2 perforations of the epicranium in the same area. The outer table of left calvarium, parietal bone, reveals 2 small linear nicks.

The left mastoid air cells shows congestion and dark bluish discoloration of the petrous bone. This is not seen in the right petrous bone and mastoid air cells. No fracture of skull noted.

SUMMARY OF GROSS PATHOLOGICAL FINDINGS

Asphyxia due to smothering.  
 Patulous anal orifice with linear tears of muco-cutaneous junction.  
 Petichial hemorrhages of subconjunctivae, thymus, heart & lungs.  
 Acute pulmonary congestion & edema.  
 Acute cerebral edema & congestion.  
 Acute generalized visceral congestion.

CAUSE OF DEATH: ASPHYXIA due to SMOTHERING.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.

OPINION:

ANCILLARY

PHOTOS x  
 X-RAYS x  
 BLOOD x  
 URINE x  
 SPINAL FLUID  
 STOMACH CONTENTS  
 OTHER -Bile  
 Smears of oral & buccal cavities.  
 Anal smears.  
 Nasal smears.

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## OAKLAND COUNTY CHILD KILLER INVESTIGATION

### JOURNAL:

None

### WITNESS/POSSIBLE SUSPECT:

NAM: JAMES VINCENT GUNNELS

P.O. Box/Building: MOUND CORRECTIONAL FAC.

NBR: DIR:

STR: MOUND

SFX: ROAD

CTY: DETROIT

TXH:

TXW:

SMT: Arm, right, nonspecific (sc)

Shoulder, left (tat)

Arm, left (tat)

Arm, right (tat)

RAC: W

SEX: M

DOB: [REDACTED]

HGT: 6'00"

WGT: 170

HAI: BRO

EYE: BLU

ETH:

OPS: MI [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

SID: MI/01105025P

FBI: 877950V5

MNU:

PRN: 186011

### INVESTIGATION INTO JAMES GUNNELS:

After having the above subject transferred down to the Mound Correctional Facility from Camp Ojibway in the Upper Peninsula, (see Livonia PD reports), Mr. Gunnels was interviewed several times by officers. During the interviews, Mr. Gunnels was advised that he was less than truthful when officers interviewed him at Camp Ojibway last March concerning his relationship with Gregory Greene. Mr. Gunnels stated that he was not familiar with Gregory Greene, which was consistent with information from other sources. Due to Mr. Gunnels non-cooperative attitude, the officers offered him the opportunity to take a polygraph test to clear himself. Mr. Gunnels asked if he was being considered a suspect, the officers answered that it is unknown of his level of involvement, if any at all. Mr. Gunnels stated that he will not take a polygraph until he's had an opportunity to speak with his sister who resides in the state of Montana.

In the month of September, James Gunnels sister advised her brother that it was alright with her for him to take a polygraph.

### POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION:

On October 10, 2008, Mr. Gunnels was picked up at the Mound Correctional Facility by the u/o and Detective Robertson, and transported him to the Northville Crime lab for the polygraph. Poligrapher, Robert Dykstra,

Lt. Dykstra advised that the polygraph test was extremely difficult due to Gunnel's constant fighting. It was the decision of Dykstra, that Gunnels purposely skewed the exam with the hopes of same to be determined inconclusive. Lt. Dykstra stated that Gunnels was purposely holding his breath, tightening up his muscles and moving. Dykstra advised that the only determination as to the possible results would be INCONCLUSIVE.

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During the post test interview, Dykstra confronted Gunnels on why he purposely misled the examiner. Gunnels responded very angrily that he didn't know Gregory Greene, adding that he's all done and he'll never take another polygraph test. Mr. Gunnels then demanded that he be taken back to prison.

**BUCCAL SWAB-DNA:**

After the polygraph test, Special Agent John Ouellet of FBI, asked Mr. Gunnels if he would be willing to give the officers a buccal swab of his DNA to be tested against evidence associated with the Child Killing investigation. Mr. Gunnels advised that it was fine with him. One buccal swab of DNA was then taken from Mr. Gunnels. (Cheek swab).

The above buccal swab was packaged and shipped to the FBI Crime lab in Quantico VA for analysis on 11-5-08, via Federal Express.

**PROPERTY:**

SEIZED BY: JOHN OUELLET

Prop 0006 - Desc: BUCCAL SWAB OF DNA OBTAINED FROM JAMES VINCENT GUNNELS, BY S.A.

JOHN OUELLET, FBI Type: Evidence

Obtained From: 42145 W SEVEN MILE RD

Northville MI 48167

Oakland County At or Near: 2ND DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION ROOM #1

**ADDITIONAL:**

On November 13, 2008, the undersigned received the attached FBI Crime Lab confirmation that they've received and logged into evidence, the buccal swab sent in on Gunnels. Pending analysis.

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## OAKLAND COUNTY CHILD KILLER INVESTIGATION

### JOURNAL:

None

### INFORMATION:

On March 7, 2009, the undersigned officer received lab results from Dr. Constance Fisher of the FBI Crime Lab located in Quantico, VA. regarding the buccal swab of James Vincent Gunnels and the known Mitochondrial evidence associated with the Oakland County Child Killer Case. (See attached lab report).

The buccal swab taken from James Gunnels has been given assigned DNA Analysis Unit II item # K41.

As of this writing the Mitochondrial DNA unit of the FBI currently has 4 hairs on record that have been taken from the children of the child killer investigation. FBI items Q19, hair from Pontiac Debris and Q29, hair from the debris from the body of Timothy King, (both FBI Laboratory number 970808021, FBI Laboratory report dated June 25, 1999). There are also two hair fragments that were taken from the shirt of Kristine Mihelich during the most recent re-examination of the Children's evidence in 2008. These two items are listed with FBI identifying numbers of Q34.1 and Q34.2, (both FBI Laboratory number, 080125018, report dated August 11, 2008).

### MITOCHONDRIAL DNA ANALYSIS:

The mtDNA sequences from Q34.1, (hair fragment from Kristine Mihelich's shirt), and K41, (Buccal swab, DNA taken from Vince Gunnels), are the same. Therefore, James Vincent Gunnels cannot be excluded as the source of the Q34.1 hair.

The mtDNA sequences from Q19, Q29, Q34.2 and K41 are different. Therefore, James Vincent Gunnels can be excluded as the source of Q19, Q29, and Q34.2 hairs.

Upon receiving the attached FBI Mitochondrial results, the undersigned telephonically contacted Dr. Constance Fisher for a more detailed explanation. Dr. Fisher advised that she couldn't deviate from what the report indicated and then explained the attached graph regarding the population studies.

Dr. Fisher advised that according to her statistics, only 1.03% of the caucasian population from the number of observations within the data-base and the number of individuals in the data-base have this particular mitochondrial DNA sequence. Dr. Fisher stated that although these numbers are not the very high numbers usually associated with nuclear DNA results, however they are in fact very significant.

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**ADDITIONAL:**

It should be noted that this is the first time in the history of the Oakland County Child Killer Investigation, that evidence has been independently associated/connected with the case. The Mitochondrial DNA taken from the hair fragment, (Q34.1), discovered on Kristine Mihelich's shirt and Vincent Gunnels buccal swab DNA, (K41), are a match.

Shortly after speaking with Dr. Fisher, the undersigned officer met with D/Sgt. Robertson and D/Sgt. Cory Williams of the Livonia Police Department to explain what had just been uncovered. FBI agents Sean Callaghan and John Ouellet were also contacted by telephone advising same.

At this time, members of the task force decided that it is now imperative to contact and interview James Vincent Gunnels once again, however Gunnels has since been paroled to the State of Montana and is believed to be living with his sister, Karen Zaspel in Dillon Mt.

**OCCK PROSECUTOR'S MEETING:**

On March 2009, a meeting was called for the purpose of updating the Prosecuting attorney's offices of Oakland and Wayne Counties. In addition, DNA laboratory scientist, Lori Bruski from Northville was also called to attend the meeting to discuss the DNA process involving said evidence, as well as explain the process of evaluating the evidence taken from the search of Christopher Busch's residence and the associated evidence with this case.

**MEETING PARTICIPANTS:**

Task Force Members

D/Sgt. Garry Gray MSP  
 D/Sgt. David Robertson MSP  
 D/Sgt. Cory Williams Livonia P.D.  
 Agent Sean Callaghan FBI  
 Agent John Ouellet FBI

Northville Crime Lab Scientist:

Lori Bruski, DNA unit

Commanders, Michigan State Police:

Capt. Harol Love MSP District Commander  
 D/F/Lt. Darryl Hill MSP Detective Lt.

Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney's:

Jessica Cooper Prosecutor  
 Paul Walton Assistant Chief  
 John Skrinski Chief of Trials

Wayne County Prosecutors Attorneys:

Kym Worthy Prosecutor  
 Rob Moran Chief of Trials  
 James Bivens Ret. DPD. Investigator WCPO

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**MEETING SYNOPSIS:**

After general introductions of the meeting participants, MSP Crime Lab Scientist Lori Bruski explained the DNA associated with Vince Gunnels and the Hair Fragments found on the shirt of Kristine Mihelich. Lori further explained the laboratory process regarding the evidence, (Carpet fibers and dog hairs), taken from the home of Christopher Busch.

Lori advised that the carpet fibers taken during the search of the Busch's past residence located in Bloomfield Twp. will be compared to the known evidence that was taken during the original days of the investigations into the four homicides of 1976 and 77.

The animal hairs that were also confiscated from the Busch home will be compared to the evidence, (animal hairs), that were taken off the children when the crimes occurred also back in 1976-77. In order to expedite the process of examining the animal hairs, Dr. Fisher advised that the FBI trace evidence unit have scientist trained in identifying and comparing animal hairs, however they do not do animal hair mitochondrial evidence examinations. The undersigned explained to Dr. Fisher that a private lab has be located in the State of California, Questgen Forensic's, owned by Dr. Joy Halverson. Dr. Fisher stated that she was aware of Dr. Halverson because the FBI also utilizes her services in this very same field of animal mitochondrial analysis.

On Friday March 20, 2009, the undersigned along with lab scientists, Lori Bruski and Cheryl Lozen went to Long Term Storage located at the MSP complex on Collins Rd., to retrieve the additional known carpet fibers that were taken from the 4 victims.

**PROPERTY REMOVED FROM LONG TERM STORAGE, (LTS):**

Item #3. Taken from item #3 (one Evidence Bag marked 11064-77, Livonia P.D. Task Force):

- Manila envelope marked #108
- Manila envelope marked #109
- one small plastic bag marked slides from 108 and 109.

Item #6 One cardboard box, sealed, containing trace evidence slides and marked 11064-77, "Hair and Fiber slides"

Item #7 One lock-seal envelope believed to have been inside #7 (One plastic bag marked "slides only 20234-77, 26056-76, 20764-76 containing slides.

The above listed items have been removed from long term storage, signed out through D/Sgt. Terry Young and transported to the Northville Crime Lab for additional comparison/analysis. (See signed UD-14's, and submission paperwork authored by Cheryl Lozen, for log-in purposes.

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**ADDITIONAL EXAMINATIONS:**

On Wednesday March 25, 2009, the undersigned spoke with Laboratory Scientist, Lori Bruski concerning the above evidence that was removed from LTS to the Northville Lab. Lori advised that while reviewing the above evidence slides microscopically, she discovered additional human hairs on some of the slide containing carpet fiber. Lori further advised that she is currently in the process of identifying the human hairs and carpet fibers for future comparison purposes. The hair fibers will be packaged and sent to the Quantico Va. lab of the FBI for the attention of Dr. Fisher. Lori stated she did not feel that these hair samples have ever been tested for mitochondrial analysis. These hairs and fibers had been removed from the children's clothing during the original investigation of their homicides. In addition to the human hairs and fiber evidence, additional animal hairs have also been identified.

**FBI TRACE EVIDENCE UNIT:**

FBI trace evidence supervisor, Kary Oien, has been contacted and advised that his unit will be receiving additional animal/human hairs for processing.

Lori Bruski advised that she has authored a very detailed report explaining the process the MSP Crime lab would like to see done by the FBI for continuance in this investigation, (IE), animal hair separation and (new) human hair mitochondrial examinations.

(See attached MSP request by Lori Bruski).

**TASK FORCE OFFICERS ACTIONS:**

Regarding the above stated information concerning the DNA hit on James Vincent Gunnels, arrangements were made to fly out to the State of Montana and interview Gunnels. Prior to making arrangements, the undersigned officer contacted the Michigan Department of Corrections, (MDOC), Parole Division and spoke with David Fountain, Cheryl Deschaine and Chuck Sinclair. Fountain, Deschaine and Sinclair, were advised of the pending investigation involving the need to contact and interview James Vincent Gunnels in Montana.

MDOC on 3-9-09, advised that Gunnels is being supervised by Montana Agent Claris Yuhas, 730 N. Montana #15, Dillon, MI 59725, where he resides with his sister, Karen Zaspel located at [REDACTED] MI.

On March 11, 2009, Cheryl Deschaine advised that James Gunnels, (inmate # 186011), had been kicked out of his sisters residence due to a February arrest for possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, and an alcohol violation. Cheryl advised that he is currently living in a homeless shelter in Butte Mt. His new parole agent is Ted Bury, office located at 51 W. Granite St, Butte, MT. TX 406-723-8911 Ext 200.

The undersigned contacted parole officer Ted Bury regarding Gunnels and our need to interview him. Bury advised that this should not be a problem because he lives in a homeless shelter located very close to his office, and in fact see's Gunnels sometimes daily to have him drop urine. Arrangements were then made to have Gunnels made available for the task force on Tuesday, March 17th to be interviewed.

On Monday, March 16th, the undersigned attempted to make contact with Agent Bury to further confirm our scheduled interview with Mr. Gunnels. Agent Bury had taken a day off for a doctor appointment. The

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undersigned was then transferred to Bury's supervisor, Mr Walsh. Mr. Walsh contacted agent Bury on his cell phone confirming the Tuesday afternoon interview with James Gunnels. Agent Bury told Mr. Walsh to cancel the trip of the officers coming from Michigan to interview Gunnels, because Gunnels failed to report back to the homeless shelter at curfew time. He advised that failure to make it back to the shelter by curfew is a direct violation of his parole status.

**CONTACT PAROLE AGENT BURY:**

The undersigned spoke with agent Bury and was advised again that Gunnels whereabouts is currently unknown. Bury stated an arrest warrant has been issued by his office for absconding parole. At this time, it was a decision of the undersigned officer, D/sgt. Garry Gray (task force commander), to cancel the trip due to not knowing where James Gunnels is currently located.

MDOC, Cheryl Deschaine was advised of Gunnels absconding his parole in Montana. A second warrant was also issued from Michigan which was entered into lein and NCIC. Gunnels was subsequently picked up two days later when he attempted to bed down at local Rescue Mission. Agent Bury had alerted all homeless/missions in the greater Butte Montana area to be on the look out for Gunnels and if he did show up at a location, to call 911.

Agent Ted Bury, Gunnels parole agent advised that Gunnels is currently being housed at the Silver Bow Detention Center (Sheriffs Department), located in Butte Montana on the two warrants for parole absconding.

On March 25, 2009, the undersigned spoke with D/F/Lt. Darryl Hill who advised to immediately make arrangements to travel to Montana and conduct the necessary interview/investigation of James Vincent Gunnels.

The undersigned contacted APA Rob Moran, D/Sgt. Williams and Holloway of Livonia Police Department and arrangements were made and finalized for the trip to Montana.

**MONTANA INVESTIGATION:**

Detectives Gray, William, Holloway and APA Rob Moran flew from Detroit Metro Airport to Montana on March 26, 2009.

Officers met with D/Lt. Ed Lester of the Butte-Silver Bow Police Department located at 225 Alaska Butte, MT. 59701 at approximately 1:00 PM, March 26, 2009. Lt. Lester advised that Gunnels is currently sitting in their jail directly across the street from the station and can have available for an interview in one to two hours.

On March 26, at approximately 4:20 P.M. James Vincent Gunnels was interviewed in the Butte Silver Bow Police department interview room. Present was the undersigned, D/Sgt. Gray and Gunnels. Gunnels entered the interview room where the officer was already seated and said, "Oh it's you again". I ain't got nothin to say to you.

**ADVISE OF RIGHTS:**

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Prior to going into any questioning, the undersigned advised Gunnels that due to his recent arrest for parole absconding and the fact that he was currently in custody, the officer would have to advise him of his constitutional rights, as per the departmental advise of rights card, (Miranda).

Mr. Gunnels immediately advised that he wanted to have an attorney present before talking with the officer. The undersigned advised Gunnels that this would be alright and no questions would be asked of him, however he was asked if it would be alright for the officer to at least advise him why a team of investigators traveled to Montana to talk to him. Gunnels stated that he would listen to what the officer had to say, however he again stated that he wasn't going to answer any questions without an attorney. The undersigned advised that this was alright and advised Gunnels that no questions would be asked of him but that he should at least listen to what the undersigned had to say. Gunnels stated, "Fine, say what you have to say then".

Gunnels was advised that the reason a team of investigators came all the way to Montana, was due to the fact that his DNA was found on the shirt of Kristine Mihelich, (victim #3), of the Oakland County Child Killing investigation. Gunnels stated, "Ok you've told me, I still want an attorney".

The undersigned attempted to introduce Prosecuting Attorney Rob Moran and Shelly Holloway after a short break. APA Moran was advised that Gunnels requested to have an attorney, at which time Moran stated if this was the case he couldn't talk with him. Detective Holloway, also explained the seriousness of the investigation to Gunnels regarding the DNA coming back to him. Gunnels again said that he would consult with an attorney before answering any questions. Gunnels did advise officers that he wanted to speak with his sister, however he wasn't given phone access at the jail. Officers advised Gunnels that we would look into having phone access available to him so he could speak with her.

The interview was then concluded.

Detective Lester stated they can give him phone access once he's returned to the jail

**CONTACT WITH KAREN ZASPEL, SISTER OF JAMES VINCENT GUNNELS:**

On March 27, 2009, at approximately 11:00 AM the team of investigators traveled to Dillon Montana to contact and interview James Gunnels sister, Karen Zaspel. Prosecutor Rob Moran and Detective Holloway made contact with Karen at her home located at [REDACTED] Montana.  
(See detective Holloway's report for interview details).

Officers returned to Michigan on Saturday, March 27th 2009.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, MDOC:**

Upon returning to Michigan, the undersigned contacted Cheryl Deschaine. Cheryl stated that due to a number of factors involving Gunnels, (IE) his recent arrests, parole violations and his sister disowning him, he will most likely be returning to Michigan sometime in the very near future.

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Michigan Department of State Police

SUPPLEMENTAL INCIDENT  
REPORT 0008

ORIGINAL DATE Thu, Feb 21, 2008	INCIDENT NO. 021-0001787-08 (DB)
SUPPLEMENTARY DATE Wed, Apr 15, 2009	FILE CLASS 09001

On April 2, 2009, agent Ted Bury sent an e-mail to Cheryl Deschaine of MDOC and the undersigned. The e-mail reads as follows:

We just did offender Gunnel's On-site Hearing. He entered true with explanations for all of the violations. P&P II bud Walsh will have Raeann (our real boss- our Admin. Support) complete the hearing summary and it will then be e-mailed to Cathy Gordon at the Montana Inter-state Office.

SUSPECT:

NAM: JAMES VINCENT GUNNELS

P.O. Box/Building: MOUND CORRECTIONAL FAC.

NBR: DIR:

STR: MOUND

SFX: ROAD

CTY: DETROIT

TXH:

TXW:

SMT: Arm, right, nonspecific (sc)

Shoulder, left (tat)

Arm, left (tat)

Arm, right (tat)

RAC: W

SEX: M

DOB: [REDACTED]

HGT: 6'00"

WGT: 170

HAI: BRO

EYE: BLU

ETH:

OPS: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

SID: MI/01105025P

FBI: 877950V5

MNU:

PRN: 186011

STATUS:

Open

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November 5, 2008

Dr. Constance Fisher  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
2501 Investigation Parkway  
Quantico, VA 22135

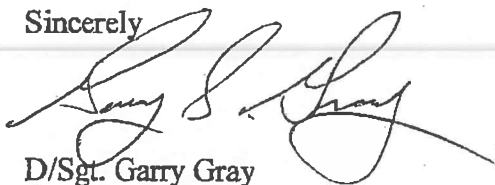
Case ID No.: 62D-DE-80444

Dear Dr. Fisher

Enclosed is a buccal swab of DNA taken from James Vincent Gunnels, who is currently an inmate in a Michigan prison, Inmate MDOC # 186011. If you would be so kind, please check his DNA sample against the evidence on our case, I.D. # 62D-DE-80444, and the Oakland County Child Killer Investigation.

I truly appreciate all of your hard work.

Sincerely



D/Sgt. Garry Gray  
Michigan State Police  
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Oak Park, MI 48237  
248-584-5774



# FBI Laboratory

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Quantico, Virginia 22135

To: Detective Sergeant Garry Gray  
Michigan State Police  
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Oak Park, MI 48237

Date: November 10, 2008

Case ID No.: 306-DE-80444

Lab No.: 081106008 GK

Reference: Communication dated November 5, 2008

Your No.:

Title: MARK STEBBINS - VICTIM (DECEASED)  
JILL ROBINSON - VICTIM (DECEASED)  
KRISTINE MIHELICH - VICTIM (DECEASED)  
TIMOTHY KING - VICTIM (DECEASED)  
SERIAL KILLINGS

Date specimens received: November 6, 2008

The FBI Laboratory has received your request for examination. The accompanying items of evidence have been inventoried. The provided listing and description of the submitted items may be subject to change when the examination phase begins. If changes are made, they will be reflected in the Report of Examination issued by the examiner making the change.

Specimens:

K41 Buccal sample from JAMES VINCENT GUNNELS

Each examiner assigned to your request will issue a separate Report of Examination that will address the results of his/her expertise. For technical questions, contact the following unit(s) assigned to your case: DNA Analysis Unit II (Mitochondrial) - 703-632-7572.

If there is a change in the status of your investigation that would have an effect on the prioritization of your request, such as court deadlines, dismissal of charges, or guilty pleas; or if you have questions regarding the status of your case, contact Request Coordinator Charles A. Peters at 703-632-7427.

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Date: 03/13/2009

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 Confidential  
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Special Services:

Saturday Delivery     Return Receipt (USPS only)     Fragile Material\*     Perishable Material\*  
 Hazardous Material\* ? (Packaged by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_)  
(Signature)

\*asterisked items must be described below

Description of Contents:

K41  
DNAU2 secondary evidence (3 tubes)

Declared Value \$ 0.00  
(Required for International Shipments)

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306 CIA  
62D-DE-80444

Lab #(s):  
081106008 GK

Tracking Information:

Point-of-Contact Information:  
Name: Charles A. Peters Ext. 7427  
Unit: ECU Rm: 1267

Initials of Preparer: CAP