

## RADIO TO AIR TAPE

# Lead on Oakland child killer?

There's a sense of frustration in Robert Robertson's voice, brought on by more than three years of trying to catch the elusive killer of four children in Oakland County. So he's willing to try something new.

Wednesday at 2 p.m., WXYZ radio will air portions of a tape allegedly made by a man known as Allen who once said in a letter that he was the lover of the Oakland County child killer.

The tape was made available to the station by Robertson, the State Police lieutenant who once headed the task force of police trying to find the killer. The task force disbanded late last year.

"When they (the radio station) proposed this program I said, 'Well, we're at rock bottom and if something else is tried that might work, let's try it,'" said Robertson.

"We've done a lot of things" — including bringing in a psychic — "and when you've done as many things as we've done, I guess one more like this (the tape) won't hurt," he said.

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Lt. Robertson

Dr. Friedman

relations director, Calvin Richards, said the tape will be broadcast on a show moderated by Dr. Sonya Friedman, a psychiatrist.

Richards said the tape was made by Dr. Bruce Danto, also a Detroit psychiatrist, who recorded Allen's telephone call on April 7, 1977.

The tape, said Danto, lasts about 11 seconds, "and you can hardly hear it. He did not want to have the call traced."

In the tape, Danto said the caller asked Danto to meet him at 9 p.m. April 11 at an area bar. Danto said when he began to ask directions to the bar, the caller hung up.

The caller never showed at the bar. Danto said he feels the call was "legitimate."

The call came after Danto said he received the letter from the man called Allen, in which the writer suggested he was the lover of the Oakland County child killer.

"THIS IS REALLY old hat," said Robertson. "They're rehashing it. First of all you have no idea that it's a legitimate letter. One can only assume the tape and letter came from the same person.

"We don't know the value of it (the tape)," he said.

The voice on the tape, said Danto, "speaks with an accent."

"Most of (the tape) you can't understand anyway," Robertson said.