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HOMICIDE VICTIM: KRISTINE MIHELICH

THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE DISAPPEARANCE AND MURDER OF KRISTINE MIHELICH.

VICTIM:

KRISTINE MIHELICH, date of birth _____ she's a white female, 4 feet, 8 inches tall, weighing approximately 80 lbs. She had blue eyes, shoulder length, straight brown hair. Her build is described as medium to thin. At the time of her disappearance, she was wearing a green blouse, gray striped jeans, dark blue parka and knee-high brown boots. KRISTINE lived with her mother, DEBORAH ASCROFT, and her two brothers, aged 6 and 8, at _____, Berkley, Michigan. KRISTINE'S father is DANIEL MIHELICH of _____ in Berkley. She also has a step-father, THOMAS ASCROFT, who is now divorced from her mother. On 2 January 1977 at approximately 3:00 p.m. KRISTINE left her home with her mother's permission to go to the 7-Eleven Store which is located at 12 Mile and Oakshire Street in the City of Berkley. Her purpose for going to the store was to pick-up a teenage movie magazine. A clerk at that store has identified KRISTINE as being in there at that approximate time and date. She was also seen at HARTFIELD'S Bowling Alley which is on 12 Mile Road, approximately two blocks from the 7-Eleven Store. No one has seen her since. The Berkley Police Department has conducted an investigation into her disappearance and have been unable to turn up any substantial leads. On 21 January 1977 at approximately 12 noon, the body of KRISTINE MIHELICH was discovered on Bruce Lane in the Village of Franklin by a local mailman. Bruce Lane is located approximately one-third of a mile West of Telegraph Road and it runs South off of 13 Mile Road. It is a short dead-end street. Approximately five families live at the end of this street. At the time victim's body was discovered, she was dressed in the same clothing she had on at her disappearance. Medical Examiner's report has ruled that the cause of death was asphyxiation along with exposure. On this date the investigation was turned over to the Michigan State Police by Chief WILSON of the Franklin Police Department. A special Oakland County task force will be formed to investigate the homicide of KRISTINE MIHELICH. This task force will be headed by Lt. ROBERT ROBERTSON of the Michigan State Police and coordinated by D/Sgt. JOE KREASE of the Michigan State Police. The officer in charge of the case for the Berkley Police Department is D/Sgt. DAVID PICHE!

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TASK FORCE MEETING:

On this date a meeting was held at the Southfield Police Department at 10:00 a.m. The following departments were represented at this meeting: The Michigan State Police, Southfield Police Department, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Ferndale Police Department, Oak Park Police Department, Royal Oak Police Department, Birmingham Police Department, Beverly Hills Police Department, Berkley Police Department, Bloomfield Township Police Department, Roseville Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Southfield Township Police Department, Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, Detroit Police Department, Homicide Bureau, Detroit Police Department and The Federal Bureau of Investigation.

GUIDELINES FOR THE SPECIAL OAKLAND COUNTY TASK FORCE:

Investigative headquarters will be at the Southfield Police Office, telephone number 354-4829, also 354-4769 and 569-2029.

All press releases will be made by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. Everything is to be referred to that office. Nothing is to be released by anyone else.

All departments receiving tips are to forward same to D/Sgt. JOSEPH KREASE via the Southfield Police Department. Michigan State Police tip sheets will be used.

All departments working on this investigation will furnish D/Sgt. KREASE with a copy of their police reports indicating what action they took.

The coordinator for this task force will be D/Sgt. JOSEPH KREASE, Michigan State Police, Second District Headquarters, Northville.

The following officers have been assigned as liaison with the following agencies.

OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE
D/Sgt. ROGER RIVARD

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE CRIME LAB IN WARREN
D/Sgt. ROGER RIVARD

VICTIM'S FAMILY
D/Sgt. DAVID PICHE' of the Berkley Police Department

ASSIGNMENTS:

On this date Lt. PAT SULLIVAN of the Ferndale Police Department was assigned the duties of coordinating the neighborhood canvass in the Franklin area where the body was found. He had approximately 20 officers from various departments to assist him. Reports were to be made on any information received from this canvass. At the end of the day, it was reported that several tips were received from residents in this area, however, nothing

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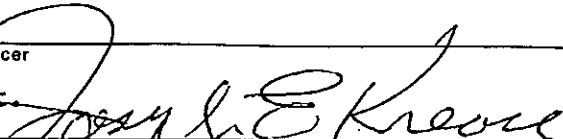
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ASSIGNMENTS: (Continued)

of any great importance was learned. D/Sgt. ROGER RIVARD attended the autopsy at the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office. He will submit reports on same. Lt. JACK KALBFLEISCH of the Birmingham Police Department and Sgt. JAMES DAVIS of the Beverly Hills Police Department were assigned to interview the mailman that originally discovered the body. They are to submit reports. Inspector ROBERT PETERS and Sgt. WILLIAM LESNOW of the Roseville Police Department were assigned to check weather conditions over the past three weeks. This to include temperature, snow fall, wind. They are to interview the snow plow driver who is assigned to plowing snow from Bruce Lane which is the street where the body of KRISTINE MIHELICH was found. At 6:00 p.m. this date after contact with Sgt. RIVARD and the Crime Lab, the troopers that were placed at the scene to protect it were released. All investigators, returning from their canvass and various assignments were debriefed.

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INVESTIGATION:

At 3:10 p.m. this date, undersigned officer arrived at the scene where the body of KRISTINE MIHELICH was found. Lt. ROBERTSON was contacted at the scene, along with Det/Sgt. ROGER RIVARD. Lt. ROBERTSON briefed undersigned as to what had transpired up to this time and stated that the investigation was turned over to the State Police by Chief WILSON of the Franklin Police Department. The Michigan State Police, Crime Lab, from Warren was at the scene and was conducting their investigation. It was at this time that Lt. ROBERTSON advised this officer that a task force would be formed, involving a number of police departments from Southern Oakland County. This task force would be coordinated by the State Police with the undersigned officer in charge of the task force.

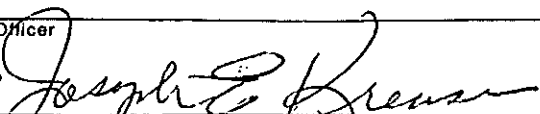
At approximately 4:15 p.m., undersigned officer along with D/Sgt. RIVARD went to the Franklin Police Department and contacted Chief WILSON. The chief was informed of all future investigative plans. From the Franklin Police Department, officers stopped at the scene and briefed troopers from the Pontiac Post who were present at that time as to what their duties were for the next 24 hours. They were to guard the scene and keep anyone from the immediate area. They were also to stop all car traffic as well as pedestrian traffic, ascertain names, addresses and the reason for being in that area. They were to make their reports and submit the same to D/Sgt. RIVARD. The scene was to be protected until 6:00 p.m., 22 January, 1977.

TASK FORCE MEETING:

At approximately 6:00 p.m. this date, Lt. ROBERTSON, D/Sgt. RIVARD and D/Sgt. KREASE attended a meeting at the Beverly Hills Police Department. The purpose of this meeting was to formulate plans for the investigative task force which was to be formed at this time to investigate the homicide of KRISTINE MIHELICH. Present at this meeting were officers and representatives from the following police departments: The Michigan State Police, The Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Berkley Police Department, Ferndale Police Department, Beverly Hills Police Department, Detroit Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Southfield Township Police Department and the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. A number of items were discussed at the meeting, in regards to future investigative plans. Mr. ED SOSNICK of the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office made arrangements with the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office for the autopsy which was to be performed on 1-22-77. D/Sgt. RIVARD was to attend the autopsy and submit reports on same. This meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m. with the understanding that all departments involved would meet at the Southfield Police Department in the morning at 10:00 a.m.

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REPORT FROM MEDICAL EXAMINER:

On this date D/Sgt. ROGER RIVARD gave a brief oral report as to the medical examiner's finding as to the cause of death of KRISTINE MIHELICH. It was reported that the preliminary findings were that the victim died of suffocation and exposure and that they could find no evidence of violence on the body as well as no evidence of sexual abuse. Sgt. RIVARD will be submitting a report at a later time.

BERKLEY POLICE REPORT:

On this date D/Sgt. DAVID PICHE' of the Berkley Police Department gave a report to all investigators as to what investigation they have conducted into the disappearance of KRISTINE MIHELICH as of this date. A copy of his report was obtained and will be on file.

ASSIGNMENTS:

On this date the following assignments were given to the below listed officers.

Chief GLEN WATSON and Sgt. JOHN DAVIS of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department are to investigate and interview and do all follow-up work on a Mr. GLENN JARVIS who is the current boyfriend of Mrs. DEBORAH ASCROFT who is the victim's mother.

Det. DON MEITZNER of the Royal Oak Police Department and Det. GEORGE ELLIOTT of the Franklin Department are to do background work on THOMAS ASCROFT who is the ex-step father of victim.

Sgt. JAMES DAVIS of the Beverly Hills Police Department and JERRY TOBIAS of Southfield Township Police Department are to conduct interviews at HARTFIELD'S Bowling Alley in Berkley. They are to attempt to locate and interview all patrons and employees who were at the bowling alley on 2 January 1977 at 3:00 p.m., the alleged time that KRISTINE MIHELICH was kidnapped.

D/Sgt. DENNIS MCKEE of the Southfield Police, Intelligence Unit was to cover all persons coming to the funeral home to view the body as well as all persons attending the funeral and burial services. He is to make all arrangements and submit a report on the same.

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