

**HOMICIDES, ABDUCTIONS. ATTEMPTED ABDUCTIONS, AND SUSPECTED
ABDUCTIONS
6-13 YEAR OLD CHILDREN
OAKLAND CO., MICHIGAN
1965-1985**

1965-Feb 6. Oxford, Oakland Co. Girl, 13, was walking in the early evening on Mechanic St. and was grabbed by a man who attempted to pull her into an alley. She screamed and he fled.

1965-June 23. Troy, Oakland Co. Girl, 10, was riding her bike on Beach Rd. at 3:45pm after visiting a friend. She stopped to rest, then walked her bike down the gravel road. A car stopped and the driver, **James A. Bryant**, 23, of Birmingham, asked her where a particular person lived. She did not answer. He then asked her what road he was on. When she still did not answer and kept walking, he grabbed her and threw her into the car; she struggled and screamed, and he threatened to kill her if she continued to do so. He drove a half-mile to Long Lake Rd. where she happened to live, she started pleading with him to go home. He asked her where her home was, and she pointed to it. He was holding on to her with one hand, and she did not recollect if she broke free or he voluntarily released her, but she jumped out of the car. She ran home and called the police. She had not been sexually assaulted and was not injured jumping out of the car. She gave police a description of the car, saying that it was damaged in two spots, and when that car was sighted by police hours later, **Bryant** was arrested. He was charged with kidnapping. He was convicted in Jan 1966, and a month later sentenced to 5 years probation, \$100 court costs; a psychiatric interview was also recommended.

1966-June 27. Wixom, Oakland Co. Patsy Lackner, 8, was riding her bike at 11:00am near her home on West Rd. when a man drove up beside her and pulled her into his car through the driver's window. For the next 5 hours, the man drove her around the Oakland Co. area, saying nothing to her. He then suddenly stopped on Haggerty Rd. in Novi, 5 miles from her home and said, "Get out now." She was found wandering along the road by a local resident who took her to a nearby store to call her father. Lackner had not been injured or sexually assaulted. Car: older blue, 4-door Ford, scraped on both sides. Man: White, 40s, 5'9, 220lbs, small moustache and light color receding hair, combed straight back. Composite available.

Police said the car and the man matched the description 1966-Aug 28 Detroit, Wayne Co. case involving a 9 year old boy. The boy, 9, was abducted at 3:30pm by a man as he rode his bike on Golden Gate and Woodward. The man put the bike in his trunk, but because it did not fit, he put it against a fence at the Michigan State Fairgrounds where it later was found. The man drove the boy to a small lake near Pontiac in Oakland Co., took him to a clump of bushes, undressed and sexually assaulted him. He then got the boy back into the car but had forgotten to take his clothes. When the man went back to the bushes for his clothes, the boy ran. He was found wandering naked, wearing just socks, 2 hours later by fishermen at the pond at Auburn and Opdyke Rds. Car: light blue with black primer spots. Man: 45-50, thin, 6', black brush cut hair graying at the sides.

1967-Oct 18. Berkley, Oakland Co. Robin Smith, a Black 1st grader at Pattengill Elementary on Northfield, was lured away from the school in the early morning by a 15 year old girl who said she had been sent by the girl's mother to pick her up. Smith went with her but got frightened when

the older girl said they would "go for a walk" before going home. When she resisted, the older girl threatened her and told her she would take her "to the graveyard and kill you if you tell anyone." Smith struggled with the older girl and ran away after 3 hours of being with her. Shortly before noon she knocked on the door of Danielle Richey on Spokane and asked her to take her back to school, which Richey did. Smith was taken to principal John C. Mosely's office and was so hysterical that the school nurse was called to assist. Her parents were called. After they learned what had happened, they called the police only to hear that Mosely had not already contacted them. When confronted by the parents, Mosely denied knowing anything about the incident and questioned Smith's veracity; Richey, however, claimed she spoke to him at length when she returned Smith to her school and that he had summoned the school nurse because Smith was so hysterical. Smith's mother planned to file a complaint against Mosely with the Board of Education. The girl who abducted Smith was picked up 2 days later and turned over to juvenile authorities.

1968-Jan. Berkley, Oakland Co. A boy, 8, and his sister, 14, were abducted on Robina Rd. by **Byron Lee Hoffmeister**, 21, of Berkley who was driving a 1964 Chevrolet. He took them to a house in the 11-Mile and Greenfield area where he sexually assaulted and attempted to strangle the boy and attempted to sexually assault the girl. He then confined the boy to the basement and took the girl with him in the car before throwing her out of the car on Orchard St., 15 miles from the abduction site. He was arrested later the same day on the basis of a description provided by a witness and charged with 2 counts of kidnapping, 2 counts of gross indecency, and 2 counts of aggravated assault. He was released on \$3000 bond. A jury was seated for his trial in April 1968, but he and pled guilty to 1 count of kidnapping and 1 count of gross indecency. He was sentenced to 2.5-9 years for kidnapping and 5 years for gross indecency and served less than 3 years. Upon his release, he murdered Wendy Braddon, 17, and was found guilty of 1st degree murder and sentenced to life in prison with a recommendation that the first 5 years be served in solitary confinement. He appealed in 1975, and his charge was reduced to 2nd degree murder; he was sentenced to 90-135 years as an habitual offender. In 1992 the 1967 cold case murder of Martha Short was opened, and a fingerprint was matched to **Hoffmeister**. Still in prison for the Braddon murder, he went to trial for the Short murder, was found guilty; the case was immediately appealed because the prosecutor had mentioned the abduction case in his closing arguments. In 1996 he was retried, found guilty and sentenced to 60 to 200 years. **Hoffmeister** is the subject of an "Already Gone" podcast ("The Many Crimes of Byron Hoffmeister") dated Aug 29-2018. **Hoffmeister** is incarcerated in the Carson City Correction Facility, MDOC #120210. *Photo available.*

1971-April 9. Novi, Oakland Co. A man approached 2 girls, ages 8 and 9, in the Pioneer Meadows area near Beck Rd and 11-Mile and tried to lure them with a dollar bill into is avocado green Buick hardtop. The girls fled.

1972-March 24. West Bloomfield Twp., Oakland Co. **Dennis Edward Winzloff**, 17, of Warren abducted a 12-year old boy at knifepoint at 7:20 am at Pontiac Lake Rd. and Arlington, and proceeded to Waterford Twp. with the boy to visit a friend at riding stable. He then forced the boy to abduct another boy, 13, at Williams Lake Rd and Pontiac Lake Rd, robbed that boy of a few dollars and then let him go. **Winzloff** and the 12-year old boy then proceeded to a bus stop at Keylon and Hiller and the 12 year old was forced to abduct an 8 year old boy. The three then went to Scotch Elementary School in Orchard Lake where the 8-year old boy was released, and the 12

year old boy was told by **Winzloff** to abduct an 11-year old girl, who managed to flee. **Winzloff** then returned to Waterford Twp where the 12-year old boy was told to abduct another girl, 11, who was walking with friends on Petolia St. **Winzloff** then drove a short distance and suddenly released the 12-year old boy. He then drove 11 year old girl to deserted lane and attempted to rape her. He later released her near her home. **Winzloff** was charged with kidnapping and rape. He pled guilty to kidnapping and was sentenced to 25-55 years. He served 16 years. Then in 1990, a year after he was released, he was arrested again for kidnapping by knifepoint and raping a 12-year old girl in Sault-Ste-Marie. He was sentenced to life in 1991. **Winzloff** is currently in the Macomb Correctional Facility, MDOC # 135790. *Photo available.*

1972-March. Farmington, Oakland Co. A 10-year old boy was abducted off of his bike on 5-Mile Road by **Ronald Lloyd Bailey**, 13, and taken to the woods behind a school and fondled. **Bailey** was arrested and admitted to the Hawthorne Center for psychiatric treatment. **Bailey** is currently in the Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility, MDOC# 186099, for the 1985 abduction and murder of Shawn Moore, 13, the 1984 abduction and murder of Kenny Myers, 14.

1973-May 18. Rochester, Oakland Co. Katherine Rucker, 13, who was Black, was a straight-A student at Mettetal Jr. High School. She was abducted and raped in the early evening on her way home from a nearby grocery store on 7-Mile. Her parents searched for her and found an earring and the groceries in an alley used as a shortcut. Rucker's father was vice president of A&E Tool Service in Romulus. Her parents called the police at about 9:30pm just as the police were responding to a call from an Oakland University security guard who had wrecked his car chasing the man he had seen dumping Rucker in the parking lot. Rucker was semiconscious and able to tell police she had been forced into the Black man's 1972 or 1973 aqua-blue Thunderbird, sexually assaulted and then beaten somewhere between Pontiac and Flint. She died hours later from internal injuries. Her murder remains unsolved.

1973-June. Rochester, Oakland Co. A 12-year old was walking home along a narrow wooded path in the late afternoon when she was grabbed around the neck by **Joseph Anthony Terzo**, 29, a Macomb Co father of 3 and Vietnam vet who was still having nightmares about his war experience. **Terzo** tied the girl's hands behind her back with a set of nylons, poked a knife in her side, and led her deeper into the woods. There he pushed her down and fumbled with removing her top and shorts. She broke free and ran home. Before the incident several children had seen an unfamiliar car cruising the neighborhood and they had noted the license number. The car was traced to **Terzo** who gave an unconvincing story that he was cruising the neighborhood to find the teens who had robbed him. After failing the polygraph, he admitted the assault on the 12-year old. He was charged with attempted CSC2, pled guilty, and was as sentenced to probation. **Terzo** went on to work in, or own, pet stores, luring in young girls both as customers and employees. In 1981 he was charged with accosting and soliciting a young girl and was given probation. In 1982, police linked him to dozens of sexual assaults on 12-14 year old girls. Police began surveilling him and in May 1983 they arrested him for accosting and soliciting 2 Troy girls who met him at the King's Row Pet Shop in Troy that he owned. One of the cases was dropped; in the other **Terzo** pled guilty and was sentenced to 2.5-4 years in prison. The Oakland Co Prosecutor then charged him as a sexual delinquent because of his past record, but the trial judge dismissed that charge. **Terzo** died in 2005. *Photo available.*

1973-July 21. Farmington Hills, Oakland Co. Keith Minelli, 7, was lured into a field a block from his home by **Charles Frederick Portus**, 17, who strangled him with a shoelace, and raped him. **Portus** was a neighbor who often played with younger children in the neighborhood. He lived with his father just a block away from the Minelli home. **Portus** was sent to the Ypsilanti Forensic Center for a psychiatric evaluation; he was assessed as competent to stand trial. In March 1974 he was acquitted on the grounds of insanity following a 2-week bench trial and was committed to the MI Department of Mental Health. In January 1975 a hearing was held pursuant to the *People v. McQuillan* case that asserted that those who were found innocent but were committed were denied equal protection under the law, and that a probate court hearing had to determine if the person should remain hospitalized. The finding of the subsequent hearing was that **Portus** was a danger to others and should remain hospitalized. In July 1980, **Portus** shaved his head and walked away from Ypsilanti State Hospital. His plan was to hitchhike to KY but he was arrested 3 days later in Monroe, MI. Subsequent appeals for release in 2011, 2014 and 2018 were denied because **Portus** was assessed as having violent sexual fantasies about raping and killing children, thus posing a threat if released.

1973-Nov 29. Troy, Oakland Co. A 10-year old girl, on her way home from school, was stopped by man in 4-door blue car on Dequindre and S. 18-Mile. She ran when he tried to pull her into his car. Man: white, with long red hair.

1974-May 15. Oxford Twp., Oakland Co. A girl, 13, was playing on Coats near Seymour Lake Rd. and was abducted at knifepoint by a man driving a pickup truck with a camper. She was "sexually assaulted, but not raped." The man then drove her near her home and let her go.

1974-June 12. Farmington, Oakland Co. A 12-year old boy was kidnapped at knifepoint and sexually assaulted by **Ronald Lloyd Bailey**, who was once again sentenced to the Hawthorne Center for psychiatric treatment. **Bailey** is currently in the Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility, MDOC#186099, **Bailey** is currently in the Bellamy Creek Correctional Facility, MDOC# 186099, for the 1985 abduction and murder of Shawn Moore, 13, the 1984 abduction and murder of Kenny Myers, 14. *Photo available.*

1974-June 25. Avon Twp., Oakland Co. A girl, 9, reported that a man stopped his car in front of her home on 25-Mile Rd. at 4:15 pm and tried to pull her into his car; when she refused to get in, the man drove off. Two hours later a 7-year old girl reported that a man had driven up to her and asked directions. She ran away because she had heard about the earlier incident. A witness to first incident had noted the license number of the car. Police confirmed that it was registered to a Detroit man, 35, with a criminal record for indecent exposure, however, they were unable to locate him.

1974-Sept 2. Birmingham, Oakland Co. The 10-year old daughter of a GM executive was abducted by knifepoint from her bedroom by a man who entered the home through an unlocked window at about 7:30am when the family was still sleeping. He awoke the girl, brandishing a butcher knife, and carried her out of the house and to his car. The mother woke an hour later to find the window and the front door open., and her daughter missing. The man drove the girl to Davisburg, then let her out of the car. She went to a nearby home and the police were called. She was returned to her family 90 minutes after the abduction and was unharmed. The name of the

family was withheld from the media at their request. Police speculated that the motive may have been ransom, but they were not certain.

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1975-Jan 16. Madison Heights, Oakland Co. A 10-year old boy reported a man tried to grab him while he was on school safety post at Donna and Sherry Sts. Man: white, 19, thin, 6'2. After the boy ran, the man got back in a light blue car in which he and another man were parked, watching the boy before the abduction attempt.

1975-June 4. Clarkston, Oakland Co. Two girls, both 9, were approached at noon by a man in a yellow car in the area of Mary Sue and Maybee Rds. He told them to get into the car, but they fled. He then followed them until they ran to a house.

1975-June 9. Pontiac, Oakland Co. Joan Wagner, 10, from Farmington Hills, was last seen waiting for a ride to a softball game at about 4:30pm. When her ride arrived, she was no longer standing at the corner of Brandon and Malden Sts. At 10:30pm her body was found wrapped in a garbage bag. She had been strangled and stabbed in the heart. She was not sexually assaulted. The following day a 14 year old boy was taken into custody for her murder. Police say the murder occurred in his house where a bloody knife, towels and sheets were found in his home, just 10 houses from Wagner's house. Oakland Co. Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson intended to try the boy, who was described by classmates as a "real troublemaker," for 1st degree murder in Juvenile Court, but authorities found insufficient evidence for the charge. The boy had no criminal record; he lived with his adoptive mother, who was divorced. On 9-Aug-1975, the boy was convicted of 2nd degree murder after a closed court hearing before Juvenile Court Judge John O'Brien. The boy was sentenced to custody for 5 years in the Oakland Co. Reception Center and for psychological counseling for at least 5 years at the Lafayette Clinic in Detroit. The Judge expressed regret that he could not keep him under court control beyond the age of 19 and stated that he hoped that "another petition to hold him will be made when he reaches the age of release."

1976-Feb 15. Ferndale, Oakland Co. Mark Douglas Stebbins, 12, was last seen leaving the American Legion Hall where his mother worked. His body was found in the parking lot of a local building in Southfield. He had rope marks on his wrists and ankles, and lacerations in the back of his head. He had been sexually assaulted with a foreign object and smothered. Stebbins is the first known victim of the **OCCK**.

1976-March 15. Madison Heights, Oakland Co. A boy, 7, was released unharmed after being lured into a car by a man posing as a cop.

1976-March 15. Madison Heights, Oakland Co. **James Joseph Crafton**, 54, a married man with children from Madison Heights, abducted Thomas Adrian Jackson, 7, and his friend Michael Justice, 7, as they walked home from playing near Faith Baptist Church in Madison Heights. at

6:15 pm. **Crafton** pulled up next to them in a dark blue 1970 Pontiac car, opened the passenger door and said, "Come on, I'll take you home. I'm a policeman." Jackson got in the car but Justice ran to his friend's house, where his own mom was visiting, and reported what had happened. After 3 hours, **Crafton** brought Jackson home, saying he had found him wandering the streets. Justice then shouted that **Crafton** was the abductor. **Crafton** fled and was quickly arrested by police who were just arriving at the house. Jackson told the police that **Crafton** at one point had left him in the car while he went into a bar, and then stood by the door drinking beer. The boy then was taken to a vacant house, possibly in the Troy-Clausen area. There he was sodomized. **Crafton's** previous record includes 2 separate convictions for sexual offenses against young girls. In this case he was charged with 2 counts of CSC, and 1 of kidnapping. Bond was set at \$25,000. After his arrest, **Crafton** was interviewed by Ferndale police who were investigating the abduction and murder of Mark Stebbins on Feb. 19, 1976. He passed a polygraph and was dismissed as a suspect. There is no further information about the case. *Photo available.*

1976-May 25. Southfield, Oakland Co. Michael Joseph Rendine, 14, who bears a resemblance to the first **OCCK** victim, Mark Stebbins, was skateboarding near the corner of Glasgow and 12 Mile. **Frank E. Hutton**, 45, a heavy-set White male with long black hair, pulled over in a brown 2-door Ford LTD and told Rendine, "Come here. Come on in." When Mike did not, **Hutton** said in a more threatening voice, "Get in the car." When he again refused, **Hutton** said in a weird voice, "I like you." Rendine then fled. He noticed that the car circled around the block, but he was not followed. There was insufficient evidence for a warrant to be issued. This case comes from the Stebbins investigation file and is included here because of the strong resemblance between Stebbins and Rendine.

1976-June 12. Pontiac, Oakland Co. A brother and sister, 9 and 7, were offered a ride and a meal by man they did not know. They got into his car, but their 10-year old sister who was with them did not and ran home to tell her parents. The younger children were taken to an Avon Twp motel, sexually assaulted over 3 hours, and then released about 3 miles away. A resident found them crying in his backyard and called the police. Later that day police arrested **Robert James Smith**, 25, of Utica. He had been paroled just 3 months before after serving the minimum sentence for a 1974 rape conviction. **Smith** was charged with 2 counts of kidnapping and 5 counts of gross indecency. He was sentenced in 1977 to 4 concurrent prison terms of 50-80 years.

1976-Aug 7. Royal Oak, Oakland Co. Jane Louise Allan, 13, left home on Guthrie St. in Royal Oak to hitchhike to her boyfriend's house in Auburn Heights, then left there to go to I-75 to hitchhike back home. Her body was found on August 11 in the Great Miami River near Dayton, OH with her hands tied behind her back and her ankles tied together with white cloth and string/rope, and a torn t-shirt tied around her neck. An autopsy showed that her cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning; it could not be determined if she had been sexually assaulted. Allan is often listed as a possible victim of the **OCCK**.

1976-Nov 6. Ferndale, Oakland Co. Judy Kazmierzak, 13, was abducted by **Frederick M. Fisher**, 28, of Monroe while delivering newspapers at 4:30 pm in her Ferndale neighborhood north of 8-Mile, near the corner of Northway and Pinecrest. He was driving a 1974 green Dodge Charger and had stopped to buy a paper from her. He forced her into the car and drove her to an unfamiliar wooded area, perhaps in Palmer Park. He stopped and told her he was lost and running out of gas.

He then locked her in the trunk, bought gas, let her out of the truck, and drove at her direction to a spot a block away from where he had abducted her. She was his captive for 3.5 hours. He let her out of the car, and she went directly to the nearby home of her best friend. Another newspaper deliverer, David Hughes, 14, had given police a description of the car because he had become suspicious when he saw it cruising the neighborhood. **Fisher** was arrested after a high-speed chase on Woodward, between 9- and 12-Mile, before crashing into a police car; he had thrown a handgun out of the window before crashing. Kazmierzak was not sexually assaulted or injured. She told police she had been "treated kindly," and that **Fisher** told her he "didn't want to get into trouble," and said that he was looking for a 16-year old girl, not younger. **Fisher** was questioned about the Mark Stebbins abduction and murder (see 1976-Feb 15). **Fisher's** prelim was held in December 1976 and he was bound over for trial on the kidnapping charge. There is no additional information about this case. *Photo available.*

1976-Dec 22. Royal Oak, Oakland Co. Jill Robinson, 12, left her family home on her bike in the early evening, apparently going to her father's house. She was last seen by a family friend on Woodward Ave. She was found four days later on December 26, 1976 beside northbound I-75 lying face-up and fully clothed, a shotgun blast to the face. She had been fed and cared for during her captivity. She had not been sexually assaulted. Robinson is the 2nd known victim of the **OCCK**.

1977-Jan 2. Berkley, Oakland Co. Kristine Marie Mihelich, 10, failed to return home from a walk to a local store on 12-Mile Rd. Her fully clothed body was found 19 days later on a rural road in Franklin Village. She had been sexually assaulted and smothered. Mihelich is the 3rd known victim of the **OCCK**.

1977-Jan 14. Royal Ok, Oakland Co. A man in a blue car with a broken taillight approached Christopher Hebert, 8, and asked if he wanted candy. Hebert fled. There were witnesses to the incident who had also seen the car trolling through the neighborhood. Man: white, 35, medium build with dark brown or black hair and silver-framed glasses. There was no news coverage of the case, but details are found in the investigative folder on the abduction and murder of Mark Stebbins, the first of the **OCCK** victims.

1977-Jan 23. Rochester, Oakland Co. Cathy McClellan was approached by a man in an older dirty brown or tan Mustang; he offered her \$1 to get in the car. She fled. The man had long blonde, straggly hair. There was no news coverage of the case, but details are found in the investigative folder on the abduction and murder of Mark Stebbins, the first of the **OCCK** victims.

1977-Jan 24. Ferndale, Oakland Co. Mark Anthony Wayno, a 7th grader at Coolidge Jr. High, was reported missing by his father at 9:30 pm; he was last seen helping a friend on his paper route and at a basketball game in the evening. A friend's mother drove him home from the game, but he gave her a false address, saying that he had recently moved. Wayno lived with his father, a laid-off industrial illustrator, and his 16-year old sister. Wayno had run away twice before Christmas but had returned on the same day each time. Wayno was 5' tall and 100 pounds. He lived across the street from **OCCK** victim Mark Stebbins and had attended his funeral. His father was quoted in the Royal Oak *Daily Tribune* that after the Stebbin's murder, he feared for his own son. Wayno was found on Wednesday the 26th in nearby Royal Oak, saying he had run away because of

problems at school. He was found riding his bike along the I-75 median. He said he was going to his grandmother's house in Royal Oak and had spent the night at the Cambridge Mall in Hazel Park. Although Wayno denied having been abducted, the timing of his disappearance and his friendship with Stebbins has persistently raised questions. Wayno died August 4, 2021.

1977-Feb 1. Hazel Park, Oakland Co. A boy, 11, on was walking home from basketball practice at 6:15 on Cayuga, north of 9-Mile when the driver of full-sized red car jumped out of the car and tried to grab him. The boy ran to the nearest house. Man: white and wearing a stocking cap.

1977-Feb 12. Ferndale, Oakland Co. A 12-year old boy said a man tried to abduct him near Hilton and Annabelle St. He said that when he noticed two men in a white van following him, he ran to a party store. The van was already parked there and a man tried to grab him. The boy fled to friend's house. Man: White, 40's, 5'5, slim with black hair. The van was 1971/1972 Chevrolet with no hubcaps and a dent near the left rear wheel.

1977-Feb 21. Novi, Oakland Co. A girl, 10, was delivering newspapers with a couple of her friends. They were walking on Ferhoodle and observed a dusk-colored blue car driving eastbound. The driver stopped at Ferhoodle and Mariga after passing the girls. The driver then got out and walked away. Moments later, he reappeared from behind a shed and chased the girls to a nearby trailer where the owner allowed them to come in to call the police.

1977-Feb 24. Trenton, Oakland Co. Tammy Trombley, 10, was at home with brother, 13. **James Allan Lynn**, 32, of Trenton, came to door at 8:30 pm, needing to use the phone because of car trouble. When Trombley hesitated to let him in, he grabbed her, put a knife to her face, and robbed her of a few dollars. He shoved her brother into a closet and sexually assaulted Trombley. Then he let her brother out of closet, but abducted Trombley, carrying her to his apartment in the same complex, about 1 block away. He forced her to fellate him and attempted to rape her, using Vaseline. He told her to call her girlfriends to come and help her; she made fake phone calls and told him she could not get through to them. He then let her go, saying he would kill her if she told anyone. She ran home. Her brother had already called the police. Trombley took the police to **Lynn's** apartment, but neighbors said he had just left in his green-on-green car. Police apprehended him at the Rockwood Inn. **Lynn** had criminal record spanning 15 years. Both Trombley and her brother testified in his trial in June 1977 where he was found guilty and was sentenced to 2 life sentences. OC Prosecutor Patterson said the **OCCK** Task Force will look into case for any connection to **OCCK**. **Lynn** was paroled in 2021 and will be under supervision until 2025. He lives at 2945 Richton St. in Detroit and is a registered sex offender. *Photo available.*

1977-March 16. Birmingham, Oakland Co. Timothy John King, 11, was abducted in the early evening from a parking lot behind a local store where he had been skateboarding. His fully clothed and meticulously cleaned body was found 6 days later on a roadside in Livonia. He had been served his favorite meal hours before his death. He had been sexually assaulted and smothered. King is the 4th and last known victim of the **OCCK**.

1977-March 25. Novi, Oakland Co. A boy, 11, was at his home in the 4400 area of Galway Dr. When he went to the mailbox a car pulled up and the driver asked him if he wanted a ride. The boy ran into the house. Car: 4-door, dark blue, full-sized, possibly a Pontiac with a missing left

rear hubcap. Man: White, 30-35 years, black or brown hair, wire-rimmed glasses, wearing a green or blue jacket with lettering or striping.

1977-April 22. Bloomfield Twp., Oakland Co. Gary Harris, 7, was walking home from a friend's house at 5:15 when a man driving a light blue station wagon honked and offered him money if he would go for a ride with him. Harris fled. Man: 30 years old, either white hair or bald. The incident was forwarded to the **OCCK** Task Force.

1977-May 31. Oakland Co. Operation Lure, initiated by Oakland Co. cops, gave school children a questionnaire asking for details about any time they were approached by suspicious strangers. More than 600 such incidents, few of which were known by the police, were noted.

1977-Nov 7. Berkely, Oakland Co. A man pulled an 11-year old boy into car on Ardmore between Paxton and Woodward, saying his dad had been in an accident and asked the man to take the boy to the hospital. Man: white, late 20s with shoulder length brown hair, and driving a white Cadillac.

1978-Jan-March. Oakland Co. Police reported that a man matching the description of the **OCCK** suspect tried on at least 6 occasions to pick up boys and girls in the area during the Winter months. Each of the children fled; none was harmed.

1978-April 24. Royal Oak, Oakland Co. A girl, 13, from Berkely, was loitering around the Northwood Shopping Center on 13 Mile and Woodward. When she went into the parking lot at midnight, she was accused of shoplifting by **Ronald Musson**, 18, of Royal Oak, and ordered to get in his car. **Musson** was a security guard at the Center and was wearing his uniform. At some point he sexually assaulted her. She was found the next day in Bowling Green, OH when **Musson** was pulled over by police for failing to pay for gas. **Musson** was arraigned for kidnapping and CSC2. Police said it was "unlikely" he was involved in the **OCCK** case. There is no further information on this case.

1978-Oct 14. Oakland Co. **Clayton Bruce Hunter**, 65, of Detroit was charged with 5 counts of CSC3 and 2 counts of delivery of methaqualone to persons more than 5 years his junior. Acting on a tip from the **OCCK** Task Force, police raided his apartment and Forster Studio on E. Grand Blvd and confiscated pornographic materials, photographic equipment, and photos and films of girls, ages 13-17, he had lured to and drugged at the studio. The Oakland Co girls were from Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak and Madison Heights. **Hunter** had been sentenced to 3.5-10 years for the statutory rape of 14-year old Jeannie Kachin in 1962, but his conviction was overturned in a subsequent re-trial. In the present case, he was released on \$35,000 bond. The **OCCK** Task Force said there was no evidence to link him to the child killings. There is no further information about this case.

1978-Dec 9. Bloomfield Twp, Oakland Co. A woman reported to police that she was looking out the window of her home and witnessed a small, blonde boy, 6-8 years old, wearing a red and black jacket, struggling with 2 men in a car who appeared to be tying him up and gagging him. The incident occurred on Red Maple Lane near the Maple and Lahser intersection at 3:30 pm. A statewide alert went out for a 1960s 2-door Ford Torino or Pontiac LeMans, black-over-olive green with some rust spots. The witness only saw one of the men whom she described as white, in his 30's, and wearing a long black coat. No missing persons reports had been filed, and cops

were skeptical of her report. **OCCK** Task Force lead, Lt. Rbt. Robertson said he did not think their man "would pull off into a subdivision. He's got things too well planned."

1979-April 15. Ferndale, Oakland Co. On Easter Sunday at 11:30 am Paul Bosler, 12, was bouncing ball against a wall 4 doors down from his house near Cambourne and Oaxton Sts. when **Harold Clayton Anderson**, 37, of Redford Twp., drove up in a 1977 Pontiac. He got out of the car and approached Bosler, asking him if he had seen a lost collie. **Anderson** was wearing a wig. Bosler said no and was grabbed by **Anderson** who then carried him about 75' up a hill behind the railroad tracks at 9-Mile and Hilton. **Anderson** then threw him on the ground and got on top of him and started strangling him. **Anderson** suddenly loosened his grip and said, "Sorry I had to do that," and told him not to tell anyone. Bosler broke free and ran to a Ferndale police officer who was coming towards them with gun drawn. **Anderson** was arrested. He had a 1966 conviction for indecent liberties with a boy, 15, and a 1967 conviction for accosting and soliciting a minor boy. He had received psychiatric care. He bore a striking resemblance to the composite of the **OCCK**, but passed a polygraph when questioned about the killings; he also was eliminated because the **OCCK Task Force** could not find anywhere where he would have kept the victims. His name had not come up in the original investigation. After a psychiatric exam to determine his competency to stand trial, he went to trial in Nov. 1979 and was found guilty of kidnapping and assault to commit murder and was given 2 concurrent life terms. The MI Court of Appeals threw out the kidnapping conviction and he was re-sentenced to 10-30 years. He served 13 years, having been denied parole 6 times, before the Department of Corrections added up all of his "good time," which amounted to 18 years and 8 months, and released him on Aug. 19, 1992. OC Prosecutor Richard Thompson convinced Judge Deborah Tyner to order **Anderson** back into custody because the behavioral credits were miscalculated, and filed a suit against the Dept. of Corrections, saying that good time credit must be earned, not pro-rated. **Anderson** was re-arrested and returned to Jackson Prison. **Anderson** appealed his re-arrest but it was denied. *Photos and composite available.*

1980-July 14. Berkely, Oakland Co. A girl, 10, was walking on Buckingham north of 12-Mile at 5:30-6:00 when she was approached by a man in a small black car with a wide brown stripe, possibly a VW Rabbit. He tried to lure her into his car, but she ran away.

1980-July 14. Berkely, Oakland Co. A girl, 12, was walking in the evening on Royal, north of Edward, when a man in a "sporty black car" stopped her and asked for directions to Anderson Jr. High. As she approached the car to answer him, she noticed that his genitals were exposed. She turned to leave, and he grabbed at her arm. She broke free and fled. Man: dark haired.

1980-July 14. Berkely, Oakland Co. A girl, 6, was playing near her home on 12-Mile and Greenfield when she was stopped by a man who asked directions to Patingill Elementary School. She pointed in the direction and he then asked her if she wanted a ride. She refused. He grabbed her and pulled her into his black Porsche. He drove around southern Oakland Co., forcing her to perform sexual acts on him. He touched her genital area, but when she started crying, he stopped because the cry "broke his sexual fantasy." He then threw her out of the car at 7:30pm near a party store on 12-Mile after her screams alerted witnesses. Man: dark-bearded, mid-30s. In Oct. 1980, **Dr. Ronald Merrill Tauber**, 36, a Redford Twp. osteopathic gynecologist who worked at an abortion clinic while attending his 2nd year in law school at WSU, was arrested. **Tauber** pled

insanity and was freed on a \$10,000 bond. During a hearing to increase his bond, the judge ordered him to the Silver Hill Foundation, a 77-bed psychiatric facility in New Canaan, CT. **Tauber** went on trial in August 1982. The girl, who had undergone hypnosis to aid police, was unable to identify him in court, largely due to the changes in his appearance, *i.e.*, he now had curly hair, had shaved off his beard, and had gained weight. **Tauber** testified on his own behalf, admitting he was a pedophile since he was 14. His insanity plea was rejected, despite the testimony of 2 expert defense witnesses who reported that **Tauber** had admitted he had exposed himself to more than 700 women and children over a 22-year period. He was diagnosed as a pedophile which the lone prosecution expert witness testified was a psychosexual disorder, not a mental illness under MI law. He was found guilty of 1st degree and 2nd degree CSC, and not guilty of kidnapping in a one-week non-jury trial, and sentenced to 12-50 years to run concurrently with 10-15 years on the 2nd degree count. Judge Schnetz said he received 60 letters in advance of the sentencing, urging that **Tauber** get treatment. Among the letter writers were Sen. Carl Levin and financier Max Fisher. In 1987, the MI State Court of Appeals reduced **Tauber's** conviction for 1st degree CSC to 2nd degree. He was resentenced to 9 to 15 years, to run concurrently with the original 2nd degree sentence. He was released from prison in 1991. The 6-year old victim later won a \$210,000 damage suit against him. While on bond in this case, **Tauber** was arrested in Waterford Twp. for sex-related offenses with a 12-year old Birmingham girl (*see 1982-April 14*). *Photos available.*

1980-July 15. Troy, Oakland Co. A 10 year-old girl was riding her bike near Cedarwood and Cheltenham when a man in a car stopped, got out of the car, grabbed her, and tried to pull her into his car. She broke free and ran. The girl was the daughter of a Troy police lieutenant. Car: red with black stripes, possibly a 1980 Mustang Cobra. Man: 20-30 years, 5'11, heavy build, sandy blonde hair and blonde moustache. *Composite available.*

1980-Aug 5. Madison Heights, Oakland Co. A girl, 11, said a man pushed her off her bike in Simond Woods near 13-Mile and Dequindre. He then held his hand over her face. She screamed and he ran west through the woods. Man: about 18 years, 5'8, 125 pounds, long blonde hair.

1981-May 13. Wixom, Oakland Co. A girl, 6, was playing with friends around 3:00pm near the Indian Lodge Apartments when 2 men in a silver car approached and asked her if she wanted candy. She ran away, as did the other children, and the men drove off.

1981-Nov 1. Waterford, Oakland Co. Colette Elise Molyneaux, 13, was abducted from her family home at about 1:30 am. Police found her body an hour later just south of her house near Pleasant Lake. Her nightgown was pulled up over her waist; she had been sexually assaulted and strangled. Her mother, Nancy, had called the police when she had woken from a deep sleep to find someone sexually assaulting her. She had scared the intruder away, then checked on her daughter. She found Colette was missing and there was blood on her bed, on the floor, and on the curtains which had been pulled down. In June 1982, **Ronald L. Moore**, 16, of Waterford Twp. was arrested and charged with Molyneaux's murder as well as a sexual assault on her mother that same night. Nancy Molyneaux had testified against **Moore**, who was a neighbor and a classmate of Colette, at a burglary trial 6 months before the murder. **Moore** was tried as an adult and found guilty of 1st degree murder of Molyneaux and CSC3 in the case of her mother. He was sentenced to mandatory life in prison without parole.

1982-April 14. Birmingham, Oakland Co. A girl, 12, was stopped by **Dr. Ronald Merrill Tauber**, 36, and asked whether she wanted to earn \$20 by watching him masturbate. **Tauber** was a Redford Twp osteopathic gynecologist. She refused and he pulled her into his black Porsche, talking about sex, before she broke free. **Tauber** was charged with indecent exposure, assault with intent to kidnap, and assault with intent to commit sexual penetration. At the time of his arrest, he was on bail having entered an insanity plea in another case involving the abduction and sexual assault of Berkley girl, 6 (1980-July 1). At his preliminary hearing in this case, the felony counts were dismissed and indecent exposure and misdemeanor assault charges were added. He was released again on \$50,00 bond. All charges were later dismissed. *Photos available.*

1983-May 12. Waterford Twp., Oakland Co. Two 10-year old boys, riding bikes through a field near Pontiac Mall, were approached by a man who told them he wanted to give them his minibike and that they should wait in the field while he went to get it. When he returned, he pulled a knife, threatened to kill them, had them strip, and sexually assaulted each of them.

1983-Sept. Walled Lake, Oakland Co. A girl, 11, was a crossing guard at Dublin Elementary School when she was approached not for the first time by **Michael Raymond Forbes**, 33. She had ignored him previously, but this time **Forbes** got out of car and came towards her, trying to convince her to get into his car; she ran and reported the incident to the school. **Forbes** was arrested and received a 90 day sentence for assault. **Forbes** was then on probation for sexually assaulting his 13-year old stepdaughter, with the assistance of her mother. Oakland Co Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson successfully argued in March 1984 to have his sentence increased to 10-50 years for violating parole. *Photo available.*

1985-April 20. Rochester Hills, Oakland Co. A boy, 7, was riding his bike at 5:30pm on Rolling Green Circle when a man in a gray van drove up beside him and tried to pull him into the van. The boy broke free and rode his bike home. The boy's father and several neighbors said they had seen a gray van with 3 bikes attached to the rear cruising the neighborhood that day. Police believed the bikes were stolen.

1985-Sept 12. Rochester, Oakland Co. A 10-year old girl, on her way home from University Hills School, was approached by a man in a car; he opened the passenger door and ordered her to get in. She refused and fled. Car: late model red Chrysler sports car with a black/gray interior, and customized with a spoiler and black window louvres. Man: White with dark complexion, late teens or early 20s, 5'10, 160 lbs, medium build and dark swept-back hair; he was wearing mirrored sunglasses. *Composite available.*

1985-Sept 19. South Lyon Twp., Oakland Co. Two girls, 10 and 11, were looking for bottles and cans at about 7:30pm along 9-Mile Rd and Pine St. A man approached and took them into the woods at knifepoint, telling them that if they told anyone he would kill them. One of the girls threw a bottle at him, and both started screaming. Neighborhood kids heard the screams and started running towards the girls. The man fled. He had been seen riding a Harley motorcycle in the area by a number of witnesses. Man: White, 20-30, 6", thin.