

JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — OFFENSE/INCIDENT REPORT

Complaint No  
84-085

Complainant Patricia Ann Prewitt, wife of victim				Offense/Incident Homicide			
DOB 7-3-49	Race w	Sex f	Phone 732-4976	Received by (Name of 1st person notified) Central Dispatch, B. Deitch			
Complainant Address Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO				Date Received 2-18-84	Day Saturday	Time 4:16 a.m.	
Victim/Firm William Edward Prewitt				How Received	Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person ( ) Other ( )	Patrol ( )	
DOB 1-10-49	Race w	Sex m	Phone 732-4976	Occurrence Date 2-18-84	Day Saturday	Time 2-4 a.m.	
Victim Firm Address Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO				Location of Occurrence Prewitt residence, Rt 4, Holden			
Suspect ( ) Witness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested ( ) Cliff Gustin			Age	Race w	Sex m	Suspect ( ) Witness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested ( ) Pat Gustin	
Address Rt 4, Holden, MO			Phone 732-4026		Address Rt 4, Holden, MO		Phone 732-4026

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Witnesses continued:

William E. Scott, Chief of Holden Police, 732-4154, home address 719 S. Olive Holden, MO home phone 732-5733

Harvey Wright, Holden Police Officer, home address 300 W. 2nd, Holden, MO home phone 732-4001

Ellie Wright, Reserve Holden Police Officer, wife of Harvey Wright, same address

a. Jane Ann Prewitt, w/f, dob 8-13-68, age 15, daughter of complainant and victim, was the only child not present when the homicide occurred.

She was staying with a girlfriend, Andrea Stowell, parents are Duane

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Stowell, Rt 2, Holden, MO, phone 732-5574.

- b. Sarah Jo Prewitt, w/f, dob 8-27-71, age 12, daughter of complainant and victim, was babysitting for the other children on the night of 2-17-84. Was asleep in the southeast upstairs bedroom when homicide occurred.
- c. William Matthew Prewitt, w/m, dob 11-17-73, age 10, son of complainant and victim, was asleep in northwest bedroom when homicide occurred.
- d. Morgan Patrick Prewitt, w/m, dob 6-14-77, age 6, son of complainant and victim, was asleep with Matthew in northwest bedroom when homicide occurred.
- e. Carrie Sue Prewitt, w/f, dob 5-11-75, age 8, daughter of complainant and victim, was asleep in closet bedroom when homicide occurred.

All of the above a through e are naturally born children of William and Patricia Prewitt.

Jerri Austin, w/f, address, Rt 1, Holden, MO, phone 597-3662.

Paul Austin, husband of Jerri Austin, w/m, same address, same phone.

On 2-18-84 at approx. 4:34 a.m. I was dispatched to a shooting on Lazy Lake Road north of Holden, MO. I was advised by Dispatcher Bobby Deitch that there had been a burglary at the William Prewitt residence and that apparently Mr. Prewitt had been shot by the burglar. Additionally I learned that Johnson County Sheriff units 657 Kevin Hughes, 649 Tim Landrum and 109 Steve Woodson were enroute to the scene. (For further details see attached statement of Dispatcher Bobby Deitch.)

Upon arriving at the scene at 4:56 a.m. I contacted Investigator Kevin Hughes and obtained the following information. That the victim was deceased and was in bed in an upstairs bedroom, that the victim, his wife and four children were home when the victim was shot, that the victim's wife

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was attacked at knife point by the assailant and that the wife was currently at the residence of Cliff Gustin, a nearby neighbor. The Gustin's live in the third house south of the Prewitt residence on the west side of the road.

At approximately 5:00 a.m. Hughes and I left the scene enroute to the Gustin residence to interview the victim's wife. The crime scene was secured by Chief of Police Bill Scott and Special Deputy Jerry Earl.

Upon arriving at the Gustin residence at 5:03 a.m. Hughes and I contacted Pat Gustin and learned that the victim's wife's name was Patty Prewitt and she was now in a rear bedroom.

We proceeded to the bedroom and contacted Patricia Prewitt. It would be difficult to describe Patricia's emotional demeanor at this time.

I observed at this time that Patty was wearing a reddish brown winter coat, white cotton pajamas top and white high top tennis shoes.

We then obtained the following information of Patty's account of what happened at the house relative to the attack.

The Prewitt's had been out to dinner with some friends, the Austins, in Pleasant Hill on the evening of 2-17-84. Patty thought that she and Bill had arrived home around 2:00 a.m. but was unsure of the time. The Prewitts then retired to bed.

The next thing that Patty recalled was that she heard what she thought was a clap of thunder. Patty was then pulled out of bed by her hair onto the floor. The assailant then pulled Patty's pajama bottoms down. He then got on top of Patty. The assailant then put a knife at Patty's throat telling her to be still. (The R/O observed at this time several superficial hesitation type cuts running horizontally across Patty's throat. The marks were 1" to approx. 3 inches in length.)

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Patty reported that the assailant then got off of her and ran down-stairs. Patty then got up and tried to wake Bill but could not. Patty then checked on the children and found all were fine and asleep. Patty then went downstairs and outside of the house to retrieve a flashlight from a truck. Patty then returned inside the house and got the children out of bed and dressed. She and the children then drove to the Gustin residence.

Patty stated that the lights were off during the attack. After the assailant ran out of the house Patty tried both the lights and phone and found both were not working.

During our initial interview with Patty she was unable to give us any information as to the suspect's physical description.

At approximately 5:07 a.m. Hughes then took charge of processing the crime scene. Deputy Landrum and Deputy Woodson had arrived at the scene during our absence. Landrum photographed the scene and Woodson was in charge of sketching the scene.

At approx. 6:37 a.m. I returned to the Gustin residence and obtained the listed information pertaining to witnesses from Patty and the Gustins.

At 7:42 a.m. Landrum and I again contacted Patty at the Gustins and Landrum photographed the wounds to Patty's throat.

At approx. 8:00 a.m. Coroner Henthorn arrived at the scene and the body of the victim was subsequently removed from the scene by Ben Cast Funeral Home at 8:05 a.m. The body was transported by Ben Cast hearst to the Johnson County Memorial Hospital in Warrensburg for x-rays. Afterwards the Ben Cast funeral home transported the body to Holden to the Ben Cast funeral home to await the autopsy.

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At approx. 9:45 a.m. Jerri Austin returned to the scene with me to obtain clothing for Patty and the children. Upon returning to the Gustins Jerri Austin obtained from Patty her pajama bottoms and tops for me. These were placed in two separate evidence bags and turned over to Hughes.

At approx. 10:00 a.m. I returned to the Gustins and obtained permission from Patty to search her car, a blue Ford Torino. The only pertinent item located in the vehicle was an orange three cell flashlight that was in working order.

Additionally I made arrangements at this time with the Gustins, Austins and Prewitts to be at the Holden Police Department for interviews at approx. 4:00 p.m. this date. (See attached interviews)

The scene was secured throughout the day by Sheriff Norman and has been secured to the present time by members of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department.

Albert Winfrey

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On 02-18-84 at about 4:22 a.m. I was notified by Central Dispatch of a shooting north of Holden on Lazy Lake Road. At about 4:46 a.m. I arrived at the Prewitt residence about two miles north of Holden at Rt 4, Box 1000. Chief Scott of the Holden P.D. had secured the scene. Upon arrival, Chief Scott told me that he and Clifford Gustin (a neighbor) had entered the house. Mr. Gustin turned on the main power switch at the breaker in the utility room which had been in the off position. Chief Scott checked the victim and found no signs of life. He and Mr. Gustin then left the residence and Chief Scott secured the scene.

Chief Scott and I entered the residence and went to the upstairs southwest bedroom where the victim was located. I made the following observations of the scene in the bedroom. The victim was laying in the bed on his left side facing the west wall. There was blood on the victim's face, head and shoulders. Rigor mortis had begun setting in the joints of the fingers. The victim's clothing (believed worn the night before) was laying on the love seat along the west wall. The victim's underwear was found laying on the floor between the bed and the west wall. There were blood splatterings observed on a white curtain on the south wall of the bedroom above the victim's head. The blood splatterings continued up the wall and onto the ceiling.

The victim appeared to have been shot by a small caliber round of near contact range. The round appeared to have entered the skull from in front of the right ear on a left to right and about a forty-five degree angle. The victim lost a great deal of blood and fluid as result of the shot. There were large quantities of blood on the pillow, sheets and mattress. Two .22 caliber long rifle rounds (believed to be Remington brand) were found in the victim's wife's jewelry box on top of the dresser against

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the east bedroom wall. A box of twenty six .22 caliber Remington long rifle rounds were found in the chest in the southwest corner of the bedroom. The telephone laying on the sewing machine cabinet along the west wall was found to have a cut cord rendering the phone unoperable. A red metal bar was found under the bed on the west side of the bed. A .22 caliber single shot bolt action "Nobel" brand rifle was found behind a chest in the attached walk in closet east of the bedroom.

The cord of the downstairs telephone located in the hallway off of the dining room was also found to have been cut. The thermostat located in the same hallway was set on about 73 degrees F. A "Modern American Life Insurance Co." insurance policy was found in the filing cabinet in the game room. The policy was in the name of William Prewitt with Patricia Prewitt listed as beneficiary. The policy's face value was \$30,000.00. A serrated kitchen type knife was found in the front yard off the southwest corner of the house next to a lawn chair frame. The knife was concealed under some wet leaves. A white nylon cord clothes line was found on the east side of the house. The cord, still attached to the clothes line poles, was found to have been cut, at sometime, near the middle of the line.

The weather at the time of the crime scene examination was cool and windy. It had rained, heavily at times, until about 2:30 a.m. 02-18-84.

The crime scene was photographed and sketched prior to the removal of any evidence. (See photographs, sketch and property list for location of items.)

At about 7:30 a.m. I contacted Mr. Raymond Raines at Rt 4, Box 900, Holden, MO, phone 732-4833. Mr. Raines lives in the first house south of the Prewitt residence on Lazy Lake Road. Mr. Raines stated that he was

surprised that Mrs. Prewitt did not stop at his house after being

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Mr. Raines stated that he did not experience any power outages in the last twelve hours.

At about 2:20 p.m. 02-18-84 I went to the Cast Funeral Home in Holden to observe the autopsy of the victim. The pathologist took pulled and cut head hair samples from the victim. The pathologist also recovered several bullet fragments from the skull and brain of the victim.

At about 3:16 p.m. 02-18-84 I interviewed Clifford H. Gustin, w/m, 01-11-39, 3018 N. Clay St, Holden, MO, phone 732-4026. Mr. Gustin lives about one mile south of the Prewitts. It was to the Gustin's that Patricia Prewitt and the four children came and reported being attacked. Mr. Gustin related the following information.

Mr. Gustin was awakened at 2:43 a.m. (he looked at his clock when awakened) by the sound of thunder and his dogs barking due to the thunder. He put the dogs in the basement and went back to bed. At about 3:00 a.m. he heard knocking on his front door. He opened the door and found Mrs. Prewitt and four of her children at the door. Mrs. Prewitt was "hysterical" and said, "Somebody pulled me out of bed. I think Bill's been hurt." He asked if he was alive and she said, "I don't know, he didn't move." Mr. Gustin spend "about an hour" getting Mrs. Prewitt calmed down then drove to Holden Reserve Officer Harvey Wright's residence on the north end of Holden. He told Officer Wright what had happened then Officer Wright summoned Holden Chief Scott. Wright, Scott and Gustin then went to the Prewitt residence. Mr. Gustin stated that when he pulled into the Prewitt's driveway he saw only one set of tire tracks leading out. The tracks came of the driveway and headed south. He believes these tracks were made by the Prewitt's car when Mrs. Prewitt drove to his residence. He also



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noticed there were no lights on inside or outside of the Prewitt residence which he thought was very unusual as there usually were.

Mr. Gustin and Chief Scott went into the Prewitt residence through the game room entrance door. They found Mr. Prewitt dead in the bed of the master bedroom. Mr. Gustin then went downstairs and looked at the power box in the utility room. He found the main power breaker in the "off" position and turned it to "on". The lights in the residence then came on. Mr. Gustin stated that Mrs. Prewitt could only describe her attacker as "not big" but "average to small".

At about 4:10 p.m. 2-18-84 I interviewed Patricia Ann Prewitt, w/f, 07-03-49, Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO, phone 732-4979 at the Holden Police Department. The interview was recorded and a partial transcript is attached.

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On 02-18-84 at approx. 4:15 p.m. I interviewed Jerri Austin at the Holden P.D. On the evening of 2-17-84 Jerri Austin and her husband Paul Austin accompanied Bill and Patricia Prewitt to Pleasant Hill, MO, for dinner at the B&P BBQ, Bob Brinkette, owner.

Jerri states that she and her husband have known the Prewitts for approx. three years. Jerri reports that the two couples are best friends and frequently go out together.

In regards to the events of the evening of 2-17-84 Jerri reports the following: Jerri called Bill at his business, the Prewitt Lumber Yard in Holden, MO at approx. 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of 2-17-84 to make plans for the evening. Bill told Jerri that he would check with Patty and have her call. Jerri stated that his was normal procedure as when the couples go out Patty usually decides where the couples will go. Patty returned the call and plans were made to go to Pleasant Hill and Patty stated that Sarah Prewitt would baby sit the children. The Austin children stayed with Patty Prewitt's parents.

The two couples met in Kingsville at the Country Curl beauty shop at approx. 7:15 p.m. -7:30 p.m. and then left enroute to Pleasant Hill in the Austin vehicle.

Upon arriving at the B&P BBQ, the couples met with Bob the owner who was celebrating his birthday. Jerri reports the restaurant was very empty. The couple all had ribs and drank two pitchers of beer with the exception of Jerri who does not drink. Eventually the owner Bob and his wife joined the two couples. Jerri reports they left the restaurant at approx. 9-9:30 p.m.

The couples then traveled to the Stumble Inn Bar in Pleasant Hill. Approx. 15 minutes after arrival Jerri states that Patricia Prewitt called Sarah at home to check on the kids. They then left the bar approx. one

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hour later. Jerri states the only person that she recognized in the bar was Bob Corbin's girlfiend (name unknown.)

Upon arriving back in Kingsville, the couples left enroute to the Austin home in two vehicles, Paul and Bill in the Prewitt vehicle, Jerri and Patty in the Austin vehicle. They arrived at the Austin home at approx. 11:30 p.m. The couples then played Atari and the men then played the guitar and fiddle.

Jerri reports that she fixed breakfast at 1:15 a.m. She is sure of this as she looked at the tv guide to see what show would be on at 1:30 a.m. The breakfast consisted of sausage, eggs, toast and coffee.

Jerri reports that the Prewitts left the Austin home at approx. 2:00 a.m. 2:30 a.m. The Austins live approx. seven miles south of Kingsville and it takes approx. 20 to 30 minutes to drive to the Prewitt home.

Jerri stated that the Prewitts are a remarkable couple in that they always seem to get along well.

Additionally Jerri reports that the Prewitts were having definite financial trouble because of bad debts that are owned them. Jerri states that everything the Prewitts have is tied up in the lumber yard. They are owed a great amount of money they cannot collect on.

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Interview with Paul Austin, 2/18/84 at 5:05 p.m. Holden PD

Basically the information I obtained from Paul Austin followed along the same lines of times and occurrences that I received from Jerri Austin.

Paul Austin stated that he was not aware of any deep marital problems that the Prewitts were having. However, Paul Austin was very emphatic in stating that the Prewitts were having serious financial problems and that the lumber yard was in trouble. Paul stated that Bill had recently hired a bill collection agency to handle his debts. Paul Austin was aware of one man, Junior Sisk of Holden, that owed Bill several thousand dollars.

Additionally Paul reports that the Prewitts were approx. three months late on their farm payment and that Bill had recently talked to the Federal Land Bank to receive an extension on his payment. Paul stated that he believed that there was a possibility of the Prewitts losing both the farm and lumber yard.

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Interview with Sarah Prewitt, 2-18-84, 6:00 p.m. Holden, PD, age 12

On 02-18-84 at approx. 6:00 p.m. I interviewed Sarah Prewitt at the Holden P.D. Sarah is the second eldest child of the Prewitt children and was the babysitter for the children on the night of 2-17-84.

Sarah stated the following. At approx. 7:00 p.m. her parents had left for an evening out with the Austins.

Sarah states that the dogs started barking at about 8:00 p.m. and that she went to the front door of the game room and looked outside however she did not see anything.

Sarah reports that nothing else happened for the rest of the evening, and the children retired for bed at about 10:00-10:30 p.m. Sarah stated that her mother phoned her between 10:30 and 11:00 p.m. and that she was asleep when her parents arrived home.

The next thing that Sarah remembered was her mother waking her up telling her that there was a fire. Sarah stated that all the lights were off in the house and that her mother had a flashlight in her hands.

Sarah states that all the children went down to the bottom of the stairs and that her mother remained upstairs for about 30 seconds. While waiting downstairs Sarah stated that she heard something that sounded like rattling or someone banging on tin in the basement. Sarah thought at this time that her dad may have been downstairs because she saw a light coming from under the basement door.

When Sarah's mother returned she took the children to the game room where the children put on coats and shoes. They then went outside to the car., where their mom told them to get in and lock the doors and that she would be right back. Her mother then went back inside and returned about one minute later. They then drove to the Gustins.

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Interview concluded at 6:19 p.m.

Sarah reports that as far as she knows her parents were getting along fine.

She reported that she does not remember any serious arguments or fights between the two.

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R/O arrived at the Prewitt's residence at 5:12 a.m. this date. Deputy Hughes was at the scene when I arrived and I was put in charge of photographing the scene. I proceeded to photograph all the rooms throughout the house, including the basement. The room where Prewitt's body was found was photographed as first seen, then photographed after the body was removed showing other evidence. The outside of the house was photographed on each side and no sign of forced entry was found as seen in the photographs. At 7:43 a.m. Deputy Doug Rusher and I went to Prewitt's neighbors residence (Gustin) and took photographs of Patricia Prewitt where she had been cut on the neck. Rusher and I left at 7:49 a.m. and returned to the Prewitt's residence. At 9:57 a.m. I went in service and returned to Johnson County Criminal Justice Center. At 1412 Deputy Woodson and I went to the Cast Funeral Home to attend autopsy. I photographed pictures at autopsy I photographed pictures and we finished at 1616 same date. Woodson and I went to Kansas City at 1651 to have all pictures processed and developed. Woodson and I returned to county line at 1915. Photographs were turned over to Deputy Hughes this date.

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Interview with Carrie Sue Prewitt, age 3, dob 5-11-78

On 2-18-84 at 6:05 p.m. r/o interviewed Carrie Prewitt.

Carrie stated that dad and mom left her and the other kids at home and went out with friends. At about 8:00 p.m. the phone rang and Carrie answered it. A boy asked to speak to Jane. Carrie told the caller that Jane was not at home and the called said ok, I'll call back and hung up.

Carrie stated that she and her brothers William, Morgan and her sister Sarah watched tv. The boys went to bed at about 9:00 p.m. and she and Sarah went to bed at about 9:30 p.m.

Carrie did not wake up when her dad and mother came home. Her mother woke her up some time during the night and told her there is a fire. Your dad is going to check it out. Get ready we are going outside. When they got outside Carrie asked her mother where is dad, where's the fire. Her mother then said we got no time for questions. They then got in the car and drove to the neighbors house. When they got to the neighbors house and went inside her mother told her and the other kids that she was fibbing. She then told them someone was in the house and dad was checking it out.

Carrie said that Sarah knew something was wrong because mom was talking to the neighbor quietly, like she was hiding something from them. When the ambulance came by the house her mother started crying and then told the kids that dad was dead.

Carrie does not know whether her mother and dad argued about money or not but they would argue about the water and the trucks that would not run. Sometimes they would talk about the people that owed them money.

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Offense / Incident Homicide		Continuation ( ) Follow-up ( )	Complaint No 84-085
Complainant / Victim or Firm William Prewitt	Location of Occurrence		Case Assigned To Norman
			Occurrence Date 2/18/84

FACTS and DETAILS

Interview with William Matthew Prewitt, age 10, dob 11-17-73.

On 2-18-84 at 4:30 p.m. R/O interviewed William Matthew Prewitt (Matt). William stated that his dad, William Prewitt and mother, Patricia Prewitt left home at about 7:30 p.m. to go out with friends. William and his two sisters Sarah Prewitt, Carrie Prewitt and brothers Morgan Prewitt stayed home and watched a new tv show. The name of the show is legman. While they were watching the show William popped some popcorn and burnt it.

At about 9:00 p.m. William and Morgan went upstairs and went to bed. He thinks his sisters, Sarah and Carrie went to bed around 9:30 p.m.

William stated he did not hear his dad and mother come home and did not wake up until his mother woke him and Morgan up and told him there is a fire we have to leave the house.

William stated his mother helped him and Morgan get dressed and then he, Morgan, Sarah and Carrie and his mother went out side, got into the car and went to a neighbors house.

William was sure the lights were off when his mother woke him up because she had a flashlight that she told him she went out to the pickup and got in. When they got in the car and started to leave, William asked his Mother where dad was. His mother stated that his dad was trying to put out the fire. When they got to the neighbors house, William again asked his mother wheredad was . She then stated your dad is dead, somebody killed him, There is someone in the house but I did not see him,

William stated when his dad and mother argued it was usually about money, the trucks that would not run or loosing the lumber yard. He indicated they usually did not argue in front of the children. William once heard them arguing about sueing Junior Sisk for \$7000.00 but when he (William) walked into the room they were arguing.

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Complaint No 84-085	
Continuation ( ) Follow-up ( )	Case Assigned To Matt pg 2
Officer / Incident	Occurrence Date
Officer / Victim or Firm	Location of Occurrence

FACTS and DETAILS

William stated that about two or three months ago a neighbor, Willie Wirick came to the house while Jane was babysitting them. Willie knocked on the front door and was let into the hallway by Jane. Willie and Jane talked for about ten minutes and Willie left.

William remembered one other time about two or three months ago his sister Sarah was at home alone. Willie drove into the driveway got out of his truck and came into the house. Sarah hid under the bed in her mother and dad's room. Willie walked into the bedroom and looked around, then walked into the other bedrooms then left the house.

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No	84-085
Case Assigned To	
Occurrence Date	2-18-84

Offense / Incident	Homicide	Continuallon ( ) Follow-up (x)
Complainant - Victim or Firm	William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO

FACTS and DETAILS

On 02-23-84 and 02-24-84 the pond about 200 feet south of the Prewitt residence was drained to search for possible evidence.

On 02-24-84 the pond was drained enough that the impression of the .22 rifle that Officer A. Norman recovered on 02-21-84 could be seen. There were footwear impressions in the mud on the bottom of the pond also. The impressions led up to where the gun impression was. The footwear impression closest to the gun impression bore a partial tread pattern that was the same as the impressions on the pond bank and the pattern of Patty's boots. the gun sight impression in the mud was measured as fifteen feet from the pond bank in line with the footwear impression closest to the bank. The sight impression measured 15'6" to the nearest footwear impression. All impressions were photographed by Capt. Charrette.

The footwear impression found near the gun impression on the bank, cast with silicone rubber on 02-21-84 were still not set on 02-24-84 and showed no signs of setting. The silicone rubber casts were therefore removed and two of the prints were cast in plaster.

The three plaster casts were taken as evidence as well as a mud sample containing what appeared to be a quantity of rust from the sight area of the gun impression.

A "Wal-Mart" shopping bag with what appeared to be a blood smear on it was found on the seat of the blue Ford pickup parked in the driveway of the Prewitt residence by Officer A. Norman. The bag was seized as evidence this same date (02-24-84).

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Offense / Incident Homicide		Continuation ( ) Follow-up (X)	Complaint No. 84-085
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO	Case Assigned To	
FACTS and DETAILS		Occurrence Date 02-18-84	

On 02-18-84 at approx. 4:00 p.m. while at the Prewitt residence I discovered a .22 shell casing laying on the floor in the master bedroom. The casing was located at the foot of the bed by a wicker loveseat. The shell was found after the pillow on the chair was picked up and the shell fell to the floor. The shell was then recovered by myself and Deputy Sturgis and given to Sheriff Norman.

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No. 84-085	
Offense / Incident Homicide	Continuation ( ) Follow-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Case Assigned To Mitts pg 1
Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO	Occurrence Date 02-18-84

FACTS and DETAILS

On 02-29-84 I interviewed Ricky Dale Mitts, w/m, 08-23-53, 165 Elm, Belton, MO, 331-7892. Mitts provided the following information.

Mitts has known the Prewitts since the summer of 1975. Mitts moved into a house next to the Prewitt's in rural Lee's Summit. About three weeks after moving in, Mitts and Patty started an affair which continued on and off for about three years. The Prewitts bought the lumber company in Holden around 1977 and Bill Prewitt asked Mitts to work for him at the lumber company. Mitts accepted and worked at the lumber company for about one year before being layed off.

Mitt's and Patty's affair continued for only a short period after Mitts was layed off. Patty then terminated the affair but Mitts remained friends with the Prewitts up until Bill was murdered.

Mitts was out of work in the summer of 1982. Bill Prewitt hired him to work on the lumber company's trucks during the summer of 1982. Mitts worked on the trucks during the months of May, June and July of 1982. Mitts worked on some of the trucks at the lumber company and some of the trucks at the Prewitt residence. Mitts was working on one of the trucks at the Prewitt residence one early afternoon around the end of June or the first part of July. Mitts went into the house to get something to drink. Patty Prewitt was alone in the kitchen doing dishes when Mitts walked in. Patty started crying as soon as Mitts walked into the kitchen. Mitts asked her what was wrong and Patty told her that Bill had been beating her and making her have sex with him although she did not want to. Mitts stated that he did not believe Patty but suggested that she and Bill might separate for awhile. Patty said that she could not do that because Bill would want a divorce and would get custody of the children.

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No 84-085
Case Assigned To Mitts pg 2
Occurrence Date 2-18-84

Incident Homicide	Continuation ( ) Follow-up (X)
Defendant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO

FACTS and DETAILS

Patty told Mitts that she had to have Bill killed and asked Mitts if he would kill Bill for her. Patty told Mitts that Bill was worth alot of money and she would pay Mitts \$10,000 to kill Bill. Patty told Mitts that she would pay him the \$10,000 after she received Bill's life insurance payment. Patty told Mitts that they could make Bill's death look like an accident or a set up. Patty suggested, as a possible set-up, that Mitts set the Prewitt's barn on fire and Patty would send BILL out to check on it. When Bill ran to the barn Mitts was supposed to be waiting for Bill and shoot him. Mitts told Patty that she was crazy and Patty dropped the subject. Patty never approached Mitts again to kill Bill.

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STATEMENT OF: Ricky Dale Mitts D.O.B. 08-23-53

165 Elm, Belton, Missouri 64012

I have known Patty Prewitt and Bill Prewitt since about late summer of 1975. I moved into a house next to the Prewitt's in rural Lee's Summit between Lee's Summit and Lone Jack. About three weeks after I moved in Patty and I started an affair which continued on and off for about three years. *Rm*

*Rm*  
*Rm* In the summer of 1982, I worked on several of the Prewitt's business trucks. I worked on some of them at the lumber company and some at the Prewitt residence. Around the end of June or the first part of July I was working on two trucks at the Prewitt residence one early afternoon I went into the house to get something to drink. Patty Prewitt was doing dishes when I walked into the kitchen. Patty started crying when I walked into the kitchen. I asked Patty what was wrong and she told me that Bill had been beating her and making her have sex with him although she did not want to. I did not believe her when she told me this but I suggested that she and Bill might separate for a while. Patty said that she could not do that because Bill would want a divorce and would get custody of the children. Patty told me that she had to have Bill killed and asked me if I would kill him for her. Patty told me that Bill was worth alot of money and she would pay me \$10,000 to kill Bill. Patty told me that she would pay me the \$10,000 when she received the life insurance payment after Bill's death. Patty told me that we could make it look like an accident or a set up. Patty suggested that I set the barn on fire and she would send Bill out to check on it. When Bill ran to the barn I was supposed to be waiting there for him and shoot him. I told Patty that the idea was crazy and I could not kill anyone, especially Bill. Patty dropped



STATEMENT OF: the subject and never brought it up again.

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The above statement is the truth to the best  
of my recollection Ridley D. Mitts

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witness: Kevin C. Hughes

Johnson County Sheriff's Department  
Property Record

Recovered ( Stolen,  Lost)

Seized ( Evidence,  Other)

Impounded (Safe Keeping)

Prisoner Property

Case No. 84-085

Property Taken Into Custody:

Rt 4 Box 1000 Holden, Mo. - 3018 N. Clay Holden, Ben Cast Fun. Home + HPD Date: 02-18-84

Name of Person Possessing Property:

Address:

Explanation/Details:

Seized pursuant to homicide investigation of death of William E. Prewitt.

NO.	DESCRIPTION (Brief, Accurate)	QUANTITY
1	Victim's clothes from love seat in master bedroom	1 bag
2	victim's underwear - master bedroom floor between bed + w. wall	1 bag
3	Pillow + Pillow case from under victim's head	1 bag
4	Matress cover sheet from master bedroom bed	1 bag
5	Pillow case from left side of bed	1 bag
6	Top sheet from master bedroom bed	1 bag
7	White curtain from south wall window of master bedroom	1 bag
8	2 Live .22 long rifle rounds from jewelry box in master bedroom	1 bag
	and box of Remington .22 long rifle rounds from chest in master bedroom	1 bag
9	"QWIK" telephone and cord from master bedroom	1 bag
10	17 books from bed side table in master bedroom	1 bag

Where Items will be Retained

Johnson County Sheriff's Office Evidence Room

Recovered by

Kevin C. Hughes - K. C. Hughes

Received From	Date	Time	Received by	Date	Time

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Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_



Johnson County Sheriff's Department  
Property Record

Recovered ( Stolen,  Lost)

Seized ( Evidence,  Other)

Impounded (Safe Keeping)

Prisoner Property

Case No. 84-085

Property Taken Into Custody:

Date:

4 Box 1000 Holden, 3018 N. Clay Holden, Ben Cast Funeral Home, + Holden Police Dept 02-18-84

Name of Person Possessing Property:

Address:

Location/Details:

Seized pursuant to homicide investigation of death of William E. Prewitt.

NO.	DESCRIPTION (Brief, Accurate)	QUANTITY
1	Nobel model 222T .22 caliber single shot rifle from master bedroom closet behind chest	1
2	Red metal bar from under master bedroom bed	1
3	Telephone and cord from downstairs hallway	1
4	Screw and wood sliver from Game Room	1 bag
5	Modern American Life Insurance Policy from Game Room	1
6	"Veri-Veri Sharp" serrated knife from yard	1
7	Clothes line cord from east yard clothes line	1
8	Pajama top of Patricia A. Prewitt	1
9	Pajama bottom of Patricia A. Prewitt	1
0	Autopsy evidence - cut and pulled hair samples	1 bag

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Address of Witness:

Johnson County Sheriff's Department  
Property Record

Recovered ( Stolen,  Lost)

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Impounded (Safe Keeping)

Prisoner Property

Case No. 84-085

Property Taken Into Custody:

Date:

4 Box 1000 Holdon, 3018 N. Clay, Bon Crest Funeral Home & Holdon Police Dept.

02-18-84

Name of Person Possessing Property:

Address:

Location/Details:

eiz-ed pursuant to homicide investigation of death of  
William E. Prewitt.

NO.	DESCRIPTION (Brief, Accurate)	QUANTITY
<u>1</u>	<u>Autopsy Evidence - bullet fragments from victim's skull</u>	<u>1 bag</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>.22 caliber shell casing from love seat of master bedroom</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Neutron Activation Analysis Kit</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Cassette tape of interview with Patricia A. Prewitt</u>	<u>1</u>

Where Items will be Retained

Johnson County Sheriff's Office Evidence Room

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Rovin C. Hughes - H.C. Hughes

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## Johnson County Sheriff's Department Property Record

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 Impounded (Safe Keeping)

Seized ( Evidence,  Other)  
 Prisoner Property

Case No: 84-1-085

Property Taken Into Custody:

Holden Police Department - Holden, Mo.  
 of Person Possessing Property:

Date:  
07-20-84

Address:

Location/Details:

No:	DESCRIPTION (Brief, Accurate):	Quantity:
1C	15 minute cassette tape of interview with Patricia A. Arewitt by Officers Charrette and Stewart	1

Items will be retained			Recovered by		
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Johnson County S.O. Evidence Room			<u>H. C. Hughes</u>		
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Johnson County Sheriff's Department  
Property Record

Recovered ( Stolen,  Lost)  
Impounded (Safe Keeping)

Seized ( Evidence,  Other)  
 Prisoner Property

Case No: 84-085

Where Property Taken Into Custody:

Rt 4 Box 1000 Holden, Mo

Date:

02-21-84

Name of Person Possessing Property:

Address:

Location/Details:

Seized pursuant to homicide investigation

No:	DESCRIPTION (Brief, Accurate):	Quantity:
10	Video Cassette tape of crime scene	1
20	Package of razor blades from upstairs bathroom	1
30	Paring type knife - from by gate about 25 yards from house	1
40	Pair of scissors from bedside table in master bedroom	1
50	Soil samples from pond bank near footwear impressions	1
60	Brown towel - from field near pond about 200 yards south of residence	1
70	Pair of ladies ankle boots - water soaked at time of discovery	1

Where Items will be retained

Johnson County S.O. Evidence Room

Recovered by:  
R.C. Hughes

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Johnson County Sheriff's Department  
Property Record

Recovered ( Stolen,  Lost)  
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Seized ( Evidence,  Other)  
 Prisoner Property

Case No: 84-085

Name of Property Taken Into Custody:

Rt 4 Box 1000 Holden, Mo.

Date:

02-24-84

Name of Person Possessing Property:

Address:

Origin/Details:

Seized pursuant to homicide investigation.

No:	DESCRIPTION (Brief, Accurate):	Quantity:
1E	Plaster cast of footwear impression found near pond about 200 yards south of residence (impression closest to residence)	1
2E	Plaster cast of footwear impression found near pond about 200 yards south of residence (impression closest to pond bank)	1
3E	Plaster cast of footwear impression from bottom of pond about 200 yards south of residence	1
4E	Mud samples and what appears to be rust from bottom of pond at location gun was found on bottom of pond about 200 yards south of residence	1
5E	"Wal-Mart" shopping bag from front seat of Blue Ford Pick-up Lic# 448-723 - possible blood stain circled in ink	1

Items will be retained

Johnson County S.O. Evidence Room

Recovered by:

R. C. Hughes

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MIRANDA WARNING

1. You have the right to remain silent.
2. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.
3. You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him present with you while you are being questioned.
4. If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you before any questioning, if you wish.
5. You can decide at any time to exercise these rights and not answer any questions or make any statements.

James Reinhart  
Witness

John J. Hensch  
Signature

Feb 20, 1981 1230  
Date Time

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No. 84-085
Case Assigned To C. Norman
Occurrence Date 2-18-84

Offense / Incident Homicide	Continuation ( ) Follow-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO

ACTS and DETAILS

Interview with Jane Ann Prewitt 2-18-84 3:45 p.m.

Jane stated that she was not at home the night her father William Prewitt was killed.

On Tuesday, 2-14-84, a girlfriend whose name is Audrea Stowell had asked Jane to spend the night with her. On Friday, 2-17-84, school let out at about 3:15 p.m. Jane and Audrea rode the school bus to Audrea's house arriving at about 3:30 p.m. At about 5:00 p.m. Jane called her father William Prewitt, at the lumber yard and asked him if he and Patty were going to stop by the ball game at Pleasant Hill.

At about 5:30 p.m. ,2-17-84, Mr. Duane Stowell took Jane and Audrea to the lumber yard so Jane could get \$5.00 from her father, William. Mr. Stowell then took Jane and Audrea to the school to catch the school bus to Pleasant Hill

Jane and Audrea rode the school bus back from Pleasant Hill and arrived at the Holden High School at about 10:00 p.m. and was met by Audrea's father, Mr. Stowell. Mr. Stowell took Jane and Audrea home with him.

Jane stated that bout 3 or 4 years ago she was helping her mother (Patty) clean out the closets and she (Jane) saw two guns in her parents bedroom closet. Jane's mother (Patty) told Jane that one of the guns was a single shot and one was a repeater.

Jane stated that her mother (Patty) knew how to use a gun because she (Jane) had seen Patty shoot at a coyote and hit it. This happened shortly before they moved from Lone Jack to Holden.

Jane stated that sometime during the winter she (Jane) had locked her door keys in the house and she and Sarah had used a screw driver on the game room door to try to get back into the house and this is why the door and door lock had damage to it. She (Jane) also stated that her oldest brother

Matt had lost his door keys about one week ago and had to use a screwdriver

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Case Assigned To Norman, pg 2
Occurrence Date

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FACTS and DETAILS

to get back into the house through the back door.

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Complaint No 84-085	
Offense / Incident Homicide	Continuation ( ) Follow-up (x)
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Case Assigned To C. Norman
Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO	Occurrence Date 2-18-84

ACTS and DETAILS  
Interview with Raymond L. Carter, 904 S. 2nd St, Clinton, MO 2-23-84 8:30 am 885-3162

Raymond stated that he knew William and Patty Prewitt but did not visit with them socially. The last time he visited William and Patty was at the lumber yard in Holden and was on 2-13-84.

Raymond stated that William and Patty usually ordered their merchandise from him C.O.D. and the orders were usually around \$200.00 or \$300.00.

Raymond also stated that he knows a Harvey Gibson that is a salesman and is a good friend of William and Patty Prewitt. About 6 or 8 weeks ago Harvey was playing volleyball with the Prewitts and got sick. Harvey went home with William and Patty and stayed all night. Harvey was overhead leater talking to Gordon Graham about getting sick and staying all night with the Prewitts. Gordon Graham is the owner of the Garden City hardware store in Garden City, MO.

Raymond stated that he last saw Harvey Gibson on 2-20-84 at the Peterman Lumber yard in Rich Hill, MO. Raymond stated that Mrs. Peterman does not like Harvey Gibson because he (Harvey) is always bragging about his love life.

Raymond stated that at one time William and Patty owed his company (Stewart Nattinger) around \$10,000 but has paid off this debt.

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Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Case Assigned To A. Norman
Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO	Occurrence Date 2-18-84

ACTS and DETAILS

This report reflects follow up investigation into the William Prewitt homicide.

On 02-23-84 I returned to the Prewitt residence along with Johnson County Sheriff Charles Norman and CMSU Capt. Thomas Charrette. Officer Charrette was asked to come to the residence to take additional photographs should they be deemed necessary.

My time was spent primarily examining the front and back doors to the residence for signs of forced entry. There are two front doors, one being in the middle section of the house along the south side and one leading into the game room which was the one used as the main entrance. There is one door at the rear (north) side of the house.

Prior to my examination I was made aware that the Prewitt children would sometimes have to pry their way into the house after being accidentally locked out. The back door had two pry marks made from the outside and were consistent with marks made by a large wide headed screw driver. One pry mark was several inches above the door knob and one was on the top of the striker plate. This pry had actually bent the striker plate slightly. I located a large blue handled screwdriver in one of the Prewitt vehicles (light blue Ford pick up truck Mo lic YY8-723) parked in the driveway and used it to conduct two test prys on the back door. One test pry was done high on the door and the second test was conducted at the bottom of the striker plate. The second test resulted in the door being popped open. This door leads into the washroom. Both test pry marks were consistent in size with the two original pry marks found. I was told by Deputy Hughes that one of the Prewitt children had recently pryed open this back door.

The front door located on the south side at the center of the house showed no signs of prying or forced entry.

Reporting Officer (Signed) A. Norman	Date of Report 2-23-84	Typed By	Approved	Final Approval
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Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Case Assigned To A. Norman, pg 2
Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO	Occurrence Date 2-18-84

ACTS and DETAILS

The front door located on the south side and leading into the game room showed considerable wear damage. A loose upper screw on the striker plate had resulted in causing deep grooving striations on the locking mechanism. Apparently the Prewitts were planning on replacing the locking mechanism as a new (Kwikset) lock just like the one being used was found laying on a wooden bar just inside the door. At the time I conducted this inspection I was aware that on 2-18-84 Sheriff Norman had recovered the missing upper screw from the striker plate as well as a sliver of wood from the door. The screw was found on the floor and the sliver of wood had been found laying on top of the wooden bar just inside the door and adjacent the new replacement lock. It is believed that the loose upper screw on the striker plate is also responsible for catching the door and causing the wood to splinter away.

It was also noted that there was old prying to the key hole on the outside door knob. A house key found in the kitchen however revealed that the lock was still in working order.

There were numerous marks found on the outside of the door frame door and door knob which appeared old and were believed to be made with a hammer. All of the marks are believed to have been made by a hammer however there is no apparent reason as to why. The marks are all glancing blows and not consistent with any attempt at forced entry. By use of a hammer found on the wooden bar just inside the door, I conducted several test blows to the door, door frame and door knob. The test marks were consistent with those found originally. The only noticeable difference was that three blows conducted directly on the door handle left obviously fresh scratches while the original dents on the door knob were dull with no scratching visible.

Reporting Officer (Signed) A. Norman	Date of Report 2-23-84	Typed By	Approved	Final Approval
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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No. 84-085
Case Assigned To A. Norman, pg 3
Occurrence Date 2-18-84

Offense / Incident Homicide	Continuation (X) Follow-up ( )
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO

ACTS and DETAILS

By tests conducted with the striker plate both loose and tight I was able to determine that the door was actually more secure with the striker plate loose. While loose the moving bolt/latch was able to make deeper penetration into the striker plate. This resulted in approximately 1/8 inch play in the door however it would hold the door closed. When the striker plate was tight the door would not catch very good. By use of very minimal pressure the door would open without turning the door knob. Only once did I have to actually turn the knob in order to open the door while the striker plate was tight. Once again, this would tend to indicate that the striker plate was left loose on purpose in order to best secure the door and over a period of time the upper screw became so loose that it hung up on the door and splintered the wood. As mentioned previously this splinter of wood was found by Sheriff Norman on top of a wooden bar just inside the door.

There was also noted what appeared to be relatively fresh prying of the door jam immediately next to the striker plate. Although the striker plate itself did not appear to have been pryed and there was very minimal evidence of prying visible. The wood next to the striker plate was chewed up. This was not consistent with any normal operation of the door and had nothing to do with a loose or tight striker plate. It appears something has been jammed two possibly three times between the door and door jam resulting in the wood being chewed up, however there was very little prying indicated after jamming the object in. This chewing of the wood was inconsistent with a test pry I conducted at the top of the door jam. I easily splinted the wood whereas the area near the striker plate was not splinted but rather chewed up.

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No. 84-085
Case Assigned To A. Norman, pg 4
Occurrence Date 2-18-84

Offense / Incident Homicide	Continuation ( ) Follow-up (X)
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO

ACTS and DETAILS

In conclusion it is obvious that the Prewitts have had problems with the operation of this door. At the time of this report I am unaware of any of the Prewitt children even made an attempt to pry it open. The new lock found just inside the door indicates that it was to be repaired soon. Since I was unsure that previous photographs had been taken, I had Officer Charrette photograph the damaged doors.

It should also be noted that at 2:50 p.m. 2-23-84 and while I was inspecting the damaged door Patricia Prewitt arrived in the company of one David Ridenhour, Rt 4, Holden. They were in Ridenhour's vehicle bearing MO lic SLR-001. Patty indicated she wanted to retrieve a bank bag from the house however Sheriff Norman advised her the bank bag was presently being held in evidence but he would see if it could be released to her the following day. Patty and David then left the area. When they left Patty took with her a small four wheel skateboard type toy from the front yard which she said belonged to someone else. Deputy Doug Rusher allowed her to take the item.

It was noted that during the approximate 10 minutes Patty stood in the front yard she never once made any comment as to what the sheriff was doing at the pond or why he was draining it. One comment she did make was about her horse which stays in the same fenced area as the pond where the gun was recovered. When Deputy Rusher made the comment that the horse was presently being kept in a neighbor's pasture, Patty made the comment "I knew you all would let him out."

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No. 84-085
Case Assigned To A. Norman
Occurrence Date 2-18-84

Offense / Incident Homicide	Continuation ( ) Follow-up (X)
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO

ACTS and DETAILS  
This report reflects a follow up investigation into the William Prewitt homicide.

On 2-24-84 I conducted a close examination of the light switches throughout the Prewitt residence. I was assisted by Johnson County Deputy Brasel and at times by Officer Tom Charrette. The purpose of this inspection was to look for blood on the switches. All of the light switches were made of white plastic and none showed anything or any substance resembling blood. The light switch cover in the bedroom of Matt and Morgan Prewitt had a pinkish substance on it but did not resemble blood.

An inspection of the doors and door knobs throughout the house was also conducted to look for traces of blood. Nothing believed to be blood was found in these areas however the inspection was not conducted as diligently as was the inspection of the light switches. This investigation was hampered somewhat due to the fact that there were crayon markings on some of the doors and walls throughout the house.

I also inspected the bedding in each of the Prewitt children's bedrooms and was unable to locate any signs of blood. I was also unable to find any signs of blood on the master switch or switch box in the first floor wash/utility room. These switches are black plastic.

The only place I noticed a substance believed to be blood other than in the victim's bedroom was on the stairway wall between the first and second floor. The substance appeared to be a streak of blood approx. 3/4 inches long half way down the stairs and on the west wall just above the hand rail.

After inspecting the light switches, doors and door knobs, I made a close examination of the Prewitts blue ford pickup truck parked in front of the house. This is the truck that Patty Prewitt allegedly went to

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No. 84-085
Case Assigned To A. Norman, pg 2
Occurrence Date

Offense / Incident Homicide	Continuation ( ) Follow-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence

ACTS and DETAILS

get a flashlight shortly after the assault. I was looking for any signs of blood. What I found during this inspection was a substance which appeared to be blood in very minute quantity both inside and out of the truck. I noted a very thin streak approximately 1" long substance resembling blood just above the outside passenger door handle as well as two very small smudges inside the same door just below the window and one slightly larger spot inside and on the glove box door. I attempted to scrape the substance found inside the glove box to have it analyzed. However due to the small quantity it became obliterated and lost.

I also found what appears to be a spot of blood on a paper (Walmart) sack found on the drivers side seat. The truck and suspected blood spots were photographed by Officer T. Charrette and the Walmart sack was turned over to Johnson County Deputy Hughes to be secured in evidence.

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No. 84-085
Case Assigned To A. Norman
Occurrence Date 2-18-84

Offense / Incident  
Homicide

Continuation ( )  
Follow-up (X)

Complainant / Victim or Firm  
William E. Prewitt

Location of Occurrence  
Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO

FACTS and DETAILS

This report reflects follow up investigation into the William Prewitt homicide.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. 2-24-84 I was present along with Sheriff Charles Norman when the Prewitt residence was released to Jerri Austin. At that time Jerri Austin was accompanied by a man who identified himself as Jack O'Roark. The vehicle the two arrived in was a silver pick up bearing MO license PP5-282 which registers to a Nathan J. O'Roark of 1008 S. Main, Holden, MO.

Jerri Austin walked through the residence and indicated that she had her own set of keys to the house. While Jerri Austin was going through the house she made the comment that the upstairs (top floor) hallway light had been burned out for some time. She indicated being told by Patty. I also noted that this same light was inoperative earlier in the day.

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No. 84-85
Case Assigned To A. Norman
Occurrence Date 2-18-84

Offense / Incident Homicide	Continuation ( ) Follow-up (x)
Complainant: Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO

ACTS and DETAILS

This report reflects a followup investigation into the William Prewitt homicide.

On 2-2-84 I had occasion to inspect the kitchen and utensils at the Prewitt residence. At that time I was aware that at least two knives found in the yard area had been secured into evidence. During my inspection I noted seventeen (17) different types/brands of knives and numerous brands of silverware in general. The following brands were noted and the majority of which were photographed by Officer T. Charrette. Only four paring knives were found and three of them had no brand name.

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Winfield Silver plate              | 20. No brand paring knife           |
| 2. EKCO stainless USA                 | 21. Veri Veri shapr paring knife    |
| 3. Alhambra Stainless Japan           | 22. Oui Kut stainless               |
| 4. Lady Doris silver plate            | 23. No brand                        |
| 5. Regent stainless Japan             | 24. Japan                           |
| 6. Rexford National Stainless Japan   | 25. No brand                        |
| 7. Oneida Community Par Plate         | 26. R+B                             |
| 8. Ekco Stainless USA                 | 27. SMA Rogers Stainless Oneida USA |
| 9. Stainless by Imperial USA          | 28. Goodel Co stainless             |
| 10. Stainless Japan                   | 29. Veri Sharp                      |
| 11. Stainless                         | 30. No brand                        |
| 12. R+B Al Manor Place (IS)           | 31. Flint stainless Vanadium USA    |
| 13. Tudor Plate, Onedia Community     | 32. Leonard Stainless Korea         |
| 14. Oneida Community Stainless        | 33. Coventry Stainless Japan        |
| 15. No brand                          | 34. Capri Stainless                 |
| 16. No brand                          | 35. Old Hickory (rusty steak knife  |
| 17. Vernon Silver plate               | in living room)                     |
| 18. No brand black plastic handle     |                                     |
| 19. No brand pearing knife red handle |                                     |

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No.	84-085
Case Assigned To	A. Norman
Occurrence Date	2-18-84

Offense / Incident	Homicide	Continuation ( )	
		Follow-up (x)	
Complainant / Victim or Firm	William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence	Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO

ACTS and DETAILS

This report reflects followup information into the investigation of the William Prewitt homicide.

Up to the time the .22 caliber rifle was recovered from the pond no officers had searched the immediate area surrounding the pond for footprints. While searching the field in which the pond is located Johnson County Deputy Keith Sturgis and Johnson County Deputy Tim Landrum walked near the north edge of the pond but did not walk the dirt path along the east edge of the pond where the boot prints were eventually discovered. Odessa Police Officer James Gentet had walked the field and grassy area along the west edge but never on the dirt path along the edge or east side of the pond where the suspect boot prints were found.

Immediately after the gun was recovered Sedalia Detective Ronald Johnson noted the boot prints on the dirt path along the east edge of the pond. Det. Johnson also noted that the prints appeared to match the soles of a pair of boots located at the Prewitt residence. The boots were then seized while the boot prints were photographed and some casts made. It was noted that the only place the boot prints pointed in towards the pond was at the spot where the gun was found. One boot print at this same point was slightly over the inside edge which led the investigating officers to believe that the person had either slipped into the pond by accident or walked in on purpose. The pond was then drained at the direction of Sheriff Norman and photographs taken of suspected boot prints found in the pond and adjacent to where the gun had been recovered.

A short time after the gun was found a towel was found laying near the pond. This towel was noted laying near the pond on 2-19-84 while the field was being searched for the murder weapon. Johnson County Deputy T. Landrum

walked next to the towel as I walked approximately 25 yards away

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Alan D. Norman				



JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Offense / Incident <b>Homicide</b>		Continuation ( ) Follow-up (x)	Complaint No. <b>84-085</b>
Complainant / Victim or Firm <b>William E. Prewitt</b>		Location of Occurrence	Case Assigned To <b>A. Norman, pg 2</b>
			Occurrence Date

FACTS and DETAILS

At the time I saw the object laying in the grass I also observed a dead cat nearby. From where I stood, the towel looked like another dead animal. As I never approached for a closer look the towel was never identified or collected by me. I was however present on 2-21-84 when the towel was collected as evidence by Det. Randy Eich.

After the towel was recovered a check of the Prewitt residence was made for similar cloth. It was noted during the inspection that numerous towels within the Prewitt residence were similar in appearance, age and wear as the one recovered near the pond. These similar towels were noted mainly in the upstairs bathroom, while a few were in the downstairs bathroom and some in a storage closet in the dining room. Although these towels in the Prewitt residence were clean, they were similar to the one recovered near the pond in that they were in general ragged, holey, worn and frayed. Their condition seemed to be worn beyond the limit that most housewives would keep them. Although no towels from inside the Prewitt residence were taken into evidence, they were noted on video tape by Det. Randy Eich. Mrs. Prewitt may have kept these badly worn towels as use as rags in her apparent woodworking hobby.

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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PROPERTY RELEASE FORM

Date 3-27-85

Description of Item:

Item # 4 bed sheet

Item # 3 pillow + case.

Name of subject claiming item: John Clayton

Address: W. P. regional Bob

Officer releasing the recovered item: Chuck Norma

Case Number: 84-085

Disposition of case: pending

John Clayton  
Signature of person claiming item



Johnson County Sheriff's Department  
Property Record

Recovered ( Stolen,  Lost)

Seized ( Evidence,  Other)

Impounded (Safe Keeping)

Prisoner Property

Case No. 84-085

Property Taken Into Custody: Johnson Co Criminal Justice Center Date: 3-27-85  
 Name of Person Possessing Property: Sheriff Charles Norman Address: 135 W Market  
 Explanation/Details: Items to be examined at H.C. Regional Lab.

NO.	DESCRIPTION (Brief, Accurate)	QUANTITY
1	bed sheet ITEM # 4	1
2	pillow + case ITEM # 3	1 & 1

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Where Items will be Retained <u>H.C. Regional Crime Lab</u>			Recovered by <u>Johnson Co Sheriff Dept</u>		
Received From <u>Charles Norman</u>	Date <u>3-27-85</u>	Time <u>8:13 PM</u>	Received by <u>John C. Carter</u>	Date <u>3-27-85</u>	Time <u>9:13 PM</u>
Received From	Date	Time	Received by	Date	Time
Received From	Date	Time	Received by	Date	Time

**DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

Officer Authorizing Release: \_\_\_\_\_ Officer Releasing Property: (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

Agent, Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner, Agent or Official Receiving Property: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

**POLYGRAPH EXAMINER'S DATA SHEET**  
**MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL**

SHP-73A 2/79

CASE FILE NUMBER P-84-A-005 (1)				DATE OF EXAMINATION February 20, 1984			
NAME Patricia Ann Prewitt			ADDRESS Route 4, Box 1000, Holden, Missouri				
DATE OF BIRTH July 3, 1949		PLACE OF BIRTH Buckner, Missouri		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 487-54-7698			
RACE White	SEX Female	HEIGHT 5'7"	WEIGHT 120	EYES Brown	HAIR Brown	PHYSICAL CONDITION Healthy	
MARITAL STATUS Widow		NUMBER OF CHILDREN Five	OCCUPATION Owner - Prewitt Lumber Co.		EDUCATION 2 years college, CMSU		
TEST REQUESTED BY Johnson County Sheriff's Department			PLACE OF EXAMINATION Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop A Headquarters, Lee's Summit, Missouri				
TIME IN 8:59 <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P.M.		TIME OUT 3:29 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.		ATTITUDE Cooperative			

**DETAILS OF ALLEGATIONS**  
 According to investigators, Mr. William Prewitt was shot to death early morning of February 18, 1984. Mrs. Prewitt was suspected of the crime and was requested to submit to an examination. She requested to do it that night.

QUESTIONS + YES, - NO	CHART	1	2	3	4
Series "A"					
1. On February 18, 1984, did you hurt your husband, Bill?	-	-	-		
2. On February 18, 1984, was it you who shot your husband, Bill?	-	-	-		
3. On February 18, 1984, are you the one who killed your husband, Bill?	-	-	-		
Series "B"					
1. Tonight, do you know for sure who shot your husband, Bill?	-	-	-		
2. Did you participate with anyone in the shooting of your husband, Bill?	-	-	-		
3. Right now can you take me to that gun used to shoot your husband, Bill?	-	-	-		

<b>BEHAVIOR DURING TEST</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>SUBJECT MADE CONFESSION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES IF YES, CONFESSION OCCURRED <input type="checkbox"/> BEFORE TEST <input type="checkbox"/> DURING TEST <input type="checkbox"/> AFTER TEST
	COOPERATIVE	Yes		ATTEMPTED TO DEFEAT TEST	No	
BODY MOVEMENTS		No	OTHER (SPECIFY)			
FOLLOWED INSTRUCTIONS	Yes					

**EXAMINER'S OPINION**  
 Mrs. Prewitt was administered the above relevant questions during her polygraph examination. She answered the questions "NO", and her responses were then numerically evaluated. Based on that evaluation, it is my opinion that she was "Deceptive" in her responses.

EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE /s/ E. J. Dayringer	RANK Sergeant	TROOP A, D/DCC
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cc: Captain M. E. Duckworth (D/DCC) - Sergeant E. J. Dayringer - Johnson County Sheriff's



WAIVER AND RELEASE  
FOR  
POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

Troy A. Nly, Lee Summit  
(place of examination)

February 20, 1984  
(date of examination)

Sgt E J Dyringer  
(examiner)

Patricia Ann Pruitt  
(name of person examined)

SHP - 350

I clearly understand the rights listed below and voluntarily submit to a polygraph (lie detector) examination.

1. I have a right to remain silent.
2. Anything I say can and will be used against me in a court of law.
3. I have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him present while being questioned.
4. If I cannot afford to hire a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent me before any questioning, if I so desire.
5. I can decide at any time to exercise these rights and not answer any questions or make any statements.

In taking this examination, I consent to the placing of the polygraph attachments upon my person. I have been advised and understand that the examiner can testify to any statement I make to him. I authorize the officers and employees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to disclose, both orally and in writing, the results and opinions arising from the polygraph examination to any person in the Criminal Justice System for whatever uses determined legally necessary.

I release and hold harmless from all claims Sgt E J Dyringer,  
(examiner's name)

together with other officers, employees, and agents of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

As confirmation that I have read and understand the above contents of this waiver and release, I have written my signature and other requested information below.

Patricia Pruitt  
(signature of person examined)

2-20-84  
(date)

8:59 PM  
(time)

This polygraph examination was concluded at 3:29 AM on the above date.  
(time)

I certify that during the entire time I was here, I was well treated, that I submitted myself freely to the polygraph examination, knowing I could stop any time I so desired by merely saying I wished to stop, or that I wished to consult a lawyer or any other person of my choosing. I remained of my own free will, knowing that I could leave the room at any time I so desired. There were no threats or promises made, or any harm whatsoever done to me during the entire period I was here, either in connection with the polygraph examination or my signing of this waiver and release form.

Sgt E J Dyringer  
(signature of witness)

Patricia Pruitt  
(signature of person examined)

cc: Johnson County Sheriff's Department

PROPERTY RELEASE FORM

DATE 2-27-84

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

\$22.00 cash 1 check to Lewis Austin # 2332  
from Mrs Sam McLeod. 4 checks totaling \$1,695.75.  
1 final funds check \$19.00. 5 tickets from  
Sawler's service station marked paid. 1 ticket from  
Builders Block Co. 18 tickets from Pruitt Humphreys.  
1 A.P.F 1902 calculator. 1 pamphlet.

NAME OF SUBJECT CLAIMING ITEM: Alex Peables

ADDRESS: 1104 OAK STREET KANSAS CITY MO. 641106

OFFICER RELEASING THE RECOVERED ITEM: Charles Norman

CASE NUMBER: 84-085

DISPOSITION OF CASE: Pending

Alex Peables  
SIGNATURE OF PERSON CLAIMING ITEM



Johnson County Sheriff's Department  
Property Record

Recovered (  Stolen,  Lost)  
 Impounded (Safe Keeping)

Seized (  Evidence,  Other)  
 Prisoner Property

Case No. 84-050

Property Taken Into Custody:

Date:

325 Huntington Rd, Kansas City MO

Name of Person Possessing Property:

Address:

Frank Hanson

135 W Market Winemaking MO

Explanation/Details:

X-Rays of William Pruitt, (Homicide victim)

NO.	DESCRIPTION (Brief, Accurate)	QUANTITY
1	10" x 12" X-Rays of William Pruitt's head.	3

Where Items will be Retained

325 Huntington Rd, Kansas City MO

Recovered by

[Signature]

Received From

Date

Time

Received by

Date

Time

Frank Hanson

3-8-85

5:30 PM

[Signature]

3-8-85

5:30 PM

Received From

Date

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**DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

Officer Authorizing Release:

Officer Releasing Property: (Signature)

Agent, Official:

Address:

Signature of Owner, Agent or Official Receiving Property:

Date Rec'd:

Time Rec'd:

Signature of Witness:

Address of Witness:

**Johnson County Sheriff's Department  
Property Record**

Recovered ( Stolen,  Lost)

Seized ( Evidence,  Other)

Impounded (Safe Keeping)

Prisoner Property

Case No. 84-050

Property Taken Into Custody: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

35 W. MARKET WARRERSBURG MO.

Name of Person Possessing Property: George Hen Thorn (To Be Covered) Address: 117 Meadow Lane Warrsburg Mo

Explanation/Details: X-RAYS OF WILLIAM PREWITT. (HOMICIDE VICTIM)

NO.	DESCRIPTION (Brief, Accurate)	QUANTITY
1	<u>10" x 12" X RAYS OF WILLIAM PREWITT'S HEAD</u>	3

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Where Items will be Retained <u>Johnson County Sheriff's Evidence Room</u>			Recovered by		
Received From <u>George Hen Thorn</u>	Date <u>7-26-85</u>	Time <u>11:15 AM</u>	Received by <u>Markus Norman</u>	Date <u>7-26-85</u>	Time <u>11:15 AM</u>
Received From	Date	Time	Received by	Date	Time
Received From	Date	Time	Received by	Date	Time

**DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY**

Officer Authorizing Release:	Officer Releasing Property: (Signature)	
Agent, Official:	Address:	
Signature of Owner, Agent or Official Receiving Property:	Date Rec'd:	Time Rec'd:
Signature of Witness:	Address of Witness:	



JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Complaint No. 84-085
Case Assigned To
Occurrence Date 02/18/84

Offense / Incident HOMICIDE	Continuation ( ) Follow-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Complainant / Victim or Firm WILLIAM E PREWITT	Location of Occurrence ROUTE 4 BOX 1000 HOLDEN, MO

FACTS and DETAILS

ABOUT 7:00 AM 021884 I STARTED MY SHIFT OF GUARDING THE CRIME SCENE AT THE PREWITT RESIDENCE. THE PAIR OF RED WOMAN'S BOOTS WERE SITTING NEXT TO THE HOUSE ON THE PATIO ABOUT 3 FEET EAST OF THE DOOR WHEN I STARTED MY SHIFT.

ON THE MORNING OF 022084 JERRI AUSTIN AND ANOTHER WOMAN I DID NOT KNOW CAME TO THE PREWITT RESIDENCE TO GET CLOTHING FOR MRS. PREWITT AND THE CHILDREN. AS THEY WERE LEAVING MRS. AUSTIN TOLD THE OTHER WOMAN TO GET A PAIR OF BOOTS THAT WERE ON THE PATIO BY THE DOOR. THE WOMAN PICKED UP THE RED BOOTS AND STARTED TO WALK TOWARD THE CAR WITH THEM. I TOLD HER THAT THEY WERE WET AND MUDDY AND THERE WAS NO NEED TAKING THEM. THE WOMAN THEN GAVE ME THE BOOTS AND I SET THEM BACK UP NEXT TO THE HOUSE. JERRI AUSTIN CONTINUED TO THE CAR AND DID NOT SAY ANYTHING ELSE ABOUT WANTING THE BOOTS. THE TWO WOMEN THEN LEFT.

Albert Winfrey

Reporting Officer (Signed) <i>Keith Sturgeon</i>	Date of Report 4-23-84	Typed By	Approved	Final Approval
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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Offense / Incident <u>Homicide</u>		Continuation ( ) Follow-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Complaint No. 84-085
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO		Case Assigned To
FACTS and DETAILS			Occurrence Date 2-18-84

On 02-22-84 I called the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and initiated a trace on the Winchester rifle. On 02-23-84 SA Paul Marquart called me and gave me the results of the trace. The rifle was received at the Lee's Summit Western Auto Store on 07-14-67 in a shipment from the manufacturer. ATF had no further record of the rifle. The Western Auto Store and the owner in 1967 ("Ray Dunning") were no longer in business.

On 03-02-84 at about 2:00 p.m. I contacted George Allred, PO Box 153, Greenwood, MO, phone 623-3207 at his place of employment, the McKee Lumber Co., in Lee's Summit. Mr. Allred stated that he traded a Winchester model 190 .22 semi automatic rifle to Bill Prewitt for a 7mm rifle "5 or 6 years ago". Mr. Allred could not remember what year he purchased the rifle but believed it was over ten years ago. Mr. Allred stated that he believed he bought the rifle at "Ray Dunning's Western Auto Store" and believes he may have charged it. Mr. Allred explained that he did not use a credit card of any type. Mr. Dunning merely wrote it down on a ticket that Mr. Allred owed him x amount for the rifle and he paid him at the end of the month.

Mr. Allred looked at the Winchester recovered from the pond. He stated that it looked like the same rifle he had traded Bill Prewitt but could not make positive identification.

On 03-02-84 at about 3:00 p.m. I contacted Ray Dunning, 26601 Milton Thompson Road, Lee's Summit, MO, phone 524-0356. Mr. Dunning stated that he sold the Western Auto Store in 1977 and does not know what he did with the sales records, if anything. He did know that he no longer had them. Mr. Dunning stated that he sold George Allred several guns while he was in business over the years but did remember any specific types.

It should be noted that the rifle was manufactured, shipped and sold prior to the 1968 Gun Control Act.

Reporting Officer (Signed) Hughes	Date of Report 03-02-84	Typed By	Approved	Final Approval
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JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE — SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Offense / Incident Homicide		Continuation ( ) Follow-up (X)	Complaint No. 84-085
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt		Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO	Case Assigned To
			Occurrence Date 2-18-84

FACTS and DETAILS

On 03-05-84 at approx. 3:44 p.m. Deputy Hughes, Officer Alan Norman and myself contacted Ted Gwinn of American Family Insurance in reference to life insurance policies on the Prewitt family.

Mr. Gwinn advised that his company currently held no life insurance policy on Bill Prewitt. He stated that on 11-11-80 Bill Prewitt had taken out a \$60,000 life insurance policy which he did not renew and was subsequently cancelled on 11-11-81. Gwinn said that on 11-16-81 he had sold Patty Prewitt a \$100,000 life insurance policy and on 3-18-83 he had sold her one \$5000 life insurance policy for each of the children. Gwinn stated these policies had lapsed on 1-16-84 due to a lack of money in the account from which the automatic withdrawal was made. Gwinn stated that he then went to the Lumber Yard on 2-16-84 where he talked to Patty and Bill about the overdue premiums. Patty had inquired how much was owed and had also asked about Bill's life insurance policy. Bill then had said that he had life insurance through Modern American Insurance Co. and no longer needed the policy at American Family.

Gwinn said that on 2-17-84 Patty had paid her and the kids policies to bring them up to date. Gwinn said that had been the last contact he had with either Bill or Patty until 3-2-84 when Patty had called and asked for a copy of Bill's American Family Life insurance policy. Gwinn told her the policy was not in force and Patty had replied, "Oh, if it is not in force I don't need a copy."

No further information was gained from Mr. Gwinn and the interview was terminated.

Reporting Officer (Signed) S. WOODSON	Date of Report 3-5-84	Typed By	Approved	Final Approval
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			Occurrence Date 2-18-84

FACTS and DETAILS

On 3-5-84 Deputy Hughes, Officer Norman and myself recontacted Clifford Gustin to determine if he and Chief Scott had gone upstairs before they turned on the main circuit breaker.

Gustin stated that he was sure they had gone upstairs and found the body first. They then went back downstairs and Gustin flipped the circuit breaker. Gustin also added that he believed that the bedroom door to Bill & Patty's bedroom was closed when they first entered the bedroom.

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Reporting Officer (Signed) S. Woodson	Date of Report 3-5-84	Typed By	Approved	Final Approval
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Offense / Incident Homicide		Continuation ( ) Follow-up (X)	Complaint No. 84-085
Complainant / Victim or Firm William E. Prewitt	Location of Occurrence Rt 4, Box 1000, Holden, MO		Case Assigned To
			Occurrence Date 2-18-84

FACTS and DETAILS

On 03-05-84 at about 4:00 p.m. I contacted Vida Day, 506 South Lindy Lane, Holden, MO, phone 732-6660. Mrs. Day assists her husband, Raymond Day, an agent for Modern American Life Insurance Co., in his business.

Mrs. Day stated that William Prewitt carried two life insurance policies through Modern American. One was purchased on 04-18-77 and carried a value of \$83,488.78 at the time of William's death. This policy is what Modern American calls an "Accumulator 1". Mrs. Day explained that the premiums paid on the policy accumulate and are added to the face value of the policy. With the type of policy, if the premiums are not paid on time, the premium payment will automatically be paid out of the accumulated premiums after the 31 day grace period has elapsed. Mrs. Day stated that his policy would have expired on 01-18-84 with 31 day grace period ending on 02-18-84. On 02-18-84 the premium would have automatically been paid keeping the policy in effect past the expiration date.

The second policy was purchased on 05-23-78 and carried a \$49,987.31 value at the time of William's death. The policy would have expired 05-23-84 with a 31 day grace period.

Mrs. Day stated that she has never had any contact with Patty Prewitt in reference to either policy. Both policies were purchased from "Doc" Ayler, a Modern American agent in Raytown, MO.

On 03-05-84 at about 10:00 p.m. I interviewed Raymond Day. Mr. Day stated that both policies were written by Doc Ayler. He stated that he accumulator policy expired 02-18-84 but would have paid itself out of the accumulated premiums. Mr. Day stated that the term policy would have expired on 02-23-84. Mr. Day stated that he only had contact with Patty Prewitt one time in reference to the policies. Mr. Day stated that a year or two ago a monthly automatic withdrawal payment was returned by the bank due to insufficient funds. Mr. Day

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			Occurrence Date 2-18-84

FACTS and DETAILS

interview with Mr & Mrs. Day continued

went to the lumber yard and told both Bill and Patty about it. He did not remember if it was Bill or Patty, but one went to the bank and paid him in cash for the premium payment.

On 03-06-84 I called Doc Ayler. Mr. Ayler stated he sold both policies to the Prewitts. He stated that Patty was present when both policies were purchased. Mr. Ayler stated that he did not recall having any conversation with Patty about the policies since they were purchased.

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STATEMENT OF: Cynthia Jopel Harrisonburg Police Officer

At approximately 4:40 pm. on 2-22-84, Chief Deputy Doug Rusher advised me that a female prisoner was being taken to the Johnson County Jail for processing, and he asked me if I would search her. I advised that I would. I arrived at the Johnson County Jail and the female prisoner arrived shortly afterwards.

While searching the female prisoner I observed a large <sup>bruise</sup> ~~wound~~ with puncture marks on her right thigh. I asked her what happened to her. She said she had been bitten by a dog. I asked her what kind of dog and she said a malnourished. I asked her if the dog had had its rabies shots and she said yes.

The search was then ended and she was released to Sheriff Blake Norman.

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Doug Rusher

X Cynthia Jopel



FORENSIC LABORATORY REPORT  
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXAMINATION

TO: Mr. George M. Henthorn  
Coroner Johnson County  
117 Meadow Lane  
Warrensburg, Missouri 64093

RE: LABORATORY NUMBER L-53214

Homicide  
February 22, 1984  
Johnson County, Missouri  
William E. Prewitt, deceased (victim)

SUBMITTING AGENCY  
Coroner - Johnson County, Missouri

TIME-DATE-HOW RECEIVED  
1:39 p. m. - February 22, 1984  
Corporal D. E. Heseman

EXAMINATIONS REQUESTED

Alcohol - Blood

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*Franklin Buckhead*  
DIRECTOR OF LABORATORY

SPECIMENS SUBMITTED

1. One sealed mailing tube containing one test tube of whole blood taken from William E. Prewitt.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

Specimen #1 was subjected to blood examinations which revealed the following blood factors: ABO type AB; enzyme types GLO 2-1, EsD 1, PGM 1, ADA 1, EAP B, AK 1; and the protein types Gc 2-1, Hp 2-1, and Tf C. If additional specimens are submitted comparisons will be made.

Analysis of the blood in Specimen #1 indicates an ethyl alcohol content of 0.05%.

Blood typing was conducted by Forensic Serologist Lisa G. Kolb.

Blood alcohol testing was conducted by Forensic Chemist John R. Revell.

DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE

Please advise what disposition you wish made of the specimen submitted.

DATE OF REPORT  
3-20-84

*Lisa G. Kolb*

*John R. Revell*





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**CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF LABORATORY FINDINGS**

Case Name WILLIAM E. PREWITT - HOMICIDE Date March 1 1984

Laboratory Case Number U64405 Submitting Agency Numbers 84-085

Suspect(s) or Defendant(s) Patricia A. Prewitt

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Gary R. Howell  
 Director <sup>c</sup>  
 Regional Criminalistics Laboratory

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Case Name. WILLIAM E. PREWITT Laboratory Case Number. U64405

ITEM NO.

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Twenty-eight (28) live .22 long rifle caliber "Remington Golden" cartridges from the bedroom.

One (1) fired .22 long or long rifle caliber Remington brand cartridge case.

Two (2) envelopes containing fragments from a .22 caliber Remington Golden bullet combined weight 31.2 grains with portions of two (2) land and groove impressions remaining.

One (1) Winchester, model 190, .22 long rifle caliber semi-automatic rifle, serial #569068, with a 21" barrel rifled with six (6) lands and grooves inclined to the right loaded with one live cartridge in the chamber and two in the magazine all Remington Golden .22 long rifle caliber. The safety was in operating condition and the trigger pull was 11 pounds.

It is the opinion of this examiner that the fired cartridge case in exhibit #1-2 and the fired bullet in exhibit #1-3 were both fired in the Winchester rifle in exhibit #1-5.

Respectfully submitted,

*John C. Cayton*  
John C. Cayton  
Chief Firearm & Tool Mark Examiner

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Type of Offense Homicide Date 02-18-84

Recovered From Rt 4 Box 1000 Holden, Mo.

Victim  Suspect  Indicate Other Crime scene Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Suspect (1) Patricia A. Prewitt (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Victim's Name William E. Prewitt

Firearms and Toolmark  Chemistry  Trace Evidence  Fingerprints  Documents  Indicate other \_\_\_\_\_

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3	2	envelopes containing bullet fragments		
4	1	Neutron Activation Analysis Kit		
5	1	.22 Winchester Rifle	569068	
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Reporting Officer Kevin C. Hughes Serial No. 657 Unit or Station Johnson Co. S.O. (Missouri)

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DATE OF REPORT  
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*Lisa G. Kolb*

*John R. Revell*



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S U P P L E M E N T #2

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF LABORATORY FINDINGS

Case Name.....PATRICIA A. PREWITT - Homicide.....Date April 6 1984  
 Laboratory Case Number.....U64405.....Submitting Agency Numbers.....84-085  
 Suspect(s) or Defendant(s).....Same.....

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CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY REPORT

Case Name PATRICIA A. PREWITT Laboratory Case Number U64405

ITEM NO.

2-12 One (1) pair of size 7M ladies red rubber and nylon 1  
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fleece lined boots sole 10 1/4" long, 3 3/4" wide, with heel 3  
2 1/4" wide, 2 1/2" long with 15 irregular ribs in 5 1/4 inches. 4

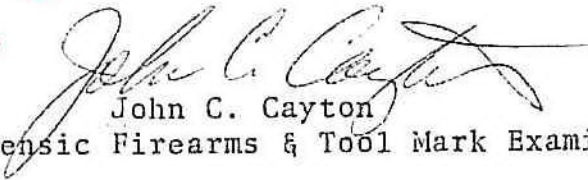
2-13 One (1) plaster cast of a left boot sole approximately 5  
10" long and 3" wide with 15 irregular ribs in the sole area. 6

2-14 One (1) plaster cast of a right boot sole approximately 7  
10" long and 3" wide with portions of 14 irregular ribs in the 8  
sole area. 9  
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2-15 One (1) plaster cast of a ribbed slip area. 11

The plaster casts in exhibits #2-13, 2-14, and 2-15 12  
have the same general class characteristics as the ladies boots 13  
in exhibit #2-12. 14

Respectfully submitted, 15

  
John C. Cayton 18  
Chief Forensic Firearms & Tool Mark Examiner 19

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Type of Offense Homicide Date 03-02-84

Recovered From R74 Box 1000 Holden, Mo.

Sub-plot  Indicate Other \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Suspect (1) Patricia A. Prewitt (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Victim's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Firearms and Toolmark  Chemistry  Trace Evidence  Fingerprints  Documents  Indicate other \_\_\_\_\_

Item No.	No. of Articles	Description	Serial Number	Estimated Value
1	1	Mattress cover sheet (#4)		
2	1	Pajama bottom (#18)		
3	1	Pajama top (#19)		
4	1	"Wal-Mart" shopping bag (#5E)		
5	1	Package of razor blades (#2D)		
6	1	Paring type knife (#3D)		
7	1	Scissors (#4D)		
8	1	"St. Regis" kitchen type knife (#1B)		
9	1	"Veri-VeriSharp" serrated knife (#16)		
10	1	"Qwik" telephone anal cord (#9)		
11	1	Telephone anal cord (#13)		
12	1	Pair of ladies boots (#7D)		
13	1	Plaster cast of footwear impression (#1E)		
14	1	Plaster cast of footwear impression (#2E)		
15	1	Plaster cast of foot wear impression (#3E)		
16	1	Photographs (prints & negatives)		
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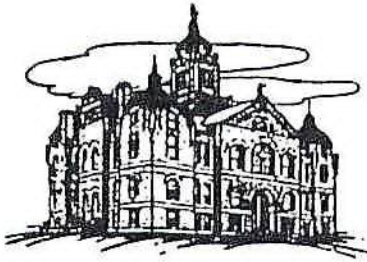
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**COUNTY OF JOHNSON**  
WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI 64093

February 19, 1984

PREWITT, William E.  
WM DOB 01-10-49  
Route 4  
Holden, Missouri

PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY REPORT

On February 18, 1984 an autopsy was performed on the above named William E. Prewitt at the Ben Cast Funeral Home in Holden, Missouri by Dr. Kirk Arnold of St. Marys Hospital, Pathology department, Kansas City, Missouri. The autopsy began at approximately 2:20 PM and was concluded at approximately 4:15 PM.

An external examination of the body revealed one injury. This was a bullet entrance wound to the right side of the head located approximately 1/4" in front of the right ear. It appeared to be a near contact gunshot wound of small calibre.

An examination of the brain was conducted and very small pieces of lead was removed. These were turned over to Officer Steve Woodson along with small samples of head hair that was removed from around the gunshot wound. No other injuries to the body was observed except a front tooth had been broken out which, as Dr. Arnold explained, could have been caused from the impact to the skull from the bullet.

Attending the autopsy was Deputy Tim Landrum, who took photographs, Officer Steve Woodson, who took custody of the lead fragments and hair samples and Deputy Kevin Hughes.

Complete autopsy findings to follow.

Blood was drawn for alcohol content.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Gunshot wound to the head.

*George M. Henthorn*  
George M. Henthorn  
Coroner





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S U P P L E M E N T #4

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF LABORATORY FINDINGS

Case Name WILLIAM E. PREWITT - Homicide Date April 20 19 84

Laboratory Case Number U64405 Submitting Agency Numbers 34-085

Suspect(s) or Defendant(s) Patricia A. Prewitt

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Case Name WILLIAM E. PREWITT

Laboratory Case Number U64405

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Insignificant quantities of Lead, Barium, and Antimony were present on the swabs to indicate a gunshot residue. These findings, however, do not preclude the possibility that the individual discharged a firearm.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Wilson  
Chief Forensic Chemist

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Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Case Report No. 84-085

Type of Offense Homicide Date 02-18-84

Recovered From Rt 4 Box 1000 Holden, Mo

(Victim)  Suspect  Indicate Other Crime Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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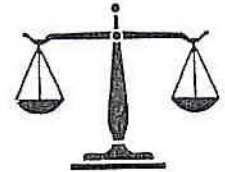
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S U P P L E M E N T #3

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF LABORATORY FINDINGS

Case Name PATRICIA A. PREWITT - homicide Date April 6 1984  
 Laboratory Case Number U64405 Submitting Agency Numbers U64405  
 Suspect(s) or Defendant(s) Same

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Gary R. Howell  
 Director  
 Regional Criminalistics Laboratory

CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY REPORT

Case Name PATRICIA A. PREWITT Laboratory Case Number U64405

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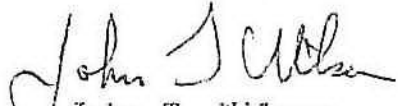
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No blood was present on the sack.

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Soil present on the boots was similar to that from the casts item 2-13,14,15 and from the rifle; however, could not be matched due to slight color differences.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John T. Wilson  
Chief Forensic Chemist

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REGIONAL CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY  
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE INVENTORY REPORT

LABORATORY USE ONLY

Lab. Case # 964405

Lab. Page # 2

Exam. and Date 3-28-84

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PROPERTY ROOM USE ONLY

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Date Rec'd. \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Case Report No. 84-085

Type of Offense Homicide Date 03-02-84

Recovered From Rt 4 Box 1000 Holden, Mo.

Victim  Suspect  Indicate Other \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Suspect (1) Patricia A. Prewitt (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Firearms and Toolmark  Chemistry  Trace Evidence  Fingerprints  Documents  Indicate other \_\_\_\_\_

Victim's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Item No.	No. of Articles	Description	Serial Number	Estimated Value
1	1	Mattress cover sheet (#4) ✓		
2	1	Pajama bottom (#18) ✓		
3	1	Pajama top (#19) ✓		
4	1	"Wal-Mart" shopping bag (#5E) ✓		
5	1	Package of razor blades (#20)		
6	1	Paring type knife (#30)		
7	1	Scissors (#40)		
8	1	"St. Regis" kitchen type knife (#1B)		
9	1	"Veri-VeriSharp" serrated knife (#16)		
10	1	"Quik" telephone and cord (#9)		
11	1	Telephone and cord (#13)		
12	1	Pair of ladies boots (#70)		
13	1	Plaster cast of footwear impression (#1E)		
14	1	Plaster cast of footwear impression (#2E)		
15	1	Plaster cast of footwear impression (#3E)		
16	1	Photographs (prints & negatives)		
TOTAL				

Reporting Officer Kevin C. Hughes Serial No. 657 Unit or Station Johnson Co. Missouri

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S U P P L E M E N T #5

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF LABORATORY FINDINGS

Case Name ~~PATRICIA A. PREWITT - HOMICIDE~~ Date ~~November 2~~ 19 ~~84~~  
 Laboratory Case Number ~~UG4405~~ Submitting Agency Numbers ~~84-085~~  
 Suspect(s) or Defendant(s) ~~Same~~

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~~Sam B. Howell~~  
 Director  
 Regional Criminalistics Laboratory

**CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY REPORT**

Case Name (STATISTICAL DEPT) Laboratory Case Number P64405

ITEM NO.

THE FOLLOWING LISTED ITEMS OF EVIDENCE WERE PROCESSED FOR LATENT PRINTS:

**METHOD USED:**

**RESULTS:**

GRAPHITE POWDER	MAGNETIC POWDER	IODINE FUMING	NINHYDRIN SOLUTION CHEM PRINT	SILVER NITRATE	PHOTOS	PRINTS OF POSSIBLE VALUE	NO. PRINTS
(Boots)					X color PSW		
(casts)					XpsW		

**COMMENTS:** Photos were placed in the lab file. Negatives also to Lab. file.

Ruler to file.

cc: Stephen C. Warlen

EXAMINER: Stephen C. Warlen

*For items referred to herein please see attached receipt forms.*

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Warrensburg, Missouri 64093  
(816) 747-5511

CHARLES NORMAN, JR., SHERIFF

March 2, 1984

Regional Criminalistics Laboratory  
1525 Holmes  
Kansas City, MO 65106

Dear Sir:

The following evidence is being submitted in regards to an official investigation of the murder of William E. Prewitt on 02-18-84 (Johnson County Sheriff's Office Case #84-085).

Please examine and compare items numbered 4, 18, 19 and 5E to each other for possible serological similarities. Please examine and compare items numbered 2D, 3D, 4D, 1B and 16 to items 9 and 13 for possible similarities. Please examine and compare item 7D to items 1E, 2E, and 3E for possible similarities. Photographic negatives and prints of footwear impressions are also being submitted for comparison with item number 7D.

Please do not hesitate to perform any other examinations, comparisons or analysis not prescribed above that you believe may produce possible evidentiary links. Your assistance, is as always, greatly appreciated and your expertise highly respected.

Sincerely,  
*K. C. Hughes*  
Kevin C. Hughes  
Investigator

KCH:11



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 Director c  
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Case Name WILLIAM E. PREWITT

Laboratory Case Number U64405

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Twenty-eight (28) live .22 long rifle caliber "Remington Golden" cartridges from the bedroom.

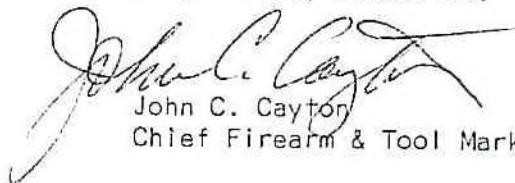
One (1) fired .22 long or long rifle caliber Remington brand cartridge case.

Two (2) envelopes containing fragments from a .22 caliber Remington Golden bullet combined weight 31.2 grains with portions of two (2) land and groove impressions remaining.

One (1) Winchester, model 190, .22 long rifle caliber semi-automatic rifle, serial #569068, with a 21" barrel rifled with six (6) lands and grooves inclined to the right loaded with one live cartridge in the chamber and two in the magazine all Remington Golden .22 long rifle caliber. The safety was in operating condition and the trigger pull was 11 pounds.

It is the opinion of this examiner that the fired cartridge case in exhibit #1-2 and the fired bullet in exhibit #1-3 were both fired in the Winchester rifle in exhibit #1-5.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John C. Cayton  
Chief Firearm & Tool Mark Examiner

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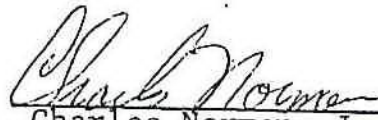


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CHARLES NORMAN, JR., SHERIFF

2-26-85

Received from George M. Henthorn, Johnson  
County Coroner, three (3) X-rays of the head  
of William E. Prewitt.



Charles Norman, Jr.  
Sheriff

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Time: 11:15 AM

MISSOURI RURAL CRIME SQUAD

Lead Assignment

Case Title William E Prewitt Homicide

Dept. Johnson County

Comp # 84-085

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LEAD NO	INFORMATION REQUIRED	OFFICER/S	RADIO #	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	REPORT IN
1	Re Search Victim's House & Outbuildings - Evidence - Weapons	Col. Smith - Jewell		2-19	11:30	1:30	2:30
2	Search Surrounding Area - Wegerson	Scott - LePacker - Hobbs - Brubaker Norman/Woodson/Ros Mt. Lambert/Roberts/Centet		2-19	11:30	4:30	4:30
3	Interview Willie Wyrick.	Cherette Stewart		2-19	11:30	12:20	12:45
4	Interview Victim's Parents William & Barbara Prewitt	Stobbs/Johnson		2-19	11:40	4:00	4:00
5	Interview Jarril Austin	Brookoff, Pippin		2-19	3:15	2:00 1:00	2:00
6	Interview <del>Bill</del> Paul Austin	Scott Walker		2-19-84	3:15	2:20 5:00	2:20 5:00
7	Interview Bill Gunn	Carroll Jeffery		2-19	11:50	2:45	2:45
8	Interview Bob Wolf	<del>Watson</del> Zink		2-19	11:50	2:30	2:30
9	Interview Bob Brinkkite at B & P B-B-Free	Watson/Zink		2-19	1:45	2:50	7:50
10	Interview Dennis & Sue Brown	Charvette Stewart		2-19-84	1:45	4:00	4:00
11	" Chip Klutz	Scott Walker		2-19-84	2:25	3:30	3:30
12	" John Handcock Jr	Smith/Walker		2-19-84	2:30	2:50	2:50
13	" Question Paddy Prewitt	Cherette Stewart		2-20-84 2-19-84	12:00 3:00	5:30	9:00 AM 9:00 AM
14	Re-Search House	Norman/Woodson		2-19-84	3:15	6:00	9:00 AM
15	Interview Jane Ann Prewitt	Smith/Walker		2-19-84	3:15	4:00	4:00
16	" Sara Jo Prewitt	Watson/Zink		2-19-84	3:30	2:55	2:55
17	" William Mackay Prewitt	Roberts/Centet.		2-19-84	3:30	3:40	3:40



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Case Title William E Prewitt

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18	Interview Morgan Patrick Prewitt	<del>Scott</del> Brown / Jeffery		2-19	3:30	7:20	7:20
19	" Carrie Sue Prewitt	Conrad / Jefferson		2-19	5:30	1:00	2:00
20	Question Cliff Coustin	Scott / Brockhoff		2-19	4:00	5:30	7:20
21	Question Mrs. Cliff Coustin	<del>Scott</del> / Walker		2-19	4:00	5:30	9:00 AM
22	Interview Frank Ann Slaughter	Shobe / Johnson		2-20	10:00	12:00	12:45
23	" Mr. McNichol	Jefferson / Conrad		2-19	4:00	5:10	5:45
24	Check with Stamer Mission HS Re Foreign Exchange Student	Walker / Smith		2-20	10:00	Not Contacted	
25	Chief Scott - Report on Harvick	Chief Scott		2-19	4:30	9:00	2-21 9:00
26	Interview Raymond Pine - and 3100 Pe Can	Ward		Void	not	Issued	
27	Interview lumber yard Employees	Scott / Walker		2-20	10:00	10:45	10:55
28	Interview Jan Hancock	Smith / Walker		2/20	8:45	9:20	10:15
29	" Jack Warden at Bank	Brockhoff / Pitkin		2-20	10:00	11:30	11:20
30	" Virgil Sisk Jr.	Riesher / Neman		2-20-84	9:40	2:00	2:45
31	" Both Barbours in Town	Conrad / Jeffery		2-20-84	10:30	11:45	11:45
32	" Interview Dennis Brown	Smith / Walker		2-20	11:00	11:30	12:05
33	" Peggy Parks	Conrad / Roberts		2-20	11:00	12:15	12:15
34	Question Harvey Wriget	Brown / Scott		2-20	5:00	Wtd.	



MISSOURI RURAL CRIME SQUAD

Lead Assignment

Case Title William E Prewitt homicide

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LEAD NO	INFORMATION REQUIRED	OFFICER/S	RADIO #	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	REPORT IN
35	Question Ellie Wright	Watson / Zink		2-20	10:45	6:00	6:00
36	" Ted Coe's son	Brown / Norman		2-20	11:40	12:00	12:10
37	" Employees at Nursing Home			2-20	3:00	4:00	4:55
38	Question Dan Brown	Scott / Welden		2-20	11:40	3:40	3:40
39	" <del>Henry</del> Danny Blackman	Shobe / Johnson		2-20	1:40	2:30	3:00
40	Interview Raymond Day	Shobe / Johnson		2-20	12:35	3:35	3:35
41	Contact hiband PD Re Willie Wright	Keller		2-20	1:30	2:00	2:00-84
42	Interview Female Walt in	Walt / Smith		2-20	1:25	3:00	3:00
43	Question Harvey Gibsons	Carroll / Jeffers		2-20	3:30	9:30	9:30
44	" Sandford Day	Brown / Shobe		2-20	6:30	6:00	6:00
45	<del>W.D.</del> Fred Tock-Barber	Brookhoff / Pritchard	VOID	2-20	3:30	VOID	VOID
46	" Walk in Charade with	Walt / Coenter		2-20	3:35	4:00	4:20
47	Interview Bob Brinkette at BTP B-S-C	Coenter / Roberts		2-20	4:00	5:30	5:30
48	Re-Interview Cliff Coe's son	Brookhoff / R. Johns	head	with room	-	VOID	VOID
49	Take Patty Prewitt to Polygraph	Hughes / Davidson		5:30	6-30	5:00AM	
50	Re-Question John Hancock	Walt / Brown		9:00	2-21	2:00	3:00
51	Re-Question Ellie Wright			VOID - Not Issued			



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52	Check of Fed Land Bank - Wbg	Walter Scott		2-21	10:30	3:00	3:00
53	Re Search Crime Scene	Waltson, E. K. Church, Roberts, Stewart, DeKeyser, Cannon, Nunn, Shive, Pritchard	Coast	2-21	9:30	11:55	2-22 10:00 AM
54	Search Dennis Brown's Bldg	Scott, Wally		2-21	9:30	10:45	11:00
55	Interview Mike Brown	<del>Waltson</del> Brogkoff		2-21	10:15	11:30	11:30
56	Question Richard Hayes	Brachman, <del>Waltson</del> Pisher		2-21	4:40	10:30	10:30
57	Interview Mike Coates	Waltson, Zink		2-21	1:00	4:05	4:55
58	Interview Terri Austin -			Not Issued - Wild			
59	Take Statement from Mike Brown	Walter Scott		2-21	12:15	4:15	4:15
60	Make Report on ownership of Boots	Waldman		2-21	1:30	1:50	1:50
61	Interview Fred Jack	Carroll, Jefferson		2-21	4:00	4:30	4:30
62	Final 4 Interview Steve of ADE Leuker	Shelby, Johnson		2-21	4:00	4:15	4:15
63	Interview Ron Pearsy	Coantet, Roberts		2-21	3:00	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
64	<del>Video Tape Crime Scene</del>	Wild			VOID		
64	Take boots + Show to Patsy Prewitt	Hughes, Woodson		2-21	3:45	4:15	
65	Take Court Evidence to Crime Lab	Hughes, Woodson		2-21	3:45	10:45	10:45
66	Re Question Harvey Coibson	Conrad, Jefferson		2-21	8:05	1:15	1:15
67	Question Lissa McCurdy	Norma Pisher		2-22	9:45	11:25	11:25



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Case Title William E. Brewitt - Hamiltonville

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68	Take Boots to <del>Patricia</del> <sup>Frank</sup> <del>Patricia</del> <sup>Frank</sup> <del>Patricia's</del> <sup>Frank's</sup> Mother for	<del>Stoltz</del> <sup>Hughes</sup> <del>Johnson</del>		2-22-84	9:40A	4:15	
69	Question Dennis Chedevick at HAE	Shob Johnson		2-22-84	9:40	4:15	
70	Re Interview Sue Brown	Chenille Stewart		2-22-84	9:45	3:30	3:30
71	Question Richard D. Mitts	Scott Walker		2-22-84	9:45	4:00	4:00
72	Interview Andrew Stowell & Father	Watson Zink		2-22-84	9:50	10:55	10:55
73	Check at McRee Lumber Co Re Corn	Walker Logan		2-22-84	10:15	11:15	11:15
74	Check home for Shoe Sizes and Insurance Policies	Brockhoff Brown		2-22-84	10:20	11:55	11:55
75	Interview Brewitt Hills Re Boots	Hughes Woodson		2-22-84	10:30	4:15	
76	Interview All at Margaret Maxwell's Beauty Shop - Kingsville	Dannan Ruskin		2-22-84	10:30	3:30	3:30
77	Show Boots to Sue Brown	Hughes Woodson		2-22-84	10:30	4:15	
78	" " " " Ellie Wright	Hughes Woodson		2-22-84	10:30	4:15	
79	Take Aerial Photo of Chris Seem	Chenille Stewart		2-22-84	10:30	3:10	3:10
80	Interview Ted Carlin & Modern Am Asset	Brown Brockhoff		2-22-84	12:00	12:40	12:40
81	Check County Jail & Grocery Stores	Watson Zink		2-22-84	12:00	12:45	1:00
82	Interview Tim Farneser	Fke Canall		2-22-84	12:25	2:20	2:30
83	Conduct SBA	Walker Logan		2-22	1:30	3:00	3:50
	Cleared by Arrest of Patricia Brewitt						



INVESTIGATION REPORT  
MAJOR CASE

Johnson County  
JURISDICTION

Lead # 1

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-19-84	J. Walker, F. Walker CL Smith, R. Scott, KI Hughes		

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-19-84 the reporting officers responded to the above victim's house at Rt 4, Holden, MO to search the house and out buildings for a weapon or other evidence. The house and all out buildings were searched with negetive results.

P.O. J. L. Smith

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INVESTIGATION REPORT  
MAJOR CASE

Johnson County  
JURISDICTION

Lead # 2

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-19-84			

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

~~Prewitt~~

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 11:50 a.m. 2-18-84 I arrived at the William Prewitt residence along with Officers Woodson, Landrum, Rusher, Roberts and Gentet. We were assigned Lead #2 which was to conduct a search of the area surrounding the residence. The primary object of the search was to locate weapon used in the assault. The search eventually concluded without a weapon being found and no other evidence collected. The search was conducted to approximately 200 yards in each direction from the residence and included all out buildings and vehicles. The search also included the kitches along Lazy Lake Road in both a north and southerly direction from the Prewitt residence. This included the ditches as far south as the Clifford Gustin residence where Mrs. Prewitt allegedly went first after the assault and the ditches north of the Prewitt residence to the Beasley residence which is the first house south.

It was noted during the search of the immediate area that there were tire tracks leading from the residence to the area of a dump located approximately 100 yards east. There was also a set of tire tracks leading through a field south approximately 300 yards to a pond. The tire tracks appeared to be of a mud grip type and the ones leading to the pond appeared more recent than those leading to the dump. The best estimate of both sets of tracks is that they were made within the last three or four days. The area around the pond was checked and the dump was also searched.

Two wells were also checked by use of a magnet suspended by rope.

REPORT APPROVED BY:



Date 2-19-84

# CONTINUATION REPORT

Lead # 2

Both were located along Lazy Lake road to the north of the Prewitt residence. The first well was located approximately 100 yards north on the east side of the road and the second well was located on the west side of the road approximately a quarter mile north of the Beasley residence.

The only creek running under Lazy Lake road between the north city limits of Holden and the Prewitt residence was checked by wading to a point approximately 30 yards on either side of the bridge.

Douglas C. Rusher

Alan D. Norman

James Gentet

John Roberts

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INVESTIGATION REPORT  
MAJOR CASE

Johnson County

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JURISDICTION			
DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-19-84	Charrette, Stewart		

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-19-84 Thomas Charrett and I attempted to interview Willie Wyrick, Rt 3, Box 7900, Holden, MO at 12:05 p.m. We contacted his mother, Nadine Wyrick at the above address.

Mrs. Wyrick stated that Willie now lives and works at Liberal, Kansas, for National Beef Association. She stated she talked to Willie yesterday, 2-18-84, by telephone. He told her he had been working at the time the homicide occurred.

Mrs. Wyrick stated the lock on the sliding glass door on the rear of their house had been broken just after Christmas by someone apparently attempting to enter their house. Also in early February they found footprints in the snow leading to the same back door. She said a neighbor girl that lives south of them has on occasion, come to the Wyrick's house and sat on their back deck apparently to "cool off" after arguing with her mother.

T. Chrrette

DS Stewart

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2-19-84	Shobe/ Johnson	Sedalia PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approx. 1250 hrs Investigators Shobe and Johnson went to Lee's Summit, MO, to contact William and Dorthea Prewitt, 306 Madison.

Mr. William Prewitt stated to reporting investigators, (Shobe-Johnson) he last saw his son and daughter-in-law two weeks ago last Sunday.

Because he and his wife, Dorthea Williams, drove down to Holden, MO.

They seemed ok, and had no problems they knew of. And no family or personal problems between them and both were ("being devoted to their family"). And know of no money problems they knew of.

\*William Prewitt stated (Fred Tork) a banker in Holden, MO might know something. He knows the whole town.

Mr. and Mrs. William Prewitt stated Patricia Prewitt's mother called them and told them about their son, William. Frank & Ann Slaughter.

Also they had met an exchange student from Shawnee Mission School Dist. that was staying with William and Patricia Prewitt for about one week, but didn't know his name, Egypt.

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At 1350 hours Investigator Shobe and Johnson made contact with a close high school friend of William E. Prewitt, Mark Holloway McKee, 808 East Langsford Road, Apt 202, Lee's Summit, ,MO.

Mark Holloway McKee stated he saw William Prewitt about one month ago in Lee's Summit at 291 and Langsford at Hardee's. He had been to Kansas City, M O to ADE Wholesale lumber and picked up a load of lumber. And they just talked about the lumber business, nothing else.

Mark McKee stated William Prewitt had worked at McKee Lumber in Lee's Summit for him for about six to eight years before going into the lumber business for himself in Holden, MO.

Mark McGee stated William Prewitt never mentioned any problems to him regarding him and his wife and that Bill Prewitt was a very easy going guy.

Ron Johnson

Bill Shobe

Albert Wilkey



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1240 p.m. contact was made with the Lee's Summit Police Dept to see if any information could be obtained. A computer check proved negative.

Sgt Murray of the dept know of Prewitt but couldn't add anything to help this investigation.

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2-20-84	Brockhoff/Richie	Laf. Co. S.O.	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

Albert Wirtley

Jerri L Austin, w/f, age 34, dob 03-03-49, Rt 1, Box 8650, Holden, MO telephone 597-3662, on the night of the murder, the Prewitts and the Austins went to the B&D Bar B Q then to the Stumble Inn in Pleasant Hill. Didn't like the place so they only stayed approx. 45 minutes then went to the Austins. They played Atari and other games until approx. 2:30 a.m. then the Prewitts left for home. Mrs. Austin states that she and Patti belong to the Nu Omega Sorority and it has 13-14 members. They are best friends and have been since they met 3 years ago. Mrs. Austin also stated that if Patti had been having an affair with any one she would have known it. When asked about Richard Hayes she said she didn't know him. When asked about Patti cutting her husband down in public she said Patti did at times but it was just her way. She would cut him down one minute and love him the next. Mrs. Austin also said she thought that they didn't have any marital problems. When asked about Patti and Mr. Austin on the couch New Year's Eve, she stated that they were close but not romantic and there was some hugging but they (both couples) were that kind of people. But nothing was thought of romantic or anything but friendly. There were three couples at the New Years Eve Party. The third couple was Dennis and Susanne Brown. She states she went to bed earlier than the rest on New Years but not before 4 a.m.

She didn't know of any guns in the Prewitt home, but found out yesterday about the .22 rifle. She knew the Prewitts financial condition was poor but it always was. The Austins offered to loan them the money

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for their farm loan but were told it wasn't necessary. Mr. Prewitt had talked to the Land bank in Warrensburg re the farm loan. She couldn't think of anyone who would want to harm the Prewitts.

Oscar Richie

Steven W. Brockhoff

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2-20-84	Scott/Walker	Marshall PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 12:20 p.m. on this date above officers talked with a Paul Winfred Austin, w/m, dob 07-27-47 of Rt. 1, Box 8650, Holden, MO, phone 597-3662. Has lived at this location for 9 years. Austin works for Broderson, 14741 W. 106, Lenexa, KS 913-888-0606, has been employed there six years.

Austin stated he and his wife Jerri got to be close friends with the Prewitts about two years ago.

Austin stated he got home about 6:30 p.m. on 02-17-84. Jerri and Patty Prewitt talked on the phone about going out that night. Paul suggested they go to Pleasant Hill for BBQ ribs.

At about 7:30 p.m. Austins met the Prewitts at the beauty shop in Kingsville where Prewitts left their car and rode with the Austins. They went to a place in Pleasant Hill at a place Austin couldn't remember the name. There was a sign in front that had "Happy Birthday Bob" on it. At the BBA place they had two pitchers of beer and left about 9:30 p.m. Jerri drank only water.

They left the BBQ place and went to the Stumble Inn and ordered three beers and one water. While at the Stumble Inn Patty or Jerri saw a girlfriend of Bob Corbin. Corbin owes Bill and Patty money. While at the bar for about 45 minutes when Patty called home to check on the kids. She does this sometimes. They were at the bar about one hour then left.

Jerri drove back to Kingsville where Jerri and Patty took Jerri's car home and Bill and Paul rode together in Bill's car to Paul's house with

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Bill driving. They arrived at about 11:00 or 11:15. On the way they talked about all the basic bullshit.

They all went into the house and played Atari and music for awhile. The guys had two beers and the women had tea. At about 1:00 a.m., 02/18/84 Jerri made breakfast.

Bill and Patty left the Austins about 2:00 a.m. or 2:30 a.m. Patty was driving when they left.

Austin stated this was the last time he saw or heard from the Prewitts. At about 5:30 or 5:45 a.m. a call came to them from a Ellie Wright who told them that Patty Prewitt was at Gustins and that Bill had been killed.

The Austins then went to Gustins and saw Patty. Austin doesn't remember if Patty said anything at this time.

Austin stated that last night, 02-19-84, Patty wanted to talk. The following is what Patty told Austin: She drove home and Bill was asleep. When they got home she got Bill up and they went into the house. Patty found the kids had burned some popcorn. Bill went and checked on the kids and came back downstairs and told Patty they were ok and he was going to bed. Patty did some things in the kitchen and then went up to bed. The next thing she knows is she heard a loud noise, which she thought was thunder. And then a guy dragged her by the hair from her bed. The guy had a knife to her throat and told her to remove her pants. She removed her pants and the guy got on top of her. She then started to cry. The guy stated "I hate it when they cry." They stayed on the floor for sometime. The guy then got up off her and left. As soon as the guy left she got up and checked Bill.

While the guy was on top of her she smelled some type of oil and smoke. While on the floor she thought about why Bill didn't get up and help her.



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After the guy left and she checked on Bill she found he was breathing and felt funny. She then tried to turn on the lights but they wouldn't come on. She then went downstairs to the pickup and got a flashlight and went back up to Bill. She saw the blood so she told the kids there was a small fire and to get dressed and get out. She took the kids to the car where she locked the doors and then went back into the house to wake Bill. At this time she knew he wouldn't wake up. Little Sarah kept asking about Daddy and she, Patty, told Sarah it would be ok.

When they left the drive she turned left and passed the Pines house due to the fact they are older people and she didn't want to wake them up. She knew Cliff Gustin left a light on all the time and that Gustin was an ex-cop and a big guy. She knocked on the door several times and then Gustin came to the door. She told him that Bill had been hurt. Gustin then went to town to get the police.

Later Patty saw cars and the ambulance go by the Gustin home to her home. After awhile the ambulance came back to Gustins and Ellie Wright came toward her with her arms out. At this time she knew Bill was dead. Someone asked her who she wanted and Patty said "Daddy then Paul & Jerri."

Austin was asked what he knew about the problems Prewitts were having with money. He stated Jerri and Patty both talked about the problems.

Austin said Bill was easy going and people just wouldn't pay the bills. Jr. Sisk got to them for about \$10,000. Sisk caught the bill up pretty well then Bill let him charge again.

The payments on lumber yard were caught up and the farm was as late as December.

Until last night, 02-19-84, Austin didn't know if they had any. Patty told him last night that they had two guns in the house. Also Patty told him several times before that as a kid she would shoot game from the



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back of a house.

Austin stated that Patty would go to KC to get supplies by herself. When asked about a salesman named Steve, Austin stated a few times they would see Steve at ballgames in KC.

Dennis and Susann Brown would party with the Austins and Prewitts. Susann's brother, Danny Blackman, would do some woodwork for Patty. A few times Patty would go to Blackman's by herself.

When asked about Harvey Gibson we found out he is a salesman for Townley and is a JF at a disco club called Garrisons in Warrensburg.

Austin was questioned reference an incident this past year in which he and Patty Prewitt had "made out" on a couch for about 1 hour. Austin denied this emphatically and stated that all they did was hugging and some kissing but not to an extreme. Austin was asked if the 2 couples had ever discussed swapping mates. Austin became irate and denied this also.

Frank Walker

R. Scott

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Carroll, Jefferson

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

We contacted Billy Gunn at 920 Gingerbread Lane in Blue Springs, MO. Gunn said that he knew of the Prewitts but did not know them personally.. Gunn said that he and Chip Klutz had talked about the Prewitts caselast night. Gunn stated that Klutz had told him that Bill Prewitt had gotten a small business loan from the government that paid off the loan on his house and lumber yard but did not leave him any money to operate on. Jack Warden of the Holden Bank should know something about this.

We asked Gunn if he had heard anything about Mrs. Prewitt having a boyfriend at anytime. Gunn said that he had heard that she had had a boyfriend about 4 or 5 years ago and his name was possibly John Hancock, Jr from the Holden area.

Most of Gunn information came from the conversation between him and Kluz the night before.

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2-19-84	Watson/Zink	Pettis/Knob Noster	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-19-84 at 12:10 p.m. R/O interviewed a Mr. Robert G. Wolfe, w/m, age 47, dob 8-29-37 lives at 1609 S. Main St, Holden, MO 732-5340.

Works for Johnson County R-3 School.

Mr. Wolfe stated that he really didn't know the Prewitts but that he had heard that from hear say around town that Bill and Patty were having a hard time at the lumber co. He also stated that Bill was not keeping many supplies in the lumber yard as he used to and was making more trips to Kansas City, MO to pick up supplies.

Patty her self made many trips to KCMO to pickup supplies and items for the lumber co.

Mr. Wolfe thought that someone might talk to Dennis and Sue brown who live at 804 S. Main, 732-6244. He thinks they were close friends of the Prewitts. Another friend is Mrs. Terry Reidhour, a Sunday School teacher. Her phone and address is unknown at the time.

At 12:30 p.m. this date R/O talked with Mrs. Wolfe who told us mostly the same thing. Mrs. Wolfe did state that Mr. & Mrs Prewitt did play volleyball every Sunday with a church group at the High School in Holden

Mrs. Wolfe stated to the R/O that at some kind of a dance about two weeks ago Mrs. Prewitt was friendly with other men but Bill was at the dance and that they left together.

Sammy L. Watson

Tony Zink

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Watson/Zink

KNPD/Pettis

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-19-84 at approximately 2:00 p.m. R/O were to locate Bob Brinkoetter, the owner of B&P Bar-B-Q on 7 highway in Pleasant Hill.

R/O talked to employees of the B&P Bar-B-Q who stated Brinkoetter was out of town visiting a relative in the hospital and was to return 2-19-84 around 6:00 p.m. in the evening according to his son.

Bob Brinkoetter works at the Natkin Sheet Metal in Pleasant Hill and part time at B&P BBQ. Brinkoetter's home phone is 987-2257, B&P BBQ 987-2211.

S. Watson

T. Zink

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2-19-84	Charrette, Stewart		

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-19-84 at 2:00 p.m. Officer Charrette and I interviewed Suzan Brown 804 S. Main, Holden, telephone 732-6244. Her husband, Dennis was out of town and won't be available until after 9:00 p.m., 2-19.

Ms. Brown stated that they, she and Dennis, had known the Prewitts socially for about two years. They had gone out with them and usually, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Austin. The three couples had attended dances, parties, etc, and gone to each others homes. Mrs Brown, employed with Gilchrist Equipment, also conducted some business with Mr. Prewitt at Prewitt's lumber yard.

It was obvious to Ms. Brown that the Prewitt's business was a financial struggle for them. Mr. Brown had in the past advised for Prewitt to collect some of the money owed to Prewitt.

Patty Prewitt appeared to enjoy flirting with other men at times. She (Ms. Brown) observed Ms. Prewitt kissing Bill Austin at a New Year's Eve party with more emotion than a normal holiday gesture. Bill Prewitt seemed to ignore her flirting tendencies.

Ms. Brown stated Patty was very even tempered "even with 5 kids." The last time the Browns were with the Prewitts, Patty Prewitt seemed more outwardly critical of her husband than she had before.

Ms. Brown remembered Prewitt's dogs as being aggressive and certainly would have barked at a stranger at the night time.

T. Charrette

D.S. Stewart

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2-19-84

Scott/Walker

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TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 2:50 p.m. this date above officers contacted Paul Martin Kluz, w/m, dob 09/08/48 aka Chip. We contacted Mr. Kluz at his home, 1017 Rawlins Road.

Mr. Kluz stated he had known the victim and the victim's wife for about 4 or 5 years. At no time did he ever know of the victim fighting with victim's wife. Kluz stated he had heard on the street that Patty Prewitt and John Hancock Jr, might have been seeing each other. This was the first time he ever heard this, which was 02/18/84 somewhere on the street, but don't remember who stated this to him.

We ask Kluz about the victim's money problems. Kluz stated he knew the victim has problems but didn't know how much.

Kluz and his wife would party with the victim and his wife some but stated the victim and victim's wife were a great couple.

Kluz stated he knew the victim wasn't a gun nut and didn't know if victim even had a gun. Also he didn't know if Patty knew anything about guns.

Frank Walker

Robert Scott

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2-19-84	Walker/Smith	Higginsville	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 2:40 p.m. Officer Smith and R/O went to 301 S. Vine to interview Jon Hancock about an alleged affair with Patty Prewitt. We talked with Ms. Hancock, wife of Joh and said that her husband was gone to Arkansas with some other man. Jon was to be back today sometime.

James Walker

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2-21-84	Charrette, Stewart		

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

at 12:30 p.m. 2-19-84 Officer Charrette and I interviewed Patty Prewitt at the Holden Police Department. At this time she was advised of and signed the Miranda Warning. The information obtained was repetitive of the statement Ms. Prewitt gave to the Johnson County Sheriff's Dept. on 2-18-84 at 4:10 p.m.

Mrs. Prewitt's statement was very concise, detailed, and chronological until the time of the shooting. She stated that that portion was "all real fuzzy."

Reference the time the attacker was laying on her and her pajama bottoms had been pulled off, she stated she could feel a large, cold, flat belt buckle against the skin on her stomach.

She also added that when she heard a gurgling sound coming from the victim's throat (after the attacker left the room and there was no light) she touched his neck. This occurred before she went to get the flashlight.

At 2:20 p.m. 2-19-84 our portion of the interview was concluded. Officers Woodson and Hughes continued the questioning.

T. Charrette

D.S. Stewart.

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2-20-84	Hughes/Woodson	JCSO/WPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 02-20-84 at about 4:10 p.m. Woodson and I interviewed Patricia Ann Prewitt at the Holden Police Department. Patty had already been advised of her rights by Charrette and Stewart. Patty related the following information about her reported attack and attacker.

Patty and Bill arrived home early Saturday morning at an unknown time. Bill checked the kids then went straight to bed. Patty did some minor kitchen clean up then went to bed also. She fell asleep immediately and was quasi awoken by what she thought was a clap of thunder. She was back in a deep slumber when she was jerked out of bed by her hair and thrown onto the floor on the east side of the bed. An attacker of small to medium build and a large belt buckle (no further description) then got on top of her, put a knife to her throat and pulled her pajama bottoms and panties off with one hand. Patty could give no description of her attacker because she said it was so dark she could not see "the hand in front of my face". Patty stated that she could not see anything at all because she had room darkening shades on the window, so that no light at all gets into the room. Patty stated that the shades were pulled completely down that night as they always were. The build of the attacker and the belt buckle she determined by feel only. The belt buckle she felt on her skin as the attacker lay on top of her. The attacker held the knife in his right hand and ripped her pajama bottoms and panties off with his left hand in oen motion.

Patty started crying and cried so much that "tears filled my ears".

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The attacker said, "I hate it when they cry," and "stop crying". Patty continued crying and the attacker told her to "stop crying or I'll slit your throat." Patty continued crying and the attacker got up. Patty got up at the same time he did and went directly over to check Bill. She did not know where the attacker went or what he did after getting up. She did not see or hear him leave. She did not hear him go down the stairs, out any doors or hear any vehicles start up and leave. When she and the attacker got up she went directly over to Bill. Patty said, "I gave no thought to this man" (the attacker).

Patty "looked at him" (Bill) and could see "blood going down the mattress and dust ruffle". She later changed this (after being reminded the room was pitch black and she could not see at all) and stated that she crawled up onto her side of the bed and felt Bill's throat. She did not feel any blood on his neck but she heard Bill breathing. Patty then went into the boys room across the hall and found them breathing and unharmed. She then went to the girl's room and found them unharmed also. Patty then went downstairs and outside through the game room door barefooted. The game room door was not locked when she went out of it. She got a very dim flashlight out of their blue pick up truck and went back inside and upstairs the same way she came out.

Patty went back upstairs and went straight to Bill on his side of the bed. She saw blood on his head and face and could see and hear him breathing. She stated that she then went to get the kids up. We asked Patty why she did not try to call for help using the telephone in the bedroom. She said that she had picked up the telephone with her left hand while facing towards the south and put the telephone up to her left ear. The telephone was not working so she set it back down and went to get the kids up.



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Patty got Sarah up first and told her, as she did the other kids, that there was a small fire in the house. She told Sarah to help her get the other kids dressed. She and Sarah then got Carrie up and dressed then all three went into the boy's room and got them up and dressed. Patty led the children down the stairs to the foyer where they all put their coats on. They then went into the game room and put their shoes on, and then outside and got in the car. The children had been asking Patty, "where's Daddy" since they were awoken. Patty told them she would go check on him. She told the kids to lock the car doors and she went back into the house. She went up to their bedroom and walked over to Bill's side of the bed. She shined the flashlight on Bill and touched him on his face and head with her right hand. She heard Bill "gurgling" and "bolted" out of the room and out of the house. Patty was able to give complete, accurate and detailed descriptions of what clothing, the children were dressed in when they were dressed before leaving.

She got in the car and kept her right hand cupped so that the kids would not see the blood and drove with only her left hand. She backed the car up and drove down the driveway. She turned south on Lazy Lake Road and "things were starting to get black". She rolled down her window to get some air and this helped her head clear and the kids started yelling that they were freezing. The cold air and the kids yelling brought her back to reality. We asked Patty when and how she rolled down the window without getting blood on the steering wheel and still managing to drive. Patty stated that she rolled down the window with her left hand when she stopped at the end of the driveway and she controlled the steering wheel with the fingers on her right hand. She drove to the Gustin's, got out leaving the kids in the car, and knocked on the Gustin's door. Mr. Gustin answered the door and she told him that Bill was hurt. Patty felt like



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she was going to throw up and she went into the Gustin's bathroom. She did not throw up but she did wash the blood off of her right hand.

We asked Patty if she had any boyfriends since she and Bill had been married. She replied "no". We asked her this question several times and she continued to deny that she had. We told her that we had talked to several men who had stated that they had affairs with Patty. Patty continued to deny any affairs and asked us who specifically we were referring to. We told her that we wanted to hear the names from her but she told us that she wanted us to tell her who they were. I finally told Patty that John Hancock was one of them. Patty finally admitted that she had an affair with Hancock. She said that the affair had occurred four to five years ago and lasted for about year. I asked Patty where they usually met at and she said at her house. I asked how many times she met Hancock there during that year and she replied, "About a million". I asked her for a more realistic number in terms of how many times per week or month. Patty stated "At least once a day and sometimes three or four times a day." Patty followed this response with "My fire burns hotter than most people."

We asked Patty who else she had an affair with but she contended that Hancock was the only one. We asked her several times and received the same denial until we told her that Richard Hayes had told us they had an affair. Patty then admitted that she and Hayes had an affair about four years ago that lasted "a couple of months" and overlapped with her affair with Hancock.

We asked Patty who else she had affairs with but she contended that there were no others. She denied any other affairs several times before we told her that we had also talked to Daniel Blackman. Patty stated that she had intercourse with Blackman "only one time". She stated that it



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occurred when she went by to pick something up.

Patty now stated that the three affairs were all she had ever had and continually denied any others. She asked us who else we thought she had an affair but we were out of names at the time.

Woodson asked Patty if Bill had ever caught her in an affair. She said that he had. Woodson asked her if she told BILL the truth about it then. She replied "No, he didn't catch me red handed." Woodson then said, "So if you're not caught red handed you won't tell the truth?" Patty indicated that it was true that she would not tell the truth unless caught red handed. Patty said that she had not told the truth about her affairs. She was asked to tell the full truth about all of her affairs and she replied "No, I won't tell you any more, it's irrelevant".

We asked Patty about her knowledge of any life insurance policies on Bill or any mortgage insurance on the business or house. She stated that she makes a monthly payment to Modern American Life Insurance Company of one hundred thirty some odd dollars per month. She stated that there were two policies through Modern American. One monthly payment she believed was one hundred dollars. The other was twelve dollars per month. Patty did not know the coverage of either policy or how much she would receive upon Bill's death. She stated that it was "whatever the bank had to have on the business and the house." Patty stated that she did not know anything about the insurance policies and has not talked to any insurance agents or brokers at all about the policies since they were purchased. Patty stated that she did not know anything about the financial status of the business or the terms or delinquencies of their business or home loans. Patty admitted that she kept the business books and paid the business and household bills but that was "all I did". "I don't know any details."



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On 2-20-84 at approx. 4:10 p.m. Deputy Hughes and I interviewed Patricia Ann Prewitt in reference to the murder of her husband, William E. Prewitt.

During the interview we requested that Patty submit to a polygraph examination in order to eliminate her as a suspect. Upon the offer Patty immediately began making excuses for the exam showing her being untruthful when she was actually being truthful. She stated that she was so upset that she would show a deceptive response when actually telling the truth. I explained to Patty that polygraph examiners took precautions to prevent this from happening.

Patty then stated that before deciding to take the polygraph she wanted to talk to Carl Williams, her brother-in-law. Deputy Hughes then contacted Carl Williams who came over to talk to Patty. We then left the room where they talked. Sheriff Johnson then entered the room and was advised that Patty was willing to take a polygraph exam. Sheriff Johnson reminded Patty that this was the night William Prewitt was layed out at the funeral home. He told her that if she wished to go to visitation they could arrange the polygraph exam for another day. Patty stated that she would rather take the exam now.

Therefore Deputy Hughes and I were assigned to transport Patty to MSHP Troop A HQ in Lee's Summit to take the exam. We left from Holden, MO at 7:12 p.m. Patty stated that she was hungry however she refused our offer to buy her something to eat. We arrived at Lee's Summit at 7:44 p.m. Deputy Hughes contacted Sgt. E. J. Dayringer to provide him with the information. We then bought Patty some M&M's and a coke. She stated that she was hungry, however she only ate half the M&M's and drank about half her coke.

Sgt. Dayringer advised that he was prepared around 8:45 p.m. at which time he began talking to Patty.



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Deputy Hughes and I were located in a small room next to the exam room. We were able to observe and hear the conversation of Sgt. Dayringer and Patty. Patty made the following statements or answers to questions asked during the exam. Sgt. Dayringer asked her what her relationship to her parents was like. She replied, "I was dad's only son." She stated that she was closer to her dad than her mother however she said she and her mother get along fine. When asked who carried out the discipline in the family Patty replied, "Dad was the disciplinarian, but I always arranged it so I never got caught." When asked who she respected most Patty said, "Daddy". When asked who she least respected she hesitated and answered "Peggy Parks". Sgt. Dayringer then asked Patty what the worst thing that has happened to her to date. Patty thought for a moment and said, "When dad got his eye put out." She did not even mention the fact that her husband had been killed or that the intruder had attempted to rape her. Dayringer then asked her what was the best thing that ever happened to her. She replied "my children". She said I have a happy family.

Sgt. Dayringer then asked Patty to relate what had happened to her on 2-18-84. Patty related the incident to Sgt. Dayringer, however she made some alterations in her story which will be noted. In relating her story to Sgt. Dayringer, Patty stated that she had not heard anything prior to being dragged out of bed. This conflicts with her earlier statement that she had heard a "clap of thunder" which partially awakened her. Patty forgot to mention that the attacker had held a knife to her throat which had led her to believe that Bill's throat had been cut. She had said both of these things earlier. Patty still maintained that she could not give an accurate description however she did change her description of the attacker to being medium like Kevin Hughes. She also added that the attacker was a white male who did not have a mustache or wear glasses.



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Patty also told Dayringer that after her attacker let her go and she checked Bill she then went across the hall where she checked on the boys. Patty said she then went downstairs and outside to get the flashlight. She forgot about checking on the girls at the same time she checked on the boys. After Patty related the incident, Sgt. Dayringer suggested they take a break.

This break occurred at 11:04 p.m. Deputy Hughes had purchased a cheeseburger for Patty of which she ate only a portion. While Hughes was sitting with Patty she said "Kevin, I don't have much of a future, do I?" Hughes replied that he did not know. Patty then said, "Will you take me out to dinner or something before I go to prison?" Hughes then replied, "We'll see." Patty then said, "No matter what has happened, I loved Bill. I know that's hard to believe but I did." Hughes said that he believed her.

Shortly after this Sgt. Dayringer began the polygraph examination of Patty. After the first set of questions relating to the death of Bill, Patty told Sgt. Dayringer that she knew she was failing the test but that was because Deputy Hughes and I had indicated to her that we believed she had committed the murder. Sgt. Dayringer explained to her that would not affect the results. Patty was then administered the second set of questions. After this set of questions Patty said that the name "Bill" was causing her to react. Sgt. Dayringer said that he did not know how he could phrase the questions where it would not cause the same mental picture. He said that if she wished he would ask the questions without using Bill's name. Patty then said that the questions would still cause the reaction. Dayringer then asked the third set of questions. After these Patty stated that she kept getting a mental picture of the attacker during the questions. Sgt. Dayringer than asked Patty to give him the description. She stated that the attacker had a slim face, big nose,



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longish darker than blond hair which was down over the forehead. She said that he had high cheek bones and was about Kevin Hughes size. She also said he had sideburns which extended to the bottom of the earlobe and was wearing a shirt with the collar open at the top. Patty also said she could see his left ear.

Sgt. Dayringer then completed the examination. After evaluating the test, he determined that she was being deceptive. He then talked to Patty. He told Patty that the test indicated that she was not being truthful. Patty then said If I had done it I would have said so. Sgt. Dayringer then asked her about the gun. Patty said that she had never loaded the repeater. She said, "I didn't know how to load it right. I put them in one at a time." Sgt. Dayringer then asked if we would find her fingerprints on the weapon. Patty said, "Oh, yeah." She then asked how long fingerprints would last. Sgt. Dayringer replied it would depend. Dayringer then said that the gun had to be close to the house. Patty then asked how come the gun had to be close to the house. Sgt. Dayringer did not reply. Shortly after this Sgt. Dayringer terminated the interview.

At 3:56 a.m. on 2-21-84 we started back to Kingsville. Upon getting in the car Patty said she was cold. Hughes said the car would be warm in a minute. Patty then looked at him and said, "I am cold blooded." At one point during the trip back home Patty indicated that we did not like her. Hughes told her that it was not up to us to pass judgment on her. She then replied "Well, I have a different set of values." We then dropped her off at the Austin residence at 4:34 a.m.

Steve Woodson

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Norman/Woodson

JoCo Sheriff/W

Warrensburg PD

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-19-84 Sheriff Norman and I were assigned Lead #14 to research the Prewitt residence. We conducted a complete search of the residence which produced no new evidence.

Steve Woodson

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Lead # 15

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	GL Smith J Walker		

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-20-84 Sgt. J. Walker and the R/O interviewed Jane Ann Prewitt. Jane stated her parents got along well and did not fight. She said her parents did talk about the finances at the lumber co, but did no fighting about it. She stated that Virgil Sisk owed her parents several thousand dollars but was not paying them.

Jane said that a girl from school named Marla Fainsworth had told her that her mother was having an affair with Don Brown who works at the other lumber yard. She said that Peggy Parks had started the rumor and that her mother and Peggy does not get along since Peggy left the business.

Jane said she never saw a gun in the house but heard her father say there were two rifles, one a single shot and the other a repeater.

Jane stated a friend named Mike Yates had visited them while a foreign exchange student named Ehab ElCabre was staying with them. She said Ehab was a student at Shawnee Mission North School.

Jane said Sarah and Carrie has told her that when their mother was getting them out of the house they were downstairs and the mother want back upstairs to get the boys they heard some noise in the basement which sounded like something had fell.

Jane said her mother told her she was not concerned about the killer getting caught but just wanted to get this over with and get things back to normal.

J. Walker

JL Smith

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2-20-84	Watson/Zink	Pettis Cty/KNPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-20-84 at 12:20 p.m. R/O interviewed Sara Jo Prewitt white female age 12, in a patrol car at City Hall. Sara stated that on 2-17-84 her parents left to go out with friends. At approximately 8:00 p.m. she heard the family's dogs barking and she went into the game room and looked out the door and observed nothing. At approximately 8:30 p.m. Sara popped 8:30 p.m. Sara popped some popcorn for the other kids. All the children were watching tv and about 8:45 "Bunkie" ( her youngest brother) fell asleep on the couch. At approximately 9:00 p.m., Matt picked Bunkie up and they went upstairs to their room. Sara and her sister went to bed after watching half of "The New Show." before going to bed. At approx. 9:45 p.m. her mother called. Sara answered the phone in her mother's room. Her mother asked her if everything was alright and shed told her everything was fine. The reason that Sara knew the time as being 9:45 when her mother called was because she looked at the digital clock and it read 9:45. After she talked to her mother Sara went back to bed.

The next thing Sara knew her mother was waking her up by shaking her and stating "there had been a fire and to get dressed." Sara noticed her mother was dressed in pajamas and socks and carrying a flashlight. Her mother left to wake her other sister.

After Sara dressed, she went with her mother to get her brother's dressed. After all were dressed, they went to the bottom of the steps. They were told to wait there until their mother returned. Her mother returned upstairs for about one minute. Upon her mother's return they went

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to the game room and got their coats and shoes. After dressing, the family then went to the car. Sara's mother told them to lock the doors of the car and that she would be right back. Sara's mother then returned to the house for approximately one minute, then coming back to the car. They then drove to Cliff Gustin 's house, stopping because they observed a bedroom light on. Upon arriving at the Gustin residence, Sara's mother advised the kids to stay in the car as she went to the door. Sara stated her mother was met at the door by Pat Gustin. After being in the house approximately one minute, Sara's mother came back to the car, getting the kids and taking them inside the Gustin house. Sara stated she heard someone state the time was 3:45 a.m. Cliff Gustin left the residence approximately three minutes after they entered the house and didn't return until approximately 20 to 30 minutes, later, when the ambulance arrived, driving his truck.

Sam Watson

Tony Zink

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Q: Sarah do you know of any guns in the house?

A: Yes, two in dad's room.

Q: Are they loaded?

A: No, they have shells in a jewelry box in mom's room.

Q: Have you handled the guns?

A: Yes, a few times.

Q: Have you ever seen your mother shoot a gun?

A: No

Q: When was the last time you saw the guns?

A: Around Nov. last year.

Q: What type of clothes do your mother and father wear to bed?

A: Dad always shirt and underwear, mom always in pj's, sometimes dad just sleeps in his shorts.

Q: Did you see a light on in the basement?

A: Yes, you could see the light coming from under the door.

Q: Can you tell me the sound you heard and where it was coming from?

A: I thought dad was in the basement. It sounded like someone hitting on tin. I've heard this sound outside before.

Q: When you all left the house did you stop?

A: No, only when we got to Cliff's.

Q: Did you ever see you mother shoot a gun?

A: No.



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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	Roberts/Gentat	OPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

The above officers interviewed William Matthew Prewitt, age 10, between the hour of 12:20 and 1:35 p.m. this date. Matthew stated that his mother woke him at 3:45 stating the house was on fire. He got dressed and his mom took him and his brother and sisters to the car. (His sisters were waiting in the hallway fully dressed.) At the car his mom told them to lock the car while she went to see how daddy was coming with the fire. He also stated his mom was gone "1 minute."

They left going south pausing at the first house on the left and proceeded to Cliff Gustin arriving there at 4 a.m. (He looked at the clock at the Gustin home.)

Matthew stated that the lights were on when he and his brother went to bed at 9 p.m. and his sisters Carrie and Sarah went to bed at 9:30 p.m.

Matthew was questioned on how his mom and dad dressed when they went to bed. He stated mom wore a blue night gown ankle length and his dad wore a tee shirt and shorts and socks.

He further stated that while he was in his mom and dad's bedroom two weeks ago that the two weapons were in the closet and that was the only weapons that his dad owned. That he knew of.

He was asked about a former employee a Peggy Parks if his mom talked to her Saturday, Feb. 18, 1984. He said "Yes" in the yard. Mrs. Parks stated to us earlier that she went into the house and talked to Mrs. Prewitt.

While with Matthew he showed little emotion to his dad's death but never stopped cracking his fingers.

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John Robert, James Gentat

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02-20-84	Brown	Saline	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 12:20 p.m. I interviewed Morgan Patrick Prewitt, age 6. After several stories, Morgan says he was asleep and was woke up by the sound of three shotgun blasts.

He told one story of seeing the robber but finally told me his mother told him of seeing the robber.

It's my belief Morgan saw nor heard anything of importance.

Jim Brown

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Lead # 19

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2-20-84	Jefferson/Carroll	MSHP, CMSU	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 12:25 we interviewed Carrie Prewitt. Carrie said that she had not heard her mother or father fight but she had heard them argue about the water system and people that owed them money. The only names she could remember hearing mentioned were Tuffy Williams who worked at the KC Opera and Virgil Sisk.

Carrie said that they owned two rifles that they had at one time and had been kept in the laundry room closet but later moved to her mother and father's bedroom closet after Sara and Matt had gotten them out and played with them. She could not describe the rifles except to say that the trigger on one of them was broken.

When asked about any ammunition that was in the house Carrie said that she had seen two or three in her mother's jewelry drawer and less than five in a wicker basket on the dresser in her mother and father's bedroom. She described the bullets as small and gold colored.

On the night of the offense Carrie said that she had gone to bed about 9:30 p.m. and didn't hear anything until she was awakened by her mother who told her that there was a fire. She did see that Sara told her that their mother had called that night before she went to bed.

After Carrie was awakened by her mother and told there was a fire she said she and Sara went down the steps and while waiting for their mother to bring the boys down Sara and she heard what she thought were footsteps going down the basement steps because she could hear the steps creaking. She and Sara then went back up stairs to her brother's room where their

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mother and brothers were. While waiting for their mother and brothers who were upstairs, they noticed that all the lights were out in the house and the front door was left open. Carrie said her mother later told them the reason the door was open was because she had gone to the car to get a flashlight. After the mother had gotten the boys dressed they all went back down stairs and got into the car. While she was leaving the boys room she noticed her father's bedroom door was closed. Before they went to the Gustins house her mother went back inside the house for about five minutes. On the way to the Gustins house they did not stop anywhere. Carrie said that someone in the car asked where they were going and her mother said she didn't know. They stopped at the Gustins house because there was a light on. To Carrie's knowledge no one else had ever been in the basement, other than the immediate family. Carrie also said that she thought her mother wore pajamas to bed while her dad would sleep with only a t-shirt on.

Kirby Carrol



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Lead # 20

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2-19-84	Scott/Walker/Brockhoff	Marshall LCSD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-19-84 we interviewed Clifford H. Gustin, w/m, 45, dob 01/11/39 3018 N. Clay, Holden, MO. Mr. Gustin said Patty Prewitt woke him up about 3:00 a.m. 02/19/84. She was very hysterical. She said Bill's hurt I think he's been shot. I asked if he was alive and she said she didn't know but he didn't move. She said someone had pulled her from bed by the hair. He said she may have stopped at his house because the light was on in the living room. He said they left it on every night.

He said she had been at the house about 5 or 10 minutes when he left to get help because his phone was out. He said he went to the police station first trying to find a phone and a night number when he couldn't find a number he went to Harvey Wright's house and told Harvey what had happened. Harvey then got Chief William Scott, Holden, PD. All three went out to the house. Chief Scott and Gusin went in. They went to the kitchen, the living room then the bedroom where they found William Prewitt on the bed. Mr. Gustin then went downstairs and found the fuse box in the utility room. The main breaker was off. He turned the power on, light came on in the hallway, the front stairs and the top of the stairs and also in the basement.

Mr. Gustin said he hadn't heard any rumors about either of them dating anyone else.

Paul and Jerri Austin came to the house about 6:00 a.m. Harvey's wife and gone into town and called them. Mr. Gustin also said his phone hadn't worked for about two days and Patti knew it.

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Lead # 21

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2-19-84	Walker/Smith		

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-19-84 Sgt J. Walker and R/O responded to the residence of Patricia J. Gustin to receive information as to what happened on the morning of 2-18-84. Mrs. Gustin stated her husband got up at approx. 2:30 a.m. because the dogs were in the bedroom and he put the dogs downstairs. She stated he got up again later because the dogs were barking and he heard someone knocking on the door. She stated she heard a lady's voice and started to get out of bed and looked at the clock and it read 3:50 a.m. She stated Patty Prewitt was in the front room and told her "somethings wrong with Bill, he won't wake up." Patty further stated someone was in the house, at this time Mr. Gustin went into town and got reserve officer Harvey Wright. Mrs. Gustin stated that her husband and Mr. Wright went to the Prewitt's house and found Mr. Prewitt had been shot

Patty Prewitt told Mrs. Gustin that her and her husband had gone out to eat with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Austin and later went to the Austin's house. Mrs. Gustin stated Patty had been drinking at the Austins house and thought they had drank several because Patty had stated to her "what a way to sober up."

Mrs. Gustin stated Patty said it was approx. 1:00-1:30a.m. when they left the Austins house and when they got home they went right to bed.

Mrs. Gustin said that Patty had stopped at her house because of the light that was on in the front room. She said they always leave the light on so they don't trip over their dogs.

Mrs. Gustin said she thought the Prewitt's were having trouble with their business because Mr. Prewitt does not put pressure on customers to

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pay their bills.

Mrs. Gustin stated several people stopped by Saturday afternoon to see Patty and she talked to them all except one lady named Peggy (last name unknown) who had worked for them 2-3 years ago. She also stated this Peggy was starting bad rumors about Patty.

Mrs. Gustin stated she did not think the Prewitts had any weapons in their house. She further stated one of the children had told her there were no weapons except one old broken down rifle.

JL Smith

JP Walker

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2-20-84	Shobe, Johnson	Sedalia PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-20-84 11:15 a.m. contact was made with Mrs. Ann Slaughter at her home on Easley Rd, Rt 1, Lee's Summit, MO.

Mrs. Slaughter was asked about any family problems within the family. Mrs. Slaughter states that there wasn't any and that Bill and Patty got along just beautifully. In fact she thought that Bill was an "angel".

Financial situation, her daughter has mentioned that some people owed them and she had said something to Bill but he (Bill) would just say they will pay and tomorrow is another day. He (Bill) was a very easy going guy.

Suspects were mention, Mrs. Slaughter states that she had no idea who could have done this and that she didn't know anyone in Holden. She had heard of a weird guy by the name of Willie but Patty said that it wasn't him because of his size and voice. Patty said that the guy had a strong voice and she said it wasn't Willie.

Back ground on Patty is that she and Bill were sweethearts in school and college and got married and have a good relationship also good family relationship. And if you think my daughter did this you're wrong, they just loved each other too much.

Bill Shobe

Tom Johnson

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19- 2-84	Carroll/Jefferson	CMSU/MSHP	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approximately 4:10 p.m. contact was made with a Harmon Randolph McKnight, w/m, age 31, of 806 S. Main, Holden, MO, 732-4828, at the Holden City Hall. Mr. McKnight stated that he had worked for the Prewitts for nearly two years until he was laid off, possibly due to financial problems. He related the entire time he worked for them (Wm and Patty Prewitt) they seemed to be having financial problems and were having a difficult time staying out of the "red". McKnight said at times that they would quarrel loud enough to be heard by any customers that might happen into the store to make purchases or just look around, and the conversations and quarrels would be about money and the business.

Mr. McKnight said that Mrs. Prewitt would go to Kansas City and pickup light loads for the company in their (Prewitt) pickup truck... the major suppliers were Georgia/Pacific and ADE (or Wholesale Lumber) both in KCMO. He said Mrs. Prewitt would at times go to Kansas City to see a chiropractor name unknown, about every six months or so, and approx. a year ago Jerri Austin and Mrs. Prewitt stopped going to Kansas City but prior to then, they would take hobby crafts that were made by a Patty Gustin and themselves. They apparently stopped making the trips to the hobby show since they would lose out.

McKnight related that William Prewitt (victim) had overheard rumors that his wife, Patricia Prewitt, had been having an affair with John Hancock, J. This was approximately 4 or 5 years ago. A conversation that McKnight overheard at the lumber company between Jerri Austin, Patricia Prewitt and

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the victim was to the effect: Jerri Austin said that if Patty didn't watch her step her name would be in the gossip column and the victim had said he would make sure he was the one that got it into the gossip column.

McKnight said he knew that Jerri and Paul Austin, Jack and Mary O'Roarke and some other couples were good friends and went to parties together but he and his wife would only go out with the Prewitt's occasionally while he was an employee but not so much after he was laid off work at their business.

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2-19-84	J.W. (Bill) Scott	Holden PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 4:16 a.m. I received a telephone call from Central Dispatch to meet Harvey Wright at Holden PD in regard to a break in. I arrived at HQ at 4:17 a.m. and found no one here. I called Central Dispatch and asked what was going on. Bobby Deitch told me Harvey told him on the phone that someone had broken into the Prewitt home north of town and Bill Prewitt had been shot and the person that did it may still be in the house.

At 4:20 a.m. a pickup truck pulled up in front of HQ. Officer H. Wright and Reserve Office E. Wright were in the pickup. The pickup was driven by Cliff Gustin. Gustin and H. Wright came inside and told me someone broke into the Prewitt home and shot Bill and the person is still in the house. The person had pulled Patty out of bed by her feet and tried to rape her.

I did not know where the Prewitt house is located so I asked H. Wright to ride in the ambulance to show them where to go. I then asked Mr. Gustin to drive his pickup with E. Wright still in it to the house and I would follow in my car. Mr Gustin had also told me Patty Prewitt was at his house with her family.

While enroute to the Prewitt home I notified Central Dispatch by radio as to what I knew and requested a sheriff officer to report to the Prewitt home as it is located approx. two miles north of Holden and I would give the location as soon as we arrived.

At 4:28 a.m. we arrived at the Prewitt home. Central Dispatch was told how to get to the house. As I turned into the driveway I observed two

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sets of tire tracks. I believe one set from Mr. Gustin's pickup. I observed two doors on the south side of the home. Mr. Gustin said "Patty told me this door is unlocked" and he started to walk to the east door. I told him to let me go first and told E. Wright to stay outside. There were no lights on that I could see. We entered in to the game room, made a quick check, I then entered the laundry room which is straight north of the door we had entered. After looking inside I turned around and Mr. Gustin said "I will check the main breaker bos it may be just turned off." He then said "It's just off" and he then turned it on and the light in the dining room came on. I was in the center of the room at this time. Mr. Gustin entered the dining room and I noticed he had a hand gun in his right hand, and a flashlight in his left. I told him to put the gun away as I did not want to get shot by him. This was approx. 4:29 a.m. I then check the rest of the first floor of the house and went up stairs. The light at the top of the stairs was on. I check the bedroom on the north west corner. As I looked into this bedroom on the southwest corner I saw a person in bed that appeared to be asleep. I told Mr. Gustin that someone is in the bed and to wait here. I then checked the rest of the upstairs rooms finding no one. I then entered the southwest bedroom. Mr. Gustin also entered with me. He stated "that's Bill". I noticed a lot of blood on the head and face. The blood had started to dry. I checked for heartbeat at this time the body was starting to get stiff. I notified Central Dispatch what I had found and told the ambulance personnel not to enter the house. This was at 4:30 a.m. There were no sign that I could see of a fight. Bill Prewitt appeared to have been shot while he was asleep. The room was not messed up more than normal.

I told Mr. Gustin we could not help Bill and we went back outside at 4:31 a.m. to wait for the sheriff to arrive. I sent the ambulance



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E. Wright, H. Wright back to Mr. Gustins house where I was told Patty and the kids were.

I asked Mr. Gustin how much time had passed since he first was told by Patty about the trouble. He stated "about 30 to 45 minutes." This was 4:42 a.m. At 4:46 a.m. Kevin Hughes arrived. I briefed him as to what we had and turned the crime scene over to him. I told him that the only mud in the house was what Mr. Gustin and myself had tracked inside.

Kevin asked me to go back inside and show him what we had found. Kevin checked the body and found it to be starting to turn stiff also. We then returned outside.

At 4:54 Doug Rusher arrived and Kevin told Doug what had happened

After the scene had been processed and the coroner had removed the body sometime after 8:00 a.m. I reentered the house to help in a search for a weapon. While checking the dining room, I noticed an electric clock on the northwall just east of the kitchen wall that was one hour and ten minutes slow.

I have no other information at this time.

Chief of Police, Holden, MO

John W. Scott

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2/20/84	Scott/Walker	Marshall PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On this date at about 10:45 a.m. above officers contacted Holden Police Chief Scott about employees of the lumberyard. Scott stated that Prewitt only had part time help and that the help was laid off for the winter.

Mike Brown and Peggy Parks were the ones laid off and that Jerri Austin helped out some.

Frank Walker

Robert Scott

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	Walker/Smith	Higginsville	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 02-20-84 Officer Gary Smith and myself interviewed Jon Hancock at the Holden City Hall at about 8:48 a.m.

Mr. Hancock told us he had just returned from Hot Springs, Ark. He had been to the horse races.

Hancock was asked if he knew Pat and William Prewitt. He told us he had known them about 5-6 years had got lumber from them. Also had some painting in the past. We asked John if he knew who Peggy was that used to work for them He told us her maiden name was Meads and she married Allen Parks (Peggy Park).

Jon told us that Pat was kind of a flirt and that there has been talk of her playing around with him about 3 years ago but it was just talk. He said that there had been talk of other also but he didn't say who.

Jon said that about a year ago he quit getting anything from their lumber yard after Pat wrote a letter to the paper about his dad, Don Hancock, at that time mayor. The letter told how she had lost money or an investment in a teller link because of the mayors. Jon said he wrote a letter also to the paper and cut them down about not being able to run a lumber yard, he said he went down and closed his account with them.

James Walker

RL Smith

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Lead # 29

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-21-84	Brockhoff	LCSD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 02-21-84 I talked to Jack Whaten officer at the Farmers & Comm. Bank in Holden. The bank has the loan on the lumber co. He said they are current on the loan. The loan is for over \$88,000.00. They are joint owners. There is no credit life on the loan.

S. W. Brockhoff

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Albert Wintfrey

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Lead # 30

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	A. Norman, D. Rusher	WPD, JoCo SO	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-20-84 at approx. 10:25 a.m. the R/O and Alan Norman contacted Virgil Sisk, Jr, w/m, dob 8-7-51, at 404 West 3rd St, in Holden, MO.

Norman and I identified ourselves to Sisk and requested him to come to the Holden City Hall to answer some questions. This he agreed to do. The purpose of our contact was to question Sisk in regards to debts that he owed the Prewitts.

Upon arriving at the Holden City Hall, Sisk was taken to an office just off the main lobby. Sisk stated that he is currently living at 302 W. Nay St, in Holden, MO. His phone number is 732-6517. Sisk is a self-employed general contractor that specilizes in hot roofing.

Our initial questioning of Sisk began with discussing his business. Sisk stated that his girlfriend Mary Harbinson works for him along with part time help from his brother, Billy Sisk of Holden, and Reed McCloud of Kingsville. Sisk recently had two other employees, Pat Clirida and Jeff Black both of Holden. Both quit because of better jobs found in KCMO.

Sisk stated that he has done business with the Prewitts for almost every day for the last four years. He stated that he receives 99% of his contracting supplies from the Prewitt lumber yard. Sisk states that he currently owes \$5,500.00 to the Prewitts but has on occassion owed as much as \$18,000.00

About 3 or 4 months ago the Prewitts approached Sisk and told him that he would have to start paying for his materials up front. Sisk said that he was not surprised at this because by his own admission he is

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probably the Prewitts largest debtor. Also Sisk stated that for the last year the Prewitts had been saying that they might have to close the doors because of bills owed to them.

Sisk stated that for about the last 3 to 4 weeks he has been noticing a considerable change in Patty Prewitts behavior. He stated that Patty is susally overly friendly and cheerful. Sisk then told us about an incident that happened one or two months ago in which he came into the lumber yard to buy materials. Patty immediately began yelling and screaming at Sisk about his debt that he owed to the lumber yard. Sisk stated that Patty became so angry that she ran out of the building and jumped in her truck and left. Sisk said that this change in Patty's behavior caused him to go out of his way to avoid Patty and he began trying to do all of his business with Bill.

Sisk reports that Bill showed up at his job site last week to talk about the debt. Apparently Pat Clarida had told Bill that Sisk was going to sell his business. Bill asked Sisk that if he did sell then Bill would like to have \$2,500.00 towards the paying off the Sisk debt. Bill then said that he would take \$100.00 a month to pay off the remaining debt. From this conversation, Sisk got the impression that the lumber yard was going out of business. Before Bill left he told Sisk that he was going to the Land Bank in Warrensburg to see about an extinsion on his loan.

Sisk was also questioned about two bank of Holden checks that the Prewitts were holding on Sisk. In reference to the \$100.00 check, Sisk stated that it has been taken care of by Warren Straight after Sisk completed a job for Straight.

In reference to the \$1500.00 check Sisk said that it was more of a good faith payment towards paying off his debt with the idea of smoothing things over with Patty in mind. Sisk gave Prewitts the check after he was



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given a job that would net him about \$3500 with the Holden Bank.

We also questioned Sisk in regards to his having any knowledge of Patty running around with other men. Sisk replied that he thought this was pretty much common knowledge around Holden that he had even considered it himself at one time due to Patty's being over friendly to him and others.

Sisk stated that he had heard that Danny Blackman (age 30, lives in Holden) had been running around with Patty although he hadn't seen Blackman in the lumber yard for about one year. Also Sisk has heard that Patty has been with John Hancock and more recently a disc jockey bachelor that works in Garrisons Tavern in Warrensburg, MO and lives in Raytown, MO.

About one year ago Patty told Sisk that she had been getting obscene phone calls and that Patty had implied that they were coming from an employee. Sisk said that Mike Brown (age 25-26, works at Penson Liquor Store in Holden) was fired from the lumber yard at about this time.

Sisk stated that Pat Clarida told Jeff Black that he, Claridan had went to see Patty on 2-19-84. It is believed that an interview with Claridan would be beneficial because or previously mentioned Clarida had recently quit working for Sisk to take a new job in KCMO. Clarida and Sisk own a building together and Clarida recently told Bill that Sisk was going to sell his part.

Sisk has been at the Prewitt residence only once in Nov. 1983, along with Mary Haribison and Jeff Blake.. They went to use the dump and never went inside the house. They stopped and played on the trampoline.

Sisk stated that the large dump truck at the Prewitt residence once belonged to him.

In summary Sisk states that he feels that Bill could handle the financial pressure and Patty could not. Sisk feels that Bill was too nice a guy for anyone to have it in for him and Sisk wonders if Patty didn't kill Bill herself.

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OFFICERS

Carroll/Jefferson

OFFICER'S AGENCY

CMSU, MSHP

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approx. 11:15 a.m. contact was made with John R. Banes, w/m, at his residence, 1601 S. Pine, Holden, MO, home phone 732-4027, work phone 732-6315. The owner of Bob's Barber Shop. During our interview he related that the victim nearly always had his hair cut at Bane's Shop/ Banes could not relate any information pertaining to the case since he was only an acquaintance of Mr. Prewitt and the only items discussed while at the shop were ideal conversation. Banes said the only people he knew the victim associated with were other volleyball players Prewitt had been a team member of.

Two attempts were made to contact, Fred Touk, Rt 1, Holden, MO which met with negative results. Mr. Touk is the owner of Fred's Barber Shop, Holden, MO.

LD Jefferson

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Lead # 32

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
02-20-84	Walker/Smith	Higginsville	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On the above date at about 10:48 a.m. the above officers went to talk with Dennis Brown. Brown told us he has known the Prewitts for about three years that they had been out to eat and parties with them. They also had kids around the same age.

He said they were nice people and got along well together. He was kind of a laid back person. She was out going type active in the city affairs.

Brown did not think that either one played around on the other.

Mr. Brown told us they had a friend name Mike who lives in Carthage, MO, works for DuPont that stays with them at times. Also a kid from Kansas City stayed with them for a week. Brown said that they were having money problems and that they had been collecting from people from the first of the year. Brown thought that Prewitt had placed a lien on someone but did not know who.

Brown said that he had heard a gun was missing from the house and that he owned a building out on 131 and we were welcome to go there and look for it.

Brown said that Prewitt's told him about some kid being in their house one time just walked in and walking around. He was not sure of the name but thought it was Warrwick. He said that Pat and Bill had to lay off a man the first of the year and that just the two of them were running the store. Man's name was McKnight.

Other person they went out with was John and Mary O'Roark, 1008 Main, Holden, 732-4517.

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JR Walker, JL Smith

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OFFICERS

OFFICER'S AGENCY

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

2-20-84

Roberts/Gentet

OPD

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

Peggy Parks was interviewed by the above officers at her home south west of Holden at 10:40 a.m. this date.

Mrs. Parks stated she left the employment of the Prewitt's approx. Sept 1982 over the dispute of the Prewitt children in and around the lumberyard all the time.

No other names came out of the conversation other contractors that did business with the Prewitts and that are on file.

Mrs. Parks stated she did talk with Mrs. Prewitt Saturday morning around 10 or 10:30 a.m. 18 Feb 1984 and then Mrs. Jerry Austin asked her to leave.

John Roberts

James Gentet

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	Watson/Zink		

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 4:20 p.m. this date R/O interviewed Mrs. Ellie Wright, of 300 W. 2nd, Holden, MO, employed by the city of Holden as city clerk,

Mrs. Wright stated the Sat 4:30 a.m. on 2-18-84 she heard someone knocking on the front door. She told her husband Harvey to see who it was. Harvey was standing in the front room and asked who it was They said "This is Cliff and I think Bill Prewitt been shot I need somehelp" Harvey then let Cliff in and Cliff and Harvey and Ellie meet in the front room. Cliff stated that he had been up to the police dept and there was no one up there and the phone were not working.

Harvey and Ellie then went to get dressed at 4:35 a.m. Ellie call the Johnson Co Sheriff Dept to report this. Ellie sit down to put her boots on while doing this she notice the clock on the dresser was 4:45 a.m. A few minutes later she and Cliff left in his truck to go to city hall and meet the ambulance.

Ellie stated that it took about 10 minutes to drive to the Prewitts. Three vehicles went to the house, veh. #1 was Cliff Gustin and Ellie Wright #2 was the police chief of Holden and #3 was the ambulance. Mrs. Wright said that when they pulled up she saw no light on in the Prewitt house. Mrs. Wright stated that the chief was the first to enter the house and he went in the front door on the south side of the home.

Mrs. Wright stated that she was only there about 5 minutes because she went back down the road with the ambulance.

Mrs. Wright also stated she never saw Cliff go in the house. She

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never saw Cliff after he moved the truck.

Ellie was at the Gustin residence most the time she talked with Patty. Patty told her that her and Bill went to bed about 2:00 a.m. Ellie return home about 6:00 a.m. and called Jerri Austin to tell them what happened.

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Lead # 36

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
02-20-84	Brown		

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 11:00 a.m. I interviewed Ted Guinn, insurance agent with American Family Insurance.

Ted stated that Bill Prewitt did not have life insurance with his company. Ted has life insurance on Patty Prewitt for \$100,000.00 and on the five kids. (\$5,000 each). Ted stated that only last Thursday Patty found out that Bill did not have his life insurance with American Family. She seemed surprised. Ted Guinn believes that Bill Prewitt has some life insurance with Raymond Day, agent for Modern American Insurance. Raymond Day is also the fire chief.

Ted Guinn and his wife belong to a recreation club with Bill & Patty Prewitt. Never seen or heard them argue. He stated that both Prewitts would drink beer socially but not heavily. Ted stated that his wife was in sorority together and heard of no problems other than money. Ted stated that the Prewitts and Austins best of friends.

Ted stated that recently Bill had turned some large bills he could not collect to a collection agency. (Did not know which one) Ted thought that he turned them over about Jan 1, 1984. The largest bill being one by Virgil Sisk for about \$8000.00. (A lot of people knew he owed the bill.) Another bill for \$1000.00 to Doug Dyer. Ted thought Paul Austin may know who the collection agency is.

Ted said he knew only one of the kids well and that was Jane, 14 yrs old. Ted knew she would be staying with a friend that night.

Ted also mentioned the Wyrick boy about 17 years but had not seen him

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for awhile.

Reason Patty Prewitt found out about Bill not having life insurance with Ted was that the check for premium was insufficient funds and went in to see Ted. In discussing the premium she found out that only Patty and 5 kids were on the policy.

William Prewitt cancelled his life insurance with American Family insurance in Nov 1981. It was \$60,000 mortgage insurance.

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	A. Norman/D. Rusher	WPD, JoCoSO	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On the evening of 2-18-84 I received a telephone call from a J.T. McGee. He lives in Holden with his ex-wife Jonnie Van Dyke. Mrs. VanDyke is currently employed as a nurse at the Virginia Manor Nursing Home. J.T. McGee advised me that his ex-wife had overheard some of the nurses at the nursing home talking about Patricia Prewitt running around on her husband. Due to this information lead #37 was issued.

At approximately 3:30 p.m. 2-20-84 myself and D. Rusher went to the nursing home to speak with Miss VanDyke. Miss VanDyke advised us that what she overheard had come from a Josephine Sexton however no names were ever mentioned of people/men whom Patricia Prewitt was supposed to have been running around with.

While at the nursing home we also interviewed Mrs. Sexton, Box 191, Kingsville, phone 597-3584. Mrs. Sexton stated she knew the Prewitt family because for two years she drove a school bus and picked up the Prewitt children. She further stated that she had heard rumors in the past that both Bill and Patricia had been running around on each other. She had heard this a couple times about each of them however she had not heard any names mentioned. She further indicated that the source of the rumor was her daughter Mrs. Lisa McCurdy who presently works at the Holden Manufacturing Co.

At the request of Mrs. Sexton we allowed her the time to solicit names from her daughter and then pass this information on to the Major Case Squad. She was advised that in all probability a member of the

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squad would still need to speak to Mrs. McCurdy personally. Mrs. McCurdy, a source of information is allegedly gossip from employees at the Holden Manufacturing Plant.

Mrs. Sexton further indicated that we should speak to Mrs. Kate Roberts who owns the Johnson County Lumber Co. in Holden. Mrs. Roberts mother is Dorthy McLin who is a patient at the Virginia Manor Nursing Home. On the morning of 2-20-84 Mrs. McLin told Mrs. Sexton that her daughter (Kate Roberts) knew the names of some men who ran around with Patricia Prewitt.

At 4:30 p.m. 2-20-84 Lisa McCurdy called the Major Case Squad headquarters. Lisa advised me that she had heard rumors in the past that Patricia Prewitt was running around on her husband however she had never heard any names mentioned. She further stated that she had never heard any rumors about Bill Prewitt running around on his wife.

Two other names mentioned during the interview with Van Dyke and Sexton was that of Dorthy Kepford and a PeeWee Nace. Dorthy Kepford is a patient at the nursing home and her daughter (PeeWee) is a secretary for the Carroll and Carroll law firm in Warrensburg. Supposedly Mrs. Nace (PeeWee) is a very good friend of the Prewitt family and is quite disturbed over the recent events.

Alan D. Norman

Doug Rusher



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Lead # 38

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
02-20-84	Scott/Walker	MPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 11:00 a.m. this date, we contacted a Donald Ray Brown, w/m, dob 3-26-60, 309 E. Pacific, Holden, MO. 732-4528. Place of contact Johnson County Lumber Co, 300 S. Market, Holden, MO. Subject stated he had worked for this business for approximately 4½ years.

At first the subject stated that he had known the Prewitts for about 5 years but that this contact had been primarily a business relationship with some social contact, ballgames and the like. Subjects employers name is Verle Roberts.

Subject was asked reference the Prewitt's business. He stated that he noticed that the truck drivers that delivered to the Prewitt's lumber yard would demand payment before they left the delivery. Also stated that the Prewitt's did not keep an excess in stock.

He had heard that Patricia Prewitt had been seen a subject by the name of John Hancock. He also mentioned that the Prewitt's were having marriage problems. This occurring about 3 to 4 years ago.

Brown made comment that the Prewitts were well thought of in town and that Patricia Prewitt was a nice and outgoing person and that he would go over to the Prewitt business, drink pop and talk to Patricia.

Brown made mention that his brother, Mike Brown, had worked for the Prewitt's lumber business and that Mike had gotten fired by Patty Prewitt for some unknown reason.

He was questioned reference Richard Hayes and it was learned that Richard Hayes had worked at Johnson County Lumber prior to Donald Brown

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being employed. Richard Hayes sometimes went to Kansas City at the same time as Patty did, to pick up lumber from the warehouse. Richard and his wife Angie Hayes did get a divorce about 4½ years ago and during the 30 day separation, Richard caught Angie in bed with another man. Richard Hayes was alledged to have beaten the man up and then moved from Warrensburg where the assault took place. Richard now lives in Spickard, MO and if Richard Hayes needs to be contacted, his father-in-law, Paul Wilson of Spickard would know where to contact him.

After some pushing from both officers, Brown admitted to taking Richard Hayes to the Prewitt house. This occurred about 5 years ago. Brown stated he dropped him off and went back to town. Richard Hayes then called Brown about 1½ hours and picked him up. Brown is pretty sure that Bill Prewitt was gone. Brown further volunteered that sometimes Richard Hayes would take trash to the Prewitt farm to burn the trash. Brown also stated that he, wometimes, would take the trash to the Prewitt farm.

I asked Brown if he had ever had an affair with Patricia Prewitt. He said no even when told that he might be requested to take a polygraph or testify in court to that.

Brown stated that Jerri Austin had started working at the Prewitt business and that Jerri was "hardcore."

Brown further mentioned a "Steve" that works for ADE Lumber Co in Independence, MO. This apparently the route salesman that servies the Prewitt Lumber Co. Steve also attends some of the Prewitt picnics and attends ballgames with them.

Robert Scott

Frank Walker



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OFFICER'S AGENCY

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

2-20-84

Shobe/Johnson

Sedalia PD

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 1405 hrs Investigators Shobe and Johnson interviewed Denny Blackman, 600 Alden, Holden, MO. Denny Blackman said he has known Bill & Patty Prewitt for about 4 to 5 years. Mainly through the Prewitt's Lumber Co. (Denny Blackman states he did woodwork jobs that Bill Prewitt could handle at the lumber co.)

Denny Blackman stated about one year ago Patty Prewitt came to his house to pick up some (woodman item) he had made for Patty & Bill. While at the house, I guess we both came on to each other and one thing led to another and the next thing I know we were having sex. (I wouldn't call it a relationship it was just a one time thing. After that we became good friends) I never had sex with Patty again.

One night when I was in Warrensburg, MO, I seen Bill and Patty at the Lamplighter and danced with Patty once.

If Bill & Patty were having family problems are something they didn't say anything to me are mentioned it to me. Bill & Patty are nice people I don't think of anybody that would have done this to Bill.

Note: Denny Blackman did have sex with Patty Prewitt about one year ago. Plus he said Patty Prewitt was a "big flirt".

Ron Johnson

Bill Shobe

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2-20-84	Johnson/ Shobe	Sedalia PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

Contact was made by phone with Mrs. Vida Day who is the wife of Raymond Day, agent of Modern American Insurance Co.

Mrs. Day states that two policies are in effect on William E. Prewitt #1 was taken out 4-18-77 for \$50,000 and additional \$25,000 for accidental death, also \$4,112.50 for what she called return of premium.

Second policy was taken out 5-23-78 annual renewal form payment due in Jan 84 but has a 30 day grace period which is not up yet. This policy will pay 49,987.31. It also is a life insurance policy. The beneficiary on both policies is Patty Prewitt.

Agent Name: "Doc" Ayler

Bill Shobe

Raytown, MO 966-8700

Ron Johnson

also 7704 E 90th, KCMO

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Lead # 41

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Keller	15th Judicial	Court

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Pruitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

Contact was made with Det. Ron Goering of the Liberal Kansas PD who was requested to establish the whereabouts of Willie Wyrick of the time of the homicide.

On 2-22-84 a call was received from Goering in which he stated that Willie Wyrick was clocked in at the National Beer Association at 9:15 p.m. on 2-17-84 and clocked out at 6:00 a.m. on 2-18-84. Goering stated that he verified that Wyrick was present on the job in Liberal, Kansas during said time span and can be dismissed as a suspect in the homicide.

David Keller

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Lead # 42

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	Smith/Walker	Higginsville PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 1:00 p.m. w/f named Jamie Garrett dob 09-07-62 of Holden, MO came in to the City Hall. She told Officer Smith and myself that she and another woman were at the Stumble Inn Friday night and saw Pat and Bill there. She said that it looked like they were having a good time. They danced all night and left about 11:00 p.m. The reason she came to tell us this was because she had heard that we thought Pat and Bill had a fight at the Stumble Inn. Jamie said she was there the same time they were and they had no fights when they were there.

Jamie had heard that Pat was fooling around at one time but she did not know with who.

We thanked Jamie for coming in and told her if she heard anything to come back and tell us.

J Walker

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TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approximately 5:10 p.m. contact was made with Geroge "Harvey" Gibson, w/m, age 27, at his residence 305 Meadowbrook, Apt 206, Warrensburg, MO, who is employed by Townley, work phone 1-800-255-0250 of Kansas City, MO and by the Garrison's Bar, West Pine St, Warrensburg, MO, as a disc jockey on Friday and Saturday nights. Gibson said he first became acquainted with the Prewitts in mid May of 1982 since they were customers on his Townley route. He said sometimes he would stop by on Fridays when he would finish his route in Warsaw, MO and would get to the Prewitt's Lumber Co about 5:00 p.m. and leave around 6:00 p.m. and go back to his residence later. He said he had been friends with the Prewitts ever since and would at times go to their home for supper. He also related he played volleyball with the Prewitts and the Austins. Gibson said his contact days at the Prewitt Lumber Co. were on Tuesdays between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. but they did most of their ordering directly with Townley Co, so he would just stop in and talk (normal conversations). Gibson stated that Paul Austin had called him on Saturday, 02-18-84, at approximately 9:00 or 9:05 a. and told him of the burglary/homicide. Gibson said it didn't sound to him that it could have been a burglary because the Prewitts didn't have any money, owed a lot of money around, and they didn't have expensive property. He said he didn't know if there were any guns in the house or not. Gibson related he knew the Prewitts well enough that he knew Mrs. Prewitt's birthday and the victim's (because the victim's birthday is two week exactly before Gibson's). The only arguments that Gibson over-

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heard were about finances and the money people owed them. When asked if he had been having intimacies with Mrs. Prewitt, he said he hand't and that he didn't want to since he like the Prewitts so well. He realted he couldn't remember if Mrs. Prewitt had even kissed him at anytime. Gibson said he had invited the Austins and the Prewitts to Garrisons Bar when he was working and they had gone. On two or three different occasions Mr. Prewitt and Jerri Austin had gone to Garrisons either just the two or them or with another girl friend, name unknown. Gibson said the only person that kidded him about possibly having "improprieties" (a phrase Gibson used excessively) was a Raymond Carter who resides in Clinton,,MO and is employed by Stewart/Nattinger, of Clinton, MO, another sales company that delivers and takes orders from the Prewitt Lumber Co. Gibson also knew that Mrs: Prewitt was spending Saturday night, 02-18-84 at the Austins.

L.D. Jefferson



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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	Brown/Shobe	Saline/Sedalia	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 4:05 p.m. this date Officers Shobe and Brown interviewed Sandford  
'Day reference to something he might have seen on the streets last Friday  
or Saturday. He was home both days. Nothing of importance.

Jim Brown

Bill Shobe

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Albert Wintfrey

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Lead # 45

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	Brockhoff/Ritchie	Laf Co SO	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

My self and Ritchie tried to contact Fred Tock at his residence  
and the City Lake where he sometimes fishes with negative contact.

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Lead # 46

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	Walker/Smith	Higginsville	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On above date at 3:50 p.m. Ms. Carolyn Parris 05-14-50 came into City Hall with Jamie Garrett. Carolyn said that she and Jamie were together Friday night and saw the Prewitts. Carolyn said she has been hearing all type of things like: dogs being dead, phone lines being cut, the lights being off, that Pat had been stabbed, that Pat had been raped and Pat had been pulled out of bed by the hair after Bill was shot.

She said that she heard they all were at a party on TT road Friday night also.

Ms. Parris said that one guy in town that was kind of strange of a Ed Now "he is funny acting."

We asked Ms. Parris who other than the Austins did the Prewitts run around with. She said Karen Kluz and her husband.

J R Walker

JL Smith

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Lead # 47

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-20-84	Roberts/Gentat	OPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

The above officers contacted Bob Brinkette, the owner of B&P Hickory Grill of Pleasant Hill, MO

Mr. Brinkette and his wife both came to work at 1200 hrs and left at 2230 hrs 17 Feb 84 and are not aware of any fights in their place on 17 Feb 84.

Mr. Brinkette does not know the Prewitt family or the Austin family at all.

end of statement

John Roberts

James Gentat

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Lead # 49

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-23-84	Hughes/Woodson	JCSO/Wpd	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-20-84 Dep. Hughes and myself transported Patricia A. Prewitt to Lee's Summit, MO where she submitted to take a polygraph examination. The examination was conducted by Sgt. E. J. Dayringer of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Sgt. Dayringer will submit a report on the polygraph.

Steve Woodson

K.C. Hughes

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-21-84	Walker/Logan/Brown	Higginsville/Saline	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 9:10 a.m. officers Walker, Logan, Brown interviewed John Hancock. Officer Walker read him his rights and he signed a waiver.

John Hancock left for Hot Springs, Ark on Thursday night, 02-16-84 and arrived in Hot Springs on Friday morning the 17th. He went with three friends, Jim Whisman, Dennis Browning, Rod Hurt. They stayed at the Gold Key Motel in Hot Spings. They came back to Holden on Sunday, 02-19-84.

John stated he had an affair with Patty Prewitt in 1978 and the affair lasted about 6 months. He would meet Patty at the Red Roof Inn on Noland Road in KC also he went to the Prewitt residence near Lone Jack several times. To his knowledge he never saw the children. While having sex she would commit about Patty and Bill not having sex together and how good John was. John stated that Patty had come on to him. And some of the things Patty told John she would come on to anyone. John said she was not hard to make arrangements with. John stated that the last time he was with Patty to make love it was at the Prewitt residence. As John as in driveway saying bye to Patty (hugging, kissing) Bill drove up. Bill stated that he knew something was up and told John You son of a bitch get out of here and stay out. Then Bill drove off in his van. Patty was crying and cried for Bill to come back. Patty and John discussed breaking up their affair. John stated this was the last time he met with Patty. The next day Bill saw John up town in Holden and talked somemore. Bill had stay all night in his van at the lumber yard and had broke the

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windshield on the van with his fist.

John stated that one time Patty had told him about Patty and Bill getting a divorce. One time she told John that the youngest son was not Bill's. She said Bill had a vasectomy 3 to 6 months before she got pregnant with Morgan Patrick, the youngest son. She said Bill had went to the doctor to see if it was possible for him to be the father and the doctor said it was possible--slim chance but possible. Patty said the father of Morgan was a man named Mike Gates. Gates used to live neighbors to them in Lee's Summit.

John stated that one night he and a man named Richard Hays were riding around and Richard said he heard that John had been making out with Patty. Richard told John he had been making out (making love) to Patty also. John found out that Patty was telling both the same stories. She had told both John and Richard that they were the best lovers.

- K. Logan
- J. Walker
- J. Brown

Albert Winfield

X *[Signature]*  
X *[Signature]*  
FORM R.3

*[Signature]*

STATEMENT OF; John Hancock, dob 5-20-57, 301 S. Vine, Holden, MO

I, Jon Hancock, state that I had a sexual affair with Patty Prewitt approx. 5 years ago which lasted about two months.

During one encounter with her she stated to me that Bill beat her regularly. She said that she had asked him a divorce several times and that he refused. I did not believe that he did actually beat her. She also said that she had thought about killing Bill. She told me there was a gun in the house and that she knew where it was.

On another occasion she told me she wished Bill would be killed in a car accident or something.

She once told me that a man named Mark or Mike was the father of her youngest son. She said that he used to be a neighbor to them when they lived near Lone Jack. She also told me that Bill had a vasectomy prior to her getting pregnant with Morgan (Bunky).

On one or two occasions I met her at the Bed Roof Inn on Noland Road while she was making a lumber yard pickup in KC.

The last time I had sex with Patty I was seen leaving by Bill. He asked me to leave and I did. He was upset and said that he knew something was going on. He then drove towards town. This statement was made by me of my own free will.



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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-21-84	Scott/Walker	MPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 11:00 a.m. this date, we contacted the branch manager of the Federal Land Bank located on PCA Road in Warrensburg, MO, phone 7472275. Subject's name being Steve Heintzelman, w/m, dob 9/26/55, 506 E. Market Apt 4, Warrensburg, MO, 429-1429.

Reason for our call to this business being to check the possibility of the Prewitt's having mortgage insurance on the Prewitt home. The manager told us that the FLB did not have such on the mortgage and as far and he or his secretary could tell, no other company had a policy on the mortgage,

While we were there we learned that the Prewitt's had assumed a note with the FLB for the amount of 22,190.86. This being in 10/15/77. The original asking price of the house and 40 acres being \$72,500.00. The owner at the time of the Prewitt purchase was a John Moore was is a retired professor from the University of Missouri at Columbia, his whereabouts unknown.

The manager explained that the Prewitts had not paid their annual payment of \$2769.00. If the Prewitt's had paid this payment, this would have left an unpaid balance of \$20,164.89.

He stated that he had sent the Prewitts a letter to them reference their loan. This letter being mailed 12/10/83 and was just a reminder that their annual payment was due that month. Receiving no correspondence, the manager called Bill Prewitt on 12/20/83 and asked him about the payment. Prewitt stated that he would have the payment shortly as he expected some of

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his accounts receivable in a matter of days. The manager stated that Prewitts mood at that time was good.

On 01-24-84 the manager, receiving no payment or call, called Bill Prewitt and asked him again about the payment. Bill Prewitt told the manager that he was having trouble with his debtors and was thinking of selling the business. Prewitt did tell the manager that he would get the payment to them shortly. On 02/06 to 10/84 the manager, not hearing from the Prewitts, called Bill Prewitt again and asked him to come in and fill in delinquent payment cash summary. Bill Prewitt told him that he intended to call the manager about the problem and he and the manager agreed to meet in Warrensburg, MO. All the above calls that the manager made were to the lumber company.

On 02/15/84, Bill Prewitt, by himself, came to the FLB in Warrensburg, MO. He and the manager filled out a financial statement. This statement did not list a separate loan out on the lumber company. Bill Prewitt paid \$500.00 on what was outstanding and promised that the rest would be forthcoming. The manager did state that this was the first year that they had been late.

The manager stated that the Prewitts did their banking at the Farmers and Commercial Bank of Holden, MO.

While there and unknown to the manager, I had occasion to look at a financial sheet that I assume was made by the Prewitts. Most of it I couldn't read, as it was upside down, but I was able to determine that their liabilities were around 145,000 and net assets was 42,000.



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DATE OF REPORT

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OFFICERS

Jefferson, Denney

OFFICER'S AGENCY

MSHP

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TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approximately 9:21 a.m. a team of nine officers were requested to search the residence and surrounding property of the Prewitts again. While I was conducting a search of the attic above the recreation room, I noticed five or six burnt matches near the attics opening lying on the ceiling insulation. Also located to west side of the attics opening, I observed four reddish colored spots which had soaked the insulation and were streaked. Located approximately 10 (ten) feet southwest of the attic opening was a wooden plank (approximately 5 feet x 2 feet) that had three or more small muddy shoe or boot prints transfered onto it.

L.D. Jefferson

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-21-84	A.Norman/C. Norman	WPD, JoCoSO	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approximately 11:10 a.m. 2-21-84 I returned to the Prewitt residence to assist in researching the crime scene. At approximately 11:15 a.m. I assisted MSHP Trooper Jefferson and Johnson County Deputy Brasel in a search of the pond located south of the Prewitt residence. At approximately 11:20 and by use of a large magnet suspended by rope, I recovered a rifle from the bottom of the pond. The weapon was a .22 caliber semi-automatic Winchester Model #190, serial #569068. The water depth was approximately 3 feet and the gun was approximately 15 feet from the east bank.

Immediately upon recovery of the weapon, I turned the weapon over to Johnson County Sheriff Charles Norman.

Alan D. Norman

Charles Norman

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2-21-84	Watson/Zink	Pettis Co/KNPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

R/O found while searching the Prewitt residence out in the front yard near a gate where you go down to the pond that's in front of the house.

At 11:45 a.m. 2-21-84 found a paring knife, silver in color, about 6 to 7 inches long. Item was placed in bag marked #1.

R/O was told to take some dirt samples near the pond where the footprints were found. Sample was taken from each side of the prints.

Watson/Zink

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2-21-84	Johnson	Sedalia PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approx. 921 hrs on 2-21-84 a research team was dispatched back to the crime scene to research the house and property for evidence.

At approx. 10:35 hrs while inside the house a pair of red boots with white cotton lining and red shoelaces was found containing mud on the soles and heels.

At approx. 1120 hrs a weapon was pulled from the pond. While searching the pond area for additional evidence reporting investigator (Ron Johnson) observed a shoe or boot print possibly matching the red ankle boots found at the Prewitt house. Several more boot or shoe prints were observed around the pond area where the weapon was pulled from the pond. Location of the pond is due south of the Prewitt house, approx. distance 160 feet. The prints appeared to match the red ankle boots found at the Prewitt house. Several boot or shoe prints were leading back towards the Prewitt house. It's unknown at the present the owner of the red ankle boots.

Description of boots: two rippled soled, heels and soles yellow, with white cotton or wool; 5 holes on each side with red shoelaces with yellow tag on both boots containing three lines with writing and number 59533, 7M, 56t, made in Korea, Steel Shank.

RonJohnson

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-21-84	Stewart	MSHP	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approximately 11:45 a.m. 2/21/84 while assisting with an additional search of the Prewitt residence, I recovered as evidence a pair of ladies rubber ankle boots.

The boots have yellow rubber rippled soles and heels. The outside is red in color with 5 holes on each side of the tongue that contain red strings. The foot portion is rubber and the uppers (from lower to upper ankle) are cloth. They are entirely lined with sheepskin type material.

There is a rectangular rubber tag on the bottom of each boot between the sole and heel. It is black with yellow lettering and numbers and contains 3 lines of information (tags are identical). The top line has 3 separate numbers: "59533/7M/56t". The second line says "MADE IN KOREA". The third line says "STEEL SHANK". The boots have mud on the soles, heels and sides.

The left boot was found in the family room against the west wall approximately ten feet north of the south entry door. The right boot was outside the same entry door to the family room. It was against the south outside wall 4 feet east of the entry door.

D. S. Stewart

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TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approximately 2:30 p.m. 2/21/84 Tuesday, I photographed three footprints near a pond. The pond was located south of the Prewitts residence and was the same pond a .22 caliber rifle was recovered from.

At approximately 3:30 p.m. I photographed a rifle and a pair of red boots at the case squad's headquarters. The rifle was recovered from the pond. The red boots were seized from the house.

T.R. Charrette

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2-22-84	Eich, A. Norman	WPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

Lead #53 was to research the crime scene. R/Os made a video tape of the exterior and the interior of the Prewitt residence. R/O also video taped the pond where the weapon was found and some footprints near the pond. R/O then seized the following items of evidence from the Prewitt residence: Pair of scissors from the top of the dresser in the parent's bedroom. These were seized for comparison with the telephone cord that was cut. IGA razor blade package, Schick razor black package and none loose razor blades recovered from the top left drzwer of the bathroom vanity. These were seized as they may have possibly been used to inflict the lacerations on the victim's wife. Dirty brown towel recovered in an open field south of the Prewitt residence between the house and the pond where the weapon was recovered. This was seized as it may have been used to muffle the weapon when it was fired or it may have been used to wipe the weapon off prior to throwing it into the pond. R/O also attempted to cast several of the footprints found near the pond using silicone rubber. As of the writing of this report, the casting material has not yet set up. R/O also seized a photograph of the victim's wife attired in blue jeans cutoff, a blue jean vest and high leather boots which was labeled "Hells Angel". This photograph was seized from a basket of pictures located on a table in the family room.

Randall Eich

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
02/21/84	Scott/Walker	Marshall PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 10:15 a.m. this date above officers went to a metal building owned by Dennis Brown. A search for weapons was negative.

One of the workers said Brown was at Gilcrest Equipment on 208 S. Main, Holden. We left word for Brown to contact us at Holden City Hall.

Frank Walker

Robert Scott

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Lead # 55

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-21-84	Brockhoff/Norman	LSCO/JCSO	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-21-84 about 10:30 a.m. we talked to Michael A. Brown, w/m, 12-29-58, 103 N. Best, Holden, MO. Brown said Patti had fired him from the lumber company back in the 80's because a friend of hers didn't have a job and she was going to hire him. She said the guys name was Rick somebody from Lee's Summit. He said Rick already was working there and was being paid cash under the table.

When asked who she was having an affair with he said some guy named Steve from ADE Lumber, Richard Hayes, John Hancock and some guy named Harvey from Warrensburg. He said that Hancock had told him that the youngest kid was his. He didn't know any current ones. He said he could have but didn't.

He said Bill used to beat Patti and she would miss up to 4 or 5 days or work because of bruises. She had showed him the bruises and told him Bill had done it because she was fooling around. He said that on about three occasions she told him she had about \$150,000.00 worth of insurance on Bill and that she would give him any new car he wanted or \$10,000.00 cash if he would kill Bill. She said if he didn't she was going to. He said Richard Hayes told him he was also made this offer. He said she would sit around and cry when Bill was gone and she made the offer about killing him after a beating and she showed him the marks. On one time they were on her neck where he had choked her.

She told him she knew about guns and was a good shot. He said he never saw Bill hit her but he would see them arguing a lot.

Steven D. Brockhoff

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Lead # 56

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-21-84	Brockhoff/Rusher	Lafayette/Johnson CO	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-21-84 at approx. 4:05 p.m. the R/O and Steve Brockhoff contacted Richard D. Hayes, w/m, dob 8/11/51, address 708 Normall Street, Trenton, MO., phone 359-6234. The purpose of our contact was to interview Hayes in regards to any sexual relationships that he may have been having with Patty Prewitt, lead #56.

Hayes was interviewed at the Holden City Hall. Hayes readily admitted to having had an affair with Patty Prewitt. He stated that they had "made it" approximately three times during 1977 and 1978. The first time was at the Motel 8 on I-70 and the other two times were at the Prewitt residence. (For details of the three incidents, see attached statement written by Richard Hayes).

Hayes was questioned about his ever seeing a gun at the Prewitt residence. He replied that he has not. Hayes was also questioned about any other men that he was aware of that may have had sex with Patty. He replied that John Hancock had been having an ongoing affair with Patty and Hayes believes that the youngest Prewitt child is John Hancock's. Hayes reports that the child arrived about 6 months after Bill was "cut". He reports that he obtained this information from Patty after the child's birth.

Hayes was asked if Patty had ever made him an offer to help her get rid of Bill. Hayes stated that on one occasion at the Prewitt residence Patty had told him that "I hate Bill and wish he was dead." Patty then made Richard the offer that if he helped Patty get rid of Bill then they (Patty and Hayes) could build a lumber yard anywhere that Hayes wanted to.

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STATEMENT OF: Richard Dale Hays, dob 8-11-51, 708 Normal St, Trenton MO  
Time Started 5:15 p.m. 2-21-84

I, Richard Hays, admit to having an affair with Patty Prewitt. I went to bed with her (PattyPrewitt) on 3 different occasions. Once at the Red Roof Inn, twice at her (Patties) house. One time, I don't know which, Patty made me a offer that if I knew of away to git rid of Bill we-Patty & I could build a lumber yard anywhere I wanted to. This all took place in 1978 maybe early 1979.

It started out Pattie and I were going to meet at some motel. I wasn't familiar with any so I asked her (Pattie). She (Pattie) said we could go to the Red Roof Inn. I asked her (Pattie) how she knew about it and she (Pattie) told me that her (Pattie) and John Hancock used to meet there. So I went to get a room but there was no vacancies so I decided to go to the Interstate 8 motel. I saw it while going down the road. So I got a room. The room was on the east side of the building downstairs middle way. I don't remember what month or what year. I think 1978.

The next time was at ther (Patties) house in the room next to the front door. Bill had gone to a ball game it was about 9 or 10 o'clock and the kids were all asleep.

The next time and the last time we had sex was in the same room. Bill was at work in the middle of the afternoon. The kids were all outside at the time.

This statement is true and factual to the best of my knowledge. This statement was written by me on 2-21-84.

Interview completed 5:57 p.m. 2-21-84

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DATE OF REPORT 2-21-84	OFFICERS Watson/Zink	OFFICER'S AGENCY Pettis/KNPD	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
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TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-21-84, R/O's contacted Michael A. Gates, a white male, dob 2-14-54 from Rt 2, Box 168, Greenfield, MO. Gates was contacted at Lanksford Funeral Home in Lee's Summit, MO.

Gates stated he had not seen the Prewitt family since the 10th of February, 1984 when he stayed with the family on the 8th, 9th, and 10th. Gates stated Rick Mitts of Belton, MO, called him to advise of William Prewitt's death on Saturday the 19th of February.

Gates stated that he never in his lifetime had had any sexual relations with Patti Prewitt. Gates also stated that he had never been offered any money by anyone to kill William Prewitt.

Gates stated he had been arrested before in Jackson County, MO, for failing to pay child support.

On 2-21-84 Gates was driving a black four wheel drive Ford pickup Mo license BY1-180. While Gates left the funeral home in Lee's Summit, he conferred with the white male driver of a blue Datsun 210, MO License YPJ-676.

S. Watson

T. Zink

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WITNESS: Tony Zink



STATEMENT OF: Michael A. Gates, 30 yrs old, Rt 2, Box 168, Greenfield, MO  
657-2082.

On the 8-9-10 of Feb I stayed at the Prewitt home and this is the  
last time I saw Bill or Patty until the day of the 19th I talked to  
Jerry and Patty for a few minutes.

It is not true I was offered or asked by anyone to kill Bill Prewitt.

I have not had sexual contact with Patty Prewitt every in my lifetime.

I have no ideal why anyone would say I was Patty Prewitt's boyfriend.

end of statement

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2-21-84

Scott & Walker

MPD

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 1:30 p.m. this date, we were assigned to interview and take a statement from Michael Allen Brown, w/m, 12/29/58 of 103 N. Vest, Holden, MO, no phone and is employed at Penson's Liquor Store here in Holden, MO.

See attached statements.

Robert Scott

Frank Walker

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## STATEMENT OF:

Michael A. Brown/ w/m dob 12/29/58 of 103 N. Vest, Holden, MO

About the spring of 1979 I started to work at the lumber yard for Bill and Patti Prewitt. It started out as a part time job for a month but I stayed full time for about 14 months. During my job here I got to know the Prewitts pretty good.

I first got to know Patti from going out to Prewitts with Richard Hayes when Hayes went to burn trash from the Johnson County Lumber Yard. We would go out and sit in the truck and talk to Patti. Patti would be on the outside of the truck most of the time.

Richard told me about him and Patti seeing each other and how he would go to KC for lumber for Johnson County and Patti would go for the Prewitts and they would meet at a Ramada Inn in KC.

Richard told me that Patti had slept with John Hancock before him. Richard had stated Bill Prewitt had caught John and Patti in bed so John didn't see her anymore. Before this John and Bill was the best of friends. (Patti told me one time that the youngest kid was Hancock's.)

While working there Patti had talked about a salesman named Steve from ADE LUMBER in KC. She had talked him a hell of alot. Patti had showed me several times the bruises and said Bill had beaten her. Bill done this because she was fooling around.

On three occasions Patti told me she had about \$150,000 worth of insurance on Bill and that Patti would tell him that she would give me anynew car I wanted or \$10,000.00 in cash if I would Kill Bill. She told me if I didn't she was going to. Each time she ask me I thought she was joking and I would joke back.

~~Esshenghs~~ Several times I saw Patti sitting around crying when Bill would be gone. Most of the time this was after a beating. Bill would get

Michael A. Brown  
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made at Patti for smoking. One time I saw marks on Patti's neck where Bill had choked her. Also she missed work one time for 4 or 5 days because of bruises. I think this was the time Bill threw Patti down the stairs. Several times you could tell Patti was sore because of the way she walked or limped around and got up from a chair. I would ask her about this and she would say "Bill beat the hell out of me again."

The Prewitts were having money troubles and the banks here wouldn't loan them any money. So a Ron Pierce of ADE, who was pres of vp of SBA at this time, help them get a SBA loan. This was to help stock the lumber yard. They got the loan of \$50,000 to \$75,000.00. Bill wanted to get a box car of lumber but Patti didn't. Patti wanted to stock crafts and a bunch of other things. They took the money and payed \$30,000 or \$35,000 on the house and bought a pickup from someone. There were going to pay off some of their bills.

All of the stock they would buy had to be done COD. They caused on salesman to get fired because he was to get cash but let them have credit. The salesman name is Ken Moulner. He worked for Rounds and Porter out of St. Joe. About a week or two before I was fired, the Prewitts got a guy from Lee's Summit to work for them. They were paying him under the table. I don't think Bill liked Rick very much. Patti had told me that her and Rick had had an affair before up at Lone Jack or Lee Summit. At the time Rick came I was getting \$100.00 a week and I did more work than Rick did. Rick would stay inside and talk to Patti. I told Patti I would do more work if they would pay me more. One day my brother called and wanted to talk to me. I told Patti I was going across the street to talk. Patti told me if I walked out I was fird. I was made and tired so I walked out.



Patti had told me that she had worked her way through college "by going out with guys for money." I think I am the only one that knows this.

Q: How many guns and what type were they, if any were in the Prewitt home?

A: Just one, a .22 caliber bolt action single shot rifle.

Q: Do you know of any person that had a real grudge against Bill Prewitt?

A: No

Q: Did you ever see or hear of Bill Prewitt using a gun?

A: No, I had asked Bill to go squirrel hunting but he refused because he said he didn't want to kill an animal. He did tell me that he had done some target practice but that was a long time ago.

Q: Did Patty Prewitt know use a gun?

A: Yes she did. She told me that she had squirrel hunted when she was young and had shot at a fence post (and hit it) to scare away some trespassers that were on her mother and father's near Lake Jacomo. This gun was a 7mm Mauser.

Q: What kind of footwear did Patti usually wear?

A: Usually tennis or track shoes.

Q: Did you ever see Patti wearing cowboy boots?

A: No, not when I had contact with her.

Q: When Bill Prewitt caught Patti and John Hancock in bed, were they married?

A: Yes they, Bill and Patti were married, but I believe they separated.

Q: Did you ever think that Patti was serious about having you kill Bill Prewitt?

A: No

STATEMENT OF: Michael A. Brown

Q: Did you have anything to do with the killing of Bill Prewitt?

A: No

Q: Did you ever have sexual intercourse with Patti Prewitt?

A: No

Q: Do you have any statements regarding this incident?

A: No

Q: Is the facts contained in this statement the truth to the best of your memory?

A: Yes

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2-21-84	Wakeman	Holden PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On numerous occasions I have seen Mrs. Patti Prewitt wearing boots of a red color, with a lining of what appeared to be sheepwool and small white heels and soles about 8 inches tall. On February 21, 1984, a pair of boots was brought to the Holden City Hall which was serving as Major Case Investigation headquarters. These boots appears to be the same boots I have seen Mrs. Patti Prewitt wearing on numerous occasions.

Sgt. Albert Wakeman

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2-21-84	Jefferson/Carroll	MSHP/CMSU	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

We contacted Fred Touk at his business at 1:55 p.m. 2-21-84.

Touk said he know of the Prewitts but could not offer any more information about the Prewitts or their habits.

Kirby Carroll

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Lead # 62

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Shobe/Johnson	Sedalia PD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-22-84 at approx. 1045 hrs contact was made with Steve Hatmer, w/m, dob 12-26-52 at ADE Wholesales Co, Kansas City, MO 231-5020.

Walter Steve Hatmer stated his relationship with Patty and Bill Prewitt was through the lumber company and that he and his wife, Linda Hatmer had visited the Prewitts residence a couple of times and knew them about 5 years.

Steve also stated Patty handled most of the bad checks. She came to our warehouse once or twice a week. Sometimes Jerri Austin was with her. Bill would come in and say something about the bad checks but that would be the only thing said. Patty was the hardnose about the bad checks.

And Bill never mentioned any money problems he or Patty was having. Steve also said Patty and Bill was very devoted husband and wife, very close family. And the reason he was at the Prewitt house on Sunday 2-19-84 was that he had heard about it Saturday night. And he called the hospitals in Lee's Summit and Warrensburg but both wouldn't give any information out. The same was with the Holden PD. So I came down Sunday to see if my wife and I could do anything for Patty.

No offer was made to Walter Steve Hatmer to kill Bill Prewitt.

Ron Johnson

Bill Shobe

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Lead # 63

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2-21-84	Roberts/Gentet	OPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

The above officers interviewed Mr. Ron Piercy at 1609 NE Redbud Lane, North Kansas City, MO 816-421-6424 at 17:15 hrs this date 2-21-84

Mr. Piercy stated he met Mr. Prewitt in the mid 1970's when he was working at Bill McKee Lumber Co of Lee's Summit. and his wife about three years later. And continued the friendship after the Prewitts bought the lumber yard in Holden, MO.

Mr. Piercy was also questioned about a SBA (Small Business Administration) loan that he referred the Prewitts to. Mr. Piercy was not aware of any debts or another home loans being paid off with the SBA loan.

Mr. Piercy was also questioned about any sexual relations he might have had with Patricia Prewitt. According to Mr. Piercy, there never was any sex relation with Patricia Prewitt at any time in their friendship.

Mr. Piercy was asked about anyone ever coming with Mrs. Prewitt to ADE Lumber yard as he stated she came there about once a week. The only person that came regular other than the family was a Jerri Austin and a driver that used to work with her in Holden. Mr. Piercy does not remember his name. Mr. Piercy was questioned about any other people that might have had relation with Mrs. Prewitt. According to Mr. Piercy, he has no knowledge of any such acts.

A Dennis Chadwick, a driver, of Mr. Piercy had delivered supplies to the Prewitts in Holden, MO. at different times. Mr. Piercy was asked about outstanding bills he or his company was owed by the Prewitts. The total is about \$3000.00. Mr. Piercy also stated he has never been to the Prewitt

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residence or lumber yard and that the last contact with Mrs. Prewitt was three weeks ago and by telephone.

James Gentet

John Roberts

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
02-21-84	Hughes/Woodson	JCSO/WPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-21-84 at about 7:19 p.m. Det. Woodson and I took the pair of boots found at the scene to the Austin residence to show to Patty Prewitt for possible identification. I knocked on the door and Jerri Austin answered. I asked Jerri if we could speak to Patty and Jerri stated that she would have to call Patty's lawyer first. I showed Jerri the boots and asked her if they were Patty's. Jerri replied, "yes". I told Jerri that if Patty wanted them back she could come get them. Jerri went upstairs to talk to Patty. She came back about five minutes later and said that Patty wanted her boots but was too upset to come down and get them. I again asked Jerri if they were Patty's boots and she said that they were. We then left.

K.C. Hughes

Steve. Woodson

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REPORT CLASSIFICATION

2-22-84

Hughes, Woodson

JOSO, WPD

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-21-84 Deputy Hughes and myself were assigned lead #65 to transport evidence to the Regional Crime Lab at Kansas City, MO.

We arrived at the crime lab at 5:45 p.m. where we contacted John Cayton. The evidence released to Cayton consisted of the .22 caliber Winchester model #190 semi-automatic rifle, bearing serial #569068, a Remington brand .22 cal shell casing which had been located at the scene. The box of .22 cal rounds located in the jewelry box. The neutron activation analysis kit and the bullet fragments which were recovered from the victim's head during the autopsy.

This evidence was all signed over to Cayton for processing.

Steve Woodson

K. G. Hughes

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Carroll/Jefferson	CMSU/MSHP	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approximately 9:25 a.m. contact was made with George "Harvey" Gibson, at the major case squad headquarters, City Hall, Holden, MO, for a second interview. There was very little additional information obtained. For the previous information on the initial interview refer to lead #43.

When Gibson was asked if he had had even one sexual encounter with Mrs. Prewitt, he was very adamant about not having an affair nor had she made any sexual advancements towards him. He said he had socialized with the Prewitts and the Austins several times, but not excessively. Gibson related that they were poor credit rated customers since they owed between \$6,000.00 and \$8,000.00. He said he helped the Prewitts set up a repayment plan to assist them in getting their bills paid to the Townley Co. He related he helped the Prewitts because they were good friends, since he knew the Slaughter family for sometime and had graduated with one of Patty's younger sisters at Lee's Summit High School. He also said he didn't know who the Prewitts were until he established himself as the Townley sales representative when he took over the route. After he got to know them from talking with them, he became good friends with the family and they also became one of his preferred customers, so he took the financial problems with his company as personal and he wanted to help. When asked if either Mr. or Mrs. Prewitt was more financial or business minded or worried about money more than the other, he said he didn't think either Mr. or Mrs. Prewitt were more conscious of money than the other but he did say that Mrs. Prewitt wanted to turn over the unpaid debts to

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their lumber company from to other owing customers to a collection agency but Mr. Prewitt wanted to give the debtors more time. He related he didn't think Mr. or Mrs. Prewitt were very good business persons. Gibson said he had gone to dinner at the Prewitt's home several times but he had eaten at other customer's homes. He related he hadn't socialized with other customers like he did with the Prewitts because the Prewitts were the youngest couple on his route, they were close to his age and he like the whole family. When asked if Gibson could remember any type of boots that Patty wore and he said about a month and a half ago while at the Lumber Co, he was complaining that his boots were cold and Mrs. Prewitt said her feet were hot because of the boots she was wearing. She told him she had just bought a pair of boots, described as an insulated pair of red rubber boots, possibly from Wal-Mart for about \$8.00. He couldn't remember if he had seen anyone else wearing Mrs. Prewitt's boots, whether at the residence of the Lumber Co (see attached statement of Harvey Gibson) Gibson was shown Mrs. Prewitt's boots and he said that they were the boots he saw Mrs. Prewitt wearing that one day in the store. He told us he was able to identify the boots in person rather than able to describe them to us. Gibson said he had taken over his business route from a Larry Crossman, address unknown. He added he thought Rod Farrington, the product manager for Townley, would possibly know where or how to contact Crossman. Supposedly Crossman took an extended vacation up to the date he resigned his position with Townley, so he had not shown Gibson around his route so as to introduce Gibson to the customers or to inform him about each route customer.

L.D. Jefferson

STATEMENT OF: Harvey Gibson, 605 Meadowbrook, #206, 429-6746 Warrensburg, MO

About 6 weeks ago on my call to the Lumber Yard it was cold, and I mentioned my feet were cold. Patty had said she got some new boots (from WalMart? \$8.00?) and she liked them that as I remember it was the conversation.

The boots were red rubber, I saw them maybe twice when she wore them to the yard.

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2-22-84	A. Norman/D. Rusher	WPD, JCISO	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 10:40 a.m. 2-22-84 myself and D. Rusher interviewed Lisa McCurdy at her place of business, Holden Manufacturing. On the afternoon of 2-20-84 I had spoken to Lisa via telephone during which time she stated that although she had heard rumors of Patricia Prewitt running around with other men she did not know any names.

Shortly after receiving their information it was brought to the attention of Johnson County Sheriff Norman that Lisa did in fact know the names of two young men who had been having some sort of relationship with Patricia. This led to the interview with Lisa at her place of business.

During the interview Lisa stated that she had heard of only one person and that was John Hancock. Lisa's ex-husband Bob McCurdy used to work with John Hancock and Lisa is presently good friends with John Hancock's wife. This is the reason she didn't want to mention any names when I first spoke to her on 2-20-84.

Alan D. Norman

Douglas C. Rusher

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TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

Lead #68 was to take boots to Patty Prewitt's mother for identification. No contact was made on this lead.

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REPORT CLASSIFICATION

2-22-84

Shobe & Johnson

Sedalia PD

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-22-84 Investigators Shobe and Johnson went to ADE Lumber in KCMO to contact Dennis Chadwick.

We arrived at the company at 10:45 a.m. but Chadwick was out on a delivery in St. Joseph, MO and wouldn't be back in the office until after 4:00 p.m. Negative contact.

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Lead # 70

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Charrette/Stewart	CMSU/MSHP	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 10:10 a.m. 2-22-84 Officer Charrette and I re-interviewed Sue Brown, 804 S. Main, Holden.

Ms. Brown stated that she remembered seeing a pair of red insulated tie up boots at the Austin's residence on New Years Eve. She stated the boots belonged to Patty Prewitt. Patty told Ms. Brown she got the boots in late December 1983, possibly for a Christmas present.

T.R. Charrette

D.S. Stewart

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2-22-84	Scott & Walker	MPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At 1:00 p.m. this date, Officer Walker and I contacted Ricky Dale Mitts, w/m, 03/23/53, 165 Elm, Belton, MO 331-7892 at his place of employment, Schutz and Sons, 1401 Fairfax Trafficway, Kansas City, Kansas, 913-321-6733.

Subject was made aware of why we were there, the Bill Prewitt homicide.

He stated that he, his wife, Michelle Mitss, and their children had went to see the Prewitt family about 3 weeks ago on a weekend. Subject was confronted with the allegations that he had been intimate with Patty Prewitt and had "blackmailed" her. Subject admitted to knowing the Prewitt family for about 10 years but denied ever aforementioned allegations. He did state that he had hugged and kissed Patty on occasion.

Stated he had worked full time for the Prewitts when they had first opened the business for about one year. He then worked there part time from about April 1980 to about October 1980. He was laid off during the first term of employment because of poor business.

He stated that he knew the Austins by sight and that he thought Jerri Austin was a person who just put up a good front.

When asked reference the homicide, he stated that he was at his place of employment at about 3:30 a.m. on that date. He said he had used a semi-automatic .22 caliber (brand name possible "Winchester") that belonged to Bill Prewitt. The place of use was at the Prewitt

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Lone Jack residence. He doubted that Patty Prewitt was capable of homicide, never used a gun. He knew nothing of the red boots that were recovered at the scene. He said that she had never asked him to or how to kill Bill Prewitt.

He was asked if Bill Prewitt had ever found out about Patty Prewitt and him. He told us again that nothing had happened but Bill Prewitt did tell him that he had heard rumors about the affair. Mitts stated that the rumor had probably been started by an Anita Slaughter who is married to Frank Slaughter, Patty's younger brother, this happening in 1975.

He knew nothing about either past or present boy friends of Patty Prewitt. He didn't think that Patty had any lesbian relationships. He didn't know of how much insurance was on Bill Prewitt.

About the family business, he stated they had started the lumber yard with money that they had gotten from Patty's grandparents.

He admitted to making several phone calls to the Prewitt residence during the past. He admitted to taking the trash to the Prewitt residence while Bill was at work. He admitted to going with Patty to KCMO to get lumber and hardware.

He stated that he had been in the Army in 1970 and using grass, LSD and heroin while there. He stated that he didn't know of Patty using same. He admitted to being picked up for burglary by Independence PD for burglary while in the Army. He stated that his father had paid \$400.00 fine for this and he had returned to the Army.

He stated that after moving away from Lone Jack, a group of bikers had moved into the same house as he had lived in. He stated that the bikers did visit the Prewitts but moved away after the bikers had burned their own house down.



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Of Jerri Austin and Patty Prewitt relationship, he stated that he was of the opinion that Patty was more or less in charge of the situation.

Subject was asked several times of his alledged sexual relations and blackmailing of Patty Prewitt. He denied all. Subject never got excited about any of the questions. Subject was asked if these answers to our questions would be the same if he were asked in court. He replied yes.

Robert Scott

Frank Walker

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2-22-84	Watson/Zink	Pettis/KNPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

Interview with Audria Stowell, age 15, 11/3/68, Rt 2, Holden, MO,  
732-5574.

R/O talked with Audria in the office of the school superintendent  
around 10:15 p.m. this date. Audria stated that her and Jane Prewitt  
were the best of friends, Jane has never said anything to her about  
their family matters. She knows of no boy friends that Patty may have  
and she has never seen Patty come home or leave the house with any  
boyfriends.

Audria said that Jane was very upset about her father's death  
but she was in school today (2-22-84) Audria stated the Cliff  
pickuped Jane about 5:30 a.m. to take her to his house and told her  
that her father was dead.

Sam Watson

Tony Zink

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Johnson County JURISDICTION Lead # 73

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
<u>2-22-84</u>	<u>Logan/Walker</u>	<u>Higginsville PD</u>	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on the above date, Officer Walker and myself, Officer Logan were given lead #74 to investigate a possible trade of weapons between a worker at McKee Lumber (Lee's Summit, MO) and the above victim.

At approximately 11:15 Officer Walker and myself talked to a Mark McKee (Manager of McKee Lumber) Mark stated that he and Bill have been best friends since grade school.

Mr. McKee introduced us to a Mr. George Allred who lives at PO Box 153, Greenwood, MO, phone 623-3207. Mr. Allred stated that he remembered trading a Winchester Model 190 semi-automatic to Bill several years ago. Mr. Allred stated that Bill was having trouble with his livestock being attacked by dogs, so he traded Bill the .22 for a 7mm Mowser deer rifle. Mr. Allred stated, that Bill had a better chance of hitting the dogs with the .22. Mr. Allred stated that he probably bought the rifle from Sears with his credit card. (Maybe Wards but not probably.)

Mr. Allred stated, that if he seen the weapon (.22 caliber rifle) he could possible identify the rifle. Mr. Allred also stated the Winchester he traded Bill is no longer in production.

K Logan

J. Walker

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Brockhoff/Brown	LCSD, SCSD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

We went to the house about 10:00 a.m. 02/22/84 to look for insurance policies and get shoe sizes from the bed rooms. We went through all the cabinets and files we could find but found no insurance policies. In Janes room we found shoes from size 5½ to 6½, in Sara's room size 6, in Carries room we couldn't find any shoes with sizes in them but they were very small. In Matt and Morgan's room the only shoes were size 4. In the closet of themaster bedroom the only women's shoes were size 7½ to 8.

James Brown

Steve Brockhoff

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Lead # 75

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Hughes/Woodson	JCSO/WPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-22-84 Deputy Hughes, Deputy Juvenile Officer Vivian Rasa, and myself were assigned Lead #75 to interview the Prewitt children in reference to the red boots.

We contacted Jane Prewitt, age 14, at the Holden High School. Deputy Hughes showed Jane the boots and asked if she had seen them before. Jane stated that they were her mother's (Patty Prewitt) boots. She stated that she thought her mother had purchased them at the Sears Surplus Store in Blue Springs, MO. Jane said she thought they had been purchased in December 1983 before Christmas.

Deputy Hughes asked Jane how often her mother wore the boots. Jane stated the boots were her mom's everyday boots. She stated that her mother usually wore them to work everyday. Hughes then asked Jane if she had ever wore the boots. Jane said she had worn them once in January 84 when they went sled riding north of the house. Jane said that Sara wore the boots sometimes walking in the fields however the last time Jane saw Sarah wear them there was snow on the ground. The interview with Jane was then terminated.

We then contacted Sarah J. Prewitt, age 12. Upon Hughes showing Sarah the boots she identified them as being her mothers. Sarah said that her mother has had the boots since the end of November or December 1983. Sarah said that her mother got the boots during a trip to Kansas City. She said she thought they were purchased at a Sears store.

Sarah said that she has worn the boots two or three times while sled riding during Christmas break. She said she had never worn the boots around

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the pond only on the back or north side of the house.

After talked to Sarah we contacted Morgan P. Prewitt, age 6. Morgan also identified the boots as being his mothers. He stated he thought she had had them for about 3 weeks. Morgan said that he had never wore the boots.

We then talked to Carrie S. Prewitt, age 8. Hughes showed the boots to Carrie who identified them as being her mothers'. Carrie said she thought her mothen got them after Christmas. Carrie also said her mother wears the boots often. Carrie said that she (Carrie) had never wore them but Sarah had worn them 5 or 6 times when sleding. However this had not been in the last week or two.

Next we talked to William Matthew Prewitt (Matt), age 10. Matt identified the boots as being his mothers'. He said he believed she had them for about 1 year. Matt said that Sarah wore the boots once about 1 month ago when it was muddy to feed the dogs, which are located just outside the game room door.

Steve Woodson

K.C. Hughes



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2-22-84	A. Norman/Rusher	WPD, JCSO	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-22-84 at approx. 11:30 a.m. the R/O and Alan Norman attempted to contact Margaret Maxwell at her place of business, the Country Curl beauty parlor in Kingsville, MO. Contact was not made because subject could not be located.

Doug Rusher

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Lead # 77

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
02-23-84	Hughes/Woodson	JCSO/WPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 02-27-84 at about 11:25 a.m. Det. Woodson and I contacted Sue Brown, 804 S. Main St., 732-6244 at her residence. Mrs. Brown was shown the boots and stated that they "looked just like" the ones Patty Prewitt had worn to the New Years Eve Party at the Austins on 12-31-83. Mrs. Brown stated that she saw the boots by the stove in the living room and asked Patty if they were new. Patty told her either that she had gotten them for Christmas or had bought them for herself for Christmas. She could not remember which.

K.C. Hughes

Steve Woodson

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Lead # 78

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
02-22-84	Hughes/P. Johnson	Johnson/Carroll	1 Counties

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 02-22-84 at about 10:45 a.m. Sheriff Johnson and I contacted Mrs. Harvey Wright, 300 W. 2nd St, Holden, MO, phone 732-4001, bus. phone 732-4811 at the Holden City Hall. I showed Mrs. Wright the boots and asked her if she had ever seen them before. She looked at the boots and stated "Those are Patty's boots." Mrs. Wright stated that she has seen Patty wear the boots many times in the past two months.

K.C. Hughes

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DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Charrette/Stewart	CMSU/MSHP	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At approximately 1:00 p.m. 2/22/84 Tpr Stewart and I utilizing the Mo. Highway Patrol airplane took aerial photographs of the crime scene area. Three rolls of ten were taken of the Prewitts residence and surrounding area. One roll of ten was taken of the road from the Prewitts to Holden.

T. R. Charrette

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Lead # 80

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Brown/Brockhoff	Lafayette/Saline	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

At about 11:55 Officers Brown and Brockhoff interviewed Ted Guinn, agent for American Family Insurance. He stated that last Thursday Ted Guinn went by Prewitt's lumber reference to insufficient funds at bank for insurance premium.

Bill and Patty had to take money from one account and put in another to make check good. Patty asked Ted who was on the policy. Ted told her the insurance was \$100,000.00 on Patty and \$5,000.00 on each of the 5 kids. Premium was about \$45.00 a month. Patty told Ted she thought Bill's life insurance was with American Family. Bill told Patty he had canceled with American Family and had it with Modern America.

The policy with American Family was for \$60,000.00 and was cancelled by Bill in Nov. 1981. Bill also cancelled their medical insurance with American Family.

At about 1:20 p.m. we interviewed Raymond Day agent for Modern American Insurance. Raymond Day explained the life insurance Bill Prewitt had two policies. One policy called Whole Life Accumulator 1, was taken out in 04-18-77. It was for \$50,000 death and \$25,000 accidental with return of premium which would be \$14,112.50 and total of \$83,488.78. Patty Prewitt is beneficiary. Premium on this policy was due on Jan. 18, 1984. It would have lapsed on 02-18-84 but could have stayed in effect by premiums being paid out of policy. Policy could have stayed good for another 7-10 years.

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Policy #2 was term life, double idemnity on accidental death. Policy was taken out 5-23-78. Beneficiary Patty Prewitt. AMount is \$49,987.31, the total amount of money to go to Patty Prewitt is \$133,476.09.

Raymond stated he believed both policies would have lapsed on the 18th of February 1984. Whole life policy would have continued on but the term life would have canceled out losing \$49,987.31.

Mr. Day said the agent that Bill Prewitt used was Darel Ayler of Lee's Summit, phone 816-966-8700. Officer Brockhoff called Mr. Ayler and he stated no one has called in the last two years to check on amount of insurance Bill Prewitt has.

Jim Brown

Steve Brockhoff



STATEMENT OF: Teddy Wilbur Guinn, 05-02-54 Agent for American Family Insurance, phone 732-6500

Thursday, 2/16/84 I went down to Prewitt Lumber and Supply to approach them on reinstating their life insurance policies on Patty and the kids. I asked them both about it and they said there were no funds in their bank account at Farmers and Commercial Bank and that they needed to switch the account to the Bank of Holden and that Patty would be in Friday to pay me in cash and to sign an authorization card to let the funds come out of the other bank. All names of the policies were on a sheet of paper and the question was made about Bill's policy and Bill was present and he said he had his with Modern American.

Bill's policy he had with me in 1980 was for \$60,000 and he let it lapse in November 1981 cause he felt he had enough insurance elsewhere.

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Lead # 81

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Watson/Zink	Pettis/KNPD	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On 2-22-84 at 12:15 p.m. R/O's contacted Wayne Carter, 504 S. Market, Holden, the owner of the Cowboy Inn. Carter and his wife advised that on occasion William and Patty Prewitt came to the business to pick up to go orders but didn't frequent the bar. Carter stated he was not aware of Patty ever wearing red boots.

Carter stated that he done business with the Prewitt Lumber Yard and that he had built the Prewitt house several years ago. Carter further stated that the main power breaker controls all electricity to the residence.

Carter also stated that he had heard that Patty Prewitt had had an affair two or three years ago with John Hancock but didn't associate with the Prewitts much socially.

While at the Cowboy Inn, Carters employees went to the Prewitt lumber yard to retrieve some paneling for Junior Sisk. They had obtained a key to the business from Jerri Austin.

S. Watson

T. Zink

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Lead # 82

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Eich, Carroll	WPD, CMSU	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

Lead #82 was to interview Tim Flanagan in Warrensburg, MO, as he was in a photograph found at the Prewitt residence which also showed Patty Prewitt. This photograph was taken at Garrisons Bar in Warrensburg. We made contact with Tim Flanagan at Diemer Hall in Warrensburg. Tim said he did not know Patty Prewitt. We then showed Tim the photograph and he said it was definetely him in the photo, however, he still did not know the girl in the photograph. Tim did say that he thought the while male in the photograph that was wearing the sun visor might be a Bill Crust from Harrisonville, MO. Tim said Bill used to go to CMSU in Warrensburg however he is now out of school and he sells insurance in Harrisonville, MO.

Randall Eich

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Lead # 83

JURISDICTION

DATE OF REPORT	OFFICERS	OFFICER'S AGENCY	REPORT CLASSIFICATION
2-22-84	Walker/Logan	Higginsville	

TITLE OF CASE (INCLUDE ALIASES)

William E. Prewitt

DETAILS (REPORT ALL FACTS IN LOGICAL SEQUENCE)

On above date at about 1:40 p.m. I talked with a Mr. Henry of the Farm's Bank of Holden. Mr. Henry said that the Prewitts did have a Small Business Loan with them. Mr. Henry said that it was backed by SBA in Kansas City, 1150 Grand Ave, 816-374-3416. The loan officer is gene DeMoss. The loan officer at their bank is Jack Wharton who was not in at that time.

At 2:15 p.m. Officer Ken Logan and myself went to the farm's bank of Holden and talked with Mr. Henry and a Mr. Smith

They told us that in October 1, 1980 a Business loan for \$55,000.00 was granted for 8 years, 3 mo, renewed Nov. 13, 1983 for \$45,000.00 They hold the 1st and 2nd mortgage on the business. Also at one time a short term loan was taken out for \$20,000.00 when hail storm came through so they could get some supplies. The Prewitt's loan shows that they were perpetually late during the time of 1980 and 1983. One note was over due December 31, 1983 but paid up interest in Feb. 1984.

The Bank held a 2nd mortgage on the house with the Federal Land Bank holding the first. When asked if a inventory of the lumber co was ever done, Mr. Smith said he knew of none. The Prewitts owe around \$88,500 plus interest. Mr. Smith and Henry did not know of any insurance policy that would cover the loan in case of death on either Mr. or Mrs. Prewitt.

J. Walker

K. Logan

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Interview with Patricia A. Prewitt  
At the Holden Police Department, 02-18-84 4:10 p.m.

Hughes: Start from where what you guys did yesterday evening. Bring me up all the way through early this morning.

Prewitt: OK, I don't know times. I wish I paid attention to times.

H: That's ok. Just tell me what you know, what you do remember. If there's something you can't remember, just tell me. If you can't remember, that's fine too. We'll try to get as close as we can approximately and if you can't do any better than that, that's fine. OK, so don't worry about it, so don't put pressure on yourself by digging and trying to figure it out, so if you don't know just tell me. OK.

P: OK.

H: What did you do yesterday evening?

P: You mean after work?

H: Yes.

P: We met Jerri and Paul, our two friends that

H: What's their last names?

P: Austin. We met them at Kingsville. They live south of Kingsville. We met them at the Country Curl Beauty Shop which is owned by Margaret Maxwell, a friend of our. And that is where we always park the vehicles. We met them there and we went to Pleasant Hill to a barbeque place. I don't know the name of it. That man asked me before. But it's across from Gerbes on 7 Highway.

H: Across from what?

P: Gerbes, its a grocery store. And a, we had ribs and just ate dinner. Then we went down the road to the Stumble Inn, which is a real redneck



dumb bar and we had a couple of beers and danced a couple of dances and decided this was not our cup of tea. And I don't know the times on anything. And I called Sara my daughter from the Stumble Inn. I got this feeling that just kinda rushed over me that the kids were in trouble so I made a collect call from there. Called Sara.

H: About what time was that?

P: I don't know. Sara told me it was like a quarter to ten, something like that.

H: But you don't remember?

P: No, I don't. When I quit college, I left my watch.

H: You live a lot longer if you don't wear a watch.

P: I never paid attention to time. I'm terrible. But I called Sara and she said everything was fine. And Bill said you're being stupid. So I just ignored that feeling.

P: And we left and we went back to Margaret's and the two guys got in our car and Jerri and I, Jerri's a girl, Jerri and I got, well we stayed in her car. And we went to their place, which is south of Kingsville. We played Atari and the guys played guitars and we sang and we ate and I don't know if we left there at 1:30 or what. I don't know. But anyway we went home. And I drove home and Bill slept in the seat like always.

H: Had Bill had a couple drinks?

P: He had some beers, yeah.

H: Do you know how many he had to drink?

P: He wasn't drunk. He, Bill had, past tense isn't easy for me to do. Bill had astigmatism and didn't drive well at night. I always drove at

night. The headlights blinded him and it's a night blindness type thing. Anyway he never liked to drive at night and I didn't care to be killed on the highway, so I always drove at night. And drove home and we pulled in and we had some ribs left over from the dinner which he put out on the patio because I saw them later when I left and we went in and I smelled burned popcorn so I went straight to the kitchen to see how badly they'd messed up my dishes and Bill went upstairs to check the kids and said everybody was fine, they're all asleep in their beds except Matthew was asleep in our bed and Bill took him in and put him in the top bunk with our other boy. Our oldest girl was spending the night with a friend and I don't remember exactly but by the time I got in bed Bill was already asleep.

H: Do you know about how long after you got home you got into bed?

P: It wasn't ten minutes. I didn't mess around much. We had to be at work the next morning and also I had a volleyball tournament in Odessa. And you need to rest when you go play a volleyball tournament. Much less when you have as many children as I do you have to get up anyway, so I didn't tarry long. I don't remember anything especially at all.

H: Did you go to bed and then go to sleep?

P: Yeah.

H: Bill was asleep when you got there?

P: Yeah, well he seemed to be. He was breathing regular.

H: You didn't talk to him when you got in bed?

P: Huh-uh.

H: What's the next thing you remember?



P: I remember I thought I heard lightning. Well, we had some thunder and lightning before and I thought I heard one real close. But I know it wasn't, now.

H: What do you think it was?

P: It was a gunshot. And I think it was two of them. I know that or something, I don't know. This is all real fuzzy.

H: I can understand that.

P: I don't know.

H: OK, tell me, you think what you thought then was the thunder that woke you up?

P: Halfway. What woke me up was somebody pulled me out of bed by the hair. And it seemed like I played back the thunder. I don't know, I wish I had this real clear for you. But I don't.

H: That's alright. Tell me the best you can.

P: We have, I made a quilt years ago for our bed. This is crazy sounding, but our bedroom's on the south and the sun faded the quilt so I got room darkening shades last summer. So our bedroom's real dark. The rest of the kids bedrooms are just like this. And in our bedroom we keep real dark so this damn quilt I made wouldn't fade completely out because it took me two years to make it. And if there was any light outside I don't know. All, I didn't see anything, it was just black.

H: Tell me what happened, the next thing you remember after being pulled out of bed? How did the guy have hold of you?

P: He had me by the hair. And I grabbed his hand cause he was hurting my hair. And I don't know exactly which direction we were on the floor.

I don't. That's all real fuzzy because I didn't touch the dresser or the bed to know. I mean I can walk that house in pitch black. We've lived there seven years. I know that house. But I don't know which direction we were. But I'm trying to think. He had hold of my hair but he didn't hold on to my hair the whole time. But he was on top of me.

H: Where was that at?

P: On the floor.

H: How did you get on the floor?

P: I guess, it just seemed like he pulled me straight out of bed and we went straight on the floor. But see what's weird is I kept thinking where is Bill, what's happened to Bill. And I know it sounds crazy now to know what we were doing, but I wasn't paying that much attention to what I was doing. But I know he had something sharp at my throat and he said he was going to slit my throat if I didn't cooperate.

H: Do you know exactly what he said? I mean the words that he used.

P: He said, "Lay still or I'll slit your throat."

H: And that's when you were on the floor?

P: un-huh.

H: OK, where was he then?

P: He was on top of me. And his face was real close to mine. And he did it in kind of a hoarse whisper. I mean he didn't say it loud. It seemed loud but it wasn't. Anyway I really wasn't listening to him. I was thinking that that wasn't lightning that I heard. That Bill has been hurt or he would be there. And I kept thinking, how bad is Bill hurt. Bill and I have been partners for years. We were 19 when we got married. We worked so hard together. We weren't just married, we were partners.



And I kept thinking that I didn't care if the man slit my throat to tell you the truth because evidently Bill was hurt really bad. And I started crying because I remember tears were going in my ears. Which I hadn't done since I was a teenager, laid in bed and cried about stupid things. And this guy smelled like cigarettes and not motor oil but something like that. And he said, "I hate it when they cry, I hate it when they cry. Don't cry or I'll slit your throat." And I couldn't stop crying for a long time and I thought he's going to kill me and then he's going to hurt my babies. And I tried with all my heart to stop crying and I couldn't. I kept thinking Bill was gone and I knew he was that that part of me was gone.

H: Did you get a look at the guy at all? Could you see at all what he looked like? You say he was laying close to you. Did he have any facial hair? Could you tell?

P: Not a beard but whiskers. Like if you shaved in the morning and not in the evening.

H: Did he have his face up against yours? Which way was your head facing? Like you were laying in bed, the opposite way, crossways?

P: I don't know. I never, I thought I was laying so that Bill was over there while I was looking that way toward Bill.

H: You were on Bill's side of the bed then you are saying?

P: No, we were on my side of the bed on the floor between the dresser and the bed. But I'm not sure. I know it's dumb not to know. But I'm not sure which way we were. There's not that much room between the dresser and the bed. It had to be this way or that way.

H: So you really can't remember which way you were laying. Do you remember anything at all about what the guy was wearing?

P: Inaudible. The other officer asked me that.

H: Could you tell how big he was?

P: I know he wasn't big. And he wasn't as small as my husband. He wasn't big like my brother.

H: How big is your brother?

P: 6'4 and 250 lbs. My husband was 5'7, 130 pounds. He was somewhere in the middle there. I don't know. Not that big, I don't know.

H: Now when you were laying on the floor. I mean did you have a hold of him or did he have a hold of you or could you feel any part of him?

P: He was laying the length of me. And when he said he'd slit my throat I believed him. Cause it felt like something that would do the job.

H: Up against your throat?

P: uh-huh.

H: Could you tell anything about the clothes he had on by feeling? Could you tell anything about the knife? Did it feel like a regular sharp knife or a serated knife?

P: I don't know. I have paring knives. I have a place there from peeling potatoes. I wish I was better at this.

H: It's ok. How long do you think the guy was on top of you?

P: A year. I don't know.

H: Did he ever take off any of your clothes? What did he take off?

P: Pajama bottoms and my panties.

H: What did he do with them.

P: They were next to my night table when it was all over so evidently inaudible                      Somehow this is all going to come to me, I know.



H: Did he pull those off before he laid on top of you?

P: No, first he laid on top of me and told me to be still or he'd slit my throat. And I, I was thinking about Bill and then I realized he was taking those off and I really didn't care. All I could think about was Bill, that he was gone.

H: How long did he lay on top of you? Do you have any idea? What did he do after he laid on top of you? He pulled your pajama bottoms and your panties off and then what did he do?

P: Then he fumbled with like his belt and things like that. I couldn't even hear him good for my heart beating in my ears.

H: So what did he do? Did he ever get his pants undone, could you tell?

P: I don't know. He didn't rape me, I know that.

H: Did he ever attempt penetration?

P: I don't think so. He kept telling me not to fight. And I, he seemed more concerned that I was crying than anything else. That made him very angry. And if I had any sense I would have stopped but I couldn't. In my mind I know this is stupid because you'd think your mind would be right there with you but my mind was with Bill. I can see Bill right now and I want him back.

H: What happened, did he, I mean what did he do after he laid on top of you?

P: He just kept telling me not to cry, not to cry. He got real mad that I was. I don't know how long it was or anything, but all of a sudden he, what did he say, something like fuck this or something like that and got up and I, he left the room and I know that but I wasn't aware of him leaving. But as soon as he got off, this is so stupid but

I didn't care if he was still in there or not, I wanted to get over to Bill to see what was wrong.

H: Did you notice him going out the door? What happened after he was gone? After he got up off of you?

P: I got up immediately.

H: Let's back up for just a second. Did he hold the knife at your throat at the same place the whole time? Do you know which hand he held the knife in?

P: Right one. Part of the time he was holding my hair with his left one and he was real nervous. He was really mad and shaky and I knew I was making him madder which you're not supposed to do, I know, but I didn't seem to know what to do to make him not mad.

H: How was he holding the knife. Was he holding it so the handle was straight forward or was he holding it so the handle was, you know, upraised or up against your throat or forward?

P: I wouldn't swear but it seemed to me like if you were holding it down,

H: Up against your throat like that. Now he's gone, he left. What did you do then.

P: Got up immediately. Went over to Bill.

H: Did you climb over the bed to Bill?

P: Over my side and Bill was laying like he does facing his chest of drawers. That's his favorite side and his shoulder was uncovered. And he was breathing kind of ragged, kind of rattley like somebody like a kitty of some kind of thing, but he was breathing but he wouldn't wake up and I shook his shoulder and he wouldn't wake up. Now I couldn't see, I just knew that's the way his shoulder looked. I seen him in bed many



times and I knew what he looked like. And he wouldn't wake up. I went straight across the hall to the boys' room, Matt and Morgan my two sons, I went straight over there and found them in the top bunk and they were fine. It was real dark out. They were sleeping, breathing fine. So I went down, what's funny is I could have met that man in the hall and I wouldn't have cared. I was on my way to the kids' rooms and I went down to Sara's room.

H: Which room is hers?

P: Southeast pink bedroom with double bed. Went in there. She was right in the middle of the bed sleeping soundly. Then I ran into Carrie's room and she was laying there uncovered, like always.

H: Which room is hers?

P: The closet. She and Sara had a thing and then she moved into the closet. Now the other bedroom upstairs, Jane wasn't there. I never went in there.

H: Where was Jane at?

P: She was at the Stowes. They live over that way.

H: Spending the night?

P: Spending the night with a girlfriend. I went back into our bedroom and I went around to Bill's side between the sewing machine and the bed and Bill was laying just like he was and it seemed like he was still taking a breath but he wouldn't wake up. I knew it was really bad. And I, oh I forgot, I tried all the lights as I went in the kids' rooms, and the digital clock on my night table wouldn't work and the phone on the sewing machine wouldn't work, one of these little cheepie K-Mart things. That wouldn't work. So I went downstairs around and out the

the family room which was a garage made into a family room, out the front door, out to the blue pickup cause I knew there was a flashlight there. Went out there and got the flashlight. It was on the dash. Came back in and it was the most pitiful flashlight you ever saw. It was a little amber glow. Went upstairs, went into our bedroom and I shined it on Bill and there was blood down the mattress and on down the dust ruffle and I knew this was really bad. So I went down the hall to Sara's room and shook her and said "Sara, I want you to get up and put on some pants. We have a fire." It was the only thing I could think of. I don't know why. I said we have a fire and she got up and she started crying a little bit. I said, "Don't cry. I need your help to get the babies out." And so she put on a pair of sweat pants and we went into Carrie's closet and her nightgown was on the floor and before she even knew what happened, we slipped it over her head and picked Carrie up and grabbed my two girls and went down the hall and we went into the boys room and they were in the top bunk. It seemed like an eternity before we could get them dressed and get them awake. The girls woke up like that but the boys

H: Had you woke up any of the kids the first time you went to their room?

P: No, I felt them but they're used to that. I go in their rooms and check them. I have since they were born, cover em up and all that crap.

H: Go on.

P: Got the boys dressed. Went down the stairs, turned the corner, grabbed, there's a coat rack there, grabbed a few coats.

H: At the bottom of the steps?

P: At the bottom of the steps. Went on around through the kitchen. And the kids kept saying, "Where's daddy? Where's daddy?" And I said it's okay, but we've got to get out. I really felt bad about lieing to them like



that, but we got to the family room and got shoes. I don't know why it seemed important to get shoes on. Got shoes on everybody and I took them out and it was blowing and raining. Put them in the car and said lock the doors, I'll be right back. And Sara was saying, Sara is 12½ and she's not stupid. You don't lock the doors when you're in the car for a fire and you don't leave your daddy in there. She said "Where's daddy?" I said "I'm going to go get him or check on him, I don't know." And I went back in and went upstairs and shined it on Bill again. I don't know if I could have picked him or got him out. I didn't think I could. And I didn't think he was still with me. I had this feeling of loss like he was already gone. And it seemed like I needed to get my babies away from there. And that's what Bill would have wanted me to do. So I left him there and ran back downstairs and my legs were starting to get weak by then. I was doing real good until then. Went downstairs and put on the only thing I could find, a pair of high top volleyball tennis shoes. Went out, got in the car, started the car, which it started; a rash of things we have to do with the starter and I wasn't up to that. Thank God it started. And I backed out and the kids said "Where are we going?" I didn't have the slightest idea. Things were starting to get black around the edges so I rolled down the window and everybody said "I'm freezing. I'm freezing." I didn't care, I froze them out. And we went towards town and we just drove until I saw a light in Gustin's window and I pulled that sucker in there and I was doing real good until I got up to the door and started beating on the door. And when I saw Cliff I wasn't even coherent. Could I have done something for Bill?

H: I don't think there's anything you could have done. Don't worry about it, ok?

P: I do. I didn't know what to do. It looked really serious. It looked like a lot of blood. He didn't feel right. I'm sorry.

H: Let's get you something to drink.

P: I got water.

H: You need to use the restroom or anything?

P: I'm ok.

H: Patty, why don't you get up and stretch your legs. I need to talk to these gentlemen anyway if it's ok with you. We'll stop a few minutes and then we'll continue on, ok?

P: Fine.

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H: One thing I need to ask you about, the guns, the two .22 rifles. They were where?

P: I thought they were in our closet.

H: Ok, when was the last time you saw them?

P: Sometime last summer and that's the last time that I've seen them. In fact, last week, we had a stray dog come up and it was a mean stray dog and I looked in the closet and I didn't see them and that was in the morning and I didn't go to work right off the bat, got to work about 8:30 and I asked Bill and Bill goes "They're in the closet and I hid them so that the kids wouldn't find them." And I said that's fine, I just wondered. And that's all that was said.

H: Did you ask him where he had hidden them at?

P: No.



H: Have you seen them since then? They were both .22 rifles, right?

P: One was a repeater and one was just a single shot, a squirrel type.

H: What kind was the repeater?

P: I don't know.

H: Do you know where he got them at or how long ago?

P: The repeater, he used to work at McKee Lumber in Lee's Summit, and he traded somebody something for that. Cause when we lived in the old house, we had rats in the chicken house and I used to sit on the deck and plug those suckers with the repeater. And when we moved here, I worked and didn't have time to sit around and kill rats. And I haven't paid any attention to it since.

H: How about the other one?

P: I don't know, is it right to not know your own property? I don't know if it came with the camping equipment, when we got married he had camping equipment. I don't know if it came with his dowery or a maybe Daddy knows. I don't.

H: When was the last time you'd seen the gun?

P: I'm not sure.

H: Why did he say he'd hid it?

P: Because once we came home from work and Bill found one of them on our bed. They were under our bed at that time, and they had been for years. But our oldest boy got to the age that he paid attention and it was sitting on the bed. And nothing had been done, but it scared Bill and the kids get home ahead of us. And so he said he hid them and I never asked where because

H: So he hid both of them?

P: Uh-huh.

H: And you never saw them since then?

P: I might have.

H: Did you see them that day one was out on the bed?

P: Huh-huh

H: That was which one?

P: I don't know. I just walked through and Bill goes look what I found on the bed and I go ought-oh and he said I'm going to hide it and have a talk with the kids. Which he did all of that while I fixed supper. So I wasn't really

H: Do you know what the kids said about the gun?

P: I don't know. I don't know why, unless Matt said he just pulled it out for something

H: How old is Matt?

P: Matt is ten now. But they didn't know where the shells were.

H: Where were the shells kept at?

P: I think Bill had some in one of his, the chest of drawers is his and the dresser is mine. Somewhere in there. But I always kept some in my jewelry box.

H: How many did you keep in your jewelry box?

P: silence

H: How many did he keep in his drawer?

P: 22 shorts or longs, I don't know.

H: Were either of the guns loaded?

P: They weren't supposed to ever be. I kept some in my jewelry box in case something happened, then I wouldn't have to go through his whole dresser.

H: How long ago did you put the .22 shells in the jewelry box?



P: I have had .22 shells in my jewelry box for fifteen years.

H: OK. When you said before the gun that was found on the bed, it had been pulled from under the bed. And Bill took them both and hid them someplace.

P: uh-huh

H: He didn't tell you where he'd hid them?

P: In my closet, I'd assumed. I really never. My closet is a mess and I really never had a reason to care where they were.

H: Did you ever see them after he hid them?

P: I was thinking they were behind the old walnut dresser. It was my great-grandmother's. I was thinking they were behind there. It seems like I saw a barrel once or something. Maybe I saw the stock when I vacuumed, I don't know. It didn't seem very important where the damn things were. I mean they were away from the kids.

H: One of the guns is missing.

P: Not in the closet? Which one?

H: The one that's in there is a bolt action single shot.

P: Old squirrel type.

H: Would he have lent it to anybody?

P: Not that I know of. Not that he said anything to me about.

H: Did you hear any cars last night or early this morning? Did you hear the guy come in or go out? Do you have any idea which way he came in or went out? Do you know if the doors were locked?

P: Bill checked that.

H: Any of the doors, do you know if any of the doors were locked?

P: Front door, in the winter time, we don't use that door and it's chained and locked.

H: The one in front of the stairs?

P: Uh-huh. It doesn't catch good.

H: What door do you normally use?

P: Family room, what used to be the garage. That door because it's got the tile there and this weather and everybody mudds in there and the other door you have to push real hard to get it to catch. And we leave for work before the kids catch the bus and it's not too much of a thrill to come home after work and find out that the door has been open all day long. We didn't used to lock at all. We started that recently.

H: You really don't, you never saw the guns after Bill hid them except the time when you were vacuuming you maybe saw them?

P: Yeah.

H: How long had it been since you shot any of the guns?

P: Gosh, summer.

H: This past summer, is that the last time you shot any gun?

P: Uh-huh.

H: Never shot any guns in between that time?

P: No.

H: How about Bill, when was the last time he shot a gun?

P: As far as I know, not since summer.

H: Does he hunt?

P: No.

H: Anybody you guys had any problems with lately?

P: No, we are getting hard core on our collections. We have a lot of people who owe us money and this winter has not been good to us



and so I put a lien on a place and put some people up for a collection agency and stuff that we've never done before. But that's all I can think of.

H: Ok. Have you had any harassing phone calls from anybody?

P: Now and then I get an obscene phone call but it's just harmless.

H: How long ago?

P: A couple of weeks.

H: That was the last one?

P: Uh-huh.

H: Was that the first one in a long time or had you been getting them?

P: I'm trying to think. I asked the phone company once because I was getting a real rash of them. And my oldest girl sounds kind of like me on the telephone. I mean it's one thing to pick it up and and say hello and then have them say something and then hang up. But when your daughter who is, it's almost funny because Janie answered once and she listened and she goes I think it's for you, mama.

H: It was a couple of weeks ago when you got the last one? What did the caller say?

P: Do I have to say that?

H: I tell you what, I've been in this business a long time and I don't think anybody can say anything that will embarrass me.

P: Well, it will embarrass me.

H: Tell me. The only reason why it should embarrass you is if it would embarrass me and it won't embarrass me. I've talked to a thousand people

P: You're not convincing me.

H: I've talked to a thousand people who've gotten obscene phone calls before and I doubt that anything you say will shock me.

P: No, but it doesn't do well for me.

H: If you don't want to tell me, you don't have to tell me but I wish that you would. Maybe I could get something on the person that was making the call.

P: Can I wright it down? I know this is silly but Mama raised me silly. Wait, I can't write that down either. Wait, give me a second and I can blurt it out. I know I can. You're going to think I'm the craziest woman you ever met in your whole life and I am. I was always crazy but now I'm even crazier. What ever little bit of sanity I had is quickly leaving. Oh god, I've even got Jerri's shoes on and they're huge. Stupid stuff like I want to eat your pussy. Stupid dumb stuff like that.

H: Anything else?

P: I don't know. That's all you're getting.

H: OK, see that wasn't so bad, was it?

P: Oh yeah, bad enough to listen to it much less

H: Did you recognize the voice?

P: No.

H: Did you have a prowler incident not too long ago?

P: Uh-huh.

H: How long ago was that?

P: It would have been in September because my father got his eye put out at work.

H: Do you know when in September?

P: Late September.

H: Can you tell me what happened. Was it at night?



P: No, it was during the day. We talked to someone about it because my dad got his eye put out and my mother was a basket case so I went to the city. Well, I picked Mama up and we went to Baptist Memorial. When I picked Mama up, the phone rang and it was Sara, my second daughter, and she was home sick that day. And there wasn't anything I could do, she was sick but I had to go take care of Dad. And Sara is twelve, she could manage ok. And she's got the phone and can always call. She had called the lumber yard evidently and Bill wasn't there. He was on delivery. So she called my mother's house and she said that Willie had been in the house and she was real upset and I said did he see you and I didn't know what to say. And she said, no, he didn't. So she explained that he just came in. She'd hid under my bed. And so I said I'll take care of it, don't worry. So I called down to the lumber yard and Jerri, my girlfriend works for us part time. She a, I said Jerri, go get Sara, the neighbor boy has been in the house and I want her got. So Jerri came out, got Sara, and brought her home. That was all. Except Bill and I discussed it and we said what if something happened and we hadn't done anything and someone was hurt. Not just a member of our family but someone else. You always hear these things. People go yeah I always knew he was weird and they never said anything. So we felt like it was out duty to say something. So I said something to Keith Sturgis and he said he would bring a patrolman out and I said I'm not pressing charges or anything. I just want it known. So he came out and talked to Sara.

H: Who was with him, do you remember? Was it just him by himself?

P: Keith Sturgis and an officer. And I couldn't tell you his name.

H: What did he look like? Do you remember?

P: Probably my age. Just nice normal looking. Not a kid like you, but

just a nice person. I don't know.

H: OK, who is this guy Willie?

P: Neighbor boy.

H: What is his last name?

P: Wyrick.

H: How does he spell that?

P: Wyrick.

H: How old is he?

P: 19, 20, 21, I don't know. Out of school.

H: What does he look like?

P: Big, blond, muscular.

H: Did Sara say what he was doing in the house?

P: She said that he pulled up to the door, knocked on the door.

She had run downstairs. There, we have a little half bath downstairs.

She was looking out of that window and she said he knocked on the door

and he knocked on the door. And then he came in. Sara ran upstairs,

ran in and jumped in my bed. I wasn't there and that seemed to be

security. She jumped in my bed. And she said, Willie, I don't know

the time span, but she said he came upstairs, and I may be getting this all wrong.

But I think he veered off toward Janie's and her room and she rolled

under my bed and she said he never saw her. And he came in my room, and

turned on the light cause we have room darkening shades, turned on the

light and she doesn't know what he did but he was in there awhile and

then he left and that's when she called. So that's what we told the

officer. And he went over and talked to Willie. And Mr. Wyrick called

me and he said when was this supposed to be. And I told him what time

of day and what day. He said that I just want to make sure that you're



not trying to pin something on my boy when he was with me. Well, I said this was when it was and it was Willie. Lloyd, don't try to get him out of this one. So Lloyd got inaudible. And we had two coaches from high school, one is a good friend of ours and the other one was a tag along. They came out and we started eating supper. And the phone rang and it was Willie. And he has this whiney voice and it drives me insane. "Mrs. Prewitt, I wasn't in your house. We got some dogs lost and I knocked on your door and there wasn't anybody there." Well, I said "Willie, the whole, the phone is in the hall by the kitchen and everybody sat at the kitchen table and the place got quiet listening. And I said, Willie, you were in our home and I don't want you to ever do it again. That's all I'm asking. "Mrs. Prewitt, I wouldn't ever go in your home, I wasn't in your home." And I don't know what all was said but I was so mad at him and I couldn't say that Sara saw him because I was afraid he would take revenge on her. Any my babies are very important to me. And so I said something like Willie, you son of a bitch, I was in the house. And I know you were in the house cause I was there. Cause I figured he'd never know that I was in Lee's Summit at that time. And he got real quiet with listening, his folks were listening and this whole thing was for his folks and I said I know your folks are listening and there's not a damn thing you can say. But don't come back. So that was about the end of.

H: Have you had any trouble with him before or after that?

P: Oh, since then I haven't seen the man at all.

H: You don't think he was the one that was in your bedroom?

P: No, he's too big, too big. He's crazy, before that he followed my daughters around and would come over to the house and want to help

me out and whenever he showed up you wished you had more clothes on than you had. I can't explain it but he'd come in the summertime and if you were dressed for gardening you always wished you had a shirt out there or something to, I don't know.

H: If you don't mind, let me ask you a few questions you're probably not going to like answering but I need to ask them.

P: You've already done this. You've been doing that all long.

H: No, these really get good. Do you think you're up to it?

P: Yeah. Until now, I'm fine. Very good, good.

H: Was there any chance of separation between you?

P: No

H: Had you talked of separation?

P: No

H: Had you ever talked of separation?

P: No, we argued. Last night we argued too and I wish we hadn't

H: When did you argue?

P: Just a little argument. I wanted to dance this dance and he hated that song.

H: Was that when you were at the Stumble Inn?

P: Uh-huh. I said if well, we're not going to dance we might as well leave so we did. I pouted though and I wish I hadn't.

H: Did you pout all the way home?

P: No. I don't pout long.

H: When did you get over it?

P: In about two minutes.

H: Did you have any arguments later on before you went to bed?

P: We never argue. I know that sounds unreal. Well, we argue but



it's very simple. I tell him how I feel, and he tells me how he feels. And then one of us wins. It always works out. I don't know. You don't know Bill.

H: I don't know either one of you. That's why I have to ask these questions. How were you financially?

P: We're terrible. Not, we're, we were pulling ourselves out. This has been a bad winter and we've had some bad collections, some bad debts. But

H: That people owed you?

P: Yeah. If we had what was owed us we'd be fine. We're having trouble with some deadbeats and I've been putting them up for collection and I learned how to file liens. Bill, Bill was too nice. He didn't like to ever ask anybody. Can I get one of those from you?

H: I'm sorry, I would have offered earlier but I didn't know you smoked.

P: I don't. I mean I quit. Oh hell, I quit. It's doing no good.

H: How long ago did you quit?

P: It's been a week. Bill hated for me to smoke.

H: Bill smoke?

P: No, never. I have all the vices in the family, bad temper,

H: How often did you guys drink?

P: Not much in these are there?

H: That's alright, you're just getting started back. How much did you guys drink?

P: We had a pitcher that Paul, and Bill, and I shared, which means I had one glass with the barbeque. I had a Bud at the Stumble Inn and

Bill had a Bud at the Stumble Inn and he and Paul had maybe two at home. Jerri and I got into hot tea by the time we got home. To try to stay awake. When I quit smoking I got really sleepy in the evenings.

H: How often did you guys drink? On a regular basis?

P: Saturday night, dancing. Sometimes Bill would have a beer in the evenings. I don't even like beer. Last night with the barbeque it tasted okay.

H: Bill didn't drink excessively?

P: No.

H: Either of you on any prescribed medication?

P: Inaudible

H: Did either of you use any narcotics?

P: I am on the drug task force at the high school. In fact, we were at the Lamplighter, I don't know, a month or so ago and this guy in town that we've met once before and I shouldn't be saying this, I'm getting him in trouble, he came over and asked him if he had any papers. Now to me dogs have papers, good horses have papers, and I said what kind of papers do you want. He kept saying papers, man, papers. That shows you how dumb I am. I mean and then when we realized, Jerri and I excused ourselves and went to the bathroom and Bill and Paul excused themselves and when we came back he wasn't at the table. I don't know, when I was in school they didn't have that kind of stuff.

H: How about life insurance. Was Bill insured?

P: I'm not sure. If I ever made the payment in time. (laugh)  
We have been consistently late.

H: Who did you have insurance with?

P: Modern American. Modern American is all I can think of.



H: Who is your agent?

P: Doc Ailer

H: Where's he at?

P: I just make those payments. I haven't seen him since he sold us the policy.

H: Where was he out of, do you know?

P: My dad has a policy with him. We never had life insurance before we bought the lumber yard. When you have a debt, the bank appreciates and that's what the life insurance policy was to cover the debt. But it was also an accumulator. It costs us something like \$120 a month. And that was our retirement.

H: How much was the face value of the policy?

P: I don't even have a copy of the policy. We had a guy come out once. They called and wanted to come out and sell us insurance and all this stuff and he said he could do us a better deal. We took our policy which Bill got it out of the file cabinet and I didn't even know where it was. I hate to be one of those wives who don't even know inaudible. Anyway he gave it to this guy. I could come up with his name but Jane goes to school with his son but right now I don't know. I'm terrible with names. Terrible with everything. He took the policy to see if he could do us a better deal and we haven't seen him since. Or our copy of the policy.

H: How long ago was that?

P: silence

H: That was just the one policy right?

P: Uh-huh.

H: Did you have mortgage insurance on the house?

P: Huh-uh.

H: Did you put down 25% on the house when you bought it?

P: un-huh. We don't owe that much on the farm Federal Land bank  
inaudible. What do you need to know this for?

H: inaudible

P: I wish I knew all these answers. I should have done my homework  
this afternoon.

H: That's ok.

P: I don't know if Bill's insured to tell you the truth. Cause  
is murder of, I always assumed that if something happened it would  
be car wreck type stuff. And I think that's covered. I don't know.

H: Well, tell you what inaudible. I don't know you, I don't know  
Bill or your family. I want to get whatever evidence there is. That's  
the only way I can conduct an investigation. I realize the questions  
are uncomfortable. So we can clear everything up as soon as possible,  
ok?

P: Things I should know anyway.

H: Any silent partners, any investors? Any family investors, any  
personal family loans?

P: Bill's dad loaned us \$20,000 when we bought the lumber yard.

H: Do you still owe him?

P: Yeah. That was kind of between Bill and his dad. I don't really  
know. Bill handled all the bank payments and things like that. I  
did the dailys, I did the sales tax, I ordered in hardware. I was  
just a gopher.

H: Any major problems in the last few years you were married?

P: Too busy. Bill, we got married when we were in college. I quit  
college, Bill finished. He taught school for a record six months,  
hated it, he was so miserable. I said I'd rather have you pump gas.



See, his father is a teacher and you want to please your father. So he worked at McKee Lumber in Lee's Summit. He grew up next to McKee. He worked there, he unloaded box cars when he was old enough to do something. He worked there all through college. He worked for McKee's whenever he could get the hours in, fixing windows and stuff. They were so dear to us. They let him work when he could, and when he quit teaching school he went back to McKee's.

H: Where did he teach school at?

P: Kearney, Missouri. He was a shop teacher and driver's ed. And he went back to McKee's and he worked there and my father gave us three acres and a basement house. It is now the Blue and Grey Park in Jackson County, Lone Jack. They condemned the land, you know, to make the park. And because the basement house was substandard housing they could at that time, had a deal that we lucked out and we got 20 grand to build a house. And we worked it through McKee's that we built it. McKee was the contractor so instead of having a 20 thousand cracker box over a four years span we built a real nice place.

H: That the one you're living in now?

P: No, that is up on Easley Road south of Lake Lotowana. But we built a real nice place. And had two more babies. We had two when we started and we had two more babies. Bill worked at McGee's and I worked on the house during the day. That was my job. One afternoon Bill was looking at horses for me in the want ads and there was a lumber yard for sale. And we just joked and said we ought to buy it. And the next week it was in the ad again and Bill mentioned it again and I said would you be interested in your own lumberyard. Because there was no advancement. McKee's is a family yard. And we weren't family.

And, a, Bill was kind of unsatisfied. And I said if you want to buy the yard, I think, we had five acres and the house, which was worth about \$70 thousand at that time. I said I think we can swing it Bill, if you really want it. We can do it and I'll help you and we'll do it. So we did it. I don't know how we did it. But we, it was pretty near empty. That's how we bought it. There was no stock, inventory. With help from his father and with the collateral from our farm and with a little spunk or whatever, we did it. I've always said if you want it you can do it and Bill wanted it. So we did it. We bought the yard in November of 76. I was pregnant. Had Morgan in June of 77 and bought this farm in October of 77. We drove it till we found it. When you have five children, it's not easy to find a house. Long discussion about buying the house.

H: How bad was business?

P: Better, we were doing better ever year.

H: Had you thought about selling?

P: No, in fact we'd just talked about it this week. That we made the bank payment on the lumber yard. Bill went over and talked to the land bank Wednesday because we were late on that and they were real nice and gave us an extension. The payment's like 2800 which isn't that bad. I had that much money to come in and the suppliers that I was behind in. We were jumpers, we were going to be ok, especially when the weather broke and things got going. Winter is always a kill. I'm a worrier. So is Bill. And we have all these kids. We were going to make it. We were doing ok.

H: You guys have alot of friends?

P: I didn't know how many until today.

H: inaudible



P: We have lots of friends in this town. We've been here seven years. I'm president of the Chamber of Commerce which means nothing.

H: inaudible

P: We have lots of friends. We're in a volleyball league, school stuff. When you have five kids you know a lot of people. I know everybody in town, the good, the bad, the ugly.

H: Ready for me to get the real tough questions out of the way. Be honest with me, especially on this next question. When we conduct an investigation like this we start off by eliminating family and friends. Because stastically, 75% of murders are committed by family or friends. So we have to eliminate those people first. Do you understand that?

P: Not really.

H: It's difficult, I realize that and from your position I don't blame you for being a little bit upset about that. But it's something I need to do, ok? Can you understand that? Let me ask a few questions and we can get them out of the way. These are things I have to ask or I wouldn't be asking them. Do you know of any time that Bill ever had a girlfriend?

P: (shook head no)

H: Any time you had a boyfriend?

P: (shook head no)

H: See, got those over with now, quick.

P: I wish you knew Bill

H: Pat, that's the problem, I don't know either one of you. Let me tell you something. It's easier for me to do it this way than to go around to your relatives and your friends or maybe people that just

know you. In today's day and age those things many times are the facts of life. My feeling about this is I come out directly with it and ask the questions and get them out of the way. Also, you haven't fired a gun since last summer, right?

P: Warm weather, that's all I know.

H: Been over a couple of weeks ago, at least, right? What I want to do is a nitrate test, ok? It's simple and painless. What it is I take swabs from your hands, ok? What the nitrate test will tell us is if you fired a gun recently. Depending on how many times you've washed your hands since then. Gunpower has nitrates in it. Whenever you fire a gun that's got a breech like .22 rifles do, there will be blow back from the gunpowder after the shell goes off that will get on your hand and up your wrist. What this does for me inaudible  
Let me ask you, did you kill him? Pat, let me explain this to you. I do it in every case. If, listen to me, if my wife was found, I would expect the cops to ask. I probably wouldn't like it, it would probably upset me, but that's the way it is. Because before it makes it easier for us to start off with to get the job done.

P: inaudible

H: It has to be done if it's ok with you.

P: Oh yeah, I'm sorry.

H: That's alright. I don't want to shake you up more than you are but it appears that whoever shot your husband leaned over you to do it. How light a sleeper are you?

P: I'm a heavy sleeper.



H: How old is your youngest child?

P: 6

H: Past the infant stage when they cry all night?

P: Yeah

H; inaudible over rattling

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Interview with Patricia A. Prewitt  
At the Holden Police Department, 02-18-84 4:10 p.m.

Hughes: Start from where what you guys did yesterday evening. Bring me up all the way through early this morning.

Prewitt: OK, I don't know too much, I wish I paid attention to times.

H: That's ok. Just tell them what you know, what you do remember. If there's something you can't remember, just tell me. If you can't remember, that's fine. If you can't remember a time, that's fine too. We'll try to get as close as we can approximately and if you can't do any better than that, that's fine. OK, so don't worry about it, so don't put pressure on yourself, by digging and trying to figure it out so if you don't know just tell me. ok

P: ok

H: What did you do yesterday evening?

P: You mean after work?

H: yes

P: We met Jerry and Paul, our two friends that inaudible

H: What's their last names?

P: Austin. We met them at Kingsville. They live south of Kingsville. We met them at the Country Curl Beauty Shop which is owned by Margaret Maxwell, a friend of ours. And that is where we always park the vehicles. We met them there and we went to Pleasant Hill to a barbeque place, I don't know the name of it. inaudible But it's across from the curve(?) on 7 Highway.

H: Across from what?

P: Gerbes, its a grocery store. And a, we just ate dinner. Then we went down to the Stumble Inn, which is a real dumb red neck bar and we had a couple of beers and danced a couple of dances and decided it wasn't our cup of tea. And I don't know the times on anything. And I called Sara our daughter from the Stumble Inn. I got this feeling that just rushed over me that the kids were in trouble so I made a collect call from there, called Sara

H: Know what time on that?

P: I don't know. Sara told me it was like a quarter to ten, something like that.

H: But you don't remember?

P: No I don't. When I quit colleæe, I left my watch.

H: You live a lot longer if you don't wear a watch.

P: I never paid attention to time, never. But I called Sara and she said everything was fine. inaudible So I just ignored that feeling.



P: And we left and went back to Margarets and the two guys got in our car and Jerri and I, Jerri's a girl, Jerri and I got, well we stayed in her car. And we went to their place, south of Kingsville. We played Atari and the guys played guitars and we sang and we ate and I don't know inaudible But anyway we went home. And I drove home and Billslept in the seat like always.

H: Had Bill had a couple drinks?

P: A couple beers, yeah.

H: Do you know about how many he had to drink?

P: He wasn't drunk. He, Bill had inaudible Bill had astigmatism and didn't drive well at night. I always drove at night. The headlights blinded him and is it night blindness I think. Anyway he never liked to drive at night. So I didn't care to be killed on the highway, so I always drove at night. And drove home and pulled in and we had some ribs left over from the dinner which he put out on the patio cause I saw them later when I left and we went in and I'd smelt burned popcorn so I went straight to the kitchen to see how messed up they'd left my kitchen, Bill went upstairs to check the kids and they were fine and he came back down. He said Matthew was asleep in our bed and he took him in and put in the top bunk. Our oldest girl was spending the night with a friend and I don't remember exactly but by the time I got in there Bill was already asleep.

H: Do you know about how long after you got home you got into bed?

P: It wasn't ten minutes, I didn't mess around much. We had to be at work the next morning and also I had a volleyball tournament in Odessa. And need to rest to go play a volleyball tournament. I need to rest with as many children as I do so I didn't tarry long. I don't remember anything it's been so inaudible.

H: Did you go to bed and then go to sleep?

P: Yeah

H: Bill was asleep when you got there?

P: Yeah, well he seemed to be, he was breathing regular.

H: What's the next thing you remember?

P: I remember I thought I heard lightning. Well we had some thunder and lightning before and I thought I heard one real close. But I know it wasn't.

H: What do you think it was?

P: It was a gunshot. And I think it was two of them. I know that or something, I don't know. It was all real fuzzy.

H: I can understand that.



P: I don't know.

H: Ok, tell me, you think you thought then it was the thunder that woke you up?

P: Halfway. What woke me up was somebody pulled me out of bed by the hair. And it seems like I played back the thunder. I don't know. I wish I had this real clear for you. But I don't.

H: Tell me the best you can.

P: We have, I made a quilt years ago for our bed, this is crazy sounding, but our bedroom's on the south and the sun faded the quilt so I got room darkening shades last summer. So our bedroom's real dark. The rest of the kids bedrooms are just like this. And in our bedroom we keep dark so this damn quilt I made wouldn't fade completely out cause it took me two years to make it. And if there was any light outside I don't know. All, I didn't see anything, it was just black.

H: Tell me what happened, the next thing you remember after being pulled out of bed? How did the guy have hold of you?

P: He had me by the hair. And I grabbed his hands cause he was hurting my hair. And I don't know exactly which direction we were on the floor, I don't know. I'd have to see the dresser or the bed to know which, I can walk that house in pitch black. We've lived there seven years, I know that house. But I don't know which direction we were. But he had hold of my hair but he didn't hold on to my hair the whole time. But he was on top of me.

H: Where was that at?

P: On the floor.

H: How did you get on the floor?

P: I guess, it seemed like he pulled me straight out of bed and he pulled me straight on the floor. What is weird, I kept thinking where is Bill, what's happened to Bill. And I know it sounds crazy now to know what we were doing but I wasn't paying that much attention to what I was doing. But I know he had something sharp at my throat and he was going to slit my throat if I didn't cooperate.

H: Do you know exactly what he said? I mean the words he used.

P: Lay still or I'll slit your throat.

H: You were on the floor.

P: uh-huh.

H: OK, where was he then?

P: He was on top of me. And his face was real close to mine. And he had kind of a hoarse whisper. And he didn't say it loud. It seemed loud but it wasn't. Anyway I really wasn't listening to him.



P: I was thinking that that wasn't lightning that I heard. Bill has been hurt or he would be there. And I kept thinking, how bad is Bill hurt. inaudible We were only 19 when we got married. We worked so hard together. We weren't just married, we were partners. And I kept thinking, I didn't care if the man slit my throat cause evidently Bill was hurt really bad. And I started crying and I remember tears were going in my ears. Which I hadn't done since I was a teenager, laid in bed and cried. And this guy smelled like cigarettes and not motor oil but something like that. And he and he said I hate it when they cry, I hate it when they cry. Don't cry or I'll slit your throat. And I couldn't stop crying for a long time and I thought he's going to kill me and hurt my babies. I tried with all my heart to stop crying and I couldn't. I kept thinking BILL was gone and I knew he was that that part of me was gone.

H: Did you get a look at the guy at all? Did you see at all what he looked like. You say he was laying close to you. Did you ever get facial hair? Could you tell?

P: Not a beard but whiskers. Like if you shaved in the morning and in the evening

H: Did he have his face up against yours? Which way was your head facing? Like you were laying in bed, the opposite way, crossways

P: I don't know. I never, I thought I was laying so the door was over there I was looking that way to Bill.

H:: You were on Bill's side of the bed you are saying?

P: No we were on my side of the bed on the floor between the dresser and the bed. But I'm not sure I'm not feeling too well. BUT I'm not sure which way we were. There's not that much room between the dresser and the bed. It had to be this way or that way.

H: BUT you really can't remember which way you were laying. inaudible Do you remember anything at all about what the guy was wearing?

P: inaudible

H: Can you tell how big he was?

P: I know he wasn't big. And he wasn't as small as my husband. He wasn't big like my brother.

H: How big is your brother?

P: 6'4 and 250 lbs. My husband was something 130 lbs. he was somewhere in the middle there. I don't know. Not that big, I don't know.

H: How were you laying on the floor. I mean did you have ahold of him or did he have ahold of you or could you feel any part of him

P: He was laying the length of me. And when he said he'd slit my throat I'd believe him. Cause it felt like something that would do the job.



H: Up against your throat?

P: un-huh

H: COuld you tell anything about the clothes he had on by feeling?

Could you tell anything about the knife? Did it feel like a regular sharp knife or a serated knife

P: inaudible Paring knife inaudible I wish I knew better.

H: It's ok. How long do you think the guy was on top of you?

P: I don't know.

H: Did he ever take off any of your clothes?  
What did he take off?

P: Pajama bottoms.

H: What did he do with them

P:: They were next to my night table when it was all over so evidentially  
inaudible Somehow this is all going to come to me,  
I know.

H: Did he pull those off before he laid on top of you?

P: No first he laid on top of me and told me to lay still or he'd slit my throat. And I inaudible and I was thinking about Bill and realized he was taking so long and I really didn't care. All I could think about was Bill. that he was gone.

H: How long did he lay in top of you ? Do you have any idea? What did he do after he laid on top of you? He pulled you pajama bottoms and your panties offand then what did he do?

P: Then he fumbled with my and things like that.  
I couldn't even hear him for my heart beating in my ears.

H: So what did he do. Did he ever get his hands on you inaudible

P: I don't know. He didn't rape me I know that.

H: Did he ever attempt to penetrate?

P: I don't think so. He kept telling me not to fight. Iand he seemed more concerned that I was crying than anything else. That made him very angry. And if I had any sense I would have stopped but I couldn't. And my mind, I know this was stupid, but inaudible my mind was , I can see Bill right now

H: What happened, did he, I mean what did he do after he laid on top of you?



P: He just kept telling me not to cry, not to cry. He got realmad that I was. I don't know how long it was or anything but all of a sudden he what did he say, something like inaudible or something and got up and I he left the room and I know that but I wasn't aware of him leaving. But as soon as he got off, this is silly but I didn't care if he was still in there or not I wanted to get over to Bill to see what was wrong.

H: Did you notice him going out the door? What happened after he was gone? After he got up off of you?

P: I got up immediately.

H: Lets back up for just a second. Did he hold the knife at your throat at the same place the whole time? Did you know which hand he held the knife in?

P: right one It is hard to tell, he was holding my hair with his left hand and he was real nervous type. He was really mad a-nd shaky and I knew I was making him madder which your not supposed to do I know but I didn't seem to know what to do to make him not mad.

H: How was he holding it. Was he holding so the handle was straight forward or was he holding it so the handle was you know upraised or up against your throat or forward

P: I wouldn't swear but it seemed tome that like if you were holding it down

H: up against your throat like that. What did he do then.

P: Left immediately. Went over to Bill.

H: did you climb over the bed to Bill.

P: Over my side ~~xxxxxxx~~ and Bill was laying like he does with his facing his chest of drawers, that his favorite side and his shoulder was uncovered. And he was breathing kind of ragged kind of rattley like somebody like a kitty at inaudible kind of thing but he was breathing but he wouldn't wake up and I shook his shoulder and he wouldn't wake up. Now I couldn't see, I just knew that's the way his shoulder looked. I seen him in bed many times and I knew what he looked like. And he wouldn't wake up. OH, I went straight across the hall to the boy's room Matt and Morgan my two sons, I went straight over there and found them in the top bunk and they were fine. They were sleeping breathing fine. So I went down, what's funny is I could have met that man in the hall and I wouldn't have cared. I was on my way to the kids rooms and I went down to Sara's room.

H: Which room is hers?

P: Southeast bedroom, double bed. Went in there, right in the middle of the bed sleeping sound. and I went into Carrie's room and she was laying there uncovered like always.

H: Which room is hers?



P: The closet. inaudible Now the other bedroom upstairs, Dana wasn't there. I never went in there.

H: Where was Jane at?

P: With the Stowe's. They live other that way.

H: Spending the night?

P: Spending the night with a girlfriend. I went back into our bedroom and I went around to Bill's side between the sewing machine and the bed and Bill was laying just like he was and it seemed like he was still taking a breath but he wouldn't wake up. And I knew it was really bad. And I, oh I forgot, I tried all the lights as I went in the kids rooms, and the digital clock on my night table wouldn't work and the phone on the sewing machine wouldn't work one of these little cheepie K-Mart things. That wouldn't work. So I went downstairs around and out the family room where the garage is out the front door out to the blue pickup where I knew there was a flashlight. Went out there and got the flashlight on the dash. Came back in and it was the most pitiful flashlight you ever saw. It was amber glow. Went upstairs went into the bedroom and I shined it on Bill and there was blood on the mattress and on down the inaudible and I knew this was really bad. So I went down the hall to Sara's room and I get up inaudible. I was real calm then, I don't know why. inaudible fire and she got up and she starting crying a little bit then Don't cry, I need you help to get the babies out. So inaudible went into Carrie's closet and her nightgown was on the floor and before she knew what happened we slipped it over her head inaudible and grabbed by two girls and went down the hall and went into the boys room and they were in the top bunk. It seemed like an eternity before we could get them dressed. and get them awake. The girls woke up like that but the boys

H: You woke up any of the kids the first time you went to their room?

P: NO, I felt them but I their used to that. I go in there and check them. I have since they were born.

H: Then what?

P: Got the boys dressed. Went down the stairs, turned the corner, grabbed, there's a coat rack there, grabbed a coat

H: At the bottom of the stairs?

P: At the bottom of the stairs, went on around into the kitchen. And the kids kept saying where's daddy, where's daddy. I said we got to get out. I really felt bad about inaudible but we got to the family room and got shoes. I don't know why it was important to get the kids shoes on. Got shoes on everybody and took them out and it was inaudible raining put them in the car and locked the doors I'll be right back. And Sara was saying, Sara



is 12½. She's not stupid. You don't like the doors when your in the car or fire and you don't leave your daddy in there. She said where's daddy. I said I'm going to go get him. And I went back and went upstairs and inaudible Bill again I don't know if I could have picked him up or got him out. I didn't think I could. And I didn't think he was still with me. I had this feeling of loss that inaudible AND it seemed like I knew I had to get my babies away from him. And that's what Bill would wanted me to do. So I left him there and ran back downstairs and my legs were starting to get weak by then. I was feeling real good until then. Went downstairs and put on the only thing I could find, some high top volley ball tennis shoes. Went out got in the car, started the car, which it started, inaudible a rash of things we have to do with the starter and I wasn't up to that. And I backed out and the kids said where are we going. inaudible Things were starting to get black around the edges and I rolled down the windows and everybody said I'm freezing, I'm freezing. And went towards town and I drove until I found a light in a window and I drove in there and I was doing real good until I got up to the door and starting beating on the door. inaudible I wasn't too coherent. inaudible for Bill

H: inaudible you could have done. Don't worry about it ok?

P: I didn't know what to do. It looked really serious. It looked like a lot of blood. He didn't feel right. I'm sorry.

H: Let's get you something to drink.

P: I got water.

H: You need to use the restroom or anything?

P: I'm ok.

H: Patty, why don't you get up and stretch your legs. I need to talk to you gentlemen anyway if it's ok with you. We'll stop a few minutes and then we'll continue on, ok.

P: Fine

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H: One thing I need to ask you about, the guns, the two .22 rifles. They were where?

P: I thought they were in our closet.

H: Ok, when was the last time you saw them?

P: Sometime last summer, inaudible and that's the last time that I've seen them. In fact, last week, we had a stray dog and it was a mean stray dog and I looked in the closet and I didn't see them and it was in the morning and I didn't go to work right off the bat,



and I asked Bill and he said they're in the closet and I hid them so the kids wouldn't find them. And I said that's fine, I just wondered. And that's all that was said.

H: Did you ask him where he had hidden them at?

P: No

H: Have you seen them since then? They were both .22 rifles, right?

P: One was a repeater and one was just a single shot, a squirrel type.

H: What kind was the repeater?

P: I don't know.

H: Do you know where he got it or anything? how long ago?

P: The repeater, he used to work at McCune Lumber in Lee's Summit, and he traded somebody something for that. Cause when we lived in the old house, we had rats in the chicken house and I used to sit on the deck and plug those suckers with the repeater. And when we moved here, I worked and didn't have time to sit around and kill rats. And I haven't paid any attention to it since.

H: How about the other gun?

P: I don't know, is it right to not know your own property? I don't know if it came with the camping equipment, when we got married he had camping equipment. I don't know if it came with his towric or a maybe Daddy knows. I don't.

H: Did you, when was the you'd seen the guns?

P: I'm not sure.

H: Why did he say he'd hid them?

P: Once when he's come home from work and Bill found one of them on our bed. They were under our bed at that time, and they had been for years. But our oldest boy got to the age that he paid attention and it was sitting on the bed. And nothing had been done, but it scared Bill and the kids get home ahead of us. And he said he hid them and I never asked where because

H: So he hid both of them?

P: Yeah

H: You never saw them since then?

P: I might have.

H: Did you see the gun that day it was out?

P: Uh-huh.



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H: That was which one?

P: I don't know. I just walked through and Bill goes look what I found on the bed and I go ought-oh and he said I'm going to hide it and have a talk with the kids. Which he did all of that while I fixed supper. So I wasn't really

H: Do you know what the kids said about the gun?

P: I don't know. I don't know why, unless Matt just said he just pulled it out for something.

H: ~~Matxxxxxxxxxxxnow~~. How old is Matt?

P: Matt is ten now. But they didn't know where the shells were.

H: Where were the shells kept at?

P: I think Bill had some in his one of his, the chest of drawers is his and the dresser is mine. Somewhere in there. But I always kept some in my jewelry box.

H: How many did you keep in your jewelry box?

P: silence

H: How many did he keep in his?

P: 22 shorts or longs, I don't know.

H: Were either of the guns loaded?

P: They weren't supposed to ever be. I kept some in my jewelry box in case something happened, then I wouldn't have to go through his whole dresser.

H: How long ago did you put the .22 shells in the jewelry box?

P: I have had .22 shells in my jewelry box for fifteen years.

H: OK. When you said before the gun was found on the bed, it had been pulled from under the bed. And Bill took them both and hid them someplace.

P: uh-huh

H: He didn't tell you where he'd hid them?

P: In my closet, I'd assumed. I never really. My closet is a mess and I really never had a reason to care where they were.

H: Did you ever see them after he hid them?

P: I was thinking they were behind the old walnut dresser. It was my great-grandmothers. I was thinking they were behind there. It seems like I saw a barrel once or something. Maybe I saw the stock. I don't know. It didn't seem very important where the damn things were. I mean they were away from the kids

H: One of the guns is missing.

P: Not in the closet? Which one?

H: The one that's in there is an old fashioned single shot.

P: Squirrel type.

H: Have you lent it to anybody?

P: Not that I know of. Not that he said anything to me about.

H: Did you hear any cars last night or early this morning? Did you hear the guy go in or go out? Do you have any idea which way he came in or went out? Do you know if the doors were locked?

P: Bill checked that.

H: Any of the doors you don't think were locked?

P: Front door, in the winter time we don't use that door and it's chained and locked.

H: The one in front of the stairs.

P: Uh-huh. It doesn't catch good.

H: What door do you normally use?

P: Family room what used to be the garage. That door because it's got the tile there and this weather and everybody goes in there and the other door you have to push real hard to get it to catch. And we leave for work before the kids catch the bus and it's not too much of a thrill to come home after work and find out that the door has been open all day long. We didn't used to lock at all. We started that recently.

H: You really don't you never saw the guns after Bill hid them?

P: I

H: Except the time when you were vaccu ming you maybe say them?

P: Yeah

H: How long had it been since you shot any of the guns?

P: Gosh, summer.



H: This past summer, is that the last time you shot any gun?  
never shot any guns in between that time.

P: inaudible

H: How about Bill, when was the last time he shot a gun?

P: As far as I know not since summer.

H: Does he hunt?

P: NO.

H: Anybody you guys had any problems with lately?

P: No, we are getting hard core on our collections. We have a lot of people who owe us money and winter is not good for us and we've been putting a little knee on a place or put some people up for a collection agency and stuff that we've never done before. But that's all I can think of.

H: Ok. Have you had any harassing phone calls from anybody?

P: Now and then I receive a phone call but it's just harmless.

H: How long ago?

P: a couple of weeks

H: Was that the first one in a long time or had you been getting them?

P: I tried to think. I asked the phone company once because I was getting a real rash of them. And my oldest girl sounds kind of like me on the telephone. I mean it's one thing to pick it up and say hello to them and have them say something and hang up. But when your daughter who is inaudible because Janie answered once and she listened and she goes I think it's for you, mama.

H: It was a couple of weeks ago when you got the last one? What did the caller say?

P: Do I have to say that?

H: I tell you what, I been in this business a long time and I don't think anybody says anything new.

P: Well it will embarrass me.

H: Tell me. The only reason why it should embarrass you is it would embarrass me and it won't embarrass me. I've talked to a thousand people

P: You're not convincing me.

H: I've talked to a thousand people who've gotten obscene phone calls before and I doubt that anything you say will shock me.

P: No but it doesn't do well for me.

H: If you don't want to tell me, you don't have to tell me.  
but I wish that you would. Maybe I could get something inaudible that was making the call.

P: Alright, I know this is going to be silly but Mama raised me to be silly. Wait, I can't write that down either. Wait, give me a second and I can write it out. I know I can. You're going to think I'm the craziest woman you ever met in your life and I am. I was always crazy but now I'm even crazier. Whatever little bit of sanity I had is quickly leaving. ok oh god inaudible  
Stupid stuff like I want to eat your pussy. Stupid dumb stuff like that.

H: inaudible

P: I don't know. That's all your getting.

H: OK. You say it was a inaudible

P: Oh yeah, bad enough to listen to it much less

H: Did you recognize the voice

P: No

H: Did you have a prowler not too long ago?

P: Yes

H: How long ago

P: It would have been in September because my father got his eye put out at work

H: When about in September?

P: last September

H: Can you tell me what happened that night?

P: No it was during the day. We talked to someone about it because my dad got his eye put out and then my mother was a basket case so I went to the city, well I picked mom up and we went to Baptist Memorial. When I picked Mama up, the phone rang and it was Sarah, my second daughter, and she was home sick that day. And there wasn't anything I could do, she was sick but I had to go take care of dad. And Sarah is twelve she could manage ok. And she can use the phone and can always call. She called the lumber yard evidently and Bill wasn't there. He was on delivery. So she called my mother's house and she said that Willie had been in the house and she was real upset and I said <sup>cut it out</sup> inaudible and I didn't know what to say. And she said no he didn't. She said he just came in.



P: She said she'd hid under my bed. And so I said I'll take care of it don't worry. So I called down to the lumber yard and Jerri my girl friend works for us part time. She un, I said Jerri go get Sarah, a neighbor boy had got in the house and I want her got. So Jerri came out got Sarah and brought her. That was all. Except Bill and I discussed it and we said what if something happened and we hadn't done anything and someone was hurt. Not just a member of our family but someone else. You always hear these things, I always knew he was weird and they never said anything. So we felt like it was our duty to say something. So I said to Deputy Sturgis and he said he would bring a patrolman out and I said I'm not pressing charges or anything I just want to he to know. So he came out and talked to Sarah.

H: Did he come out by himeself. Who was with him?

P: He and Keith Sturgis. and an officer and I couldn't tell you his name. Kenny, proabaly my age. Just nice normal looking. Not a kid like those, just nice person. I don't know.

H: Ok. Who is this guy Willie?

P: Neighbor boy.

H: What is his last name?

P: Wyrick.

H: How does he spell it

P: Wyrick.

H: How old is he

P: 24, I don't know out of school

H: What does he look like?

P: Big, blond, muscular,

H: What did Sarah say he did in the house?

P: She said that he pulled up to the door, knocked on the door. She run down stairs. There, we have a little half back down stairs. She was looking out of that window and she said he knocked on the door and he knocked on the door. And then he came in. Sarah ran upstairs ran in a jumped in my bed. I wasn't there and that seemed to be security. She jumped in my bed. And she said Willie, I don't know the time span, and I may be getting this all wrong. But I think he veried of toward Janies and her room and she rolled under the bed and she said he never say her. And he came in my room turned on the light cause we have room darkening shades, turned on the light and she doesn't know what he did but he was in there awhile and then he left and that's when she called. So that's what we told the officer. And he went over and



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he went over and talked to Willie and Mr. Wyrick called me and said he said well what's this supposed to be. And I told him what time of day and what day. He said that I just want to make sure that your not trying to pin something on my boy when he was withme. Well, I said this was when it was and it was Willie, Lloyd, don't try to get him out of this one. So Lloyd got inaudible. So we had coaches from high school, one is a friend of ours and the other one is a inaudible. They came out and we started eating supper. And the phone rang and it was Willie. And he has this whiney voice and it drives me insane. Mrs. Prewitt, I wasn't in your house. We got some dogs lost and I knocked on your door and there wasn't anybody there. Well, I said Willie, the whole, the phone is inthe kitchen and the place got quiet listening. And I said, Willie you were in our house and I don't want you to ever do it again. That's all I'm asking. Mrs. Prewitt I wouldn't ever go in your home, I wasn't in your home. And I don't know what all was said but I was so mad at him and I couldn't say that Sarah saw you because I was afraid he would take revenge on her. And my babies are very important to me. And a so I said something like Willie you son of a bitch. I was in the house. And I know you were in the house and I know you were in the house. Cause I figured he'd never know that I was in Lee's Summit at that time. And a it got real quiet with listening to most of it and the whole thing was for his folks and I said I know your folks are listeing and there;s not a damn thing you can say. It'd just come back. So that was about the end of.

H: Have you had any trouble with him before or afterthat?

P: Oh, since then I haven't seen the man at all.

H: You don't think he was the one in your bedroom?

P: No, too big., too big. He's crazy, before that he followed my daughters around and would come over to the house and want to help me out and whenever he showed up I wished he had more clothes on and he had I can't explain it but he'd come in the summertime and when he was dressed for gardening you always wished he had a shirt out there. inaudible

H: Do you mind, let me ask you a few questions inaudible I need to ask them.

P: You've already done this. You've been done this a long time.

H: NO, inaudible Do you think your' up to it.

P: Yeah Until now, I'm fine. very good, good.

H: Was there any chance of separation between you?

P: No

H: Had you talked of separation?

P: NO

H: Had you ever talked of separation?

P: No, we argued. Last night we aruged to and I wish we hadn't .



H: When did you argue?

P: just a little argument. I wanted to dance this dance and he hated that song.

H: Was that when you were at the Stumble Inn?

P: uh-huh. I said if we're not going to dance we might as well leave and we did.

H: Feel good

P: I pouted and I wish I hadn't.

H: Pout all the way home?

P: No I don't pout long.

H: When did you get over it?

P: In about two minutes.

H: Did you have any arguments later, before you went to bed?

P: We never argue, I know that sounds unreal. Well we argue but its very simple. I tell him how I feel, and he tells me how he feels. And one of us wins, you know, it works out. I don't know You don't know Bill.

H: inaudible ask these questions. ok  
How were you financially?

P: We're terrible. Not, we're, we were pulling ourselves out. This has been a bad winter and we've had some bad collections some bad debts. But we're

H: That people owed you?

P: Yeah. If we had what was owed us we'd be fine. We're having trouble with some deadbeats and I've been putting them up for collection and I learned how to file liens. Bill is, Bill was too nice. He didn't like to ever ask anybody inaudible

H: inaudible

P: I mean I quit. Oh hell, I quit, It's doing no good.

H: You need to quit.

P: Bill hated for me to smoke.

H: You don't smoke? Bill smoke?

P: Never. I have al l the vices in the family, bad temper,

H: How often did you guys drink?

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P: There not much in these are there?

H: inaudible

H: How much did you guys drink?

P: We had a pitcher that Paul, Bill and I shared, which means I had one glass. At the BBQ I had a butter at stone table and Bill had inaudible and maybe two at home. Jerri and I got into hot tea by the time we got home. To try to stay awake. When I quit smoking I got really sleepy in the evenings.

H: How often did you guys drink?

P: Saturdays night, dancing, Sometimes Bill would have a beer in the evenings, I don't like beer.

H: Bill didn't drink excessively?

P: No

H: Was he on any drug medication?

P: inaudible

H: Did either of you use any narcotics?

P: I am on the drug task force at the high school. In fact we were at the Lamplighter a month or so ago and this guy in town that we've met once before I shouldn't be saying this, I'm getting him in trouble, he came over and asked him if he had any papers. Now to me dogs have papers, horses have papers, and I said what kind of papers do you want. He kept saying papers man papers. That shows you how dumb I am. I mean and then we realized, Jerri and I went to the bathroom and Bill and Paul excused themselves. and when we came back he wasn't at our table. I don't know, when I was in school they didn't have that kind of stuff.

H: inaudible How about life insurance. Was Bill insured?

P: I'm not sure. If I ever made the payments. I (laugh) We were consistently late.

H: Who did you have insurance with?

P: Modern American, MOdern American is all I can think of.

H: Who is your agent?

P: Doc Ailer

H: Where's he at?

P: I just make those payments. I haven't seen him since he sold us the policy.



H: Where was he out of, do you know?

P: My dad has a policy with him. We never had life insurance before we bought the lumber yard. When you have a debt the bank appreciates and the life insurance policy was to cover the debt. But it was also an accumulator. It costs us something like \$120 a month. And that was our retirement.

H: How much was the face value of the policy?

P: I don't even have a copy of the policy. We had guys come out once They called and wanted to come out and sell us insurance and all this stuff and he said he could do us a better deal. We took our policy Bill got it out of file cabinet and I didn't even look at it. I hate to be one of those wives who don't even know Anyway he gave it to this guy. I could come up with his name but Jane goes to school with his son but right now I don't know. I'm terrible with names. Terrible with everything. He took the policy to see if he could do us a better deal and we haven't seen anything since. Or our policy.

H: How long ago was that?

P: silence

H: That was just the one policy right. Did you have more insurance?

P: Uh-huh

H: Did you put down 25% of that on the house or what?

P: uh-huh We don't owe that much on the inaudible Federal Land Bank inaudible

H: inaudible

P: I wish I knew all these answers

H: That's ok

P: I don't Bill's insurance to tell you the truth. This murder. I always assumed that if something happened it would be cadiaac type stuff. I don't know. inaudible

H: Well tell you what inaudible I don't anything about you, about your family. I want to get what ever evidence there is. That's the only way I can conduct an investigation. I realize the questions are uncomfortable. So we can clear everything up as soon as possible. ok

P: Things I should know anyway.



H: Any silent partners, any investors? any family, any personal family loans

P: Bills' dad loaned us \$20,000 when we bought the lumber yard.

H Do you still owe him?

P: I' don't know. That was kind of between Bill and his dad. I don't really know. Bill handled all the bank payments and things like that. I did the dailys, I did the sales, I ordered hardware. I was just a gopher.

H: Did problems in the last few years

P: Too busy Bill, we got married when we were in college, I quit college Bill finished. He tought school for a record six months, hated it, he was so miserable. I said I'd rather have you pump gas. His father is a teacher and he wanted inaudible so he worked at McGee Lumber in Lees Summit, He grew up next to McGee and he worked there since he was old enough to do something. He worked there all through college. Whenever he could get the hours in, fixing windows and stuff. So then he worked when he could, and when he quit teaching school he went back to Mcgee.

H: Where did he teach.

P: Kearney, MO, Shop teacher and driver's ed. And he went back to McGees and worked there andmy father gave us 3 acres and a basement house. Its in Jackson County, Lone Jack. The took the land to make the park. Because the basement house was substandard housing they at that time, we got 20 grand to build a house. And worked it so we built it, So instead of having a 20 thousand cracker box, we built a real nice place.

H: That the one you live in?

P: No its on Easly road south of Lake Lotowana. Real nice place. We had two more babies. Bill worked at McGees and I worked on the house by day. That was my job. One afternoon Bill was looking for horses for me in the want ads and there is a lumber yard for sale. And we just joked and said lets buy it. The next week it was in the ad again and Bill goes mentioned it again and I said you be interested in your own lumberyard. There was no advancement, McGees is a family yard. And we weren't family. And a Bill wasn't satisfied. And I said if you want to buy the yard, I think, we had five acres and the house, which was worth about \$70 thousand at that time, I think we can swing if you really want it, I will help you we can do it. So we did it. I don't know how we did it. But we it was pretty near empty. That's how we bought it. There was not stock, no inventory. With help from his father and the collaterol fromour farm and with a little spark of whatever we did it. I've always had, wanted to do it. Bill wanted it. So we did it. We bought the yard the in 76. I was pregnant. Had Morgan in June of 77 and bought this farm in October of 77. We drove it to town. We you have five children it's not easy to find a house.



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P: Long discussion about buying the house

H: How was business

P: We were doing better every year.

H: Had you thought about selling?

P: No, in fact we'd just talked about it this week. That we made the back payment on the lumber yard. Bill went over and talked to the land bank Wednesday because we were late on that and they were real nice and gave us an extension. The payment like 2800 which isn't that bad. I had that much money to come in and flyers I was behind in, We were jumpers, we were going to be ok, especially when the weather broke and things got going. Winter is always a kill. I'm a worrier. So is Bill. We were going to make it. We were doing ok.

H: inaudible

B:: I didn't even know how many until today.

H: inaudible

P: We have lots of friends in town. We've been here seven years I'm president of the Chamber of Commerce which means nothing.

H: inaudible

P: We have lot of friends. We in a volleyball league, school stuff, When you have 5 kids you know a lot of people. I know a lot of people in town, the good , the bad, the ugly.

H: real tough questions out of the way. Be honest with me, especially on this next question. When we conduct an investigation like this we start off my eliminating family, and friends. Just stastically , 70% murders are committed by family and friends. inaudible Do you understand that?

P: Not really

H: It's difficult. You're position. I don't blame you for being a little bit upset about that. That is something I need to do.ok. Can you understand that. Let me ask a few questions and we can get them out of the way. Do you know of any time that Bill ever had a girlfriend?

P: silence

H: any time he had a boyfriend?

P: silence

H: quick, were done

P: I wish you knew Bill

H: Pat that's the problem, I don't know. Let me tell you something. It's easier for me to do it this way than to go around to your relatives and your friends. In today's day and age those things are many times the facts of life. My feeling with this is I come out direction with it and get it out of the way.

Also, you haven't fired a gun since last summer, right,

P: Warm weather, that's all I know.

H:: Been over a couple of weeks ago, right. What I want to do is a nitrate test, ok it's very simple and painless. What it is I take swabs from your hands, ok. What the nitrate test will tell us is if you fired a gun recently. depending on how many times you've washed your hands since then. Gunpower has nitrates in it. Whenever you fire a gun its got a breech like .22 rifles do. The gunpower after the gun goes off gets on your hand and up your wrist. What this does for me inaudible

Let me ask you did you kill him

Pat let me explain this to you. I do it on every case. If, listen to me, if my wife was found, I would expect the cops to ask. I probably wouldn't like, it would upset me, but that's the way it is. Because before it makes it easier for us to start off with to get the job done.

P: inaudible

H: It has to be done if it's ok with you. It's ok with me.

P: oh yeah, I'm sorry

H: That's alright.

H: I don't want to shake you up more than you are but it appears that whoever shot your husband How light a sleeper are you?

P: I'm a heavy sleeper.

H: How old is your youngest child?

P: 6

H: Past the infant stage when cry in the night.

P: Yeah

H: inaudible over rattling



A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
                              )   ss.  
COUNTY OF JOHNSON    )

Comes now Affiant and states:

1. That my name is Michael Allen Brown.
2. That I reside at 103 N. Vest Street, Holden, Missouri.
3. That I am 25 years old.
4. That I have known Patty and Bill Prewitt for about five or six years.
5. That I worked at the Prewitt Lumber Company for about fourteen to sixteen months starting in 1979.
6. That during the time I worked for the Prewitt's Patty made numerous offers to me to kill Bill for her.
7. That there were at least three offers and maybe as many as six.
8. That I wanted to believe she was not serious the first couple of times she made me the offer.
9. That by the third offer I knew she was serious.
10. That her offer was that if I would kill Bill for her, she would pay me \$10,000.00 or buy me any new four-wheel drive vehicle I wanted.
11. That Patty told me that Bill's life was insured for \$125,000.00 or \$150,000.00, I do not remember which figure she quoted me.
12. That the first offer was made while Patty and I were in the office of the lumber company.
13. That Patty told me Bill had beat her the night before.
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15. That Patty told me then that Bill's life was insured for \$125,000.00 or \$150,000.00, I do not remember which figure she quoted me.
16. That I did not respond to her offer.
17. That about two months later at the lumber yard Patty asked me if I was sure I was going to decline her offer.
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17. That about two months later at the lumber yard Patty asked me if I was sure I was going to decline her offer.
18. That I told her she was not serious.
19. That she said, "Yes, I am. I don't care how it gets done, just do it."
20. That sometime after this second conversation Patty again asked me to kill Bill.
21. That I told her that she could not live with someone that long and want to see him dead.
22. That Patty replied, "You want to bet?"
23. That Patty told me that she would kill Bill herself if she had to.



24. That Patty told me on several occasions that she and Bill should have been actors because they appeared in public like the perfect couple, but that she did not really love Bill.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Michael Allen Brown  
MICHAEL ALLEN BROWN

Michael Allen Brown, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Affiant herein, that he has read the foregoing Affidavit and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements and allegations therein are true, to his best knowledge and belief.

Michael Allen Brown  
MICHAEL ALLEN BROWN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of August, 1984.

Sharon Ousley  
Notary Public

SHARON OUSLEY  
Notary Public - State of Missouri  
Commissioned in Johnson County  
My Commission Expires January 23, 1987

A F F I D A V I T

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
                              ) SS.  
COUNTY OF GRUNDY )

Comes now Affiant and States:

1. That my name is Richard Dale Hays.
2. That I reside at 708 Normal Street, Trenton, Missouri.
3. That I am 32 years of age.
4. That I met Bill and Patty Prewitt around 1977 while they were in the process of buying the lumber company in Holden, Missouri.
5. That I maintained a casual acquaintance with Bill and Patty Prewitt for about one year.
6. That Patty and I started having a sexual relationship sometime in late 1977 or early 1978.
7. That during this relationship Patty told me several times that Bill beat her frequently.
8. That I never saw any bruises, marks, or any other indication that Bill did beat Patty.
9. That I do not believe Bill beat Patty.
10. That during one of our encounters I told Patty that I would like to own a lumber yard in the area of Truman Lake.
11. That Patty told me if I knew of a way to get rid of Bill, Patty and I could build a lumber yard anywhere I wanted.
12. That Patty told me that with Bill dead we would have more than enough money to buy a lumber yard.
13. That Patty told me that after Bill was killed the life insurance money she would receive would make her a wealthy woman.
14. That Patty told me the insurance money would pay off everything they owed plus leave a large amount left over.
15. That I do not remember the date of this conversation nor during which encounter it took place.

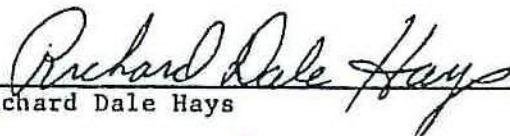


16. That Patty brought up the subject of killing Bill several other times but I do not remember exactly what was said.

17. That I asked Patty why she did not divorce Bill.

18. That Patty told me that her family did not believe in divorce and that it would break her father's heart if she divorced Bill.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

  
Richard Dale Hays

Richard Dale Hays, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Affiant herein, that he has read the foregoing Affidavit, and knows the contents thereof, and that the statements and allegations therein are true, to his best knowledge and belief.

  
Richard Dale Hays

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1984.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: GEORGIA J. SLAGLE, NOTARY PUBLIC,  
STATE OF MISSOURI, BRUNDY COUNTY.  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPT. 21, 1986.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Tom R. Williams

FROM: Kevin C. Hughes

SUBJECT: Prewitt Crime Scene Search

During the early morning of 02/18/84 Deputies Woodson, Rusher and myself processed the crime scene at the Prewitt residence. The majority of the search was concentrated in the master bedroom where Bill Prewitt's body was found, but the entire house was searched as well.

I searched for trace evidence on the bed and floor of the master bedroom during the morning of 02/18/84. After talking with Patty on the afternoon of 02/18/84 I returned to the scene and again searched for hair to verify Patty's account of being pulled from bed by her hair. No quantities of hair were discovered during either search.

Deputies Woodson, Rusher and I conducted an extensive search for shell casings in the master bedroom. None were found. Deputies Lenger and Sturgis discovered a .22 caliber shell casing in the master bedroom by the wicker loveseat at about 4:00 p.m. on 02/18/84. Deputy Lenger reported that he did not see the shell casing until he and Deputy Sturgis sat in the loveseat. It is believed that the casing ejected out of the rifle after firing, landed in the loveseat and hung up in the wicker. It is believed that it was freed by the deputies sitting in the chair and fell to the floor.

The basement of the house was searched along with the rest of the house in the early morning hours. I was the first officer to enter the basement for the search and the basement light was on when I entered. The west side of the basement had several inches of water. The east side was dry. I observed no footprints or any other evidence while searching the basement. During the next five days approximately fifteen officers were involved in follow-up crime scene searches. There were at least five officers that entered the basement during this time. Due to the environmental conditions at the time and the water on the west side of the basement, it is very possible one of the officers may have left a lasting footwear impression on the basement floor.



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Tom R. Williams  
FROM: Kevin Hughes  
SUBJECT: State vs. Patricia Ann Prewitt

The information contained in this memorandum and attachments is being submitted to aid in the Prewitt hearing on 09/18/84 in reference to the issues of the search of the Prewitt residence and interviews with Patricia Prewitt. The search of the Prewitt residence was conducted with the approval and consent of Patricia Prewitt. All interviews with Mrs. Prewitt were conducted within the laws governing admissions and confessions. Both issues are covered in depth below.

On 02/18/84 at about 5:00 a.m. (the murder was reported at 4:16 a.m.) then Chief Deputy Doug Rusher and I talked to Mrs. Prewitt at the Gustin residence. We interviewed Mrs. Prewitt concerning the events that had occurred at her residence. I also asked Mrs. Prewitt for and received permission to search for and seize evidence from the residence, outbuildings and grounds. Mrs. Prewitt readily granted permission and we went back to the residence to process the scene and conduct a search for evidence. Deputy Rusher did not include this information in his 02/18/84 report. Deputy Rusher believed that I would cover Mrs. Prewitt's consent in my report and I believed he would cover it in his. Regardless, Mrs. Prewitt's consent at that time was not included in any original reports. It was, however, brought to the attention of the defense during the taking of my deposition on 05/24/84.

I again received consent from Mrs. Prewitt on 02/18/84 between 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. I interviewed Mrs. Prewitt on tape at the Holden Police Department starting at about 4:00 p.m. 02/18/84. At or near the end of our interview I asked Mrs. Prewitt for her permission to allow us to continue our search of her property for as long as necessary. I thought that this portion of the conversation was on the tape but reviewing the tape revealed that the tape had run out prior to this portion of the conversation.

Mrs. Prewitt readily granted permission again and stated that she did not want the children to go back to the house for awhile, anyway, and possibly never wanted them to go back. Mrs. Prewitt stated that she was not sure if she ever wanted to go back to the farm either. I told Mrs. Prewitt that she was, of course, welcome to return anytime to get whatever she and the children needed. She stated that she did not want to go back for anything but would probably send a friend out to get some personal items. I told Mrs. Prewitt that the farm would be guarded twenty-four hours a day

by deputies and that they would be happy to assist anyone coming out on her behalf to get anything. Mrs. Prewitt asked me how long we would need to keep the house secured. I told her that I did not know for sure but many times we like to keep the scene secured until the killer is identified. I explained to her that many times the importance of items of evidence at a crime scene are not known until after the perpetrator is apprehended and it was therefore beneficial to try to keep the scene secured until then. I told her that I hoped that it would not be more than three or four days but that it could be as long as a week. I told her that the security was not to keep her or the children out but was to prevent a burglar, the killer or would-be accomplice from entering the property and destroying evidence. I explained to her that when someone relinquishes their property to our custody we are responsible for it. Mrs. Prewitt stated that was fine with her; anything to help catch her husband's killer.

I don't recall any further conversations with Mrs. Prewitt in regard to consent to retain the premises. I did talk to Alex Peebles on, I believe, 02/24/84. Mr. Peebles asked me how much longer we were going to be searching the Prewitt farm. He told me that he wanted to get Mrs. Prewitt and the children back into their home. I told Mr. Peebles that we would be done this date. He said that was fine and would make arrangements with Sheriff Norman on the matter later. Although he sounded a little perturbed at the start of our conversation he sounded pleased at the end. Mr. Peebles never requested or demanded the premises be returned during the conversation with me nor do I know of anytime previously that he requested Sheriff Norman to return the premises.

As stated above, on 02/18/84 I talked to Mrs. Prewitt twice. The first conversation took place at the Gustin residence at about 4:00 a.m. Deputy Rusher and I interviewed Mrs. Prewitt for about fifteen minutes. All questions asked were basic standard questions any eye witness to a crime would be asked. None of the questions were accusatory in nature and therefore Mrs. Prewitt was never advised of her rights.

At about 10:00 a.m. on 02/18/84 Deputy Rusher, per my request, asked Mrs. Prewitt, her children, the Gustins and the Austins to come to the Holden Police Department for in depth interviews later in the day. The 4:00 p.m. time was decided on by the parties themselves, as I recall, because it was mutually convenient. The Holden Police Department as the location for the interviews was my suggestion as it had three separate offices to use to conduct the interviews with some privacy and a break room of sorts for those not being interviewed at the time to relax in. Although Gustin was interviewed earlier than the rest, Mrs. Prewitt, all five children, Mr. Austin and Mrs.



Austin were all interviewed between about 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The practice of having all possible witnesses assemble together at one location for interviews during a homicide investigation is a historically recognized and efficient standard police procedure.

I interviewed Mrs. Prewitt for about an hour and a half to two hours. I do not feel that this was an excessive length of time due to the severity of the crime and the fact that Mrs. Prewitt was reportedly an eye witness. The interview did not progress expeditiously either as Mrs. Prewitt frequently strayed from the subject matter. Mrs. Prewitt was never advised of her rights before or during this interview as I did not believe that it was required under the rules of law covering admissibility of admissions and confessions. There was no evidence or information identifying Mrs. Prewitt as the murderess at this time. Our investigation into Bill Prewitt's murder had just begun and had certainly not even begun to hint or focus upon Mrs. Prewitt. Since about ninety percent of the interview was recorded on tape, I believe the nonaccusatory nature of the interview speaks for itself.

On 02/20/84 it was decided that Mrs. Prewitt would again be interviewed. Various reports were coming to our attention at this time that Mrs. Prewitt had allegedly been involved in numerous romantic affairs. The semi-automatic .22 rifle that Mrs. Prewitt reported should have been in the master bedroom closet behind the chest of drawers had still not been recovered despite a thorough search of the house, grounds and surrounding areas. Although the investigation had still not focused strictly on Mrs. Prewitt, we decided to advise Mrs. Prewitt of her rights before questioning to be absolutely sure none of her constitutional rights were violated. Mrs. Prewitt was advised of her rights prior to questioning on 02/20/84 at about 12:30 p.m. by Captain Tom Charrette. Mrs. Prewitt acknowledged understanding her rights, and agreed to answer questions.

Although Mrs. Prewitt was constantly in the company of at least one police officer from 12:30 p.m. on 02/20/84 until 4:30 a.m. on 02/21/84 she was never "in custody" or under arrest. She was told several times that she could go home any time and we could continue the interview another day. It was actually Mrs. Prewitt's insistence that caused the sixteen hour marathon. Sheriff Paul Johnson, Carl Williams, Detective Woodson and myself all tried to get Mrs. Prewitt to wait until after her husband's funeral to take a polygraph examination, but she stated she would rather take it that night. Therefore, the time frame between approximately 5:30 p.m. on 02/20/84 until 4:30 a.m. on 02/21/84, Mrs. Prewitt was in our company by her own continued choice as she had been from the beginning.

Before the polygraph examination Mrs. Prewitt read and signed another statement of her rights, as well as a consent to the examination. After the exam, she read and signed a statement stating that she was well treated during the exam.

Attached are some Missouri Appellate and U.S. Supreme Court holdings in cases which may be pertinent to this case.

  
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SCHNECKLOTH vs. BUSTAMONTE, 412 U.S. 218 (1973). When person not in custody totality of circumstances used to determine if person's consent was voluntary. Person need not know he has right to refuse consent. However, consent cannot be result of coercion.

BUMPER vs. NORTH CAROLINA, 391 U.S. 548. Cannot use fraud as in telling person you have a search warrant when you do not because this tells them they have no right to refuse. The persons will cannot be overborne or consent is not voluntary. In consent to search cases the test is if consent was freely and voluntarily made. It is not like a Fifth Amendment waiver which requires a knowing and intelligent waiver.

STATE vs. BERRY, 526 S.W.2d 92 (Mo.App. 1975). When an individual is not in custody courts should look to totality of circumstances including: number of officers present, degree to which they emphasized authority, weapons displayed, whether person is in custody, fraud by police, acts and statements of consentee. No single circumstance will void waiver unless coercion is shown. Further even if person is intoxicated, as long as not so extreme so that consent was not a product of rational intellect and free will, consent will be valid.

STATE vs. WITHERSPOON, 460 S.W.2d 281 (Mo. 1970). There must be a total absence of duress. Consent cannot be mere desire not to offer resistance to authority of police.

STATE vs. CSOLAK, 571 S.W.2d 118 (Mo. 1978). When person is in custody at the time of consent, custody casts doubt on consent as voluntary. However, the fact the person is under arrest is not enough alone to establish the consent as involuntary. The court should still look at the totality of the circumstances. The State need not show that the consenting person was advised of right to refuse or was aware of right to refuse.

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## OPEN FIELDS DOCTRINE

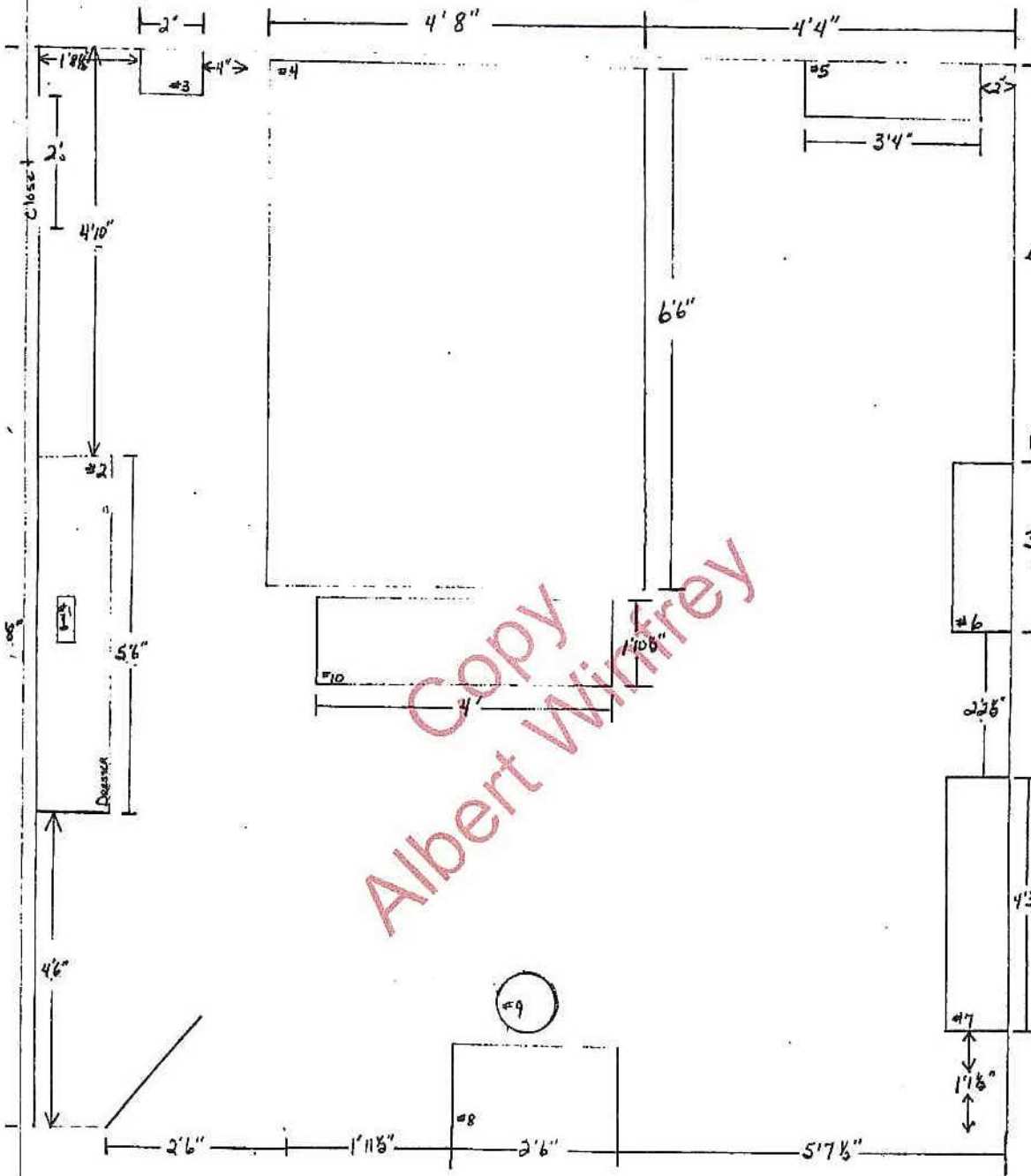
HESTER vs. U.S., 265 U.S. 57 (1924). The special protection afforded by the Fourth Amendment to "persons, houses, papers and effects" is not extended to open fields. Even if there is a trespass, the evidence obtained is not the product of an illegal search or seizure. This is the "Common Law Property View".

OLIVER vs. U.S. and MAINE vs. THORNTON, 35 CrL 3011 (April 17, 1984). In these cases the Court addressed the open fields doctrine stemming from the discovery of evidence within fenced locations with posted "No Trespassing" signs. The Court held that the Fourth Amendment protection accorded to "persons, house, papers and effects" does not extend to open fields. Open fields are not "effects" within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment. The Court held that the Fourth Amendment protection of a person's reasonable expectations of privacy does not extend to such fields and is not an expectation of privacy that society recognizes as reasonable. The Court defined "open fields" as an unoccupied or undeveloped area outside the curtilage and noted that an open field need neither be "open" nor a "field" as the terms or commonly used. The Court defined the curtilage as "the area immediately surrounding and associated with the home". The Court held that analysis of the circumstances of open field searches on a case by case basis to determine whether reasonable expectations of privacy were violated would not be a workable accommodation between law enforcement needs and the Fourth Amendment. In doing so, the Court refused to adopt a case by case approach and does not anticipate hearing similar cases in the foreseeable future.

STATE vs. STAURICOS, 506 S.W.2d 51 (Mo.App. 1974). The search of a vacant lot is not part of the curtilage, and like an open field, not protected by the Fourth Amendment even if access was gained to vacant lot by trespass.

STATE vs. SIMPSON, 639 S.W.2d 230 (Mo.App. 1982). Open Fields searches are not protected by the Fourth Amendment even where entrance is gained by trespass. The curtilage is protected by the Fourth Amendment and consists of all out buildings used in connection with the residence - garages, sheds, barns, yards and lots connected with or in close vicinity to the residence. In this case open fields one quarter mile from the residence were held as not part of the curtilage and therefore not protected.



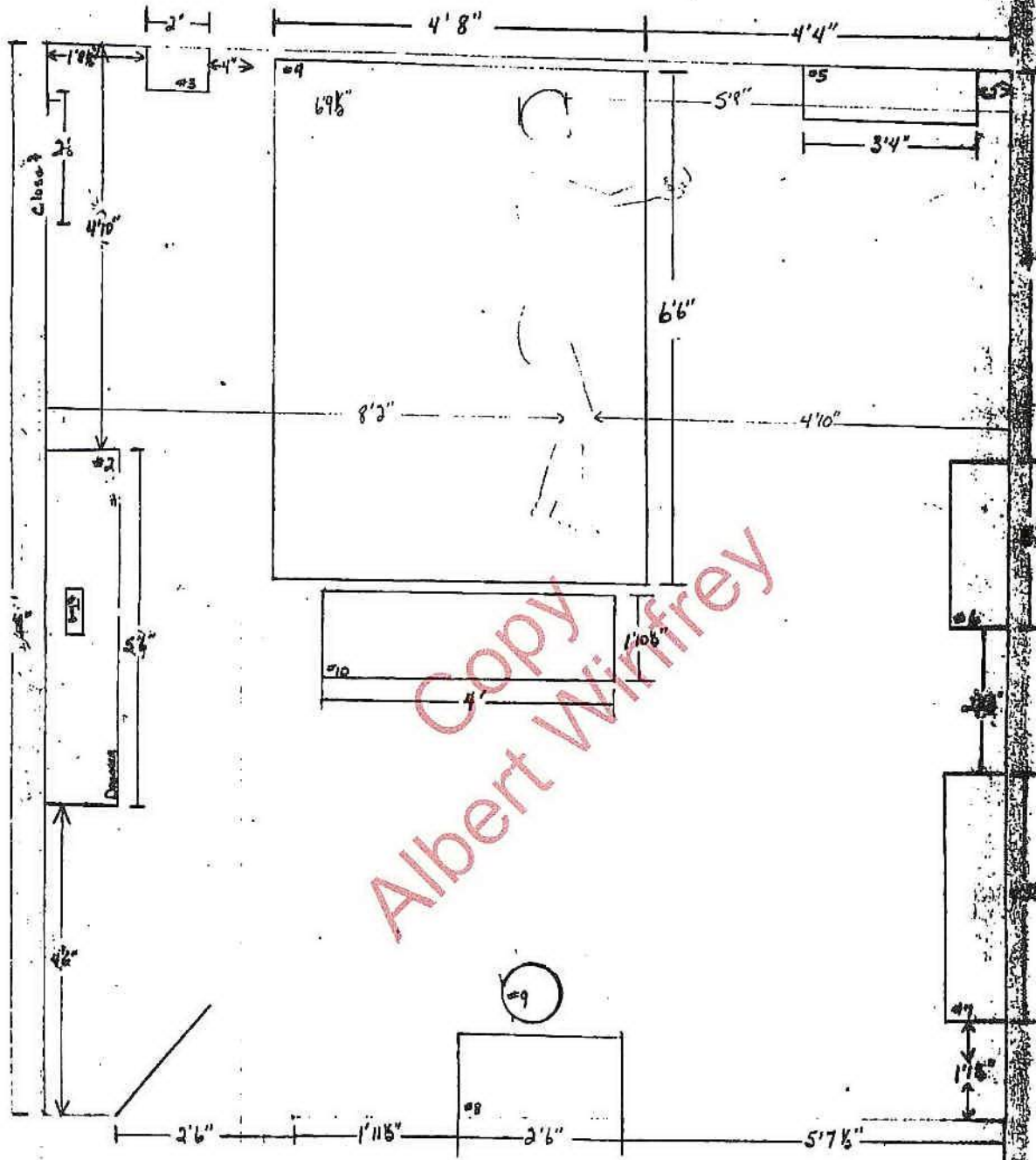


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  3. Nightstand
  4. Bed
  5. Chest of Drawers
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  8. Secretary Desk
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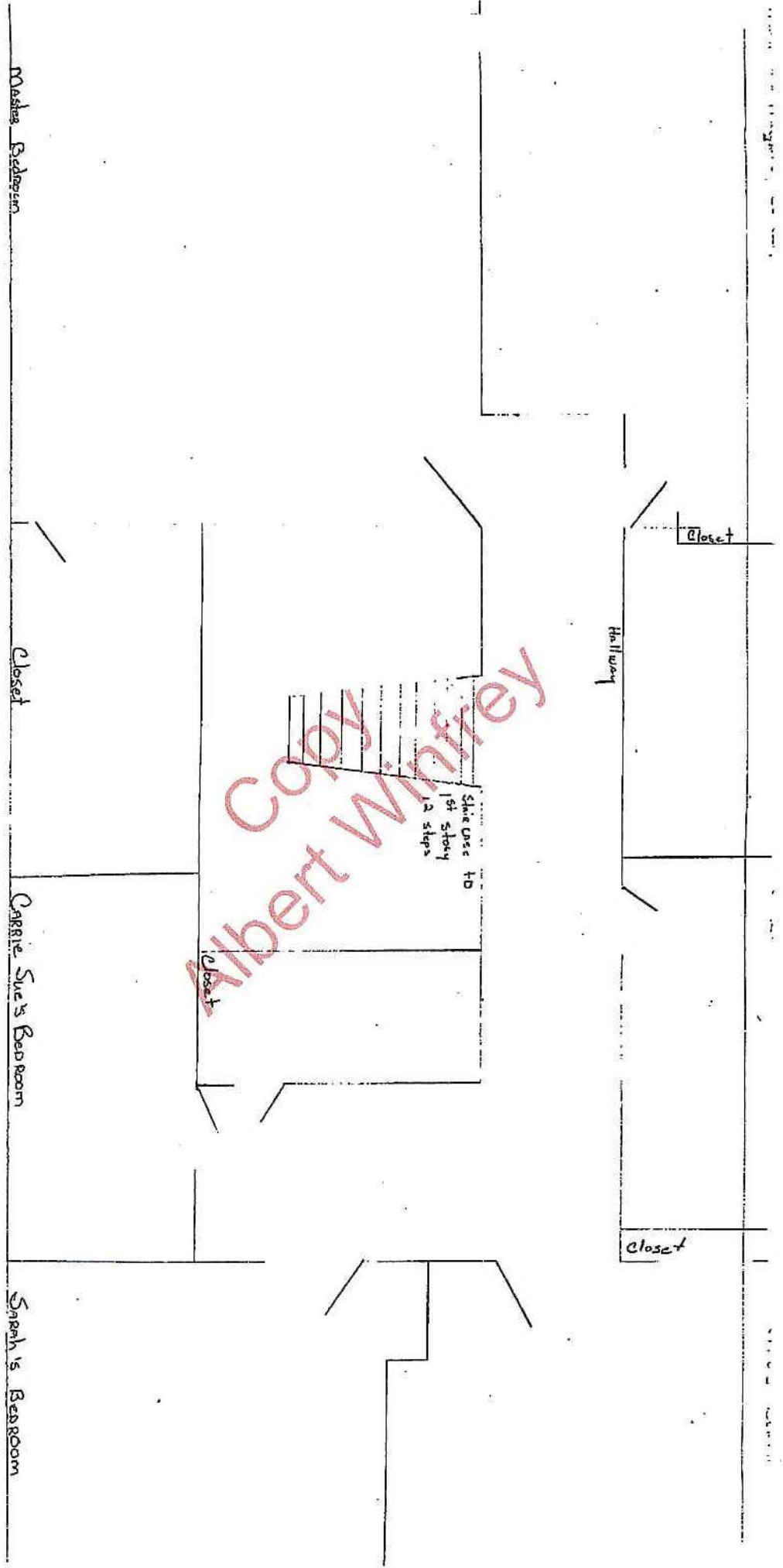
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Master Bedroom  
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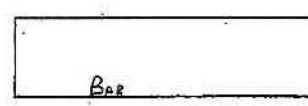


Family Room

Kitchen

Dining Room

Utility Room



Bar

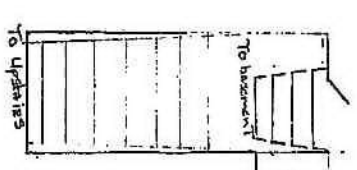
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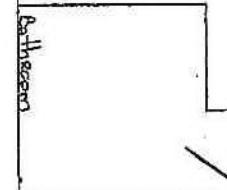
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Closet



To upstairs

To basement



Bathroom

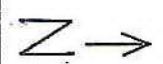
Guest Bedroom

Diagram of 1st Story of Peacock Residence

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TIME	UNIT	BASE	LOG
0322	108	657	CB REPORT OF TWO CAR 10-50 BY 13 AND 50 WESTB
0322	108	657	WILL CK IT OUT
0329	657		CTZ536
0334	117	118	10-24 10-81
0346	108		YSF654
0416	301		CONTACT 307 AT PD J-1 REF TO BREAK-IN IN PROGRESS/ SHOOTIN
0417	301		10-23 AT PD
0417	326		NOTIFIED
0421	301		ITS ONE MILE NORTH FROM CLAY STR, I AM ENROUTE OUT THEIR
0421	326		SUPOSSLY HE HAS BEEN SHOT
0427	657		10-8 ENROUTE ALSO
0430	301		10-8
0432	657		WE HAVE ONE SUBJ STILL IN BED , HAVE THE SHERIFFCOME ON OI
0434	651		DONT CALL CORONER UNTILL I ADV
0437	657		10-8
0437	651		HAVE 649 PICK UP THE POLAROID AS WELL AS THE 35MM
0440	651		THE POLAROID IS IN THE BACK OF LTD AND ASLO HAVE 649 PICK
0442	657		THE EVEDENCE KIT
0443	326		GO NORTH THRU HOLDEN TO ELIZABETH STR AND THEN TO CLAY,
0443	649	109	IT IS ABOUT 1 1/2 MILE NORTH OF HOLDEN
0443	649		DO WE KNOW WHO THE VICTIMS NAME IS YET
0445	657		THE VICTIMS WIFE IS REQUESTING YOU CALL HER FATHER
0445	657		10-8 ENROUTE
0446	657		YOU CAN TAKE THE LTD, ITS FULL OF GAS, WE ARE COMING BY 1
0453	651		JAIL ANYWAY TO PICK UP SOME EQUIPMENT
0454	651		DO YOU WANT ME TO MAKE THAT PHONE CALL TO HER FATHER
0454	651		GO AHAED AND MAKE THE CALL IF SHE IS REQUESTING
0455	326		10-23
0456	651		DO YOU STAY ON THAT GRAVEL
0458	657		10-23 AT THE SECOND HOUSE ,
0501	651-657		HE WILL SHOW YOU WHERE THE HOUSE IS AT
0501	CMS		PHONE CALL WAS MADE AND CONTACT WITH HER FATHER HAS BEEN I
0502	651-657		I AM 10-23 AT THE SCENE
0509	326		650 HAS BEEN ADVISED
0511	109		10-8 ENROUTE TO THE NEIGHBORS RESIDENTS
0512	109	649	RECIVED CALL FROM MAGUIRE STR CAFE ADV THAT SOUNDED LIKE
0514	117		SOMONE WAS TRYING TO BREAK-IN TO CARS
0515	117		BE OUT AT NEIGHBORS HOUSE
0515	117		BACK IN THE UNIT
0517	657		ON THAT GRAVEL, DO I STAY ON THE ONE THAT GOES NORTH
0520	326		10-23
0521	117		SUS VEHICLE AT 401 W NORTH
0601	651		MZN517
0619	657		10-23
0622	657		10--8 FROM NEIGHBORS HOUSE , ENROUTE BACK TO SCENE
0635	108		10-8 ENROUTE BACK TO HOLDEN
0636	651		10-24 10-98
0637	651		I HAVE BEEN ENROUTE BACK TO SCENE AND NOW BACK AT NEIGHBOF
0640	658		HOUSE
0659	108		NOTIFY 658
0700	XZXZXKZXZXZXZXZX	XZXZXZXZXZXZXDEITCH	658 HAS BEEN NOTIFIED
0706	118		CKING CAR ON RIDGEVIEW PZT726
0734	110		ENROUTE BACK TO SCENE
0740	657		10-23
0742	651		10-8 ENROUTE
0743	106		10-8 FROM RIDGEVIEW DRIVE/MOTORIST ASSIST
0743	651		10-8
0749	649-651		HAVE THE CARDS BEEN PICKED UP/NEGATIVE
			10-41/ENROUTE TO YOUR LOCATION WITH ROPE
			CALL BEN CAST FUNERAL HOME
			ENROUTE BACK TO NEIGHBORS HOUSE
			10-41
			OUT WITH 649
			10-8

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0752	301-		304 IS READY/GO TO 303S RESIDENCE AND PICK UP CAR
0805	304-		10-8
0814	658-		CAST IS LEAVING SCENE/CALL HOSPITAL AND TELL THEM I WANT X-RAYS
0815	658-		HOSP HAS BEEN ADVISED
0819	1102-		BACK IN THE COUNTY
0833	110-		CONTACT GREGORY WHITE AT 214 N WATER AND HAVE HIM CALL HIS FATHER ASAP #841120
0838	110-		10-23
0838	658-		HOSP
0840	110-		GREG WHITE IS OUT OF TOWN OF TOWN/MSG WAS DELIVERED TO HIS GRANDFATHER
0843	1102-		IN WARRENSBURG
0850	110-		SIGNAL 35
0858	658-	PS-	ADVISE 651 FATHER IS HERE IS REQUESTING LANGFORD FUNERAL HOME IN LEES SUMMIT/651 ADVISES TO GO WITH THE WIFES REQUEST OF CAST FUNERAL HOME IN HOLDEN
0901	110-		10-8
0905	110-		CONTACT JIM MILLER AT DQ REF THEFT FROM CAR #841121
0911	110-		10-23
0919	658-		SIGNAL 59
0919	110-		10-24
0931	110-		10-23
0940	801-		CLINTON PD REQUESTS YOU ASCERTAIN IF THERE IS A 69 GRN PONTIAC GTO IS IN CHILHOWEE/IF IT IS ADVISE NCE-817
0945	304-		CONTACT OSCAR ZVACEK 700 E ALDEN REF OBSCENE PHONE CALLS #840103
0948	304-		10-8
0951	110-10		S35
0957	651-657649 -		10-8
0958	KN-		650 10-20
0958	301-		10-8 TO HOLDEN
1000	301-		307 IS AT IS RES///
1004	LS-		REF/ SHOOTING IN HOLDEN
1004	2101-		10-21 300 NEG
1005	2105-		10-21 300 NEG
1011	2101-		CALL KENNETH MEADS
1012	301-	755-	755 LIKE TO TALK TO 301
1013	106-		10-8
1013	110-		10-8
1017	106-		CONTACT MRS PAUL CHRISTY #36 PARKVIEW GARDENS ABOUT NIGHT TIME TRAFFIC #841124
1021	106-		10-23
1022	110-		CONTACT SOME SUBJS ON SOUTH SIDE OF MUNICIPAL BLDING
1025	110-		10-23
1027	106-		10-24
1035	654-		LOT OF WIRE IN DITCH ON HH OFF OF HWY 50 WHERE YOU TURN BACK NORTH #763
1045	106-		10-28/PRS-152
1045	654-		WIRE BELONGS TO TELEPHONE COMPANY/THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING THERE
1048	301-		CALL VIRGINIA THOMPSON 732-6548
1059	110-		10-24
1104	106-		SIGNAL 12
1108	110-		HAVE WALK IN 10-50 #841126
1116	110-		UNION AND HOLDEN
1129	106-		10-8
1135	110-		10-8
1136	110-		SIGNAL 35
1136	657-		RESIDENCE/WAAKE UP CALL AT 1300
1138	106-		SIGNAL 55
1149	304-		PICK UP VERN LOYD AT BANK OF HOLDEN



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1153	304		10-8
1209	111		10-28/BJZ
1212	353		10-24/ENROUTE TO QUARTERS
1215	304		4954
1215	654		4954
1220	301		CALL 304 MEET ME AT HQ IN ABOUT 10 MINUTES
1226	353		QUARTERS
1226	390		QUARTERS
1229	110		10-8
1233	301		PD
1235	110		SIGNAL 17
1239	755-106		WHI OLDS NORTH ON HWY 13 FROM QUARRELS NO LIC INFO VERY CS
1240	304		PD
1242		CMS	10-28/PZY-939
1244	654		HOLDEN PD
1245			PAGED 658 TO CALL HIS RESIDENCE
1300			----- TEMPLE 10-42 ----- BRADLEY 10-41 -----
1301	654		10-8
1306	Ls		10-50 POSS J2 SOUTH OF BB ON 13
1307	1101		INFO ON 10-50
1309	658		NOTIFY CASS FUNERAL HOME OF POST MORTEM EXAM AT 14:00
1314	Ls		10-51 TIP TOP
1315	755		10-51J1 TIP TOP
1318	1101		10-23
1331	1101		10-7 HOSP
1404	657		10-8
1412	649/109		CASS FUNERAL HOME
1439	532		REPORT OF TRASH DUMPSTER ON WASHINGTON NEAR GAY
1439	106		10-8 I'LL HEAD THAT WAY
1440	106		OUT OF CAR
1443	106		10-8 HBO
1444	106		ST SIGN AT WASHINGTON AND POLK DOWN
1501	106		10-50J1 HOLDEN AND BUS50
1504	106		10-23
1520	106		10-24 10-8
1522	106		SIG35
1556	115		10-8
1558	651		IF DEP COMES IN HAVE THEM RELAY MERC TO ME IN HOLDEN
1603	651		HOLDEN PD
1616	649/109		10-8
1618	326		10-8 ENROUTE TO VIRGINIA MANOR
1622	326		10-23
1627	119		10-8
1629	326		ENROUTE TO LEE'S SUMMIT
1634	115		ZSK238
1636	107		SIG55
1638	115		831
1650	407		ZFW575
1651	109/649		ENROUTE T1 INDEPENDENCE
1653	115		10-8
1653	107		10-8
1705	113		10-8
1720	1101		WFD
1721	119		10-50J1 HONCHO'S
1726	658		10-7 RES
1727	113		10-23 AT HONCHOS
1738	107		C-5 MAIN AND SW GSS681
1739	107		RAYMOND L CLAYBROOK W/M 112659
1744	870		EVERYTHING OK
1746	326		10-8 ENROUTE TO COUNTY
1750	LAFF CO		HAVE 10-5 SUPEANA'S CAN YOU HAVE A CAR MEET OUR CAR AT 1 COUNTY LINE 10-3 870 WILL BE THERE