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John Nelson was the undersheriff for Jacksonville S.O. during the TOOLE incarceration. On Feb. 27, 1996 the Miami Herald ran a story with comments from NELSON.

On Feb. 28th a phone interview was held with Chief NELSON. NELSON asked about a 1988 memo that he has been told by news persons was written by a Broward S. O. detective claiming that Jacksonville Det. Terry leaked information to OTTIS TOOLE regarding TOOLE'S confessions to police. NELSON has not seen this memo.

In 1983 NELSON was the #2 man in the S.O. and during the time TOOLE was in their custody he was mainly an observer. He was not happy with seeing TOOLE having a great deal of freedom around the office spaces and he felt that there came a time when TOOLE was running Det. TERRY instead of the other way around and NELSON complained to TERRY'S supervisors.

NELSON explains he read the newspaper on a Sunday and it reported TOOLE had led police to the site where Adam Walsh's head had been found. He immediately contacted Det. TERRY and questioned him as to how exactly this was done. NELSON was concerned that the police may have taken TOOLE to the site and not the other way around. Det. TERRY assured the chief that TOOLE had taken them to the site and that it was so out of the way that the police could not have found it without his direction. NELSON still seems to harbor doubts about how this was done.

After this incident there was a lot of local press and NELSON was concerned about how Det. TERRY was handling the media attention he was getting.

Det. TERRY accompanied OTTIS TOOLE to Texas and a number of police department representative interviewed him in an effort to clear cases. Chief NELSON received a phone call from a Dallas Det. who's name he does not recall telling him that Det. TERRY had entered into an agreement with a writer to write a book with TOOLE. TERRY later told a local newspaper, Jacksonville Times-Union, that he had a handwritten agreement with TOOLE to do a book but he had just been playing around with TOOLE. NELSON contends that there was in fact an author in Texas involved in this. Chief NELSON spoke with TERRY and TERRY did not seem to see anything improper with what he had done. Chief NELSON saw otherwise and had TERRY transferred to the communications division. Chief NELSON now says in all fairness that he does not specifically recall TERRY denying that there was a book deal.

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Chief NELSON suggested that the following people be interviewed on this matter if they have not yet been questioned. They are: Ray MILEY, now retired, former Chief of Detectives at the time, Jim GEISENBURG, detective working with TERRY, and Jim SUBER who was the Homicide Division Lieutenant at the time.

Chief NELSON also mentioned that Det. GEISENBURG has admitted that he retrieved the carpet evidence from F.D.L.E. and does not know what happened to it. Chief NELSON believes there was a news article quoting GEISENBURG on this matter. F.D.L.E. agent Steve Platt (904-359-6390) has the paperwork with GEISENBURG's signature.

serious errors.
thinks he was overwhelmed by TOOLE and could have made some
SUBER commented that TERRY did a good job for him but he
to point out the crime scenes.

SUBER could give no comment on TOOLE's trip to HOLLYWOOD
verifiable homicide they could attribute to TOOLE.
SUBER advised that to his recall JAX S.O. never found a
Undersheriff (John Nelson) and of course he lost.
Word was, according to SUBER, that TERRY had gone up against the
to communications and SUBER was never consulted or given a reason.
a book deal. However, there came a time when TERRY was transferred
case. He never had anything but rumor that TERRY was a part of
TOOLE of a general nature and it would include the ADAM WALSH
SUBER recalled hearing that there was to be a book by

as well.
the Texas governor's plane. He does not remember if TERRY went
recalled one occasion that TOOLE was flown to Texas in
involved in a case as TERRY did with another agencies case.
from one agency to take such a great interest and get so deeply
SUBER agreed it was very unusual for a detective like TERRY
manner where he gave TOOLE more information than he received.
SUBER agreed that TERRY could have questioned TOOLE in a
news sources and perhaps from investigators, including TERRY.
ADAM WALSH murder was based on information he had obtained from
SUBER believes that the information he gave regarding the
TOOLE was making be investigated had any further.

SUBER recommended to the Sheriff that none of the claims
was no other evidence.
because his information could have come from the press and there
body found on the beach but he never was charged with this crime
There was one case TOOLE tried to confess to involving a
ever found and SUBER believes TOOLE was lying about everything.
sites where he said he had killed and left bodies. None were
TOOLE ran the JAX S.O. around for three days to various
that.

from speaking to the media. He does not recall who told him
Suber was assigned to accompany them and was told to keep TERRY
when TERRY was sent with TOOLE to Texas for interviews
Believes TERRY was grandstanding the case.
Suber describes Terry as TOOLE's mentor, and constant.
inquiry from some Texas agency.
Recalls Terry got involved simply by answering a telephone

Jacksonville.
Interviewed on Friday, March 8, 1996 at the Hampton Inn,

Retired Jacksonville S.O. lieutenant. Was in charge of
Homicide Sq. in 1983 and was Det. TERRY's supervisor.

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SUBER recommended the following people be contacted for information on the TOOLE case as well as Det. FERRY:

BILL JOHNSON - Ret. - Federal Court Security

904-358-3632

Former Hom. Sq. Sgt

FRANK JAPOUR - Now Patrol Sgt. - JAX S. O. 904-630-2194

Hom. det. in '83. Worked on TOOLE case.

JERRY PARKER - Ret. - Worked on TOOLE case.

DOUG MAGNUM - Now B&E Sgt. JAX. S.O. - Former Hom. Sq.

Sgt. (JOHNSON was the other sgt.) 904-

630-2175

AS SUBER was leaving the interview he remarked that he did not want his comments to be made known to his fellow officers, active or retired.



May 16, 1994

John or Reve Walsh
America's Most Wanted

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Dear Mr. or Mrs. Walsh,

I truly do not know where to begin in this letter, so I will formally introduce myself. My name is Vernon M. Jones Jr., born in Hollywood, Florida on May 3, 1972. During my summer months as a child, I would spend time with my grandfather mowing lawns on Bal Harbor and enriching my intellect through the generosity of a kind philanthropist whom we worked for. As a reward for my hard work, my grandfather would constantly take me to the Sears store in Hollywood Mall, to play video games, visit my father and family who worked there and eat at Morrison's Cafeteria.

As you may suspect by now, I was playing Atari and Intellivision with your son Adam, on that eventful day in July. The reason why I am informing you of this is to give you my sincere apologies for my being too young and naive to realize that I possibly could have made a difference in the outcome of your families life. Being a young black male in America made it so that when I approached people in the Mall about the stranger that approached myself and Adam that day, I was constantly shunned and not taken seriously about my concerns. As you know, the tragic event led to an American outrage and awakening concerning their children. My own parent's preceded to further my enthusiasm for the martial arts, by enrolling me in a formal class thereafter.

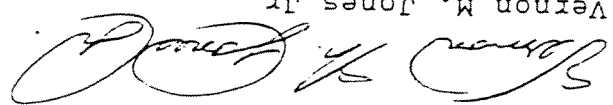
Recently when speaking at the 7th Annual National Youth Crime Prevention Conference, held here in Miami, I addressed the crowd concerning the incident's of our past. I shared with over 1500 strangers, that the child in which many of them read of years ago, could have been myself, or in the least bit been tragically accompanied by me. And in doing so, I realized that I truly owed Adam and your family for all of the positive things that you have done for our nation. By the code of honor that I have been raised to believe in, I would like to offer myself as a small substitute for your son, Adam. I know this may be baffling to you, but to me it means more than you can imagine.

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I can only hope my plea for a bit of your valuable time and understanding is heard. I understand that this letter may be read by many individuals before it reaches your own personal hands. Therefore, I do ask of the first individual who reads this, to respect my privacy and sincerity, and see to it that the Walsh family receives this letter as soon as possible.

Enclosed is a rough draft copy of the speech that I used at the National Conference and a brief biography used in a recent program. I do not wish to cause any ill feelings or gain any sort of media attention. I personally have what the Japanese call a spiritual bushi "warrior" that will not allow me to rest, until I have communicated with you. Thank you for your time and again my sincere regards.

Sincerely,



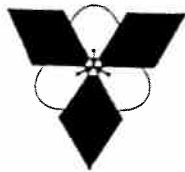
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Enclosure

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Considered an excellent example of a new generation of martial artists, Taisi Jones, is a dynamic speaker and instructor with nearly a decade of teaching experience. As an internationally renowned youth crime prevention consultant, he has addressed thousands of Law Enforcement Personnel, students and policy makers. Recently acquired through the Office of the Governor of Florida, he is the Field Coordinator for Youth Crime Watch of America. Utilizing his prowess in Ju-Jitsu, Shotokan, Tae Kwon Do and Aikijitsu, he has promoted the martial arts in every possible fashion: ranging from open tournaments, W.U.K.O. events, self-defense seminars and conferences, this 22 year-old entrepreneur is truly versatile.

Taisi Vernon M. Jones Jr.



Playing home video games in the Hollywood Mall on that eventful day with young Adam Walsh prior to his abduction, brought about the realization that "it could have been me", at an early age in life. Instances such as this are constant reminders of the growing epidemic of crime in our schools and communities. The youth Crime Watch or Varsity Patrol programs empower students, such as myself, with the techniques and components needed to take control of our own school environment. Advisors such as the dearly departed Assistant Principal, Dr. Vic Nardelli, and Officer Bill Flannagan, are the "sparkplugs" that can motivate students into taking charge, with the "support from the administration. But it is we, the students who must lead, nurture, and own the program. For without us, the students, the Youth Crime Watch program will not flourish; but without this spectacular program, every student's chance of even existing is dramatically reduced. We are informed that every student has earned the right to a safe learning environment and Youth Crime Watch has therefore earned our sincere gratitude for making it all possible.

Dedicated to the Memory of

Dr. Vic Nardelli and Officer Bill Flannagan

By:

Vernon M. Jones Jr.