

FDLE REPORT OF AGENT DON CONDON
APRIL, 1996 LeBRUNO INCIDENT
ADAM WALSH

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Attached is FDLE Agent Don Condon's report on the Orlando fiasco.

I spoke to Mark and he said he hopes to have his report this Thursday or Friday.

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NOTES ON FDLE AGENT DON CONDON'S
REPORT OF 4-4-96

This report reflects interviews had with Stephen LeBruno, Carol Carles, and Bernard Hiribarne, all of Orlando, Fl. The FDLE interviews, which were not taped, were followed by interviews by Det. Mark Smith, H.P.D., and Inv. Phil Mundy, S.A.O. sworn to and taped.

On Page 3 of the FDLE report there are comments regarding HIRIBARNE's opinions that drugs were involved in the death of Adam WALSH. In reading HIRIBARNE's statement these matters are covered primarily on pages 13, 16, and 22. Mr. HIRIBARNE knew Mrs. Walsh was a heavy user of marijuana and upon learning of Adam's death he indicated that he hoped her use of drugs did not cause some neglect on her part which contributed to the boy's death.

HIRIBARNE did indicate that he was suspicious of MONAHAN and WALSH's activities in an off-shore island venture which might involve drugs but he had no evidence at all to support this opinion.

Page 4 mentions that LEBRUNO had stated that Carol Carles had said Adam Walsh's head had been found on Monahan's property. Page 45 thru 47 of LEBRUNO's statement addresses that and he basically retracts that statement. Further, Ms. Carles in her statement denies saying anything like that.

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On Tuesday, April 2, 1996, information was received by FDLE Commissioner James T. Moore via April Hurley, a staff member the State of Florida Governor's Office regarding an individual never before interviewed, who possibly possessed information regarding the homicide of Adam WALSH in Hollywood, FL. This information was then related to SAS Lance Newman and SA Don Condon who were directed to conduct a preliminary interview with this subject, identified as Stephen Michael LEBRUNO. LEBRUNO'S name had been supplied by Hurley to FDLE through media representative(s) Jack CASSOWITZ and/or Jay GRELEN.

On Wednesday, April 3, 1996, 1130 hours, SAS Newman and SA Condon met with LEBRUNO at his residence in Winter Park, FL. LEBRUNO then related the following information:

LEBRUNO was a police officer in New Smyrna Beach, FL from 1978 to 1981. He recalled that following the WALSH homicide, the Hollywood Police Department had issued a teletype requesting assistance in locating a light blue van that was possibly related to the investigation. LEBRUNO stated that a van matching the description was located at a roadside motel in neighboring Edgewater, FL. LEBRUNO, accompanied by Officer Don GOODSON determined that the van was registered to the son of a Hollywood Police Captain named MOWERS. LEBRUNO stated that he believed that this information had been relayed to his dispatcher by the Hollywood Police Department at the time of occurrence.

LEBRUNO stated that in 1987, he married his wife, Donna. During 1986, he had a conversation with Donna's sister, currently identified as Carol HIRIBARNE CARLES regarding the WALSH homicide. According to LEBRUNO, CARLES made a comment regarding the homicide with words to the effect, "it didn't happen that way". LEBRUNO stated that he then came to learn from CARLES that prior to the WALSH homicide, CARLES, her ex husband Bernie HIRIBARNE and their son Matthew were living with or near John MONAHAN in Hollywood, FL. John MONAHAN was a longtime friend of Pedro HIRIBARNE, Bernie's father. John MONAHAN and Adam WALSH'S father, John WALSH had also been friends for sometime. This friendship originated when John WALSH, as a lifeguard, saved the life of one of MONAHAN'S children. LEBRUNO believed that MONAHAN, acting on behalf of the owner, offered Bernie HIRIBARNE a job managing a club in the Bahamas or Eluthera. LEBRUNO thought that HIRIBARNE declined the

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offer and that John WALSH subsequently took the job. LEBRUNO was then led to believe through conversations with CARLES that John WALSH may have skimmed money from the business and that his son, Adam WALSH was killed in retribution. LEBRUNO stated that a short time before the death of Adam WALSH, HIRIBARNE instructed CARLES to take her son and leave the South Florida area immediately. Reportedly, CARLES did not even have time to pack her bags before fleeing with her son to LEBRUNO'S residence in Winter Park. LEBRUNO stated that he also believed that MONAHAN may have had something to do with the movement or placement of Adam WALSH'S head prior to the police learning of its whereabouts.

LEBRUNO stated that he began to give some credence to what CARLES had told him after he attended the funeral of Pedro HIRIBARNE. LEBRUNO stated that he observed MONAHAN arrive at the funeral in a helicopter and that MONAHAN remained close to HIRIBARNE'S immediate family throughout the service.

LEBRUNO stated that following his employment with New Smyrna Beach, he was a police officer in Longwood, FL, from 1981 until 1984, during which time he incurred a disability. LEBRUNO was a private investigator from 1984 until 1989 when he became completely disabled. According to LEBRUNO, he withheld this information at the request of his wife, fearing retribution for his own child if he was identified as the source of this information. LEBRUNO stated that he did not have any first hand knowledge of the information he learned from CARLES. LEBRUNO did state however that within the past year, after reading accounts of the WALSH homicide that he initiated a contact with Jay GRELEN a reporter for a Mobile, Alabama newspaper. Additionally, LEBRUNO stated that he had spoken to GRELEN prior to the arrival of these investigators on this date.

Upon receipt of this information efforts were conducted to further identify CARLES and her ex-husband, Bernie HIRIBARNE at the FDLE Orlando Region Operations Bureau. Upon receipt of this information, SAS Newman and SA Condon made contact with Hollywood Police Detective Mark Smith by telephone. Smith was advised of information provided by LEBRUNO and concurred with the opinion that while in Orlando, SAS Newman and SA Condon would attempt to contact CARLES and HIRIBARNE.

At approximately 1815 hours, SAS Newman and SA Condon met with CARLES at her residence. When confronted with the nature of the agents visit, CARLES stated that she had been contacted by telephone approximately six months ago by a reporter from Mobile, AL, who had made similar inquiries. According to CARLES, both she and HIRIBARNE were residents of Orlando, FL in the year prior to the death of Adam WALSH. During this time, MONAHAN offered a job to

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HIRIBARNE following which HIRIBARNE moved into the MONAHAN residence in Hollywood, FL. HIRIBARNE, who was experienced in the hotel industry, planned to assist MONAHAN with the establishment of vacation charters to the Bahamas. HIRIBARNE stayed with MONAHAN for several months but returned to Orlando approximately three months prior to the WALSH homicide. HIRIBARNE became disenchanted with his employment with MONAHAN due to the fact that he did little more than run personal errands for MONAHAN. CARLES stated that she never lived in Hollywood, but did visit the MONAHAN residence with her son on several occasions while HIRIBARNE was there. CARLES did not recall HIRIBARNE ever instructing her to leave South Florida with her son in a hurry.

During these visits, CARLES stated that she came to know John and Reve WALSH and that her son played with Adam WALSH. CARLES stated that her last visit to Hollywood, FL was approximately six months prior to the WALSH homicide. CARLES stated that she had no reason to suspect that MONAHAN had anything to do with the WALSH homicide.

At approximately 1930 hours, SAs Newman and SA Condon met with Bernie HIRIBARNE at his residence. During this interview, HIRIBARNE stated that he first learned of the WALSH homicide while reading the newspaper at his place of employment, that being the Holiday Inn on International Drive in Orlando. HIRIBARNE stated that he had been in the Orlando area for approximately three months at this time. HIRIBARNE confirmed his employment with MONAHAN and stated that at that time, MONAHAN had teamed up with John WALSH and an investor from Houston, Texas, to establish a charter to Paradise Island. HIRIBARNE, who was employed by MONAHAN for six months, stated that he came to question the rapid ascension of John WALSH from "cabana boy" to "three piece suit". On several occasions, HIRIBARNE met MONAHAN'S DC-3 at Fort Lauderdale International Airport and provided ground transportation for MONAHAN, the WALSHES, and the Texan. On another occasion at MONAHAN'S direction, HIRIBARNE also accompanied the wife of Bahamian Prime Minister Pindling to a Chevrolet dealership in Miami, FL where she purchased several trucks.

HIRIBARNE stated that his father, Pedro HIRIBARNE (deceased) had been the head of the language department at the University of Miami. During that time, John MONAHAN was a student of his and a friendship formed.

In contrast to CARLES statements, HIRIBARNE stated that he and CARLES lived for six weeks at the MONAHAN residence in Hollywood, FL. On one occasion following a break in, HIRIBARNE did recall commenting to CARLES that they should leave South Florida. HIRIBARNE did however

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state that there was no urgency involved in this decision and that CARLES eventually left with her son and their belongings.

HIRIBARNE stated that he had no reason to suspect MONAHAN as a smuggler. HIRIBARNE had formed an opinion that drugs were probably behind the death of Adam WALSH. HIRIBARNE described Reve WALSH as a chain smoker of marijuana although he had not actually witnessed her smoking it.

HIRIBARNE had no reason to believe that MONAHAN had anything to do with the WALSH homicide.

On Thursday, April 4, 1996, SAS Newman and SA Don Condon met with Hollywood Police Department Sergeant Bob Dunbar and Detective Mark Smith at the Broward Field Office. The interviews of the previous day were discussed along with an understanding for SA Condon and Detective Smith to reinterview LABRUNO, CALES and HIRIBARNE.

On Friday, April 5, 1996, S/A Don Condon returned to the Orlando area and met with Hollywood Police Detective Mark Smith and Phil Mundy, Investigator for the Broward County State Attorney's Office for the purpose of reinterviewing LABRUNO, CARLES, and HIRIBARNE.

At approximately 1130 hours, LABRUNO was interviewed at the FDLE Orlando Region Operations Bureau. This interview, taped in its entirety by Det. Smith and Inv. Mundy reviewed in greater detail the information obtained two days earlier by SAS Newman and SA Condon. LABRUNO stated that approximately ten months ago, he had initiated contact with Jay GRELEN after reading in the newspaper of GRELEN'S efforts to open the investigative files regarding the WALSH homicide. LABRUNO stated that he did not want to be interviewed by the police and therefore contacted GRELEN, hoping that GRELEN would be able to do something with it. Initially, LABRUNO gave a fictitious name to GRELEN to hide his identity. Subsequently, LABRUNO did identify himself to GRELEN following which they continued to communicate by telephone once or twice a month for the next ten months. According to LABRUNO, GRELEN eventually convinced him to speak directly to the police, following which GRELEN made arrangements for an interview with FDLE.

During this interview, LABRUNO stated that he had developed an opinion regarding the death of Adam WALSH based in part by casual comments mad to him at various times by his sister in law, Carol CARLES. LABRUNO stated that his only specific recollections of these comments were that CARLES had stated that Adam WALSH'S head had been found on John MONAHAN'S

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property and that John MONAHAN had made the identification of Adam WALSH upon the recovery of Adam WALSH'S head.

LEBRUNO was also questioned about his reported contact with a blue van following the WALSH homicide. LEBRUNO repeated the circumstances and stated that following a reply received by his dispatched from the Hollywood Police Department, that he did not attempt to establish contact with the operator of the van. LEBRUNO further stated that the name "MOWERS" had been related to him by GRELEN during their many conversations. LEBRUNO was led to believe by GRELEN that GRELEN had made some efforts in this area to identify the operator of the van.

Later that same afternoon, HIRIBARNE was reinterviewed at his place of employment. This interview, also recorded in its entirety by Det. Smith and Inv. Mundy was consistent with his previous interview.

Following this interview, CARLES was reinterviewed at her residence with the interview once again being taped in its entirety by Det. Smith and Inv. Mundy. CARLES was at this time specifically questioned about the information about her related to these investigators by LEBRUNO. CARLES denied ever having any first hand knowledge of the WALSH homicide and denied stating that she had any knowledge or making any statements regarding where Adam WALSH'S head was recovered or who subsequently identified the head.

CARLES went on to state that LEBRUNO was a seriously ill individual who had been committed several times to detoxification centers when it became necessary for his doctors to alternate his various medicines.

SUBJECT DATA:

Airs #: 423869

Person:

LEBRUNO, Stephen Michael

W/M 8-1-56

2392 Dominica

Winter Park, FL

407 671-8601

Remarks:

407 893-2886 (pager)

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Person:

CARLES, Carol HIRIBARNE
W/F 4-29-53

SSN:

8009 Lake Eve Drive
Orlando, FL 32810
407 295-5777

Occupation Travel Agent

Air Tours

407 850-2423

407 850-2421

Remarks:

father in law James CARLES, retired Orlando police officer

Airs #: 423873

Person:

HIRIBARNE, Bernardo P.
W/M 4-29-46

SSN:

Height/Weight: 5'09,
5317 Indian Creek Drive
Orlando, FL 32811
407 841-7433

Occupation Landscaper

B & B Enterprises

5979 Vineland Road Suite 112

Orlando, FL

(407) 351-9976

(407) 651-2774 (pager)

Airs #: 423877

Person:

GRELEN, Jay

W/M

Mobile, AL

Occupation Columnist

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Airs #: 423878

Person:
CASSOWITZ, Jack
Sante Fe, NM.
505 438-8280

Remarks:
1-800-205-6339
Prime Time Live television show

Airs #: 423881

Person:
WALSH, John
W/M
Occupation: television host

Airs #: 291410

Person:
WALSH, Adam
W/M deceased

Airs #: 423884

Person:
MONAHAN, John
W/M
Hollywood, FL

Airs #: 423885

Person:
GOODSON, Don
Remarks:
Currently employed by Edgewater Police Dept.
Edgewater, FL

Airs #: 423867

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Person:
HIRIBARNE, Pedro
deceased

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