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August 13, 1981

Complaint No. 81-16261  
Subject: ADAM WALSH

Remains discovered by: ROBERT HUGHES  
Post Office Box 2177  
Fort Pierce, Florida 33450

VERNON BAILEY  
Route 2, Box 666  
Okeechobee, Florida 33472

Hughes and Bailey can be contacted by calling Evans Properties, Blue Field and Indian River Divisions, (813) 763-4869.

First Officer on scene: FHP Trooper ROBERT ELLIOT MEDLOCK  
2042 Oxmore Terrace  
Port St. Lucie, Florida 33452  
(305) 335-2263

Second Officer on scene: FHP Trooper R.A. WEAVER  
Post Office Box 4, Glades Road  
Pealock Fruit and Cattle Corporation  
Fort Pierce, Florida 33450  
(305) 465-0014 or  
(305) 683-1140

Detectives on scene: LT. SID DuBOSE  
DONALD L. COLEMAN, JR.  
1725 - 17th Avenue  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960  
(305) 562-7911, Ext. 219/224

I.D. Officers on scene: JERRY FITZGERALD  
JOHN McPHERSON  
1725 - 17th Avenue  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960  
(305) 562-7911, Ext. 209

Vero Beach Fire Department  
Rescue Team on scene: SCOTT HERRINGTON  
ROGER FREEMAN  
SCOTT SMITH  
1216 - 20th Street  
Vero Beach, Florida 32960  
(305) 562-2028

Funeral home on scene: FLOYD STRUNK FUNERAL HOME  
JOHN SPIRES  
GARY SMITH  
2405 - 14th Avenue

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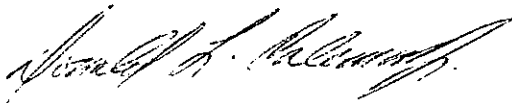
On Monday, August 10, 1981 at 20:15 p.m., this R.O. was notified by Dispatcher Dave Weckerle that there was a body of a young white male in a canal at the #130 mile marker on the Florida Turnpike, south of Fort Drum Service Plaza. This R.O. responded and arrived at the scene at 20:52 p.m. This R.O. was met by FHP Troopers Medlock and Weaver, who showed me the location of the Walsh remains.

This R.O. observed the head of what appeared to be that of a young, white male floating in a drainage canal located approximately 75 yards east of the #130 mile marker and approximately 25 yards north of the established road edge of S.R. 91 (Florida's Turnpike). This R.O. then interviewed Robert Hughes and Vernon Bailey. They advised me that they arrived at the previously described location at approximately 18:45 p.m. to go fishing. They were standing on the canal bank approximately 100 feet north of where the head was floating. They advised they could see something floating in the water and thought it was a doll's head. They put a boat in the water and rowed over to it and discovered it was a human head. They rowed back to their truck and called their office by radio; advised them what they had found and requested FHP to be notified. Trooper Medlock arrived at the scene at 19:20 p.m., followed by Trooper Weaver at 19:33 p.m. At approximately 22:00 p.m. I.D. Officers Fitzgerald and McPherson arrived, along with the Vero Beach Fire Department Rescue Team and Floyd Strunk Funeral Home. This R.O. instructed Fitzgerald and McPherson to photograph the scene. Photographs were taken at 22:11 p.m. The Fire Department searched the canals for other body parts, to no avail.

At 22:40 p.m., this R.O. advised Lt. Sid DuBose of what had occurred. DuBose arrived at the scene at 23:20 p.m. After viewing the remains, DuBose and this R.O. agreed that it appeared to be that of Adam Walsh.

At 00:10 a.m. the search was postponed until daylight, August 11, 1981. Floyd Strunk Funeral Home transported the remains to the Indian River Memorial Hospital Morgue. This R.O. and DuBose remained at the scene awaiting the arrival of Sgt. Naylor, Jim Gibbons, and Ron Young, all from the Hollywood Police Department. After their arrival at 01:18 a.m., this R.O. and DuBose escorted them to the morgue to view the remains. At 02:40 a.m. Dr. Franklin Cox examined the remains and at 02:48 a.m. announced that the head appeared to have been intentionally

At approximately 07:00 a.m., August 11, 1981, the search for physical evidence was resumed. After a three-day search by members of the Vero Beach Fire Department, Florida Highway Patrol, Indian River County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies, covering thirty-five miles of Florida's Turnpike from Yee Haw Junction south to St. Lucie County and back to Yee Haw Junction, with no additional body remains or physical evidence being discovered, the search was concluded on August 12, 1981 at 14:00 p.m. The investigation by this agency is continuing and will continue until the person or persons responsible for this heinous crime are apprehended and brought to justice.



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