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Investigative Assignment #96-02-262

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT #26

TO: RALPH J. RAY, JR.
Chief Assistant State Attorney

FROM: PHILIP J. MUNDY
Investigator

SUBJ: City of Jacksonville Landfill - 1981

RE: Homicide Investigation of Adam Walsh

On November 19, 1983 Ottis TOOLE told Det. J. HOFFMAN that he had not disposed of Adam Walsh's body near the Florida Turnpike but rather had returned with it to Jacksonville. He now claimed that he burned the body in the back yard of his mother's home, having placed the body in a junked refrigerator and then not being able to completely disintegrate the body put the remains in a blanket. He claims he then put the blanket and body in the trunk of the Cadillac. TOOLE also mentions that he watered down the blanket while in the trunk because it was still smoldering. The next day, July 28, 1981, he drove to the City of Jacksonville landfill and disposed of the remains. In addition, TOOLE told Det. HOFFMAN that the trunk liner was saturated and had evidence of blood and so he disposed of that material there as well.

Research revealed that Det. HOFFMAN did obtain the names of three City of Jacksonville employees who worked at the landfill on the date in question. The results of his inquiry could not be found in the report, although it is recalled that in discussing this case with Det. HOFFMAN he indicated they did investigate the possibility of a search of the landfill but that it would have been an impossibility.

On January 14, 1998 Mr. Dennis BEDWELL was contacted by telephone. Mr. BEDWELL in July, 1981 was in a supervisory position and knowledgeable of the operations of the City of Jacksonville landfill project.

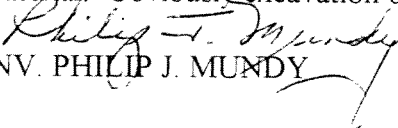
Mr. BEDWELL explained that he had been questioned by a number of police investigators back in 1983, including Hollywood P.D., although he did not recall any names. He reiterated what he told them which was that the landfill was open to private citizens who paid one dollar for using the site. When the vehicles of private citizens came in they were weighed and then weighed again when they exited. The difference in the weight being of course what was dumped.

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There was no record kept of vehicles entering the premises either by type, tag number, or driver, as the only concern the city had was the amount of tonnage being dumped, which Mr. BEDWELL says at that time was between four to five hundred tons per day.

Mr. BEDWELL recalled that the police did come to him with the weight of a vehicle (Faye McNett's Cadillac) and with the date they were concerned with. He remembers researching the weight receipts for that day and it is his recollection that there were several vehicles of the same weight on the day in question.

The police also questioned Mr. BEDWELL as to where vehicles were dumping on the day they were concerned with. Mr. BEDWELL could only give them a general area, and by this time, 1983, there would have been a depth of about sixty feet to reach 1982 dumping material. Obviously excavation of the site was not feasible.


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cc: Det. John Kerns, Hollywood P.D.