

Media

February 16, 1996

- ✓ Ch. 4 Dave Stanley
- ✓ Ch. 6 Ari Odzer
- ✓ Ch. 7 Beatrice Canals
- ✓ Ch. 10 Mel Taylor
- ✓ CBS Stacy Richman
- ✓ CNN Susan Candiotti
- ✓ Sun-Sentinel Scott Glover
- ✓ Miami Herald Ronnie Greene

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CBS News
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Channel 4 - Westinghouse Broadcast.
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CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Major Earl Mitchell
Detective Bureau Commander

FROM: Stephanie M. Norris/2081
Media Relations Specialist

DATE: November 7, 1995

FILE:

SUBJECT: Release of file

REFERENCE: Adam Walsh

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per Paul.*

NEWS GATHERING MEDIAS REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THE ADAM WALSH CASE

The folloing Listing is in alphabetical order, not in the order in which the requests came in.

<u>MEDIA NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
ABC News	Lisa Galoway
Americas Most Wanted	Nina Alvarez
Associated Press	Cherie Noland
CBS News	Evan Perez
Channel "4"	Diana Gonzalez
Channel "5"	Angela Rogier
Channel "6"	Michael Williams
Channel "7"	Tina Contye
Channel "10"	Carlos Bain
Chicago Tribune	John Paris
Community News	Shepard Smith
CNN	Carlos Martinez
Current Affair	Mel Taylor
Dateline	Staff Reporter
Entertainment Tonight	Staff Reporter
Extra (TV)	Paul Caron
Florida Today - Melbourne	Wheeler Jackson
Fox Network News	Debra Truman
Good Morning America	Joel Sanoff
Inside Addition	Matt Fields
Lawrence Journal World	Billy Cods
Miami Herald	Jennifer Crawford
Mobil Press Register	Monica Landers
NBC Dateline	Richard Gold
NBC Today	Sherry Pigg
National Enquirer	Ronnie Green
New York Daily News	Jay Greenlan
New York Times	Florence Squassi
People Magazine	Janet Schuler
Star Magazine	David Wright
Style Magazine	Rob Speyer
Sun Sentinel	Mireya Navarro
Time magazine	Meg Grant
USA Today	Marissa Faccinez
	Leon Freilich
	Leon Farliock
	Artie Freeberg
	Kathy Booth
	Debra Sharp

USA Today Business
Vero Beach press Journal
West Palm Beach Press
WINZ News Radio
WIOD
WUSA Washington
Washington Post

Jay Tokasz
Janet Fix
Christine Mitchell
David Wirte
Staff Reporter
Brian Andrews
Tammy Murphy
Staff Reporter

1-11-96.

Release of Report

- ~~will be completed - when?~~
- cost?
- middle of following week
- 3 rolls of microfilm @ 6 per roll
- \$11.25 for all three
- paginator / reproducer.
- we don't have reader.
- 100 copies turned to records.

DB → records
 NO PIO involvement.

" not going to "directly" answer questions
 Todd answer questions "

Conditionally answer questions
 ? (selectively) ?
 we will answer ones we want to.

~~██████████~~ Direct Order of our
 employees not to talk
 to media.

Joel - suggests stmt - from PIO re: open advice
 Ltr. request of prepayment. & s & h

PGP redacted?

CI records
 not over 10
 years
 (ex military)



City of Hollywood, Florida - Police Department
Richard H. Witt - Chief of Police

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Todd DeAngelis 967-4600
Stephanie M. Norris
Paul Dungan

January 29, 1996
Case #: 81-56073

For Immediate Release

Release of Adam Walsh File

By no later than 12:00 noon on February 16, 1996 the Hollywood Police Department will release the file of the Adam Walsh murder unless the Broward Circuit Court rules otherwise premised upon evidence of an imminent arrest or grand jury presentation in this matter. In an effort to accommodate all news media in an efficient, cost-effective manner, the Department's Detective Division has committed the 10,000 page file to microfilm.

The entire file, including photographs, will be available on a three roll set of microfilm. The cost of each set will be \$225.00. This cost contrasts the excessive expense and time involved in photocopying the complete original file which would cost approximately \$7,500.00.

In order to have the necessary number of sets of microfilm available on or about the release date, the Hollywood Police Department is asking any news gathering organization desiring to

purchase a set of the microfilm case file to submit a written request and a check to the Hollywood Police Records Division by February 2, 1996. Those paid in advance are guaranteed a set of the microfilm case file to be made available to them at the Hollywood Police Department no earlier than February 16th.

For a handling and postage charge of \$__., those news media unable to pick up the microfilm in person can have it mailed on or about February 16th. No microfilm will be issued before that date to anyone in person or by mail. Those orders placed after February 2nd will require a minimum 10 working day waiting period necessary for microfilm reproduction.

Each order, accompanied by a check, will then be issued a number. When an agency comes to pick up their reserved copy they must bring that number. Media requesting the microfilm be mailed to them should send a check in the amount of \$XXX.xx (cost plus shipping and handling) to:

The Hollywood Police Records Division
The Hollywood Police Department
3250 Hollywood Boulevard
Hollywood Florida 33021

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: HOLLYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT
(Please include your written request.)

CASE FILE TO BE PICKED UP: \$225.00

CASE FILE TO BE MAILED:



City of Hollywood, Florida - Police Department
Richard H. Witt - Chief of Police

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Todd DeAngelis 967-4600
967-4602 (fax)

December 23, 1996
case #: 81-56073

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Handwritten notes:
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subject of a suspect
to informant

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Atty Gen Ofc. Pat Gleason

(P. 10/20/01)

Alachua Cty
Rod Smith's office
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background info

(TIPS)

Media - in court case

FDLE - (background)

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PIO since Jan.

Alachua Cty S.O.

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photo's? in file.
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Media pd for media center

Mark Brewer
904-488-

Lee Condon FDLE 8323

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TO: *Stephanie Rameray*
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TO: Paul Dungan
Admin. Asst. to the Chief

DATE: November 14, 1995

FILE:

FROM: Stephanie M. Norris/2081
Media Relations Specialist

SUBJECT: Release of Walsh
File

REFERENCE:

Since our last meeting in reference to the procedure for the release of the Adam Walsh file I have consulted with various experts. I have outlined some of the concerns that will need to be addressed as soon as possible. In speaking with Pat Gleason of the Attorney General's Officer she emphasized the need to know exactly what we are dealing with. It is essential that I have access to the file in order to proceed any further with a plan to release the file.

I would like to submit a formal request to the Detective Bureau Commander for permission to view the file, upon your approval. I am sure you will agree that it is extremely difficult to put together an effective plan to release a file that I know absolutely nothing about. I also have reason to believe that there could possibly be information that may be exempt from release and should be deleted before that copy for public viewing is made. I would like to take full advantage of the short time that is left and make the most effective plan possible.

For the time being here are some concerns that I know we have already talked about but I wanted to outline in writing:

I. Press Release/ Press Conferences

- A. When
- B. Who
- C. Where

II. Scheduling of media to view the file

- A. Who goes first

III. Case file duplications

- A. Entire file
- B. Individual documents

IV. Workings of the Actual Release

- A. Location
- B. Staffing
- C. Availability of file

V. Room set up and security

VI. PIO Office Staffing

VII. Interviews

- A. Who
- B. Availability
- C. Where
- D. What will be said