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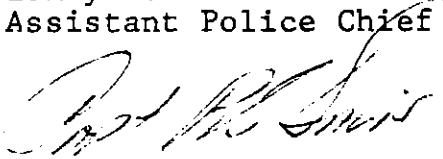
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: LeRoy R. Hessler
Assistant Police Chief

DATE: January 10, 1984

FILE: DB-84-01

SUBJECT: Adam Walsh Homicide


FROM: Captain R. S. Davis
Commander
Detective Division

REFERENCES: Case #81-56073

Since Ottis Toole's confession on October 19, 1983, six (6) investigators have been assigned, full time, to the Adam Walsh case. Approximately 3,500 man hours and \$62,000.00 have been expended during the investigation of Toole as a suspect in the homicide of Adam Walsh.

The investigation has led detectives to Texas, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and the Jacksonville area. All persons known to have had contact with Toole during the Summer of 1981 have been located and interviewed.

Detectives were able to trace Ottis Toole's movements during the latter part of July 1981. It was substantiated that Ottis Toole departed Newport News, Virginia on July 24, 1981 en route to, and arriving in, Jacksonville on July 25, 1981 at 10:30 A.M. It was further learned that he rented a room in the Jacksonville area on July 31, 1981. Investigators are unable to positively account for Toole's whereabouts, between July 26, 1981 and July 31, 1981, a five (5) day period, being the time during which Adam Walsh was abducted and murdered.

A vehicle, a 1971 Cadillac, once owned by Toole, was sent to F.D.L.E. in Tallahassee for technical processing. The only evidence located in the vehicle was a positive luminal test indicating blood was present inside the car. The test could not specify if the blood was human or other. All further tests for fiber, fingerprints and hair specimens were negative in linking this vehicle with the Walsh murder.

A suspect murder weapon was located in the Jacksonville area. This weapon was examined by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Dade County Crime Lab. No evidence was found on the weapon which would aid in this investigation.

During this investigation, Toole has recanted his confession several times. Toole has not been eliminated as a suspect, however, detectives have been unable to uncover any evidence, other than his confession, linking him with the Walsh homicide. It is felt that there is insufficient evidence at this time to file criminal charges against Ottis Toole.

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Since October 19, 1983, detectives have been investigating Ottis Toole's connection with the Adam Walsh Homicide.

At this point in the investigation, it has been determined that "MAYBE HE DID AND MAYBE HE DIDN'T."

Investigation is continuing.....

RSD/ab

Investigators will be attending the National Conference, reference to Lucas and Toole, being held in Monroe, Louisiana this month, in an attempt to establish Toole's whereabouts during the five (5) day time period in question.

RSD/ab

The following are investigative leads that the undersigned feel the need to follow up in the Jacksonville area:

1. Locate and interview W/F, NANCY JACKSON aka NANCY CAMPBELL, 35 years old, lka 1812 Market Street.

Subject NORVELLA "RITA" TOOLE lived with NANCY for 7 months. NANCY has two small children.

Locate and interview PEARL WILLIAMS, W/F, 7/3/06, 157 E. 8th Street (354-8133)/(356-0915). WILLIAMS is the owner of the boarding house where NANCY and RITA lived.

2. Locate and interview HOWELL TOOLE and his wife GEORGIA, lka 216 E. 2nd Street, reference how they knew Ottis was in town.

3. Locate and interview TIMOTHY HAROLD JAMES, W/M, 6/27-60, who was the store clerk at the LIL CHAMP STORE and a witness to the assault of Ottis.

4. Proceed to JACKSONVILLE LAND FILL

Interview employees

Review procedures and records

Check exact weight of Cadillac

5. Review property of Toole at the time of his arrest.

6. Re-interview RITA TOOLE. More information must be obtained reference Ottis' return from Virginia.

7. Gain information on other homicides Toole is said to be involved in in the Jacksonville area.

8. Interview brother and sister-in-law in Daytona.

9. Locate and interview ROBERT LEE HARLEY and VIOLFT mentioned in Rita Toole's second statement.

10. Measure exact distances from:
1981 Bus Station to 708 Day Street
708 Day Street to Reaves Compound.

11. Proceed to Travelers Aid. They gave Toole assistance in October, 1981. Ascertain what assistance was given.

12. Locate ROBERT the mechanic who used to work for Reaves reference page 16 of Toole's 4th statement.

13. Check on the funeral of Toole's mother. Find out how funeral expenses paid, by whom, date, etc.

14. Interview RITA about how she and Ottis started out for Texas and having an accident.

15. Interview VERNON M. TOOLE. He lived with Ottis and Rita during the time period of July and August, 1981.

16. Interview BOB HARLEY who is the father-in-law.
17. Locate SONNY, N.O.I. - Sonny is a friend of Nancy Jackson where Rita stayed for one week babysitting during the time period.
18. Obtain square footage of R.B. bay compound. Obtain plot plan.
19. Interview sheet metal supervisor for JOHN REEVES. Possibly bought car from MRS. McNETT.
20. Locate and interview W/M, homosexual who lived on 2nd Street with B. Goodyear. He was from New York. Drove a Buick Electra with New York tags.
21. Ottis possibly lived in an apartment next to residence at 708 Day Avenue prior to moving into B. Goodyear's. Owner was ROBERT HAMMOND.
22. Interview SPENCER BENNET due to the fact that during the past trip, he had just undergone quad. bi-pass surgery and could not be interviewed.

Lieutenant R. Banks

Lieutenant D. Naylon