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WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
 Report by: Ray Starks

Case Name: WEEK, DEIDRE M.	
Case No. 95-1997	Date: 3/24/95

TYPE OF OFFENSE			
Burglary		Physical Child Abuse	
Theft		Sexual Child Abuse	
Criminal Damage		Other Sex Offense	
Disorderly conduct		Welfare Fraud	
Domestic		Drugs	
Battery		Annoying Phone Calls	
Domestic		Chapter 51.15	
Traffic HIT & RUN-FATAL	X	Miscellaneous	

DISPOSITION			TO	BY
OPEN:	X	CLOSED:		
		Ref DA		
Status Classification		Social Services		
Follow-Up Assigned		Family Center		
Date Due		PDC		
		Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by:		Norwood		
Date:		Prob & Parole		
		Other		
Special Instructions:				

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Report Date: 03/24/95

Wood County Sheriff's Dept.
INCIDENT REPORT

Incident # 95-0001997

Location: 6824 CTH HH
HANSEN

Call Taken: AMK Dispatched: AMK
Call Type: Initial WOODR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
Final WOODR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Units Assigned: 486 460 474 412 483 431

Officers Assigned:

486 Starks 412 Swartz
500 Rico 483 Arneson
180 Kirst 401 Pischert
474 Berre

TIMES: Received: 18:44:35 Assigned: 18:44:52 Arrived: 18:50:05 Cleared: 18:47:25 Disposition: COMPLETE-NO REPORT

Complainant Name: IRENE BERKOWITZ Date of Birth:

Complainant Address: 6824 CTH HH
VESPER

Home Phone: (000) 569-4620 Work Phone:

SEE AND RUN TO GIRL ON ROAD BY VEHICLE FROM CTH HH

ALL INFORMATION IS TO BE USED FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS OR OTHER SOURCES WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Alarm: () Storm () Employee error () Mechanical
Information: () Employee Notified: Time Arrived: Time Cleared:

Attached Reports: () Offense () Vehicle () Property () Receipt () Person
() Juvenile () Animal ()

Copies To: () City Atty () DA () Health () Soc Serv () Patrol () DVIF
() Shift () Humane () Dispatch () Investigator
() Other

Follow up: () Yes Assigned to: Date: by: Completed:

Disposition: () Clear/Arrest () Clear/Exception () Clear/Adm () DA/Review
() Information () Unfound () Inactive () Ref To:

Signature: _____

Report Date: 03/24/95

Pittsville Ambulance
INCIDENT REPORT

Incident # 95-000034

Location: 6824 CTH HH
HANSEN

Call taker: AMK Dispatcher: AMK
Call type: Initial WOODB TRAFFIC ACC-PI
Final WOODB TRAFFIC ACC-PI

Units Assigned: 318
Officers Assigned:
318 PIAMB #1

TIMES: Received: 18:44:35 Assigned: 18:45:59 Arrived: 19 00:48 Cleared: 22:21:26 Disposition: COMPLETE-NO REPORT

Complainant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Complainant Address: _____ Apt: _____

Home Phone: (000) 000-0000 Work Phone: _____

Alarm Information: () Steam () Employee error () Mechanical () Employee Notified: Time Arrived: _____ Time Cleared: _____

Attached Reports: () Offense () Vehicle () Property () Receipt () Person () Juvenile () Animal () _____

Copies To: () City Atty () DA () Health () Soc Serv () Patrol () OVIP () Shift () Humane () Dispatch () Investigator () Other _____

Follow-up: () Yes Assigned to: _____ Date: _____ () No by: _____ Completed: _____

Disposition: () Clear/Arrest () Clear/Exception () Clear/Adm () DA/Review () Information () Unfound () Inactive () Ref To: _____

Report Date: 03/24/95

Vesper First Responder
INCIDENT REPORT

Incident # 95-000001

Location: 6824 CTH HH
HANSEN

Call taker: AMK
Call Type: Initial #6008 TRAFFIC ACC-PT
Final #6008 TRAFFIC ACC-PT
Dispatcher: AMK

Unit Assigned: VEFR
Officer Assigned:
7303 Ves 1stR

TIMES: Received: 18:44:35 Assigned: 18:45:59 Arrived: 18:51:14 Cleared: 20:01:32
COMPLETE REPORT

Complainant Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Complainant Address: _____

Home Phone: (000) 000-0000 Work Phone: _____

Stop Employee crime Mechanical
 Information: Employee Notified: Time notified _____ Date Reported _____
 Attached Reports: Offense Vehicle Property Description Evidence
 Juvenile Animal _____
 Copies To: City Atty DA Health Soc Serv Patrol DVIP
 Shift Humane Dispatch Investigator
 Other _____
 Follow-up: Yes Assigned to: _____ Date _____
 No by: _____ Completed: _____
 Disposition: Clear/Arrest Clear/Exception Clear/Adm DA/Review
 Information Unfound Inactive Ref To: _____

WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFENSE REPORT

OFFICER RECORDING: Tom Reichert

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Paul Huber

3/25/95 - Investigator Heuer and I spoke to Paul Huber at his residence on CTH N.

Paul Huber may have been witness to the striking vehicle in the Deidre Week homicide case.

Paul Huber told us that at approximately 7:00P on 3/24/95 he had occasion to look across the field towards CTH HH near his home. He stated that he could hear a vehicle's engine coming north on CTH HH towards his residence.

Paul Huber described the vehicle as not having its headlights on and silver-color or very light color; however, he was very specific that he didn't believe it was white.

Paul Huber stated that the vehicle "was going as fast as he could go." He also further described the vehicle as being a boxy two-door vehicle or a family car.

Paul Huber went on to state that at the intersection of CTH N and CTH HH, the vehicle hit its brake lights for just a moment and then continued north on CTH H towards Sherry.

Paul Huber could not discern whether or not there were one or two people in the vehicle and he did not notice any vehicles following it in close proximity after it had passed.

END OF REPORT

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OFFICER RECORDING: Investigator Mark Gosh

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

On 03-28-95 at approximately 3:00P Investigator Reichert requested that I make contact at a residence located at 11695 Brookside Road, Milladore. There had been information given to our department in regards to a vehicle that was alleged to have been put in a barn on Friday 03-24-95. Reichert informed me that he had already talked with one of the occupants of the house, Marjirie Willfahrt.

In question was the whereabouts of her son Larry L. Willfahrt who has been arrested for OWI and has a questionable reputation. Reichert informed me that he had communication problems with Marjirie and was not able to get her cooperation.

On this date at approximately 3:30P I made contact with Marjirie. I spoke with her informally about information we had received and primarily convinced her to give me an opportunity to look in the barn for a vehicle that may be currently stored there. I also asked her about Larry's whereabouts. She did not know where she was presently. She stated he comes and goes. She does not know if he has an apartment somewhere or lives with someone.

I asked her about Friday night and if she knew where Larry was that night. She said she thought he came home about 6:00P. She did not know what car he drove in with. Larry then took his brothers truck, Ford Ranger, Lic #AH31400 saying he had to go to Marshfield to get something for his car. She stated before he went she warmed up some supper for him. He was there for about an hour, he came back and then stayed home. I asked her if Larry was possibly intoxicated. She says she always knows when he is, but that night he was not.

(It should be noted that Larry's brother Dennis lives with his wife Leslie in the trailer home on the same property.)

Eventually Marjirie gave me permission to look in the barn but didn't know if she wanted to give me permission to enter. In looking in I saw a White Toyota station wagon. It was parked behind the manure spreader and tractor. It looked as though these implements were recently moved to make room for the car.

It should be noted that talking with Marjirie was difficult. She was either genuinely forgetful or selective about her information, but she did seem upset and confused at times, not knowing if Larry told her something or if



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NARRATIVE:

Dennis told her something.

Approximately 3:45P Marjirie allowed me use of the phone. It took some time but I eventually got in touch with Investigator Reichert and informed him that there was indeed was a car. I informed him that I received permission to enter the barn, but I was unaware of exactly to look for, as I knew only a few details about the hit & run. Upon Reichert's arrival, we entered the barn hay loft area with Marjirie. We inspected the vehicle. It was in very bad repair, very dirty and dented. There appeared to be fresh scratches, mud, a reddish or purplish smudge on the right passenger side. The rubber bumper had some chips or damage to it but the whole vehicle was scratched, some scratches rusty and some not. Reichert and I looked over the entire vehicle inside and out and also underneath on the frame. At the time our discussion about the vehicle and any damage to it was probably not what Reichert was looking for and did not consider the vehicle a suspect at this time.

On 03-29-95 at approximately 5:00P I spoke with Dennis J. Willfahrt. He was accompanied by his wife, Leslie A. Willfahrt, DOB: 01-20-73 of 11659 Brookside Rd. Leslie was very upset that I would talk with her husband at his place of employment. Both Dennis and Leslie stated that Larry arrived at Marjirie's house between 5:50 and 6:00P, stayed for an hour, borrowed their truck and after that they really don't know what they did. They stated that the reason Larry may act suspicious about the hit & run is because he has a warrant for OWI and he does not want to go to jail. Dennis said that maybe Larry thought the police would then come looking for him. Larry has a paranoia about police officers, jails, as it was explained to me. They do not know Larry's whereabouts at this time.

On 03-29-95 I was given information of an anonymous tip to check on Keith Kay. The anonymous caller said they heard he told someone he hit a girl. Keith drives a grey blue Cutlass or Grand Prix. I went to the Kay residence at 208 E 22nd Street, Marshfield. No one was home. I left my card.

On 03-31-95 at 10:00A I received a call from Keith Kay. I explained why I wanted to talk with him. ~~_____~~ In talking with Kay he seemed relieved to be questioned about his whereabouts and states that he was with his father-in-law and other family members Friday night. He stated that he was no where near Vesper and Saturday morning he left the area at

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approximately 8:30A driving truck.

On 03-30-95 I spoke with Ron J. Tomfohrde. His information concerning this investigation was that the Karpinski boys race up and down the roads all the time. He further stated that [REDACTED] saw the [REDACTED] car, a red Monte Carlo drive around the neighborhood the afternoon that [REDACTED] was hit.

I then drove to the K [REDACTED] road and spoke with G [REDACTED] and his [REDACTED]. George stated that Friday evening there was several kids over working on cars. He stated that the police came and checked the cars and talked with them. I then looked at the Monte Carlo. It did have an off colored right front fender. George informed me that this was replaced months before. He wasn't sure if the Monte Carlo was even in running condition at the present time. It was sitting on blocks in the garage.

I spoke with G [REDACTED] who happen to be home, not in school where he should be. His father stated he has missed a lot of school over the year. I personally know he is somewhat of a trouble maker at the Auburndale High School. He had no knowledge of the hit & run and stated he was home during the time it would have happened.

On 03-30-95 I also spoke with Diane [REDACTED]. There had been a call into the Sheriff's Department that her daughter [REDACTED] in Vesper Elementary made a statement that her father had hit the weeks girl. Diane informed me that her ex-husband is [REDACTED]. Diane further stated that lately [REDACTED] has been telling a lot of lies and making up stories. This apparently comes from the divorce situation and [REDACTED] is acting out. Diane has no knowledge that [REDACTED] would have anything to do with this situation. She is unaware of his current address and stops to see [REDACTED] occasionally.

On that date I also spoke with Jim Vruwink at his residence. My information was that Jim had information that made him a witness to some of the events at the time of the hit & run. I wanted to talk with Jim very informally and just get an idea of what he saw. It should be noted that over the years I have had my share of problems with the Vruwink family. Jim stated he was busy doing things but would talk with me. I sensed he wasn't taking this interview well so I explained that I just wanted to hear from him exactly

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what he saw, I wasn't going to question anything he did. Jim drew a quick diagram showing where he was, showing the on-coming vehicle swerving. Jim realized what happened and then attempted to follow the suspect vehicle he described as a GM Celebrity or a Pontiac '85 - '90, Dark in color. I could tell he was not happy being asked these questions again and did not want to loose any further rapport that the department may have, I quickly ended my conversation.

The next day I was contacted by Lt. Levendoske who informed me that he was contacted by the Vruwinks and I was not to contact the Vruwinks and interview them any further.

After I met with Jim Vruwink I met with Investigator Reichert and Investigator Heuer in Vesper. I informed them of any information that I had checked out, basically everything covered in this report. They explained that they do have several suspects and in fact two juveniles that they feel are very strong suspects at this time.

On 03-3-95 I received information that a [REDACTED] has not been seen by his [REDACTED] WI. [REDACTED] hasn't been seen since the night of the accident. This information was given to Investigator Reichert and Heuer. I had attempted to find [REDACTED]. It was reported that he had been living in Parkview Terrace in Marshfield. I eventually spoke with a Debra Thomas, who is now living in Vesper, address unknown. She states that along with everyone she knows she has lost track of him. This information came via telephone conversation at my residence, where she knew I had been looking for [REDACTED]

I had also received information that a Patrick Weiler could be a suspect in this case. This again came from an anonymous report. Since I could not find Patrick, I contacted his father William. His father states that he believes that Patrick was driving truck and gone the night of the hit & run. He sees Patrick often and has no further information to assist me in this investigation.

On 04-18-95 Lt. Levendoske gave me information about a possible suspect vehicle that is usually driven by Scott Carolfi. The vehicle, a 1984 Chevrolet Cavalier, Lic #NST371, burgundy in color had some recent damage on the right front. Levendoske told me to check out the vehicle and take photographs. He handled the interview with Carolfi who had been jailed at

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the time. The confiscation of his vehicle was a result of his arrest that Marshfield Police Department had done on Mr. Carolfi. Det. Jepson of the Marshfield Police Department assisted me with the photographs. Two rolls of film were taken and a photo log kept. The roll of ASA 100 was developed immediately. A roll of ASA 400 was undeveloped and should the Carolfi vehicle ever become more suspect, the roll can be developed. The ASA 100 clearly shows the damage which was reported to Levendoske to have been done by deer near the Village of Owen within a few days of this incident.

There is noted to be new paint on this vehicle. I contacted Mr. Hartel of Badger Motors in Auburndale. He sold this vehicle to Scott approximately 02-17-95. Badger Motors did paint the vehicle prior to the sale.

The Carolfi vehicle was driven to the holding facility at the north end evidence garage and secured. On 04-21-95 Scott's father DuWayne picked up the vehicle as there was no reason to hold it any further.

An Evidence and Recovered Property Sheet will be attached to this follow-up.

End of Report.

05-30-95/lmc



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFENSE REPORT

OFFICER RECORDING: Michael Swayze

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

3/24/95 - 6:44P: Deputy Ray Starks and I were dispatched to an injury accident on CTH HH just north of STH 186 near Vesper. Dispatch stated that a girl on a bicycle was struck and that the strike vehicle had fled the scene.

Vesper Fire and First Responders arrived on the scene first and Deputy Starks was the first to arrive from the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

Upon my arrival, I observed an ambulance personnel working on the victim who later was identified as:

Deidre M. Week
DOB 10-15-84
6913 CTH HH
Vesper, WI

I observed what appeared to be the victim's bluejeans lying on the gravel portion on the east shoulder of CTH HE. I also observed a pair of tennis shoes and a barrette from the victim's hair lying on the east shoulder of the roadway.

I was advised that St Joseph's Hospital Helicopter was enroute to transport victim to St Joseph's Hospital. Our first concern was to assist in making a landing zone for the aircraft to land. Deputy Starks was talking with a witness to the accident:

James Vruwink

He was able to give us a description of the hit-and-run vehicle:

Burgundy or Maroon Four-Door Intermediate Size Car,
possibly a Chevrolet Celebrity.

There were two occupants in the car and it fled the scene in a northerly direction on CTH HH.

I advised the north units - Wood County Sheriff's Department Deputies Berres

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OFFICER RECORDING: Michael Swayze

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NARRATIVE:

and Arneson and Troopers Clark Albers and Daryl Bender - to search the Sherry area for this vehicle.

After the victim was transported from the scene, my next concern was to preserve the scene and try to locate the hit-and-run driver.

Investigator Tom Reichert was called to assist in collecting evidence which remained at the scene.

While at the scene, I did have opportunity to speak with the witness to the accident. Jim Vruwink stated that he was southbound on CTH HH traveling towards Vesper. He stated that he was working on someone's car at his residence and at the time was enroute to Vesper to pick up a car part for that vehicle.

He noticed a car northbound on CTH HH hit an unknown object. He saw what appeared to be dust and debris flying in the air and wasn't sure of what the vehicle struck until he got closer.

As soon as he noticed a person on a bicycle was struck, he decided to turn around and pursue the striking car.

Jim stated that the car was intermediate in size. He thought it was a four-door, possibly maroon or burgundy in color.

Jim stated that he works on cars often so he feels that he can identify cars fairly well. He stated that if he had to guess what kind of car it was, he would guess a Chevrolet Celebrity.

He felt pretty confident in this guess. He stated that it was mainly due to the taillights that he observed. He felt that the taillights he observed would belong to a Chevrolet Celebrity.

He stated that by the time he got turned around, he had difficulty attempting to catch up to the striking vehicle. He never did close enough to see the plate number.

He followed the vehicle as best he could and when he came up to the 4600 block of CTH HH, he started beeping his horn because he remembered seeing several kids in the area playing near the road.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Michael Swayze

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

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Jim stated that he lost the vehicle near the curves on Tenpas Road. He stated that there was the possibility that the vehicle turned to go east on Tenpas Road.

It should be noted that Jim had damage to the front right of his vehicle. We looked at this closer and Jim stated that he received the damage approximately two weeks ago when his wife had the vehicle at work in Wis Rapids.

Jim's wife happened to be there at the time we were looking at the damage and she stated that she works at the "Old Preway Building" in Rapids. She stated that Officer Gary Kronstedt of the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department had the accident and Jim stated that he has already received two estimates regarding the damage.

It should be noted that Jim was driving a tan-colored Ford Taurus.

Deputy Dean Berres and I went north on CTH HH and checked residences for possible suspect vehicles. We spoke with a husband and wife who live on the curve at CTH HH at Tenpas Road, just north of the 4600 block. They were outside burning a pile of brush. They had just arrived outside when they noticed what appeared to be Jim Vruwink's vehicle southbound on CTH HH at a high rate of speed.

The vehicle was beeping its horn. Later we found out that after chasing and close the striking vehicle, Jim went to his residence to call 911. He then left his residence to return to the scene. He stated that he was driving fast and beeping the horn to warn the keys playing near the roadway.

Deputy Berres and I decided to go to Vesper and inquire at the bars to see if anyone remembered anyone suspicious leaving the bars at the time of the accident and matching the above description.

We stopped at JoJo's Bar and spoke with two middle-age females who were working behind the bar. We explained the circumstances to them and after some moments of thought, one of the ladies remembered seeing Tom Vruwink and a male friend leave the bar at approximately 6:30P. They were not sure what type of vehicle they were driving and she could not remember anyone else leaving the bar around that time period.

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It should be noted, however, that these two females working behind the bar stated that there were quite a few people in the bar. There could have been someone else leaving that they didn't either know or notice leaving at the time.

It should also be noted that they weren't real sure as to what time Tom Vruwink left the bar but they did guess that it was somewhere around 6:15 or 6:30.

While at the bar, we received information of a possible witness. Dispatch told us to see a:

Geraldine Schunke
4626 CTH HH

Upon our arrival, we noticed several children playing in the yard. This is the residence that Jim Vruwink was referring to earlier when he kept beeping his horn to warn the kids playing near the roadway.

We spoke to both Geraldine and her husband Carl. They remembered seeing a two-door silver car northbound on CTH HH traveling at a fast rate of speed. The vehicle had two occupants and had no headlights lit.

Several seconds later they observed another car following the first vehicle at a high rate of speed. The second car was beeping its horn. The second car was Jim Vruwink; they did not know this at the time.

Carl Schunke thought that the first car resembled a Ford Mustang II, intermediate in size.

The second car had a single occupant.

Meanwhile, other officers were trying to locate Tom Vruwink so that we could check his story and his vehicle. It was somewhere around 11P when Jim Vruwink called the office and stated that Tom was at his residence. Deputy Rick Hirst and I went to Jim's residence and met with the Vruwinks. Another brother was present at Jim's house, however, I am unsure of his first name.

I asked Tom where he was that evening and he stated that he stopped at JoJo's with a male friend. I cannot recall his friend's name at this time but Tom

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did tell me the subject's name.

Tom insisted that they left there at approximately 5:30P and not 6:30P. He stated that he did not hit anyone on CTH HH. He stated that if he was the striking vehicle, it was most likely that his brother Jim would have recognized his car. Jim stated that the striking vehicle was not definitely not his brother's vehicle.

Tom stated that his vehicle was in the driveway and we were welcome to search it. When Rick and I left the residence, we did look at several cars parked in the driveway but saw no damage to any of them.

It should be noted that none of the Vruwinks seemed overly upset or nervous. Their stories seemed to check out and they seemed genuinely eager to help us find the striking vehicle.

They stated that if they heard anything such as rumors, they would give us a call.

The remainder of the evening was spent attempting to locate other possible suspect vehicles but we received negative results.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Dean Berres

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

Berres: Initial Canvas w/Sgt Swayze and Jim Vruwink

3/24/95 - 6:35P: This Deputy along with other Deputies had received a call that there was an accident with injuries at 6825 CTH HH near Vesper. I was informed that this would be a hit and run accident with pedestrian.

As all units were responding to the scene, this Deputy was in the Marshfield area and was notified by Sgt Swayze that I should start heading towards the Vesper area. All units had arrived at the accident site and there was gathered information on possible identification of the hit and run vehicle.

This Deputy drove down south on STH 186 past Arpin and I noticed that the Arpin Constable Dale Zawislak was sitting at STH 186 and Pine Road. I asked him if he would go north on STH 186 and eastbound on CTH N to CTH HH to see if he could come across any vehicles matching the description of the hit and run vehicle.

Trooper Daryl Bender was working the north end of the County and he stated that he would head over towards the Sherry area to see if he could come up with any vehicles.

This Deputy continued southbound on STH 186 and I turned west on Arpin-Hansen Road. This road runs directly into CTH HH. This Deputy continued on CTH HH, went over on Tenpas Road, and then south on CTH F looking for any vehicles matching the description of the hit and run vehicle.

I continued south on CTH F and I turned west on CTH C which took me back to the Vesper area. At this time Sgt Swayze notified me to come to the accident site.

Upon my arrival, I spoke with Sgt Swayze and he informed me of what had taken place at the accident site along with further information on the hit and run vehicle.

He stated that at the present time a Jim Vruwink was a witness in the matter and had possibly chased the suspect vehicle. Sgt Swayze also informed me that the vehicle that Jim Vruwink was in at the present time had some right front damage to it and he felt that Jim Vruwink could be a possible suspect

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at this time.

The other officers were taking the accident site information and Sgt Swayze and myself decided that first priority would be to see if Jim Vruwink would remain as a suspect in the matter or a witness.

At this time Jim Vruwink came up to Sgt Swayze and myself and stated that his vehicle had broken down and he needed a ride back to his residence to get a flatbed to tow the vehicle away.

At the time we did get into my squad and Jim Vruwink did get in the back seat.

As we were northbound on CTH HH, Jim Vruwink went over the situation with us again. He was going to show us the approximate area where he lost site of the hit and run vehicle.

We continued northbound and went around a curve on CTH HH and observed that there was a fire in a yard by 7375 CTH HH and there were two people sitting by the fire. At this time I spoke with the male subject tending the fire - Robert B. Kronstedt. Robert stated that they were doing work inside the house and they were back and forth to the house numerous times this evening. He stated that the only thing they did see was shortly after 6:30P or so, a vehicle was heading southbound on CTH HH heading back towards Vesper. He stated that the vehicle was traveling rather fast. He squealed his tires going around the curve and he heard it beep its horn as soon as it did make the curve heading back towards Vesper.

He stated that this is all the traffic that they observed that evening.

At this time I left the Kronstedt residence. We continued north on CTH HH and Jim Vruwink was showing us residences where he does not really know the people very well who live there. The first place we stopped was at 7558 CTH HH. We observed several vehicles parked in the lot and we decided to get out and check some of them. None of these vehicles matched the description of the hit and run vehicle nor did it indicate that the vehicle was freshly parked in this area due to the muddying conditions.

We continued northbound on CTH HH and pulled into the driveway at 7410 CTH HH. Our reason for doing this was that we did see fresh gravel marks either

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coming in or going out of this driveway. We did drive down and did see a female standing outside and she appeared to be very upset. Sgt Swayze got out and spoke with her at the time.

Sgt Swayze got back into the car. Apparently this female knew Deidre Week and that is why she was upset as she knew that she had been involved in a serious accident.

At this time we continued back northbound on CTH HH and started to drive in other driveways in the area finding no vehicles that matched the description. We did finally pulled into Jim Vruwink's yard and dropped him off there.

At this time Sgt Swayze and myself continued north on CTH HH and pulled into a driveway at 7695 CTH HH where we did see a female standing at the front door. Sgt Swayze got out of the car and spoke with the subject at this residence.

It was apparent that she did not see anything earlier in the evening that would give us any indication or further information on the hit and run vehicle.

At this time Sgt Swayze and myself turned around and headed back towards the accident site. We still had questions in our mind wherein we felt that Jim Vruwink could still be a possible suspect in this matter.

At this time we decided to return to the Vesper area and check out the taverns and see if they could give us any indication of anyone leaving the bar that evening around or prior to the accident time which we could get some leads to go on.

At this time we went to JoJo's Tavern which is located at 140 Cameron Street in Vesper. We entered the bar and talked to the bar owner:

Joan Nelson, Bar Owner
JoJo's Tavern

We also talked to a Tracy Huber. Tracy stated that she came to work at 5:00P that evening and there were quite a few people in the bar at that time.

Joan Nelson stated that she worked up until 5:00P and it was about 5:15P that

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she went over to Ecke Cafe to get a bite to eat and she then came back to the bar around 6:20P. We asked if there was anyone in the bar who possibly could have been with another person who could have left around 6:00 to 6:30P. She stated that the only person who comes to mind at this time that was with another person that she didn't know was a Tom Vruwink. She stated that she knew Tom was still in the bar at 5:15P when she left to go and get the bite to eat at Ecke Cafe.

She does not know for sure if Tom Vruwink was still in bar at 6:20P when she arrived back there.

Tracy Huber could not give us any information as to if for sure she knew Tom Vruwink was still in the bar at 6:15 to 6:30P.

This Deputy did have a chance to talk to Joan Nelson again on 4/12/95. She gave me some additional information that she recalled from that evening. A Faye Elliot and a Richard Vollert were sitting at the end of the bar talking with Tom Vruwink and the unknown friend he was with that evening. Joan stated that when she arrived back at the bar at 6:20P, she does recall Fay Elliot and Richard Vollert still being there. She stated that if we contacted these people, they could possibly clue us in as to if and when Tom Vruwink left the bar that evening with his friend.

I ask that Investigators follow up on this matter.

At this time we left the tavern and were given information that there was another possible witness to this matter at 4626 CTH HH. At this time Sgt Swayze and myself did go to this residence and Sgt Swayze did get information from them.

After receiving this information, we could ascertain that at this time we felt that Jim Vruwink was no longer a suspect in this hit and run accident. The information that Jim Vruwink gave us did correspond with the information that these witnesses gave Sgt Swayze along with the fact that Jim Vruwink was very cooperative with us during the evening and his demeanor.

While Sgt Swayze stayed at this residence, this Deputy was dispatched to Tootsie's Bar at STH 186 and STH 13 to assist Deputy Neuman with a subject who had a vehicle matching the description of the hit and run vehicle. Deputy Neuman had taken information from the subject and in looking at the

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damage on the vehicle, we ascertained that the damage most likely came from a car/deer accident.

At this time Investigator Reichert informed me and other units to meet him at Tenpas Road and CTH HH. Investigator Reichert stated that in speaking with Jim Vruwink further, he felt this would be the possible area where he lost site of the suspect vehicle. He asked us to start from driveway to driveway going in and looking to see if we could find any vehicle matching the description of the hit and run vehicle.

At this time this Deputy went to 4370 Tenpas Road and spoke to a male subject who stated that he had just arrived home from work at approximately 9P and would not have been in the area or at home to see if any vehicle had gone down Tenpas Road.

This Deputy then left this residence and continued east on Tenpas Road shining my alley lights in the driveways or driving down the driveway looking for any vehicle matching the hit and run suspect vehicle.

This Deputy continued northbound on CTH F from Tenpas Road. From Tenpas Road all the way to Village of Sherry, this Deputy either drove into every driveway or used by alley lights to illuminate any vehicles parked in driveways looking for any vehicle matching the hit and run suspect vehicle. I found nothing in this area.

This Deputy did drive through DeBoer Trucking located at 8880 CTH F. I went through the employee parking lot area and did not find any vehicle matching the description of what we were looking for.

This Deputy went into Sherry and looked at vehicles at Sheriland Ballroom. Let it be noted that Trooper Daryl Bender did stop at the Sheriland Ballroom and gave them the description of the possible hit and run vehicle and they had not anyone come in there which would match this description that we had given them.

This Deputy went through Sherry, up to Blenker, and then drove east on STH 10 to Milladore. I checked the parking lots in Milladore and drove down Haines Road and checked the parking lot at Hamm's Bar. This Deputy then backtracked down West Street in Milladore to CTH N and back westbound to CTH F and back down to the accident site on CTH HH.

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Throughout this time I did use my alley lights to illuminate driveways and did not come up with any vehicle matching the description of the hit and run vehicle.

It was getting close to 10:30P when this Deputy did break away from the scene and do out of service at 11P at the end of my duty.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Tom Reichert

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
James Vruwink

3/24/95 - At approximately 8:30P I conducted an interview with Jim Vruwink.

Prior to conducting this interview, I had been summoned to investigate a hit and run accident which caused a fatality of Deidre Week. Jim Vruwink had been a witness to this case.

My initial conversations with Jim Vruwink lasted about ten minutes. My reason for stopping and talking to him was that I did have some personal questions concerning the case which I wanted to talk to him about.

I was well aware that he had been interviewed prior to this time and this interview was very informal in nature and merely information gathering.

Jim Vruwink told me that he had been heading into Vesper with a part for a vehicle that he had sold at Winch Oil. As he was heading south on CTH HH, he had seen what he believed to be an accident. He did see reflectors of a bicycle and somewhat of a cloud of dust go up in the air. It was at this point that he identified what he believed to be the striking vehicle. He believed it was a two-tone General Motors product, possibly a Celebrity - rather light in color.

Jim Vruwink told me that he had turned around in an adjacent driveway and had taken off after the vehicle. He told me that prior to turning around, he had beeped his horn several times in order to try and summon help for the individual who was injured in the ditch. Jim Vruwink told me that at the time this case began he was driving a Plymouth Horizon.

Jim Vruwink also told me that it was very dusky at the time this accident did take place. He identified the time as being "about the time you would turn your lights on." He also stated to me that he believed there were maybe two people in the vehicle who had hit Deidre. He stated that the vehicle originally had its headlights on; however, it then did turn them off.

Jim Vruwink stated to me that he had chased this vehicle along CTH HH. He stated that as he went down certain areas of CTH HH in which he knew there were children playing, he would beep his horn in order to alert the people that the vehicles were traveling fast down the road.

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In the area of CTH HH and Tenpas Road, Jim Vruwink told me that he had seen taillights of a vehicle some distance down the road. He was uncertain as to whether or not this was the vehicle that he was chasing as he was unable to gain ground on the striking vehicle.

Jim Vruwink proceeded north on CTH HH to the area of Green Elm Road in which he turned around, returned to his own residence at 7656 CTH HH, and called the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

Jim Vruwink stated that he never got close enough to get a plate number of the vehicle. He estimated that the driver of the vehicle was doing 90-plus MPH.

He also stated that he would not be surprised if the person driving the vehicle was intoxicated; however, he was not able to ascertain that specifically.

The thing Jim Vruwink was sure of was that the vehicle had no lights on as it was traveling on CTH HH.

At the conclusion of this interview, I continued my search of the CTH HH/Vesper areas for possible suspect vehicles.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Ray Starks

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NARRATIVE:

3/24/95 - Myself and members of Vesper Rescue and Pittsville Ambulance were dispatched to a reported hit and run - vehicle vs bicycle - accident on CTH HH in Vesper.

Upon my arrival, I found that the Rescue personnel and ambulance crew had already arrived and in the east ditch off of CTH HH several personnel were working on a child that was laying in the ditch.

Also on the scene was the witness James Vruwink. Vruwink came up to me and proceeded to tell me what he had seen happen.

James Vruwink states that on this date between 6:30 and 6:40, he was traveling south on CTH HH and he had seen a young girl riding her bicycle northbound on CTH HH. He stated that behind her came a vehicle with no headlights in operation.

He stated that he believed that the young girl had noticed the vehicle. He remembers her turning her head to look back at it and then moving off to the edge strips of the road. James Vruwink states that as the vehicle approached the bicycle, it did not seem to move from its path. It did strike the bicycle and the young lady riding it, throwing her from the bicycle into the ditch.

James Vruwink states that after striking the bicycle, the operator of the vehicle did not stop but instead did speed up and fled the scene.

James Vruwink briefly stopped at the scene, did see that the young girl was laying in the ditch, turned and pursued the vehicle.

He initially described the vehicle as a four-door GM Product, possibly a Chevrolet, possibly a Cavalier or something of a similar body style. He initially believed it was a two-tone vehicle, dark color on top and possibly silver or gray on the bottom.

He states that he did chase the vehicle in his car northbound on CTH HH but was unable to catch up to the vehicle. He doesn't believe that at any time during this period that the vehicle turned on its headlights.

When James Vruwink believed he was not going to catch the vehicle, he turned around and returned to the scene to see if he could assist the person who was

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struck.

He states that he stopped along the way and telephoned the Wood County Sheriff's Department reference the accident.

Next to arrive on the scene was Sgt Michael Swayze. I informed Sgt Swayze of what the witness had told me and what I believed we were looking for as far as the vehicle. This information was broadcast to the other Deputies working in the County at this time and also to two State Patrol vehicle which were working the area.

The victim at the scene was identified by personnel there as Deidre Week. I was informed that her father had at one point arrived on the scene and moved her bicycle from the road and then left the scene to contact his wife and make arrangements to go to the hospital.

The Spirit of Marshfield Helicopter was requested on the scene and arrived and transported Deidre Week to St. Joseph's Hospital where she was pronounced deceased at 19:34 on 3/25/95.

Sgt Swayze requested Investigator to be called reference the incident. Investigator Tom Reichert arrived on the scene sometime later.

Evidence collected at the scene included:

- Deidre Week's bicycle
- Some clothing including a shoe
- Hair "Scrunchy"
- Pair of Jeans
- 1 - Plastic bag containing candy bars and soda can from various parts of Deidre Week's bicycle

There were no skid marks available for measurement at the scene. It did not appear that the vehicle attempted to stop at all. There were no vehicle parts available to be retrieved at the scene.

Measurements of the incident were taken by Deputy Rick Kirst.

Area taverns and personnel were interviewed by Sgt Swayze, Deputy Dean Berres, and Investigator Reichert reference this incident.

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As of this taping, no vehicle or driver has been located.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Deputy Mark Greycarek

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP
Neighborhood Canvas

On 03/25/95, this officer was asked by Lt. Levendoske to start from the north end around the Sherry area, and talk to neighbors, reference to a neighborhood canvas about the hit and run fatal that the department was working on from the night before.

At this time I started by stopping at the Sherryland Ballroom at 9277 CTH F and talked to the owner, Mr. Dan Ladick, who stated to me that he already has been talked to by many police and Sheriff's Dept personnel from the night before. He stated to me that the State Patrol and the Sheriff's Dept were both in his bar that night, looking for any information that somebody would have. He stated to me he doesn't know anybody with that type of car and did not see anybody or hear anything suspicious the night before when he was working at the Ballroom.

he next stop I went to was at 4013 Dairy Road and 4000 Dairy Road. They are both residences that are just off of CTH F. Nobody was home.

I then next went down to CTH N and checked 9126. Nobody was home at that residence. I checked that residence twice.

I then went to 9009 CTH N, which would be the Reigel residence and nobody was home at that residence. There were family members outside of that residence that did not live there, but were visiting and no one had heard that the parents had seen anything, although they were not home at this time.

I then stopped at 9026 CTH N. Only the kids were home and they did not see anything or anybody the night before.

I then stopped at 8951 CTH N and family members there did not see anything or anybody.

I then stopped at 8920 CTH N - the Salzman residence and they did not see anything.

I then stopped at 8785 CTH N - the Krings residence. They also did not see anything.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Deputy Mark Greycarek

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I then stopped at 8774 CTH N. The subjects were outside of the residence the evening before they stated, but did not see anything unusual go past their residence.

I then stopped at 8649 CTH N. This house was located off the road. It is the Keuntjes residence. They stated that since they are off the road, they did not see or hear anything the night before.

I then stopped at 4553 CTH N and it was just off of CTH HH, on the corner there. It is the Huber residence. She stated to me that she did not see anything, but her husband was outside and she would ask him when he came home. A little while later, I received a call back from the Huber residence, who stated to me that her husband did indeed see a car supposedly go at a high rate of speed, with no lights on, past their residence on CTH HH, heading toward the Sherry area. At this time he stated to me over the air that he was definitely outside at that time and did see this vehicle. I then at this point gave that information to Inv. Heuer and Reichert and they went and talked with the subject and followed up on that matter.

I then stopped at 8488 CTH HH, the Dorshorst residence, and they stated to me that they were milking at that time in the barn and did not see or hear anything.

I then stopped at 8406 CTH HH, the Wilhelm residence. They were also milking at 8406A and 8406 - both apartments were in the barn at the time and did not see anything.

I stopped at 8333 CTH HH and nobody was home.

I stopped at 8237 CTH HH and no one was home.

I stopped at 7988 and 7988A. Both were home in the barn. No one saw anything.

I then stopped at 7852 CTH HH, 7845 CTH HH and 7712 CTH HH and nobody has been home at those residences at the times I was checking.

At this point I had stopped my canvas along with Deputy Jacobs. I told him that I went just north of Green Elm Road and he took everything to the south of that.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Robert Levendoske

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Robert Loonstra

4/3/95 - Bob Loonstra called to speak with officers investigating the Deidre Week hit-and-run accident.

He gave the following information to me:

He advised that on 3/30/95 - the night of the accident - he was seated in his living room watching the evening news. His routine is that shortly after the evening news is finished, he then gets up and goes downstairs to exercise.

Bob Loonstra is retired and spends a lot of time sitting in the chair looking out of the window and sees a lot of what is happening.

He advised that at approximately 6:25P, a vehicle left the Jim Vruwink residence (he lives right across the street from Vruwink) and went southbound on CTH HH. He advised that shortly after 6:30P, two vehicles were northbound on CTH HH and both turned into Vruwink's driveway.

He did not think anything of this at the time due to the fact that Vruwink does work on cars there and there are a number of people coming and going out of his residence.

Bob Loonstra could not say what type of vehicles either left or entered the Vruwink residence or who was driving. He merely wanted to point out to us that shortly after the accident supposedly happened, two vehicles drove into the Vruwink yard. It is unknown who these vehicles belonged to or who was driving them.

His wife Marge Loonstra also indicated that at approximately 7:15P that evening, two cars left and went northbound on CTH HH from the Jim Vruwink residence. She could only identify the cars by headlights and could offer no further information.

Neither of the Loonstras could offer any information as to what happened at the Vruwink house between 6:30P and 7:15P as they were both not paying attention and were otherwise busy.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Robert Levendoske

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NARRATIVE:

It is unknown if this information is helpful or not. The Loonstras are not trying to indicate that Vruwink was involved or not involved in any way; they merely wanted to report the facts as they perceived them the night of the accident.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Kurt Heuer

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Robert Loonstra

4/11/95 - 4P (ending 7:30P):

I had opportunity to interview Robert Loonstra and wife Marge Loonstra at the residence of Mary Schultz located at 7410 CTH HH, Vesper.

This interview fell in line with interviews of Lori Griffith, David Week, Harold Hamm, and Mary Schultz.

Robert Loonstra states that he was sitting in his chair in their living room which is located near a window where he is able to see everything to the east, southeast, and northeast.

Robert Loonstra states that he normally watches the news and sports until approximately 6:30 and then goes to the basement area where he rides an Air Bike for approximately 45 minutes to one hour.

On 3/24/95 Robert Loonstra states that for whatever reason, he had remained in his chair in the living room area past 6:30P and at approximately 6:35 to 6:40P he did see a single vehicle, unknown make, model, or color, leaving the James Vruwink residence which is located directly east of the Loonstra residence. VEHICLE SOUTH BOUND. KPH

A short time later Robert Loonstra states that he did see two vehicles northbound on CTH HH stop and turn into the Vruwink residence. At this time the Loonstras were unaware of the accident and gave no second thoughts to the activity in and out of the Vruwink driveway as they normally described that it is "Grand Central Station."

Marge Loonstra stated that she had received a phone call from:

Mary Schultz
7410 CTH HH

advising her of the hit and run accident which involved Deidre Week. Between the time of this phone call and approximately 7P when the Spirit of Marshfield would have come to transport Deidre, Marge Loonstra states that while outside of her residence, she did see two vehicles exit the Vruwink

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residence and go northbound at an accelerated rate of speed on CTH HH. She states that it was getting darker and she got no specific description of the vehicles but does recall that after the call from Mary Schultz and prior to the arrival of the Spirit - approximately 7:00 to 7:05P - two vehicles exited the James Vruwink driveway traveling northbound at an accelerated speed.

I asked Robert Loonstra what the time frame was between the single vehicle that he did see leave the Vruwink residence going south and the two vehicles returning from the south, northbound to that residence and he stated it would have been approximately five minutes between the two occurrences.

Robert Loonstra further stated that he did know that James Vruwink had a silver-gray possibly mid-eighties mid-size GM Product which he described as possibly a Monte Carlo style which had been located at Winch Oil in Vesper but since the accident has not been observed by anyone in town and its whereabouts is unknown.

Marge Loonstra states that a few days after the accident she was at Riverview Hospital paying a bill on her husband's account when she entered into a conversation with an employee whom she knew had the maiden name "Schill." She will be gaining further information on who this individual was.

She stated that during their conversation the employee at Riverview Hospital made the comment that Ron Vruwink seems to be emotionally-shook regarding this particular accident.

On behalf of Robert Loonstra and Marge Loonstra they, as well as others at this meeting, cannot understand why Ron Vruwink is emotionally-attached to this particular case when, to the best of their knowledge, he was not around that scene and his brother Jim is a witness.

Robert Loonstra further states that he had conversation with Roger Greenway of Tenpas Road in Vesper. His house is located on the northeast corner of Tenpas and CTH HH. This is the first residence on the left if one travels eastbound on Tenpas on CTH HH.

Roger Greenway has told Robert Loonstra that he was at Wal-Mart on the evening of the accident and has since checked the receipt of his purchased. Based on the time of him checking out and going directly to his residence, he states to Robert Loonstra that he had done some things in his yard, gone to

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the mail and paper boxes to retrieve his mail and paper, and was outside during the time frame of when the accident had occurred through the time that there was emergency response from law enforcement, rescue, and Spirit of Marshfield.

Roger Greenway told Robert Loonstra that there were no cars at all on Tenpas Road to the best of his knowledge during that time frame.

Roger stated to Robert Loonstra that if in fact there had been any traffic on Tenpas Road during the time when he was outside retrieving his paper and mail, he certainly would have known it.

Further followup will be needed with Roger Greenway.

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David Week

4/11/95 - 4:00P:

I had opportunity to interview David Week at the residence of:

Mary Schultz
7410 CTH HH
Vesper, WI

David Week is the father of victim Deidre M. Week. Also present at the time of this interview was David's wife Brenda, Lori Griffith, mother of Lori Griffith - Mary Schultz, Harold Hamm, and Robert and Marge Loonstra.

Information from other persons present will be documented in subsequent followup.

David Week relayed to me the following regarding the night of the hit and run accident/fatality involving his daughter Deidre Week:

David Week stated that he had gone outside of their residence at approximately 6:15 to 6:20P. David states that he stepped outside the back door, took approximately ten to fifteen steps behind the back door, and he then heard a thud coming from the area of CTH HH. David states that at this point in time he felt an urgent need to go and pick up his daughter Deidre Week who would be riding her bike home from play practice.

David Week stated that after exiting the residence and being in his back yard, he heard and then noticed two vehicles racing southbound on CTH HH. Shortly after this time is when David states that he heard a thud and after finishing his task of feeding the dogs, in the next three to five minutes he did get in his pickup truck to go and find Deidre.

David Week states that Deidre had gone to play practice on her bike and would be returning home after stopping at Winch's to pick up a treat. David Week states that play practice was scheduled for 5P to 6P and he expected Deidre at any time.

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David Week states that he had heard nothing more than the two vehicles racing were going very fast southbound on CTH HH. A short time after this the thud was heard.

After spending the next three to five minutes finishing feeding the dogs and getting into his truck, he states that upon climbing into his truck, he noticed a vehicle going north at a accelerated rate of speed. David Week states that the vehicle appeared to him to be a grayish-silver, almost having a blue appearance. He states that the first vehicle he did see headed north was not red or burgundy in color.

He states that upon heading towards CTH HH on his driveway, within two to three seconds of seeing the first vehicle, he did see a second vehicle going north at an accelerated rate of speed and described this vehicle as being kind of a two-tone blue and silver Omni or smaller-size vehicle.

He then stated that at Deidre's wake, Jim Vruwink had come to him and stated "You must have been in the truck leaving your driveway."

David Week stated "yes" and Jim responded "I was the second car chasing the vehicle that struck Deidre on the bike."

After observing both vehicles going northbound within seconds of each other, David Week states that he drove out onto CTH HH and did see Deidre's bike in the roadway in the northbound lane of traffic, stopped briefly hoping that Deidre was out potentially chasing a rabbit in the ditch or woods area; however, upon looking more thoroughly at the bike, David noticed damage to the rear tire and rim. He then drove his truck a short distance southbound, exited, and did see Deidre laying in the ditch.

David Week states that he ran to his daughter, pulled her up onto the east embankment of the ditch, and stayed with her for approximately five minutes hoping help would arrive.

After approximately five minutes, David Week states that he went to the trailer of:

Randy Berkoltz
6823 CTH HH
569-4370

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It was at this time that David Week stated he called 911 from this trailer. He remembered the time as being 6:44P.

David Week states that he did not go to the trailer of Lori Griffith because in looking at the front side or west side of her trailer, he did not see any lights and did not believe she was at home which in fact she was at that time.

Based on a news interview aired on Channel Seven, David Week states that the statement made by James Vruwink that he had stopped after seeing the girl hit on a bicycle and tumble into the ditch, honk his horn to summon help and see someone exiting a trailer, and knowing Deidre was okay before giving chase is a false statement.

David Week states that being outside of his residence, at no time did he hear any honking and believes there would have been no time for an individual to stop, honk, summon help, see someone exiting, and then give chase to a vehicle that was only seconds ahead of it northbound on CTH HH.

David Week states that the Channel Nine Newscast having witness Jim Vruwink's initial statement as to what he did see and do does not at all fit his observations of the time frame.

David Week again cited the fact that Jim Vruwink stated on TV that he had honked the horn until someone had come to render aid to Deidre and that Deidre was okay.

David Week states that he was the first individual to the best of his knowledge to be with Deidre after being struck and spent approximately five minutes of time with her waiting for help prior to going to the Berkholtz trailer.

As additional information stated only to me as "questionable behavior," David Week, along with others at the Schultz residence, relayed that at Deidre's wake neither Jim Vruwink or his brother/s could look David Week in the eye. Further at the vigil, Jim Vruwink was extremely emotional and both he and Ron Vruwink were unable to make eye contact with David Week.

David Week states that these are observations only on his behalf but did not

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strike him as being the same type of behavior as exhibited by other people mourning the death of Deidre.

Regarding the two vehicles that had been heard and seen by David Week traveling southbound, he states that the first car did have a very loud muffler and the second one seemed to be smaller in size. He states that he paid no real specific attention to the make or model but believed the first car to be a darker-gray bordering on bluish with a loud muffler. The second vehicle was a color not quite as dark as the first.

Regarding the vehicles going northbound observed by David Week as he drove his truck towards CTH HH out of his north driveway, he states that those two vehicles resembled closely the two vehicles he had heard and seen southbound prior to hearing the thud.

He states that the second vehicle going northbound was later identified as a vehicle operated by James Vruwink by his own admission to being in chase of the striking vehicle. This comment was made to David Week by James Vruwink at Deidre's wake.

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Harold Hamm

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Harold Hamm was interviewed at the residence of:

Mary Schultz
7410 CTH HH

and states that he was at an auction located on Third Avenue between CTH P and CTH C in the Rudolph area on Saturday, April 8, 1995.

While at the auction, Harold Hamm states that he was told by Diane Schueneman that she had learned from Jim Vruwink's ex-wife Kim Kosik that Kim and Jim's common child had been with Jim on the weekend of the accident.

Diane further stated to Harold Hamm that she had learned through Kim Kosik and their boy had come hold and told his mother that he heard his dad telling his girlfriend "she had no pulse." Diane further stated that the boy told his mother that his dad had gotten out of the car to check her pulse.

This information will require further followup with:

Kim Kosik
8652 Rocky Run Road
Pittsville

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Lori Griffith

4/11/95 - While at the residence of Lori Griffith's mother:

Mary L. Schultz
7410 CTH HH

Lori Griffith relayed to me the following information regarding the hit and run fatality involving victim Deidre Week.

Lori Griffith lives at the residence directly east of the accident site. Lori states that she was on the phone at approximately 6:15P to 6:20P and while talking with friend Melodie Steen, she heard a thud which she guesses to be around 6:20P.

Lori Griffith was on a cordless phone and had been walking about her trailer house during this conversation with Melodie Steen and believed that she was near the east sliding glass doors at the time that she heard the thud.

Lori Griffith states that she remembers saying to Melodie Steen "Oh my God, it sounded like someone hit my house." A brief time later, which Lori Griffith believes to be approximately 6:40 to 6:45P, she heard sirens which got very close to her residence stopped. In looking out her front den window facing west, she observed a smaller mini-van and another vehicle directly in front of her residence. She recognized the mini-van as being a van owned by Deb and Dennis Deiderich.

Lori Griffith states that she concluded her conversation with Melodie and exited her residence and discovered that a younger child, later to be identified as Deidre Week, had been struck by a vehicle.

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James L. Vruwink

4/13/95 - 10:00A: I conducted another interview of James Vruwink. This interview did take place in two locations. For approximately one hour I interviewed Jim at the Wood County Sheriff's Department. For another hour and one-half, we were at the scene of the accident in the area of CTH HH near Vesper.

During the entire time I was with James Vruwink, he was with and represented by his attorney Leon Schmidt, Jr.

The purpose of this interview was to address some of the rumors and concerns that people have had in implicating the Vruwink family in the hit and run death of Deidre Week.

would point out that the Vruwinks are becoming somewhat upset over the fact that they are consistently being linked with this case.

Jim stated to me some answers to certain questions that I had early in our interview. He stated that he was not with his brother Tom the night of the accident. He also told me that as far as Tom's whereabouts, he did see him on the road at 6:55P enroute to Eugene Fritch's house. Jim stated that his brother was operating a Pontiac Grand Am. Jim also told me that his children were at his parent's house at the time the accident happened.

I addressed with James Vruwink the Oldsmobile Cutlass which was sold to an individual from the Wausau area the night of the accident. The story Jim told me was later substantiated by the person who had purchased the car. The transaction did take place at the Winch Oil parking lot and the individual who had purchased it was with the vehicle throughout the time the accident had occurred.

James Vruwink told me that he called the Wood County Sheriff's Department after he had chased the striking vehicle. There had been contention early on that he had not summoned or called the police. Later Lt Robert Levendoske requested that Dispatch make a tape of this call. This tape has been prepared and obviously it indicates James Vruwink called the Wood County Sheriff's Department and spoke with our Dispatcher/Corrections Officer Anita

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There had been some rumors as to whether or not Jim stated that the headlights of the striking vehicle were on. He stated to me on 4/13/95 that the lights were on when the accident had occurred; however, the striking vehicle turned its headlights off after it had struck Deidre.

As far as the events leading up to the accident, James Vruwink remained very consistent with his statements to me of 3/24/95. He stated that the vehicle that had struck Deidre veered into his lane of traffic approximately 75 feet away from him. It then veered back and struck Deidre and "took off."

He stated that the car also had swerved or veered after it had hit Deidre.

James Vruwink again stated to me that he believed there were two people in the car who had hit the young girl. He could not, however, tell whether or not they were male or female.

I had omitted a question on 3/24/95 as to where Deidre was riding her bike when the accident had occurred. James Vruwink believed it would have been right in the area of the white line on the edge of the road or possibly maybe even onto the gravel portion of the road, or she would have been riding on the gravel portion of the road when she was hit.

I then questioned Jim as to some of the time frames after the accident to somewhat correlate his actions throughout the course of the chase. He told me that it was approximately five to ten seconds between the time when he had observed the vehicle being hit to when he began pulling into the driveway to turn around. He stated that when he was in the driveway, he sat for a short period of time - possibly three to four seconds - and blew his horn to try and summon help. Jim emphatically states that he did see people coming out of the house when he began to turn his vehicle around.

He also stated that he remembered Deidre's bicycle was in the road when he had put his vehicle again back on the road.

By this time there was a substantial distance between Jim and the vehicle.

Jim stated to me that he did not recall seeing David Week in his truck as he

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passed his house.

James Vruwink remained very consistent in his statements concerning his chase of the vehicle. He stated that he had blown his horn to try to alert people as to the high rate of speed he was traveling while he was going down CTH HH. He again stated that he did see taillights on Tenpas Road however he wasn't certain as to whether or not that would have been the vehicle that struck Deidre.

He again stated that the vehicle turned its headlights off when it was in the chase portion of the incident.

Jim again told me that he had gone to Green Elm Road, turned around, went to his house, and called the Wood County Sheriff's Department.

Jim switched cars when he got home in order to have a faster car. This vehicle later experienced battery trouble at the scene of the accident and had to be towed away.

James Vruwink, Leon Schmidt, Robert Levendoske, and myself then went in separate vehicles to the scene of the accident.

Jim pointed out to me distances where he would have been in relation to the striking vehicle when the accident did happen.

When the vehicle hid Deidre, Jim would have been approximately .1 mile away from the scene of the accident.

By the time Jim had turned around, the striking vehicle was already past or in the immediate vicinity of the Week's home on CTH HH while James Vruwink would have been still at the accident scene.

This would have been in the area of .3 mile and there would be approximately 15 seconds travel time between the two vehicles.

Jim does not believe he ever got any closer than this .3 mile or 15-second difference during his chase.

Jim also stated that following the first turn on CTH HH, he began honking his horn as he remembered that there were kids playing and an individual pulling

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a wagon near Swetz Road and CTH HH. I don't believe that the person pulling this wagon has ever come forward as a witness.

In conclusion, I found James Vruwink's story to be very plausible and very consistent with his earlier statements to me concerning the accident. I would also point out that he has made these statements to a number of other officers in addition to myself and throughout this time he has remained very consistent in his story.

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Re: Deidre Week Case

Sheriff Illingworth,

First I must say I have always had the greatest respect for you and thought you did your job very well you always seemed to be on top of things - until recently.

We, (the family), sense a definite lack of willingness on your part and at least one other person in your dept., to pursue information that could be pertinent evidence.

Some comments via phone conversation to members of our family were very distasteful. When David spoke to you on Wed., Apr. 12th, he did become somewhat unerved and said something to the effect of "those damn _____ are lying". You said to him "Just tone it down a little then you cut him off by saying you had to go take your 16yr. old daughter for her driver's test.

I was appalled, at least you still have your daughter. What a total lack of compassion! Can you imagine how that made David feel? You keep stating you want people to call in if they have any information

yet we keep hearing, "no, we haven't heard that," or, "I haven't read the report yet," and this was told to my husband - (Well, people out there in keep don't like them, so it's probably just revenge.) Concerned people are not making accusations, they're just stating facts, what they heard, saw, times, etc.

Concerning the bike, you should check on how + where it was hung up in the barn, compare the position of the paint smears on the bike, you should be able to determine if they could have come from there. But, you are unwilling to do this. Why? Small bits + pieces make the complete puzzle.

We realize there is at least one other way this case could go. But we want all possible evidence listened to + thoroughly checked out. I feel the investigators have been doing their jobs and have been very nice to us. But nothing seems to happen after that.

People are beginning to wonder, what's really going on?

The family has been trying to remain calm and not listen to rumors, etc. But, this tragic event has changed our lives forever. We lie awake in bed at night, trying to sort this all out.

There are a great number of people supporting us and are very concerned. Yet, never have you contacted any family member to, listen, reassure or enlighten us as to your intended efforts or developments in this case. We have seen you on T.V., but that's not the same.

Some of us are beginning to feel anger, we have the right to expect you and your department to do everything possible to solve this case, and not let your personal feelings become involved, because we feel something is not right here. If you don't like this comment, don't blame the family. We are getting this from the way you and some others are responding to our concerns.

I hope you read all of this.

a very concerned
grandmother of Deidre

Vivian Cornelius
3939 Shiffin Ln.
Nebraska, Wic. 54457

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Lorrie A. Griffith

4/17/95 - I had telephone conversation with Lori Griffith. In this conversation Lori told me that she had received a copy of a bill listing her total telephone calls for the month of March 1995.

What is significant about this list of calls are obviously calls that were made specifically at the time that Deidre Week had been struck on 3/24/95.

Lori has sent me a copy of this statement and has explained the statement to me.

There is a call listed on this bill that had occurred at 6:34P. This call lasted for approximately four minutes which would obviously take it to 6:38P. It was during this four-minute telephone call - approximately one-half to three-fourths through the call - that Lori heard a "thud" which I believed to have been the vehicle striking Deidre Week.

I would point out that this individual - Lori Griffith - lives directly in front of the area where the accident had occurred.

Using this telephone record as kind of a baseline to establish Jim Vruwink's statement, it would appear that Vruwink's time frames as far as what he did following seeing this accident would be correct and proper.

I had conducted an earlier time test with Jim Vruwink in which we ascertained that it did take approximately six to seven minutes from the time that the accident occurred to the time that Jim Vruwink called the Wood County Sheriff's Department. With this information and phone call, it would certainly seem that the story and the scenario as to what Jim Vruwink did is true and correct.

I based this on the fact that if the accident took place at 6:36P, Jim Vruwink would have chased this vehicle for approximately six minutes, bringing him to the 6:42/6:43PM period of time when he would have stopped chasing. Jim called the Wood County Sheriff's Department at 6:44P on that particular evening.

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I will be keeping this phone log for inclusion in the file with this case due to the fact that I believe it positively identifies the time that the accident happened, being in the four-minute window I described earlier in this report.

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Information on Thomas Vruwink

Some of the information or "rumors" that has cropped up during this investigation was that Thomas Vruwink, brother of James Vruwink (suspected person so far as the hit and run driver), had not been at work at his place of employment - Consolidated Papers, Inc., Stevens Point - since the accident and committed himself to the Psychiatric Ward at St Joseph's Hospital.

Upon checking this out, it became apparent that Thomas Vruwink had approximately four scheduled appointments from mid-February through the first week of April for a medical condition. One of these resulted in a one-day admission to the hospital.

In any event, the rumor that he was in the Psychiatric Ward and not going to work because of trauma related to this accident is in essence false and has no direct bearing on this case.

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***** DCI *****

In a 4/18/95 meeting with David and Brenda Week, the request was made that the Department of Criminal Investigation become involved in the Deidre Week hit-and-run fatality.

Lt Robert Levendoske has made contact with DCI. DCI stated to him that it appears that everything necessary in the investigation has already been done. They stated also that they are very understaffed and would not have an agent free to work on the case.

DCI also told Lt Robert Levendoske that if the Wood County Sheriff's Department would need help with the Crime Lab, they would be happy to act on our behalf.

I have received a note to this effect from Lt Robert Levendoske. Also on the note is the notation that David and Brenda Week were notified on 4/20/95 by Sheriff Brian Illingworth that DCI would not be involved in this investigation.

This is for our information only.

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Anonymous Calls Received

Throughout the Deidre Week homicide investigation, we have received contact from a substantial number of individuals leaving either false or anonymous leads at the Wood County Sheriff's Department. By no means do I mean to infer that all anonymous leads are false, however, there certainly seems to be a trend with these two areas within the case.

As of 4/20/95, I have received 26 anonymous reports identifying either Jim or Tom Vruwink as being the individuals involved with the death of Deidre.

The Wood County Sheriff's Department has conducted an extremely thorough investigation of both Tom and Jim Vruwink and as of this date, I do not believe there is any evidence linking either Tom, Jim, or for that matter, Ron Vruwink to the Deidre Week homicide other than Jim Vruwink observing the striking vehicle.

There seems to be a concerted effort in the Vesper area to link this family to the hit and run accident. Part of the reason that this rumor persists is from some discrepancies in Jim Vruwink's story versus what the victim's father David Week believes happened the day of the accident.

I am going to briefly detail these discrepancies for the sake of the record:

David Week believes that the vehicle that did strike his daughter would have hit her at approximately 6:20P to 6:25P on 3/24/95. He believes this to be the case because he was in his yard feeding his dogs at this time.

He stated that while he was feeding the dogs, he heard a "thud." He did not think too much of it at the time, however, he continued on with his chores and concluded feeding the dogs.

He states that he then went to get into his truck to look for his daughter Deidre.

As he was pulling out of his driveway, he states that he did see a vehicle go past at a very high rate of speed. He stated that immediately behind this vehicle - less than 1/8 mile - was the Plymouth Horizon driven by Jim Vruwink.

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David Week stated that Vruwink looked specifically at him as he went by.

It has become a matter of contention as to whether or not Jim Vruwink beeped his horn when he turned around to chase the suspect vehicle. David Week claims that he heard no horn at his residence at the time Jim Vruwink stated that he did beep his horn.

I would also point out that the David Week residence is approximately one-quarter mile away from the accident site.

Additionally, David Week stated that when he did see the two vehicles go past his house, the time would have been in the area of 6:35 to 6:40P. According to David Week's theory, the vehicle that hit Deidre as well as Jim Vruwink would have stopped at the accident scene and remained there for approximately ten minutes prior to leaving the scene in a rather hurried manner.

In summation, it is basically because of David Week not believing that he heard a horn a quarter-mile away from the accident scene and the fact that he believes he did see Jim Vruwink come by his residence in very close proximity to the striking vehicle that he believes Jim Vruwink is not telling the truth concerning the case.

Another area of several anonymous phone calls involved the investigation of [REDACTED] and information identifying [REDACTED] as the individuals responsible for striking Deidre Week. I personally have received 17 anonymous leads

I have detailed - as has Investigator Heuer - in this report the process of our investigation of these two individuals. As of 4/20/95, we do not have any substantive evidence linking them to this incident.

I have received a number of anonymous tips identifying Mark Bosworth as being involved in the hit and run accident. Approximately 14 separate people have called me stating that Mark Bosworth was the individual involved with the accident.

Investigator and I have conducted an interview of Mark Bosworth in which we have concluded that he was not responsible for this incident.

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FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Tracy Salter

4/27/95 - 3:45P: I interviewed Tracy Salter, live-in girlfriend of Jimmy Vruwink.

A number of allegations have centered around a number of vehicles pulling in and out of the Vruwink home on the night of the hit and run accident - 3/24/95.

Tracy Salter was present at the Vruwink home that night and was able to detail for me some of the "comings and goings" of various cars.

I questioned Tracy as to who came to the house the night of the hit and run accident. She told me:

1. Her boyfriend Jimmy Vruwink
2. Wood County Sheriff's Department
3. Tom Vruwink
4. Ron Vruwink
5. Jim Vruwink's parents

Additionally, she stated that the police came and went at the house throughout the evening.

I can say that there was substantial police traffic around Tracy's house the night this happened.

The individuals Tracy mentioned have been investigated and their vehicles were checked on the evening that the accident occurred.

Tracy did not have further information to give me of a substantive nature with this case. I talked with her for a period of time concerning the investigation.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Robert Levendoske

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Stephen Mlynarski

Stephen Mlynarski came to the Wood County Sheriff's Department on 5/4/95 and requested to speak to an Investigator reference the Deidre Week. With him he had a large white bag containing maroon-colored car parts. Apparently these were from a Ford automobile which included the grill pieces and various parts of the parking lights.

Stephen Mlynarski stated that he found these car parts on Saturday 4/15/95 while walking along Victory Road outside of Junction City. Victory is the town road that runs north of the intersection of STH 34 North and US 10. These car parts were found by the Leer farm which is believed to be the 2400 block of Victory Road, approximately 1-1/2 miles north of STH 10.

Stephen Mlynarski stated that the bumper was found on the east side of the road and the parking lights and other parts were found on the left side of the road, giving indication that they were probably on the road at one time and removed by unknown people and tossed alongside the road. He further indicated that there were some other parts apparently from the same accident out there but he did not pick all of them up as he did not have the bag with him at that time.

These car parts appear to be maroon in color and are apparently from a Ford product, probably something in the line of Taurus or Escort.

Stephen Mlynarski also advised that on the night of the accident, he happened to be southbound on CTH HH shortly before 7:00P enroute to St Mary's for a fish fry. This would have been shortly after the accident happened. In fact, he advised that he did see a person believed to be David Week covering up the body of Deidre Week with a blanket prior to any emergency personnel arriving.

He advised that he was southbound on CTH HH in the area of the first curve which would be approximately 1-1/2 miles north of Vesper. He advised that while southbound, he was passed by two vehicles driving he felt between 60 and 65 MPH. Both vehicles had their lights on and he did not notice anything unusual about the vehicles such as horns honking, excessive rate of speed, or things along those lines.

However, he did advise that following these two vehicles at a distance of

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NARRATIVE:

possibly a couple of hundred yards was a third vehicle driving without lights. This vehicle was described as a dune-buggy type of vehicle or possibly a stock car vehicle that did not have the body on. He advised that it was getting dark and he almost struck the vehicle as it turned left in front of him into either a residence or a field road. He was unsure where but this would have been around or just south of the corner of probably CTH HH and Arpin-Hansen Road. He advised that he went back the next day to try and locate what driveway or road this dune-buggy type of vehicle turned into and could not say for sure which one.

If in fact his time is correct and this vehicle is a dune buggy or stock car type of vehicle, it is assumed that someone in that area would have knowledge of who would be routinely driving the vehicle around and this person would have been very close to the accident scene. This would probably be worth checking into should we be able to locate the driver of this. He advised that he thought this dune-buggy had some antenna type connection on it which would lend the witness here to believe it was probably a dune-buggy and not a stock car frame.

He advised that he cannot recall any other vehicles prior to seeing this vehicle turn off to the west in front of him and arriving at the accident scene. He advised that upon arrival at the scene, he did notice a First Responder driving up with a red fireball in his private vehicle.

Stephen Mlynarski is a former Butler police officer and has been living in the Junction City area for a number of years. If we need further information from him, we can contact him. He does have an answering machine and he advised that we should leave a message if he is not there. He stated that he would be more than happy to get in touch with us.

The car parts will be logged in and turned over to Investigator Reichert.

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WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFENSE REPORT

OFFICER RECORDING: Tom Reichert

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

5/11/95 - Jim Vruwink submitted to a polygraph examination at the request of the Wood County Sheriff's Department. This exam was conducted at the Marshfield Police Department by Examiner Lavern Reigel.

Prior to the polygraph exam, I was able to meet with Lavern and speak with him concerning the questions and case in general. I explained to Lavern what had occurred during this case and some of the concerns that in essence the village and certain individuals had concerning Jim Vruwink.

With Lavern, I helped him formulate questions that were reasonably inclusive and addressed most of our concerns with Jim Vruwink. These questions included whether or not he had knowledge concerning the accident, whether or not he had knowledge of who could have caused the accident and whether or not he had knowledge as to if a relative of his had caused the accident.

In speaking with Reigel after the exam, he had told me that [REDACTED]

Friday 5/12/95 - I spoke with Jim Vruwink via telephone. [REDACTED] to publically release the information concerning his polygraph in order to "clear the air" surrounding his name. I previously had informed of some of the conversations that I had with Reigel on the previous day as to how well he had done on the test.

Prior to releasing any information to local media, I contacted the Week family. I spoke with Brenda Week and informed her of the results of the polygraph. After my conversation with her, I received a note from her husband David Week indicating that he did not wish to have any further contact with the Wood County Sheriff's Department and that all contacts between the Wood County Sheriff's Department and his family should go through the law firm of Habush, Habush, & Davis.

I did make contact with Mystique Macomber of the Daily Tribune and informed her of the results for inclusion in any type of news story she deemed necessary. END OF REPORT 5/16/95-DGL

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POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION REPORT

CASE #:

SUBJECT: James L. Vruwink

ADDRESS: 7656 Co. Trk. HH, Arpin, WI. 54410

DOB: 02-17-64

TELEPHONE #: 569-4924

DATE: 05-11-95

OFFENSE-INCIDENT CATEGORY: Confirmation regarding fatal traffic accident.

FOR (DEPT/AGENCY/CLIENT) : Wood County Sheriff's Department

EXAMINER: Lavern J. Reigel

PRETEST INTERVIEW INFORMATION

No new information was gathered in the Pretest due to the fact that I was able to speak to Tom Reichert, one of the investigating officers, regarding the fatal traffic accident involving Deidre Week. The traffic accident occurred on 03-24-95 at approximately 6:40 p.m. Mr. Vruwink was apparently the only witness to the accident, and this test is being run more or less to verify the information he provided about the accident.

I didn't have a copy of the reports because they are so extensive that it would be almost impossible to read them all. The only thing we were interested in were the facts as Mr. Vruwink saw them.

BASIC RELEVANT QUESTIONS

"You" Phase Examination "A"

#39 Regarding the auto accident involving Deidre Week, do you intend to answer truthfully to each question about that? Answer Yes.

#33 On March 24, 1995, did you strike Deidre Week with a motor vehicle? Answer No.

#35 In regards to the accident involving Deidre Week, did you, yourself, strike her with your vehicle? Answer No.

#37A Are you withholding any information regarding the accident involving Deidre Week? Answer No.

#37B Do you know for sure who struck Deidre Week with a motor vehicle? Answer No.

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SUBJECT: James L. Vruwink

DATE OF EXAM: 05-11-95

CONCLUSION

It is the opinion of this examiner after studying the charts that the subject was being truthful to the relevant questions asked. He scored adequately for me to make a definite determination according to the Zone Comparison Scoring Technique that I use. I also ran a negative chart on him, and he scored very high on that. This would also concur with the other charts.

The only minuses that I had on the whole examination was a little bit on the question "If he knew who had done this." We had much discussion on that. He certainly doesn't test out that he knows it, but every person could have an opinion even though it wasn't specific. But that minus was so minor that it didn't affect the examination in any way.

I might add that James even had kind of low reactions, and this is usually due to someone who is very confident and very truthful about what they are saying.

In the final analysis it would be my opinion that the subject, James Vruwink, was telling the truth as far as what he witnessed on the night of the accident. He was also telling the truth as far as he, himself, not having taken part in the accident.

Unless further damaging information comes to light on this subject, I don't feel that it would be necessary to run him again. I have gotten the impression that he, himself, wanted this examination to more or less clear up rumors that were circulating in the small town where he lives.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Investigator Tom Reichert

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

I received information from David Week that he no longer wanted to have any contact with the Wood County Sheriff's Department and referred me to Jim Weis of the law firm of Habush, Habush & Davis.

On 05-22-95 I spoke with Jim Weis over the telephone. It was Weis' belief that the ongoing contact between the Wood County Sheriff's Department and the Week family should continue. It was not his intent to have all of the communications on the day-to-day operations of the case be funneled through him. Weis told me that he would speak to the Week family concerning this situation.

I also had a rather lengthy conversation with Mr. Weis concerning the case. Weis asked if I would be willing to meet with the Investigator from his office, Jerry Bettin. I informed him that I would not really have a problem with that at this time and that I thought there could be some mutually shared information from any meeting we had.

This is for information only.

End of Report.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Tom Reichert

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Fay Elliott

5/23/95 - I had a conversation with Fay Elliott. Faye was present in JoJo's Bar the night of the Deidre Week hit and run accident.

Fay Elliott told me that he remembered seeing Tom Vruwink at JoJo's Bar. He remembers this specifically because he knows Vruwink from working with him.

Elliott told me that the times that he had seen him were from about 3:30 to about 5:00P on the evening of the accident.

Elliott told me that Vruwink left at about 5P. He was very certain that this would have been the time that Tom Vruwink would have left JoJo's.

Elliott told me that he himself left at about 5:30P and he did not return to the bar that evening.

Elliott told me that if I had anymore questions of him, he would be more than happy to try and oblige.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Tom Reichert

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Richard Vollert

5/24/95 - approx. 10:45A: I spoke with Richard Vollert.

Richard was present in JoJo's Tavern the night of the Deidre Week hit and run accident.

I questioned Vollert as to whether or not he had seen Tom Vruwink at the bar on that particular evening. He stated to me that he had and that he knew Tom Vruwink and that he had in fact talked to him.

Vollert could not, however, supply me with any type of a time that Vruwink would have left.

Vollert told me that he left the bar at approximately 7:15P. He stated to me that Vruwink left "sometime" before that; however, he was unable to tell me with any certainty what time he would have left.

This is for information in the Deidre Week case. Vollert told me that if he could be of any further assistance to him, I should feel free to call him.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Lt. Robert Levendoske

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

5/30/95

Doug Vruwink who is believed to be a brother of Jim and Ron Vruwink talked to Undersheriff Randy Rapp and indicated that a few days prior to 05-26-95, he viewed a person known to him as Douglas R. Grosskreutz, DOB: 03-20-63, Rt. 1, Box 240, Rudolph, WI.

Vruwink indicated that Grosskreutz works for Earth, Inc. out of Sherry and he noticed that he was driving a 4-door GMC, probably a late 1980's model that had the hood wrinkled up on the passenger side indicating some sort of accident.

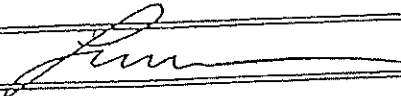
Vruwink does not know where Grosskreutz lives now and thought he may in fact live in the Wausau area, however our computer information which is current only from 1982 indicated that he lives in the Rudolph area, so he probably did move.

In any event, Vruwink wanted us to be made aware of the fact that Grosskreutz was driving a vehicle with some damage on it and thought it may be connected to the Weeks' case.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Investigator Tom Reichert

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

On 06-01-95 at 4:20 I spoke with Tom Vruwink.

There were a number of questions that had recently arisen as to Tom's whereabouts the night of the Deidre Week situation. I had spoke with Tom on several occasions prior to this and had been comfortable with his responses to my question at that time, however it was felt that a more formal documentation would be beneficial to us.

Tom stated to me that he had been at Jo-Jo's Tavern the night of the Deidre Week hit & run accident. He stated to me that he left Jo-Jo's shortly after 5:00P. This would be substantiated by an interview I had done previously with Fay Elliott.

Vruwink told me that he was with a friend of his, Roger Yenter.

Vruwink went on to state following leaving Jo-Jo's they went to Jim Vruwink's house. He told me that they arrived at Vruwink's at approximately 5:15P. Jim was not at home at the time so Roger and Tom decided to go visit another friend of theirs who lives in the Arpin area. This would be an individual named Eugene Feltz.

Vruwink told me that they met Feltz on CTH N and arrived at Feltz's house before 5:30P.

Vruwink told me that they stayed at the Feltz residence until 7:15 or 7:30P. It was at that point that he went to his brother Jim's house. He learned at Jim's house from the hired hand Lonny Grosskreutz that an accident had occurred.

Tom told me he stayed at Jim's for a short period of time leaving about 7:30 to 7:45P. It was at that point he went home.

When Tom left Jim's house, he would have driven his own vehicle, also leaving Tom's house at the 7:30 - 7:45P time would have been Roger Yenter driving his vehicle.

Yenter's vehicle was a gray Pontiac Grand Am. On a previous date I had examined this vehicle when it was at the Vruwink Auto business. There was

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nothing unusual nor suspicious about the gray Pontiac Grand Am that Roger Yenter was driving.

I will be conducting short follow-ups with both Roger Yenter and Eugene Feltz to "lock up" Tom Vruwinks' story concerning his whereabouts the night of the accident. I also feel that this account by Tom Vruwink may also explain some of the vehicles that were seen leaving by the Loonstra's.

End of Report.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Investigator Tom Reichert

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

On 06-02-95 at approximately 9:00A I spoke with Roger Yenter. Roger is the individual who accompanied Tom Vruwink on the night of 03-24-95 through the early to mid-evening hours.

Yenter told me that he and Tom were at Jo-Jo's Tavern until about 5:00 to 5:15P on 03-24-95. He stated that once they left there he and Tom went to Jim's house. Jim however was not home.

I would point out that Roger also told me that he was driving his vehicle and Tom was riding with him throughout their travel during the evening.

Following this stop at Jim's house and finding him not at home, they left to go to another friend of Tom Vruwinks', Eugene Feltz's. Yenter stated that in order to get to Feltz's they had to go to Arpin. They took CTH HH to CTH N, taking N into Arpin, however on the way to Arpin, they met with Feltz along the road and then proceeded to follow Feltz to his house. Yenter told me that he and Tom Vruwink stayed with Eugene Feltz at his home until 7:00 or shortly after 7:00P. Following that they went back to Jim Vruwinks' house. Again the course of travel was CTH N to CTH HH to Jim Vruwinks' house. At no time according to Roger Yenter did they pass or go through the accident scene.

Yenter stated that he stayed at Jim's house for about 5 - 10 minutes, leaving at 7:20 to 7:25P.

Yenter also stated that when he left Jim Vruwinks' house, he and Tom both took separate vehicles from that location.

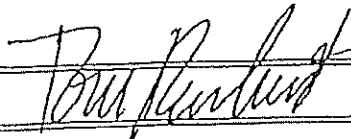
Yenter told me that he did own a Pontiac Grand Am at the time. As I had mentioned in earlier reports, I had personally observed this vehicle and found it to be not suspicious in this case.

Yenter told me that should we need any other information from him that he could be of assistance with, he would be more than happy to meet with us or speak with us via the telephone.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Inv. Thomas Reichert

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP
Tracy Salter

Date: 06/04/95
Time: 6:30 PM

On 06/01/95, at 6:30 PM, I had a telephone conversation with Tracy Salter.

During the course of my investigation, it has come to my attention that Tracy had additional information for me concerning the Deidre Week hit and run accident.

Tracy told me that her normal work schedule is to work until approximately 6:00-6:05 PM. Following that, she heads home with normally one stop in Vesper. Her time of arrival at her house is usually 6:30 PM.

On 03/24/95, this pattern held true. Tracy told me that she recalled coming home at 6:30 PM. It was at that point she met her boyfriend, Jim Vruwink, at their home. Jim and Tracy had plans to go out to dinner on this evening and Jim told Tracy that upon his return from Vesper, they would be going out to eat.


What this statement does is that it causes Jim Vruwink to be leaving his residence at approximately 6:30 PM. He would have been heading in a southerly direction at that time. It adds credence to Jim's account of being witness to the accident at approximately 6:36-6:38 PM, as he would have been heading south into Vesper to conduct car business, which I have detailed earlier in this report.

I also asked Tracy if she had any other information that I might consider pertinent at this time. She stated to me that she didn't know any other information.

Tracy did however tell me of the harassment that she and Jim have been having to endure at their house. There are repeatedly people driving by the house, beeping their horns and generally causing a nuisance to them. Additionally,

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they have received prank phone calls in regard to their involvement in this case.

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP
Eugene Feltz

At 7:30 PM on 06/04/95, I had the opportunity to have a conversation with Eugene Feltz.

My questioning of Feltz centered around whether or not Tom Vruwink and Roger Yenter came to his residence on the 24th of March, 1995. This would have been the evening that Deidre Week had been struck.

Feltz remembered that Yenter and Vruwink had come to his residence at about that time. He could not specifically tell me however that it was the 24th of March; however he remembered the two of them coming to his home. Feltz estimated that they would have met on CTH N at around 6:00 PM. He stated that they stayed until approximately 7:00 PM.

Feltz told me that Yenter was the person who was driving a gray car when they came to his house. He stated that it did not appear that they had been drinking a lot and that they had "a couple of beers" while at the Feltz residence.

Feltz had mentioned that they had stayed for approximately an hour. When they left, they had said that they were going to go to Jim's house and then go home.

Feltz told me that he did not notice any type of damage or anything suspicious about the Yenter vehicle while it was at his house.

This statement of Eugene Feltz seems to correspond exactly with the comments of both Roger Yenter and Tom Vruwink. It would certainly appear that the statements made by these witnesses are credible.

End of report.

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP
Gerald Bettin

On 06/06/95, I had a conversation and meeting with Jerry Bettin. Jerry is an investigator for Lakeland Investigations. He has been contracted by James Weis, who is an attorney for Habish, Habish and Davis, to investigate the Deidre Week homicide. I would also point out that Mr. Bettin is former undersheriff of Oneida County.

My conversation with Jerry took place at 9:00 AM on 06/06/95. We discussed certain aspects of the Weeks case, including some of the information that he had obtained from witnesses, which contradicts some of the information that we had previously received from the same witnesses. A meeting is going to take place between Bettin, the Weeks family, Robert Levendoske and myself, to resolve some of these differences between these witness statements. I am anticipating that this meeting is going to take place during the week of June 12th.

I also learned from Bettin that some witnesses in this case are claiming that the Sheriff's Department has not spoken with them concerning the case. I told Bettin that this was an outright lie. Some of the individuals who had made these accusations have been talked to two and three times, as well as told to contact the Sheriff's Dept with any additional information that they may have.

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OFFICER RECORDING: Inv. Thomas Reichert

COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP
VEHICLE DESCRIPTIONS

In order to facilitate reading of the Deidre Week hit and run accident report, I will be listing a number of pertinent witnesses and their description of the vehicles that they have alleged to have seen during the time shortly after Deidre was struck on her bicycle.

JIM VRUWINK

burgundy maroon 4-door intermediate sized car, possibly a Chevy Celebrity

CARL SCHUNKE

2-door silver car, 2 occupants, possibly a Ford Mustang II, intermediate in size

PAUL HUBER

boxy 2-door vehicle or family sized car, silver in color or very light color

DAVID WEEK

grayish-silver vehicle, almost having a blue appearance

ROBERT AND MARGE LOONSTRA

Saw numerous cars coming and going at the Jim Vruwink residence; however he obtained no viable description of any vehicles.

STEPHEN L. MLYNARSKI

Obtained no vehicle description of striking vehicle; however noticed a dune buggy type vehicle traveling on CTH HH at the approximate time of the accident.

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- 6:35 - 6:40P Robert Loonstra notices one vehicle leave the Vruwink residence heading south. A short time later he states two vehicles enter the Vruwink residence from the north (Heuer interview).
- 6:36 - 6:38P During a toll telephone call, from 6:34 - 6:38P, Lori Griffith hears "thud" sounds.
- 6:36 - 6:45P This period of time represents a time frame in which Jim Vruwink alleges to have seen Deidre Week struck by a vehicle as well as turn around, chase this vehicle and ultimately call the Sheriff's Department at 6:45P.
- 6:44P Burkholtz called the Wood County Sheriff's Department on the 911 line.
- 6:45P (approx) Scott Halbersma sees the driver of a red truck throw Deidre Week's bicycle into the ditch.
- 6:45P Jim Vruwink calls Sheriff's Department 911.
- 7:00P (approx) Paul Huber who lives at the intersection of CTH HH and CTH N sees a car traveling at a high rate of speed on CTH HH proceed in a northerly direction. This vehicle does not have its lights on.
- 6:30 - 7:00P Roger Greenway of Tenpas Road states he sees no vehicles travel on Tenpas Road during the above time frame of this case.

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LETTERS

Deidre's family says thank you

We would like to thank everyone involved in the benefit dance for us in memory of our daughter Deidre. To Joe, Barb and Nadine Pyka and all their friends who put so much time and effort into this, a special thank you for being such wonderful and caring friends.

Thank you to the Marshfield Eagles Club for donating the use of their hall. Thank you to the bands for the great music: Back Trax, New Edition, The Edwards Group, Joel and Shannon Schneider and Sidewinder.

To the following radio stations for their broadcasting services: WCCN from Neillsville, WYTE from Whiting; WDLB from Marshfield; WGLX from Wisconsin Rapids; WOSM, WYCO, WHRM from Wausau; and to the news media. Thank you to the print shops for the posters: R & S Screenprinting, Heinzen Printing, S&S Distributors, and Speedy Print.

Also, too numerous to mention, a big thank you to all of the Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids, Vesper and Nekoosa area businesses who donated items for the raffle. The face painting done by Marlene Jochimsen added a special touch for all the kids who were there also.

The loss of Deidre was very sad and sudden and has affected many people. The support we were shown from friends, family and even people we didn't know at this benefit was overwhelming.

This means so much to us, we can't say enough. As we watched so many of Deidre's school friends and cousins dancing and having fun, we could feel Deidre was there too. She was a fun-loving, spirited girl — our little treasure from above.

BRENDA D. WEEK
The Week Family

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1995

POETRY CORNER

Untitled

A killer walks among us
Do you hang your head in
shame?
You stole the life of Deidre-
do you understand our pain?
A mother and father without
their child,
Two boys without their sis-
ter.
Not a moment passes
When they do not miss her.
The empty lonely ache they
feel
No pain could quite compare.
A grief like this — that cuts
so deep
No one should have to bear.
If you ever do confess
The loss would still be there.
But for days and nights
we've wondered
If you even care.
How do you get up in the
morning
And make it thru the day?
Do you ever pause to wonder
When you see a child at play?
You can't escape the hurt
you've caused
Or erase it from your sight.
Will you ever understand
You need to do what's right?
You may not have changed
the outcome
But you didn't even try.
Someday you'll answer to the
Lord
On that we can rely.
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WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFENSE REPORT	
OFFICER RECORDING: Investigator Tom Reichert	COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

Follow-Up Report

On Wednesday July 5, 1995 at 9:30A, Lt. Robert Levendoske and I visited the David Week home. Present at the Week home was Brenda Week and Jerry Bettin. This meeting had been previously scheduled in order to meet with the week family and their representative to somewhat bring them up to speed on the case.

Levendoske and I spoke with Mrs. Week and addressed some of her concerns and questions for approximately one and one half to two hours. During that period of time the questions concerned some things that we did in the investigation as well as some questions concerning what we were going to do next.

I additionally received some information from Brenda Week that would require further follow-up involving Dennis Raab and Faye Elliot. That follow-up is included on separate offense reports.

While at the Week house we were also shown by Brenda a shrine that the Week's had built to their daughter Deidre in their backyard.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was agreed that the lines of communications are best left open and that there be an appropriate flow of information pertinent to the case. All people present at the meeting were agreeable to this.

End of Report.

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Harry Dolens

7/6/95 - 2:50P: I spoke with Harry Dolens. Harry's name had been given to me by Jerry Bettin as someone who had possibly seen Tom Vruwink in JoJo's Tavern on the night Deidre Week had been struck by a vehicle.

Harry told me that he did see Tom Vruwink at JoJo's Tavern at 6P when he left the tavern that evening. He stated to me that he was certain that it was Tom Vruwink and that he had known Tom Vruwink for a number of years.

Dolens also told me that Vruwink was not obviously drunk and that he had been there with a couple of other people.

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Don Steuck

7/6/95 - I received the name of Don Steuck as being a possible contributor to placing Tom Vruwink at JoJo's Tavern near the time of Deidre Weeks' accident.

I had telephone conversation with Don Steuck and he stated to me that he was at JoJo's Bar the night that Deidre was hit. He stated that he left after the 6P test page.

Steuck told me that he had seen Tom Vruwink earlier at JoJo's, however, he stated "I'd be lying if I said one way or another whether or not he was there."

Steuck stated that he did know Vruwink, however, he did not know any of the individuals whom he was with.

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT
Cathie Austin

7/6/95 - 1:15: I met with Cathie Austin at her home in Vesper. The purpose of this meeting was to speak with her about information that she had passed along to Investigator Jerry Bettin in the Deidre Weeks case.

Cathie told me that there was information that she gave to Brenda Week and had later talked to Jerry Bettin about. She stated that both Bettin and Brenda Week are constantly calling her [REDACTED] trying to "nail down" more specific times which she stated that she is unable to give to them.

On the night that Deidre was struck, Cathie told me that Jim Vruwink was at Winch's Store in Vesper at approximately the same time that Deidre Week had gone to the store to buy candy. Cathie told me that Jim had gone into the store and asked where Bill Winch was. When Cathie told him that she did not know, Vruwink left.

Cathie stated that between 5:00 and 5:30, Jim was at the store. She remembered that this was the case because her husband had come in at approximately the same time. During this period of time, Cathie and her husband were looking for a different automobile and Cathie remembers pointing out Jim Vruwink to her husband.

Cathie stated that this was at about 5:00 or 5:30 and she was quite certain that these were the times. This would definitely conflict with what we known is already true about Deidre being in the store sometime after 6:00.

Cathie told me that Deidre had left the store following this and within a five-minute window, Jim Vruwink also left the store. Cathie told me that it could have been as little as one minute after Deidre leaving that Jim Vruwink left and it could be up to 3-1/2 to 4 minutes that he left.

There apparently had been no conversation between Vruwink and Deidre Week that Cathie observed.

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Cathie was also certain that it was Deidre in the store due to the fact that there were certain items that she had purchased and she was able to remember these items. These items were consistent with what we recovered at the scene of the accident.

It is a very big possibility that Cathie has her times wrong in this situation. It was probably closer to 6:30 that Deidre had left Winch Oil rather than 5:30.

What this does illustrate, however, is the fact that Jim Vruwink could conceivably have passed Deidre after leaving the store, gotten to his house, picked up the part that he needed to finish selling the vehicle at Winch's, and been on his way back to Winch's when he observed the accident.

The information that Cathie Austin has given us is certainly subjective in nature and can be somewhat "manipulated" to fit whatever story one wants it to fit.

For additional information, I spoke with Cathie Austin for a period of time about Jerry Bettin talking to her and somewhat harassing her. I told her that she was not under any obligation to talk to him if she did not want to and she could tell him that he would have to make appointments or set up some sort of arrangements with her while she was not working.

Additionally, Cathie Austin also now works at the grocery store in Vesper rather than at Winch Oil.

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NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

On 07-11-95 at 4:00P I spoke with Dennis Raab. Dennis' name had been given to me in regards to the Deidre Week case.

He supposedly had overheard or had talked to Faye Elliot recently at a horse pull. At this horse pull the information that I had received indicated that Elliot had told Raab that Tom Vruwink had asked him to lie about his whereabouts on March 24, when Deidre Week was struck and killed.

Dennis Raab identified himself as a friend of Faye Elliot. He stated to me that he did speak with him recently at a horse pull in the Arpin Vesper area.

Raab told me that Faye Elliot said that Tom Vruwink asked him, meaning Faye Elliot to say that he was with him all night long.

It was Raab's belief that Tom Vruwink wanted some type of an alibi for his whereabouts at the time that Deidre Week was struck.

Elliot also supposedly told Raab that there was a time lapse where he didn't know where Tom Vruwink was the night that Deidre Week had been hit.

Tom also supposedly asked Faye not to tell anyone that he was in the tavern, due to the fact that he had skipped out of work earlier on March 24 in order to hang out with his friends.

This information certainly is somewhat contradictory to the earlier statement that was taken from Faye Elliot. Another statement with Faye Elliot will be necessary in order to at least give him a change to respond to some of these alleged statements that he had made and to further iron out what actually took place at Jo-Jo's Bar prior to Deidre Week being struck.

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NARRATIVE:

Follow-Up Report
Interview with: Faye Elliot

On 07-12-95 at 4:00P I conducted an interview of Faye Elliot. This interview was conducted at the Wood County Sheriff's Department in my office.

The purpose of this interview was to ask Faye whether or not the information recently developed by Dennis Raab is true or not. This information was that Faye Elliot was told to lie and give an alibi by Tom Vruwink.

Faye Elliot emphatically denied to me that Tom Vruwink had made any statements to him about soliciting an alibi. What Elliot had told me was that Tom Vruwink had said to him that the police department would be contacting him to identify Vruwink within Jo-Jo's Tavern. Elliot told me that he would not lie for Tom Vruwink and if Tom Vruwink had been at the bar at times other than what he previously indicated, he would immediately tell the Sheriff's Department in order to help the investigation.

Elliot stated to me that under no circumstances would he lie to protect anyone in this type of a case. He also told me that he doesn't know Jim Vruwink that well and that he hadn't actually met him until recently when he was looking for a van.

In regards to Dennis Raab, Elliot thinks that at the horse pull he was "pushing the issue" of where Tom Vruwink was at Jo-Jo's the night the accident happened. He also said that he believes that Raab thinks that some of the Vruwinks' are guilty of this crime.

Faye Elliot was clear to me that in no uncertain terms, he is not involved in any type of a lying coverup for Tom Vruwink. I tend to believe him. Faye Elliot is the type of person who seems to have a very definite sense of right and wrong and I don't believe that he would lie under these circumstances.

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NARRATIVE:

Follow-Up Report.

On 07-26-95 at 9:15A I spoke with David Week.

David has recently come upon information that Jim and Tom Vruwink were involved in a hit and run accident in 1984. The purpose of this call was to bring this to my attention. I previously had knowledge of this incident.

I talked with Week for some length about this particular accident. Although I did not investigate it nor have any knowledge of the 1984 accident, I told him what our departments concerns were and how I felt this related to the accident involving his daughter.

David also told me that he had spoke with Investigator Jerry Bettin. Week told him that he was certain that he had discovered Deidre's bike on the northend of a woods located directly north of the Burkolz residence on CTH HH. Deidre Weeks bike was discovered on the southend of this particular section of woods.

Week stated to me that he would be willing to be hypnotized if I felt or if the investigation would benefit from some other sources of recollection within his knowledge.

I am not certain at this time whether or not that would benefit the investigation or not. I tend to believe that it probably wouldn't it, due to the fact that David's observations were after the fact of the accident.

This follow-up is for information only.

End of Report.

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that I had learned from other interviews through this case.

In order to clarify who drove where, I asked Roger who had driven the vehicle from the bar. He again indicated to me that Tom Vruwink had driven the silver Cutlass from JoJo's to Jim's. He then took over driving the gray Grand Am from Jim's to the Feltz residence.

Additionally, Roger Yenter took the gray Grand Am home that evening.

Yenter told me that when he and Tom Vruwink returned from the Feltz residence, the squad car was already in the area and the accident had already occurred. He stated that he had left shortly after dropping Tom Vruwink off at his brother Jim's house. He guessed that this would have been 7:15 to 7:30.

Roger Yenter's statement seems to be very consistent with his past statements to me concerning this case. Yenter told me that he would be more than happy to agree to any other type of interview or any type of contact that we would need to have with him concerning this case; however, he stated that he does not know any other information about the case.

Yenter did tell me that he has had conversations with Brenda and David Week. He stated that in these conversations, they have somewhat accused him of being the passenger in the car that hit Deidre. They have stated that they believed Tom was driving and that Roger was at least somewhat "covering up" for this action.

I told Yenter that he was not under any type of obligation to talk to the Weeks and whether or not he did choose to speak with them or their private Investigator was purely up to him.

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Family deserves justice

Editor, News-Herald: I've been hearing rumors about our Wood County sheriff and the lack of investigation he is doing in the Deidre Week murder.

I have been saying for a long time that our justice system favors the criminal and makes criminals out of the victims or the family.

If the sheriff is a friend of any of the suspects, he should ask someone from another city or town to investigate.

I grew up in Vesper and I know a

lot of people there. However, I do not know the Week family.

Isn't it time we as taxpayers take a stand against crimes or coverups of crimes that are committed?

The Week family deserves justice for Deidre so they can have the satisfaction of knowing that the person who did this horrible thing will be brought to justice and not be let off with a slap on the wrist.

BARBARA GROSBIER
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RE: Thomas Vruwink

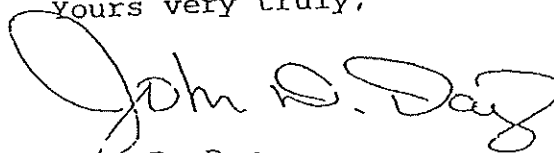
Dear Tom:

I will be representing Mr. Thomas Vruwink in connection with what I understand to be allegations made by certain parties involving his involvement in a vehicular homicide which occurred in southern Wood County and is under investigation by your department.

You are hereby notified that any contacts by you or any member of your department should be made only through this office.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Sheriff Illingworth so that he is aware of my representation and of the fact that Mr. Vruwink has invoked his right to counsel as provided by the 6th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Yours very truly,



John D. Day

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CC: Brian Illingworth
Thomas Vruwink

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COMPLAINT #: 95-1997

NARRATIVE:

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

8/7/95 - I received a letter from Attorney John Day. Tom Vruwink has retained John Day as counsel in the Deidre Week case.

In the letter I received from John Day, he indicated that he did not wish to have Tom Vruwink be contacted by anyone at the Wood County Sheriff's Department and the only contacts that should be made with Tom should be through his office.

I will be including the letter that I received from John Day with this report for documentation purposes.

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August 18, 1995

Frank Meyers, Administrator
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Dear Frank:

I request assistance from the Division of Criminal Investigations. I would like you to provide an Investigator to assist the Wood County Sheriff's Department in our investigation of a hit and run fatality accident. We would like that Investigator to review our case and provide continued assistance in our investigation.

On March 24, 1995 on CTH HH, Town of Hansen, Wood County, there occurred a hit and run fatality accident. The victim Deidre Week was bicycling to her residence and was struck from behind by a vehicle at approximately 6:30P.

The Wood County Sheriff's Department has conducted an extensive investigation into this accident and at this time we have not made an arrest.

During the course of this investigation, the victim's family has raised questions concerning the Wood County Sheriff's Department's ability to investigate this accident. They have also conducted their own investigation and some of their findings are in conflict with ours. Their investigation is also interfering with our ability to continue.

An Investigator from your department would satisfy the family's concerns and bring a "fresh" perspective to the case.

Sincerely,



Brian Illingworth, Sheriff
Wood County Sheriff's Department



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August 18, 1995

Brian Illingworth, Sheriff
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Dear Brian:

By letter of August 18, 1995, you have requested the assistance of the Division of Criminal Investigation into a hit and run fatality which occurred March 24, 1995, in Wood County. As you have explained, even though your investigation has been extensive, you would appreciate a fresh perspective in reviewing your case to date, and also to assist in the investigation. For reasons we have discussed, and as set forth in your letter, I agree that the Division of Criminal Investigation should assist the Wood County Sheriff's Department in this investigation.

The Division of Criminal Investigation will work with the Wood County Sheriff's Department until this matter is brought to a successful conclusion, and/or until all possible leads have been exhausted.

Please be assured of our desire to cooperate in any and all matters of mutual concern and/or interest.

Sincerely,

Frank A. Meyers, Administrator
Division of Criminal Investigation

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