

COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOLLOWUP REPORT  
2001-014705/25

NAME: CUNNINGHAM, DEBRA  
RELATIONSHIP: ADULT-SUBJECT RACE: WHITE SEX: FEMALE DOB:  
AGE: AGE RANGE: 40  
AT REPORT TIME  
ADDRESS: CITY:  
STATE: PHONE NUMBER:  
CURRENT  
ADDRESS: APT/UNIT: CITY: COLUMBIA  
STATE: MISSOURI ZIP: HOME PHONE: 696-2168  
EMPLOYER: WORK PHONE:  
OCCUPATION: C/S CLEANING-HALLSVILLE  
SYNOPSIS:

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SCENE PROCESSING

PROCESSED: BY: PHOTOS: PRINTS:

ADMINISTRATION

OFFICER1: SIMONS, LLOYD #: 001078 UNIT: DATE: 11/02/2001  
OFFICER2: #: UNIT:  
ROUTE :  
VARIANCE : EXCEPTION: DATE:  
SUPERVISOR : MONTICELLI, STEPHEN P #: 001068  
NARRATIVE TYPED BY: ASBURY, ALMA ON: 11/02/2001  
ATTACHMENTS:  
RELATED REPORT NUMBERS:

NARRATIVE

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On 11/01/01 at approximately 11:45 PM I responded to the Tribune publishing company in an attempt to interview Mike BOYD.

I inquired how the time sheets worked there (lead 39). BOYD explained each employee fills out a time sheet that is submitted every 2 weeks. He was unaware of any employees who actually use and time clock. He said all employees fill out the sheets which is turned to the supervisor. BOYD explained there was a time clock and thought the cleaning crew clocked in and out. I inquired about the last time he had seen HEITHOLT.

BOYD said he had taken his children trick or treating and came to the Tribune around 9 PM on 10/31/01. The he arrived he thought HEITHOLT was at the business and recalled talking to HEITHOLT throughout the evening. Kent did not cut out of the ordinary and was very chummy. They spoke about the world series and general work stuff. He recalled telling Kent he was going to leave around 11 AM. As he was leaving he recalled he had to get the numbers to the coaches he had to call. He got the phone numbers and again said good bye to Kent who

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was working. He started to walk out the northern doors when he talked to one of the maintenance employees, Jerry. Jerry asked him to walk out an alternate door as he did not want to remop the area. He told him that was not a problem, and asked him to tell Mike HENRY (another maintenance worker) hello. He exited the door by the back dock area when he observed HENRY. Him and HENRY chatted several minutes. At approximately 2:10 AM he exited the northern door and started walking across the parking lot. As he did, he recalled seeing the black and gray cat on the lot that Kent always fed. He got into his vehicle and proceeded to start adjusting his radio. He was in the car a couple of minutes when he noticed the cat using Kent's back vehicle tire as a clawing post and laughing to himself. He then noticed Kent coming out of the back door of the Tribune. He backed his car up and started to drive south in the Tribune alley. He rolled his window down and talked with Kent. Kent mentioned he should check his tire. He did not know what Kent was talking about, and Kent mentioned a screeching noise as he was driving. BOYD had his radio up and was not paying attention. He mentioned to Kent the cat was using his tire as a scratching post, and they laughed. He also mentioned he would need some help using the laptop to send articles. He turned westbound in the alley, then northbound onto Providence. He did not see anything suspicious.

I asked what time he actually thought he left the Tribune lot and he thought it was 2:10 AM when he first walked onto the lot. He fiddled with his radio for 2 to 3 minutes and spoke to Kent for 3 to 5 minutes. He could have left anywhere from 2:15 to 2:20 AM.

I next spoke with Debra CUNNINGHAM of C&S Cleaning Services, the supervisor for the Tribune cleaning company. Her employees use the time clock to clock in and out. I asked if any employees left between 1 and 2:15 AM on 1/01/01 and she told me she did not, but had 3 employees working in the building (1) Jerry TRUMP (2) Shawna ORNT and (3) Mike HENRY.

CUNNINGHAM explained to her knowledge all 3 worked well after the accident occurred. Officers spoke with her employees already about this and explained that Jerry and Shawna had not come to work this evening as both were traumatized over the incident. CUNNINGHAM said she heard something from one of the Tribune employee, Cindy (a white female who drives a red Toyota pickup). Cindy told her this evening she (Cindy) had a conversation with Kent. Cindy told her Kent bought his car from a couple of kids. Kent jokingly indicated he thought his car was "hot" and it resembled a drug dealers car, and she asked if she could look into this. I asked her when Kent purchased the car and she said the last 6 to 8 weeks.

I was then approached by Mike HENRY. He explained By George's bar had a large party on Halloween and thought it might have something to do with the incident, but was not certain, he just wanted to mention it.

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