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ON OCTOBER 9, 1995 AT APPROXIMATELY 2047 HRS., REUBEN BLAKELY REPORTED A HOUSE FIRE AT THE RESIDENCE OF HIS SISTER, PATRICIA GAIL KIMBLE AND HER HUSBAND THEODORE MEAD KIMBLE. (THE NAME TED, WILL BE USED TO DESCRIBE THEODORE KIMBLE THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THIS SUMMARY.) REUBEN BLAKELY REPORTED THAT BETWEEN 2000 AND 2030 HRS. HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE FROM TED KIMBLE. THEODORE KIMBLE ASKED HIM TO DRIVE OVER TO HIS RESIDENCE AND CHECK ON PATRICIA KIMBLE, TEDS WIFE AND REUBENS SISTER. TED EXPLAINED TO REUBEN THAT HE HAD TRIED TO CONTACT PATRICIA BY TELEPHONE AT THE RESIDENCE AND RECEIVED NO ANSWER. HE FURTHER SAID THAT HE HAD TRIED TO REACH HER BY PAGER AND ALSO BY CALLING THE SOUTH ELM STREET BAPTIST CHURCH AND NOT GETTING AN ANSWER THERE EITHER.

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Ted  
called  
concerned  
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her  
  
(E) Back

REUBEN AND HIS WIFE KRISTINIA DROVE TO TED AND PATRICIAS RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 2104 BRANDON STATION COURT, PLEASANT GARDEN, N.C. ON ARRIVAL THEY FOUND PATRICIAS 1991 SUBARU LEGACY PARKED ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE GRAVEL DRIVEWAY APPROXIMATELY THIRTY FEET FROM THE GARAGE. REUBEN OBSERVED SMOKE COMMING FROM THE HOUSE AND WENT TO THE SIDE DOOR INSIDE THE CARPORT, GARAGE. REUBEN REALIZED SOMETHING WAS WRONG AND PLACED HIS HAND ON THE DOOR AND FOUND IT TO BE VERY HOT. HE SHOUTED TO KRISTINIA THAT THE HOUSE WAS ON FIRE. REUBEN THEN REPORTED THE FIRE TO GUILFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES BY DIALING 911 ON HIS CELLUAR TELEPHONE.

FIREFIGHTER DAVID VICKREY WAS THE FIRST FIREFIGHTER TO ARRIVE AT THE KIMBLE RESIDENCE. DAVID WAS INFORMED BY REUBEN THAT HE WAS THERE CHECKING ON HIS SISTER AND FOUND THE HOUSE ON FIRE. DAVID AND REUBEN WALKED AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE RESIDENCE AND OBSERVED THAT ALL THE WINDOWS AND DOORS WERE CLOSED. THE CRAWL SPACE DOOR WAS OPEN. AT THAT POINT THE FIRST DUE FIRE ENGINE ARRIVED AND DAVID WAS ON THE FIRST FIRE LINE TO ENTER THE RESIDENCE. DAVID ADVISED THAT THE DOOR IN THE GARAGE AREA WAS UNLOCKED AND THE FIREMEN GAINED ENTRY BY TURNING THE DOORKNOB.

(B)

FIREFIGHTERS FOUND A BODY IN A BURNED OUT PORTION OF THE HALLWAY. THE BODY WAS LAYING FACE DOWN IN THE HOLE CREATED BY FIRE BURNING OUT A PORTION OF THE HALLWAY FLOOR. THE BODY WAS BELOW FLOOR-LEVEL AND DEBRIS FROM THE FIRE HAD FELL AND PARTIALLY COVERED THE BODY. FIREFIGHTERS ALSO FOUND THE CARCASS OF A SMALL DOG ON THE FLOOR OF THE MASTER BATHROOM. THE DOOR TO THIS BATHROOM WAS CLOSED.

(D)

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Call made at 8:47

Did Ted call S. Elm St. church, who answered?

Reuben observed smoke coming from house

(A) The lawnmower we owned turned in the middle therefore making it easy to turn over on the hill in our front yard. Patricia had nearly turned it over on herself once before. I had told her to be careful and page me when she got finished to let me know she was OK. She never paged. Patricia had a prayer meeting at Southelm Baptist Church at 7pm that night. I had made it clear as to my concern about her cutting the grass.

(B) If the crawl space door was open the fire would've had plenty of oxygen to burn the house down. The hole in the hallway floor was approx 6' x 8'. The foundation vents were also open.

(C) The door in the garage was unlocked because Patricia would've come into the house using that door. Her keys were on the kitchen table.

(D) When I got to the scene someone said a fireman had fallen into the hole outtop of a body.

(E) The puppy had never been let out. First thing Patricia would've done getting home is let the dog out.



THE REMAINING FIRE AND EMBERS WERE EXTINGUISHED BY FIREFIGHTERS AND THE GUILFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED ALONG WITH THE GUILFORD COUNTY FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE. CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR ED RICH RESPONDED TO THE SCENE AND OTHER INSPECTORS FROM THE FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE ARRIVED AS THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUED. SGT. D.L. DeBERRY AND DETECTIVE J.D. CHURCH ALSO RESPONDED TO THE SCENE ALONG WITH OTHER OFFICERS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

THE FOLLOWING MORNING, TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 1995 CROSS TRANSPORTATION TRANSPORTED THE BODY RECOVERED FROM THE FIRE TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE AT CHAPEL HILL. DETECTIVE H.L. BYRD WAS PRESENT FOR THE AUTOPSY IN CHAPEL HILL. DETECTIVE BYRD ADVISED SGT. DeBERRY AND DETECTIVE CHURCH BY TELEPHONE FROM CHAPEL HILL THAT THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS OFFICE HAD POSTIVELY IDENTIFIED THE BURNED BODY AS BEING PATRICIA GAIL KIMBLE. DETECTIVE BYRD FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD.

TED KIMBLE WAS ADVISED ON OCTOBER 10, 1995 AT APPROXIMATELY 1745 HRS. THAT THE BODY FOUND IN THE FIRE WAS THAT OF HIS WIFE, PATRICIA GAIL KIMBLE.

THIS CASE WAS ASSIGNED TO DETECTIVE CHURCH BY SGT. DeBERRY ON OCTOBER 10, 1995. DETECTIVE CHURCH ALONG WITH CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR RICH CALLED IN SPECIAL AGENT JERRY WEBSTER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND SPECIAL AGENT ED GARRISON WITH THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND FIREARMS. THESE TWO AGENCIES ALONG WITH THE GUILFORD COUNTY FIRE MARSHALS OFFICE DETERMINED THE CAUSE AND ORGIN OF THE FIRE. GUILFORD COUNTY FIRE INSPECTOR ALAN PERDUE WAS ALSO ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH AGENT WEBSTER AND AGENT GARRISON. A COMPLETE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE WAS COMPLETED BY THESE INVESTIGATORS.

AS THE CASE PROGRESSED SPECIAL AGENT HAROLD PENDERGRASS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WAS ASSIGNED TO ASSIST DETECTIVE CHURCH. DETECTIVE CHURCH AND AGENT PENDERGRASS CONTINUED THE INVESTIGATION FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. DURING THIS TIME THEY ALSO HAD ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER AGENTS AND DETECTIVES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE. EARLY IN THE INVESTIGATION DETECTIVE CHURCH CONTACTED SPECIAL AGENT GREGORY MUNROE WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE AT CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE CASE. SPECIAL AGENT SAMUEL WORTH WITH THE NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE

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(A) There isn't anything on the interigation that night 10/9 at Southern Baptist Ch.

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SERVICE WAS ASSIGNED AT A LATER DATE TO ASSIST DETECTIVE CHURCH AND AGENT PENDERGRASS. AGENTS OF THE NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE WERE ASKED TO ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION DUE TO THE FACT THAT RONNIE KIMBLE WAS A UNITED STATES MARINE STATIONED AT MCB CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. AT THE TIME.

DURING THE INVESTIGATION IT CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF DETECTIVE CHURCH THAT INSURANCE CLAIMS WAS INVOLVED. DETECTIVE CHURCH ASKED FOR THE ASSISTANCE FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE. INVESTIGATOR A.R. MAUNEY WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INUSRANCE ASSISTED IN THE MATTERS OF INSURANCE IN THE CASE.

THE FAMILY OF PATRICIA KIMBLE CONTACTED McAULEY INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, INC. AND HIRED HERMAN McAULEY AS A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR NEEDS.

AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF INTERVIEWS WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE THE INVESTIGATION IT WAS VERY CLEAR THAT TED KIMBLE AND HIS BROTHER RONNIE KIMBLE ARE RESPONSABLE FOR PATRICIA KIMBLES DEATH AND COMMITTED THE CRIME OF MURDER.

① You can find notes about him in my file...

of course you will see him on the stand.

Note: He tried to bribe my employee (James O'Leary)

One of the rumors was - Mc Auley was going around telling people I hired Rodney Woodberry

*When was this memo dictated?*