

# MC. CLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

CA 0360500

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MONTCLAIR, CA 91763  
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CASE NUMBER

93-6318

REFER CASE #(S): S.B. CO COLONEL

93-5469 (CM)

PROPERTY LOSS VALUE:

DAMAGED / STOLEN-LOST / RECOVERED

\$ / \$ / \$

CRIME CODE

PAGE

OF

CODE SECTION

CRIME

SUSPICIOUS DEATH REPORT

DATE/TIME OCCURRED - DAY

DATE/TIME REPORTED

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

10-10-93 0900

10-10-93 0911

9393 EXETER

VICTIM NAME - LAST, FIRST, M

DL/STATE

ADDRESS

91763 ZIP

RESIDENCE PHONE

OCCUPATION

RACE-SEX

AGE

DOB

BUSINESS ADDRESS (SCHOOL IF JUVENILE)

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VICTIM VEHICLE:

YEAR

MAKE

MODEL

COLOR/COLOR

BODY STYLE

LICENSE/STATE OR VIN #

## (1) RESIDENCE

- ☐ N/A
- ☐ 1 APARTMENT
- ☐ 2 CARPORT
- ☐ 3 CONDOMINIUM
- ☐ 4 DUPLEX
- ☐ 5 FOURPLEX
- ☐ 6 GARAGE ATTACHED
- ☐ 7 GARAGE DETACHED
- ☒ 8 HOUSE
- ☐ 9 MOBILE HOME
- ☐ 10 MOTEL ROOM (OCCUP)
- ☐ 11 OTHER

## (3) PUBLIC PREMISES

- ☒ N/A
- ☐ 1 CHURCH
- ☐ 2 HOSPITAL
- ☐ 3 PARK/PLAYGROUND
- ☐ 4 PARKING LOT
- ☐ 5 PUBLIC BUILDING
- ☐ 6 SCHOOL
- ☐ 7 SHOPPING MALL
- ☐ 8 STREET/HWY/ALLEY
- ☐ 9 OTHER

- ☐ 12 SLIDING GLASS DOOR
- ☐ 13 UPPER LEVEL
- ☐ 14 WALL
- ☐ 15 WINDOW
- ☐ 16 OTHER

## (7) METHOD OF ENTRY

- ☐ N/A
- ☐ 1 UNKNOWN
- ☐ 2 ATTEMPT ONLY
- ☐ 3 BODILY FORCE
- ☐ 4 BOLT CUT
- ☐ 5 BRICK/ROCK
- ☐ 6 CHAN LOCK/VIC GRP
- ☐ 7 COAT HANGER/WIRE
- ☐ 8 KEY
- ☐ 9 OPEN BUSINESS
- ☐ 10 OPEN DOOR
- ☐ 11 PUNCH
- ☐ 12 REMOVE GLASS
- ☐ 13 SAW/DRILL/BURN
- ☐ 14 SLIP/SHIM
- ☐ 15 UNLOCKED DOOR
- ☐ 16 UNLOCKED WINDOW
- ☐ 17 OTHER

- ☐ 24 ORAL COPULATION
- ☐ 25 PREPARED EXIT
- ☐ 26 PUT PROP SACK/POCK
- ☐ 27 RAPE BY INSTRUMENT
- ☐ 28 RANSACKED
- ☐ 29 RIPPED/CUT CLOTHES
- ☐ 30 SELECTIVE IN LOOT
- ☐ 31 SHUT OFF POWER
- ☐ 32 SMOKED ON PREMISES
- ☐ 33 SODOMY
- ☐ 34 STRUCK VICTIM
- ☐ 35 SUSPECT ARMED
- ☐ 36 THREATEN RETAL
- ☐ 37 TOOK ONLY CONCEAL
- ☐ 38 TOOK VIC VEHICLE
- ☐ 39 TORTURE
- ☐ 40 UNDER INFLUENCE
- ☐ 41 UNOCCUPIED BUILD
- ☐ 42 USED DEMAND NOTE
- ☐ 43 USED LOOKOUT DRVR
- ☐ 44 USED MATCH FOR LITE
- ☐ 45 USED VIC NAME
- ☐ 46 USED VIC TOOLS
- ☐ 47 VANDALIZED
- ☐ 48 VEH NEEDED TO REMOVE PROPERTY
- ☐ 49 OTHER POSS

## (10) EVIDENCE

- ☐ N/A
- ☐ 1 BLOOD
- ☐ 2 BULLET CASING
- ☐ 3 BULLET PROJECTILE
- ☐ 4 CONTROL SUBSTANCE
- ☐ 5 DOCUMENT/NOTE
- ☐ 6 EXEMPLAR
- ☐ 7 FIELD TEST SAMPLE
- ☐ 8 FINGERPRINTS
- ☐ 9 FIREARMS
- ☐ 10 FOOTPRINTS
- ☐ 11 GLASS
- ☐ 12 HAIR
- ☐ 13 IDENTIKIT/COMPOSIT
- ☐ 14 PAINT
- ☐ 15 PHOTOS
- ☐ 16 RAPE KIT
- ☐ 17 SEMEN
- ☐ 18 TIRE PRINT
- ☐ 19 TOOL MARKINGS
- ☐ 20 TOOLS
- ☐ 21 URINE
- ☐ 22 VEHICLE
- ☐ 23 WEAPONS-OTHER
- ☐ 24 OTHER

## (2) BUSINESS

- ☒ N/A
- ☐ 1 AUTO PARTS
- ☐ 2 BANK
- ☐ 3 BAR
- ☐ 4 BICYCLE SALES
- ☐ 5 CHECK CASHING
- ☐ 6 CLEANERS
- ☐ 7 CLOTHING STORE
- ☐ 8 COIN OP MACHINE
- ☐ 9 CONSTRUCTION SITE
- ☐ 10 CONVENIENCE STORE
- ☐ 11 DEPARTMENT STORE
- ☐ 12 DRUG STORE
- ☐ 13 GAS STATION/GARAGE
- ☐ 14 HARDWARE
- ☐ 15 JEWELRY
- ☐ 16 LAUNDROMAT
- ☐ 17 LIQUOR STORE
- ☐ 18 MFG. FIRM
- ☐ 19 MEDICAL
- ☐ 20 MOTEL
- ☐ 21 OFFICE BLDG.
- ☐ 22 RECREATIONAL
- ☐ 23 RESTAURANT/FOODS
- ☐ 24 SECOND HAND DEALER
- ☐ 25 SHOE STORE
- ☐ 26 SPORTING/GUNS
- ☐ 27 STORAGE
- ☐ 28 SUPERMARKET
- ☐ 29 THEATER
- ☐ 30 TV/RADIO
- ☐ 31 VEHICLE SALES
- ☐ 32 OTHER

## (4) VEHICLES

- ☒ N/A
- ☐ 1 MOTORCYCLE
- ☐ 2 MOTORHOME/CAMPER
- ☐ 3 PASSENGER CAR
- ☐ 4 PICKUP
- ☐ 5 TRAILER
- ☐ 6 TRUCK
- ☐ 7 VAN
- ☐ 8 OTHER

## (5) PROPERTY

- ☒ N/A
- ☐ 1 BICYCLE
- ☐ 2 CASH/NOTES
- ☐ 3 CLOTHES/FUR
- ☐ 4 CONSUMABLE GOODS
- ☐ 5 FIREARMS
- ☐ 6 HOUSEHOLD GOODS
- ☐ 7 JEWELRY/METALS
- ☐ 8 LIVESTOCK
- ☐ 9 OFFICE EQUIPMENT
- ☐ 10 TV/RADIO/CAMERA
- ☐ 11 OTHER

## (6) POINT OF ENTRY

- ☒ N/A
- ☐ 1 UNKNOWN
- ☐ 2 ADJ. BUILDING
- ☐ 3 BASEMENT
- ☐ 4 DOOR
- ☐ 5 DUCT VENT
- ☐ 6 FRONT
- ☐ 7 GARAGE
- ☐ 8 GROUND LEVEL
- ☐ 9 REAR
- ☐ 10 ROOF/FLOOR
- ☐ 11 SIDE

## (8) SUSPECT ACTIONS

- ☐ N/A
- ☐ 1 ALARM DISABLED
- ☐ 2 ARSON
- ☐ 3 ATE/DRANK ON PREM
- ☐ 4 BLIND/BOUND/GAG V
- ☐ 5 CAT BURGLAR
- ☐ 6 DEFECATED/URINATED
- ☐ 7 DEMANDED DRUGS
- ☐ 8 DEMANDED MONEY
- ☐ 9 DISABLED PHONE
- ☐ 10 DISROBE VIC FULLY
- ☐ 11 DISROBE VIC PARTLY
- ☐ 12 DRUG ACTIVITY
- ☐ 13 EXPOSED SELF
- ☐ 14 FIRED WEAPON
- ☐ 15 FORCED VIC TO MOVE
- ☐ 16 HAD BEEN DRINKING
- ☐ 17 INDICATE MULTP SUS
- ☐ 18 INFLICTED INJURIES
- ☐ 19 KNEW LOC OF HID \$\$
- ☐ 20 MADE THREATS
- ☐ 21 MASTURBATED
- ☐ 22 MOLESTED VICTIM
- ☐ 23 OCCUPIED BUILDING

## (9) SUSP PRETEND TO BE

- ☒ N/A
- ☐ 1 CONDUCTING SURVEY
- ☐ 2 CUSTOMER/CLIENT
- ☐ 3 DELIVERY PERSON
- ☐ 4 DISABLED MOTORIST
- ☐ 5 DRUNK
- ☐ 6 EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE
- ☐ 7 FRIEND/RELATIVE
- ☐ 8 ILL/INJURED
- ☐ 9 NEEDS PHONE
- ☐ 10 POLICE/LAW
- ☐ 11 RENTER
- ☐ 12 REPAIRMAN
- ☐ 13 SALE ILLIC GOODS
- ☐ 14 SALES PERSON
- ☐ 15 SEEKS ASSISTANCE
- ☐ 16 SEEKS DIRECTION
- ☐ 17 SEEKS SOMEONE
- ☐ 18 SOLICITING FUNDS
- ☐ 19 OTHER

## (11) DOMESTIC ONLY (DV)

- ☒ N/A
- ☐ 1 RESTRAIN ORD VIO
- ☐ 2 OTHER

## (12) ALARM SYSTEM

- ☒ N/A
- ☐ 1 YES, ACTIVATED
- ☐ 2 YES, NOT ACTIVATED
- ☐ 3 NO

## (13) NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- ☒ N/A
- ☐ 1 YES
- ☐ 2 NO

## (14) SOLVABILITY FACTORS

- ☐ N/A
- ☐ 1 ARRESTED
- ☐ 2 CAN ID SUSPECT
- ☐ 3 CAN ID VEHICLE
- ☒ 4 DB FOLLOW-UP
- ☐ 5 INSUFF INFO
- ☐ 6 PATROL FOLLOW-UP
- ☐ 7 VRP

54) REPORTING OFFICER

REVIEWED BY:

DATE AND TIME:

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☐ CHECK IF SUPPLEMENT

MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SUSPECT / ARREST REPORT

CASE NUMBER

93-6318

CODE SECTION		CRIME <b>SUSPICIOUS DEATH PERPET</b>		REFER CASE # (S)																			
LOCATION <b>9393 EYETF2</b>		GANG MEMBER <input type="checkbox"/> KNOWN <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECTED		GANG NAME		SOCIAL SECURITY # <b>UNK.</b>		DATE/TIME OF ORIGINAL REPORT <b>10-10-93 1700</b>		PAGE OF													
SUSPECT (#1) LAST NAME, FIRST, MIDDLE <b>JOHNSON CHUCK EDWARD II</b>		ARRESTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		RACE/SEX <b>WM 24</b>		AGE <b>9-25-69</b>		DOB <b>5'4</b>		HEIGHT <b>165</b>		WEIGHT <b>M</b>		HAIR <b>B/M B/L</b>		EYES							
NICKNAME/AKA <b>—</b>		SUSPECT'S ADDRESS <b>9393 EYETF2 MONTCLAIR</b>		ZIP		DL/STATE <b>A 9222459</b>		BUSINESS PH		RESIDENCE PH <b>988-1976</b>													
DATE/TIME ARRESTED-CHARGES				ARREST NUMBER				DISPOSITION				DATE/TIME OF DISPOSITION											
SUSPECT VEHICLE # <b>1</b>		YEAR		MAKE		MODEL		BODY/TYPE		COLOR/COLOR		LICENSE #/STATE OR VIN #											
ADDITIONAL VEHICLE DESCRIPTORS: (DAMAGE, CUSTOM WHEELS, UNUSUAL PAINT, ETC.)												VEHICLE IMPOUNDED? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES		<input type="checkbox"/> DRIVER <input type="checkbox"/> PASSENGER									
<b>(20) HAIR LENGTH</b>				<b>(24) TEETH</b>				<b>(29) SPEECH/VOICE</b>				<b>(32) DISTINCT FEATURES</b>				<b>(36) KNIFE FEATURES</b>							
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<b>(21) HAIR TYPE</b>				<b>(25) FACIAL HAIR</b>				<b>(30) TATTOOS</b>				<b>(33) LEFT/RIGHT HANDED</b>				<b>(37) WEAPON LOC/CARRY</b>							
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<b>(22) HAIR CONDITION</b>				<b>(26) COMPLEXION</b>				<b>(31) SCARS</b>				<b>(34) CLOTHING</b>				<b>(38) FIREARM FEATURES</b>							
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REPORTING OFFICER # <b>9. Bales #9</b>								REVIEWED BY:								DATE AND TIME <b>12</b>							

File No. 93-6318  
Arresting Agency MONTCLAIR PD  
Date of Arrest 10-11-93  
Time of Arrest 1427

Name		Last	First	Middle	aka or Maiden Name				
JOHNSON		JOHNSON	CHUCK	EDWARD	"CJ"				
Race	Sex	Age	DOB	Ht	Wt	Hair	Eyes	Place of Birth	Scars, Marks, etc.
W	M	24	9-25-69	55	155	BRO	BRO	RICHMOND, IND.	FT. STICKLER "DRAGON"
Reg. per 853 6PC		No. and Street			City		State		Phone No.

Req. per 853 6PC. No. and Street City State Phone No.

Address 9393 EXETER MONTCLAIR CA 91763 NONE

Time at address 1 1/2 mos. Time in State 4 1/2 yrs Marital Status M. No. of Dependents 2 Ages 11 mos / 4 wks.

Employer's Name/Address THIRTY DRUG, 4TH/MTN ONTARIO Phone 984-3309 Job STOCK CLK How Long 4.5m

No. of Prior: Arrests 2 Misdemeanor Convictions 2 Felony Convictions 0 Exconvict?

Currently on: Parole 0 Probation 0 Bail 0 OR Release 0 Citation Release

Name and address of PO N.A. Phone

Place of Arrest 9393 EXETER Location of Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_  
License No. \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_  
Citizen's Arrest: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST CHARGE		SECOND CHARGE	THIRD CHARGE
Code/Sect. No.	PC 535 / 187	PC 542	
Def.	INVESTIGATION of Murder	MWV04648	
Warrant No.		WVDC	
Court	WVMC	#2500	

Holds: (Out of County Warrants, etc.)

Injury or illness? NONE Medication required? NONE  
Checked/Treated at Hospital? ☐ Yes ☒ No Hospital where treated: NONE

**Details, Additional Charges,  
Special Instructions**

**NOT RELEASED PER 853.6(J) BECAUSE:**  
**(Answer all sections)**

Yes      No

\_\_\_\_\_ The person arrested was so intoxicated that he could have been a danger to himself or to others.

\_\_\_\_\_ 'The person arrested required medical examination or medical care, or was otherwise unable to care for his own safety. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The person was arrested for one or more of the offenses listed in Section 40302 of the Vehicle Code.

There were one or more outstanding arrest warrants for the person.

\_\_\_\_\_ The person could not provide satisfactory evidence of personal identification.

\_\_\_\_\_ The prosecution of the offense or offenses for which the person was arrested, or the prosecution of any other offense or offenses, would be jeopardized by immediate release of the person arrested.

There was a reasonable likelihood that the offense or offenses would continue or resume, or that the safety of persons or property would be imminently endangered by release of the person arrested.

— The person arrested demanded to be taken before a magistrate or refused to sign the notice to appear.

Any other reason. If the person arrested was not released for one or more of the reasons specified in one or more of the above paragraphs, the ARRESTING OFFICER shall specifically state below the reason for the nonrelease.

Arresting Officer M. J. [illegible]  
Agency MONTCLAIR P.D.  
Transporting [illegible]

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# CRIME SUMMARY INFORMATION PROBABLE CAUSE DECLARATION

BOOKING NO. AND LOCATION

9310341602

ARRESTEE (Last, First, Middle)

JOHNSON II, Chuck EDWARD

DOB

9/25/69

ADDRESS (Residence)

9393 EXETER AVE

BOOKING CHARGES

830, 187 PC.

SUPPL. HOLDS

DATE/TIME OF ARREST

10/11/93 1427

48-HR. EXP. DATE/TIME

ARRESTING AGENCY

MONTCLAIR P.D.

ARRESTING OFFICER(S)

W. DOWLEY

## FACTS ESTABLISHING ELEMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT:

JOHNSON WAS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOMICIDE OF A 3 1/2 Y/O FEMALE. THE VICTIM WAS FOUND BUILT UNDER CLOTHING IN THE ARRESTEE'S BEDROOM. JOHNSON ORIGINALLY DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF THE BODY BEING IN HIS ROOM, BUT LATER CHANGED HIS STORY. JOHNSON ADMITTED TRYING TO HIDE THE BODY FROM THE POLICE. THE AUTOPSY SHOWED DEATH BY SUFFICATION. JOHNSON WAS ARRESTED ON INVEST. OF HOMICIDE.

THE CHILD WAS REPORTED MISSING BY PARENTS WHO LEFT ROOM TO SUSP. (ARRESTEE). DURING THE TIME THE CHILD WAS MISSING, THE SUSPECT WAS TRYING TO CONCEAL THE BODY AND WOULD NOT OPEN HIS BEDROOM DOOR FOR APPROX 15 MIN. THE PARENTS HEARD THE SUSP. "RUSTLING" AROUND IN THE ROOM IN AN APPARENT PANIC.

☐ SEE ATTACHED REPORTS, INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

EXECUTED ON 10/11/93 AT SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, BY Re. J. S. D. / J

Date

Signature

ON THE BASIS OF ☒ THE OFFICER'S DECLARATION ☐ REPORTS REVIEWED, I HEREBY DETERMINE THAT THERE ☐ IS ☐ IS NOT PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE ARRESTEE HAS COMMITTED A CRIME.

Date

Time

Signature of Judicial Officer

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## MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CRIME REPORT

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CODE- 187 PC                      CRIME- HOMICIDE                      CLASS- 010110  
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OFCR- BALES, 09              REVD BY- V.LEONE SGT.#5                      DATE- 10/10/93  
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VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, Brittany Lynn                      PHONE- 988-1976  
ADDR- 9393 Exeter                      CITY- Montclair, Ca.

EVIDENCE:

Refer to Officer Bryan Kelly and Officer Mike Donley' supplementary reports.

POSSIBLE SUSPECT:

JOHNSON, II, Chuck Edward  
628 N. San Antonio  
Ontario, Ca. 91762  
PHONE: 984-1626

ADDITIONAL PARTIES INVOLVED:

1. LOPEZ, Steven Joseph                      DOB/11-13-68, CDL/C5259185  
9393 Exeter  
Montclair, CA.  
PHONE: 988-1976
2. MORROW, Carl      Deputy Coroner Investigator  
175 South Lena Road  
San Bernardino, CA. 92415  
PHONE: 387-2978

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS AT THE SCENE:

The following Officers were in the residence at 9393 Exeter;  
Officer Brian Kelly  
Officer Eric Cholly  
Sgt. Leone

INVESTIGATION:

I responded to 9393 Exeter in reference to a missing juvenile at that location. While enroute, I received greater information, that Montclair Police Officer Bryan Kelly had all ready arrived at the scene, and was attempting to search the residence for the missing juvenile, described as being victim Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs.

As I entered the residence, I first was met by the mother of victim Rethorn-Riggs, that being Jennifer Rethorn. She was extremely hysterical and crying at this time, and was obviously distraught. Her husband Darin Riggs was in the backyard of the residence upon my arrival, and I could hear him calling out loudly in the name of his

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daughter. I was informed by both Jennifer Rethorn and Darin Riggs, that one of their roommates, Steven Lopez, was all ready canvassing through the neighborhood with a photograph of the victim, in an attempt to locate her. A second roommate, identified as Chuck Edward JOHNSON, II, was still inside of the kitchen area of the residence in a noticeably excited and emotional state.

Reporting party Jennifer Rethorn stated that her daughter was last observed inside of the residence which was locked from the inside. She stated that she, along with her husband, had gotten up at approximately 0900 hours this date, finding that they could not locate their daughter inside of the residence. While Officer Bryan Kelly was still conducting an interior search of the residence, we were joined by Montclair Police Sergeant Vince Leone. I was seated at the kitchen table at this time, speaking with Jennifer Rethorn, in an attempt to fill in a Montclair Police Department missing juvenile report.

As I was speaking with Jennifer Rethorn, we were joined by both Chuck JOHNSON and the father Darin Riggs in the kitchen of the residence. I then suddenly observed both Sergeant Leone and Officer Kelly sprint out of the residence carrying victim Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs. (Refer to Officer Kelly's supplemental report.) I was then informed that they were transporting her to Doctor's Hospital in Montclair for possible suffocation.

It was at this time, both Jennifer Rethorn and her husband Darin Riggs immediately responded to Doctor's Hospital to await the outcome of the transportation of their daughter victim Brittany.

I then continued my interview with Chuck JOHNSON, along with the additional roommate, Steven Lopez, who had just arrived at the residence.

Chuck JOHNSON said that he had gotten up at approximately 0730 hours this date, (101093) finding victim Brittany Lynn, had all ready gotten up from her bed. JOHNSON had then gone outside of the residence to wipe the condensation off of his older model VW Bug, which he stated he had just washed the day before. He stated that he was joined at this time by victim Brittany Lynn, who had wandered outside looking for him. JOHNSON stated that he then had picked up the newspaper from the front grass area, and laid it on the front porch. He then re-entered the residence along with Brittany Lynn, who asked him to get her some orange juice from the refrigerator. JOHNSON then had gotten her the orange juice and had turned on the television to channel 13, in order that she might be able to watch Tom Slick Cartoons. JOHNSON stated that he had then gone back in to his room, which is located in the south east corner of the four bedroom house. He told me that he had only lain down on his bed for approximately twenty minutes, thinking that Brittany Lynn was still in the front room watching television. He then heard the



telephone ring, which also rings in his room. He and Darin Riggs, (father of Brittany Lynn ), had simultaneously picked up the telephone, however, who the caller was had hung up by this time. Darin Riggs then had asked Chuck JOHNSON if Brittany was in his room, as she was nowhere inside of the house. JOHNSON told Riggs at this time that she was not, however he stated that he would assist them in their search for her. He then had dressed in to, what he called, some of his dirty old clothes, and had gone out into the livingroom area, where he was met by a hysterical Jennifer Rethorn. She quickly had handed him a photograph of her daughter with JOHNSON going out directly in to the street and stopping two passing vehicles in order to ask them if they had seen the missing three year old girl. He told me that these subjects stated they had not, and that he had then re-entered the house, and it was at this time the police had arrived at the residence.

Chuck JOHNSON said it was approximately ten to fifteen minutes after they had noticed Brittany missing, they had decided to call 911 in to report her missing.

I noticed that while speaking with JOHNSON, he was acting extremely nervous and agitated. He told me that he felt completely responsible for the missing three year old, as he was the last one to see her seated in the livingroom area after just getting her a glass of orange juice.

JOHNSON stated that the evening prior to this incident at approximately 0230 hours, the same date, a subject that he could only describe as George (aka Geo) had come to the residence on Exeter. He stated that George was a friend of his that he had met at the Palamino Bar, located on Mountain Avenue in Ontario. He stated that George was extremely intoxicated, and that he had entered his room, and they both had played cards until approximately 0330 hours this date (101093). He stated that George had then asked him for a ride to the area of Mission and Ramona. He stated that his residence was somewhere in that area. JOHNSON stated that he had given George a ride, letting him off across the street just north of the AM/PM Mini Market at that location. JOHNSON stated it was the last time he had viewed the subject, and had then driven back to his residence on Exeter.

JOHNSON could only describe George as a white male, 25 to 30 years of age, approximately 6' tall. He stated that George is a regular patron of the Palamino Club, and that he has a nickname of Geo, because he sometimes drives a dark colored Geo Prizim car. JOHNSON would provide no additional information in reference to George.

JOHNSON again would only re-state, that the last time he had observed Brittany Lynn, was in front of the television set setting in the front room area of the residence. He told me that he did not know anything was wrong until Darin Riggs had asked him over the telephone about the whereabouts of Brittany.

I then spoke with Steven Lopez who is an additional roommate at this residence. He told me that he had suddenly heard both Jennifer and Darin, the parents of Brittany, screaming out her name, and he had immediately gotten dressed in order to assist them. He told me that he had merely jumped in to his pickup truck with a photograph of Brittany and began canvassing the area in an attempt to locate the missing juvenile. He said that after stopping at numerous residences in the immediate area, he decided to drive back to the house on Exeter, where he had learned that the police had all ready left the location with the missing juvenile.

Steven Lopez stated that he was home the night previous to this incident at approximately 2300 hours. He stated that he had stayed up until approximately midnight speaking to both Jennifer and Darin who he considers friends. He stated that he had then gone to bed at approximately 0100 hours this date, and did not know anything was wrong until he heard both of these subjects calling out the name of their daughter. Lopez could provide no additional information.

While I was speaking with Lopez, I was interrupted by JOHNSON, who told me that he felt extremely responsible for anything that might possibly have happened to Brittany Lynn. He then stated that he had further information to give me in reference to his activities just prior to the arrival of the police. JOHNSON stated that he knew his roommates Jennifer Rethorn and Darin Riggs were having personal problems between each other. He stated that once he had heard Brittany was up and making noises in the front room area, he had decided to allow both Jennifer and Darin to sleep, and he was going to take responsibility for Brittany. He stated that he asked her to be quiet, and after they had re-entered the residence after cleaning the windshield on his VW Bug. He stated that she then had began to quiet down and had then given her the glass of juice. He told me that at approximately 0700 to 0715 hours this date, he had heard Brittany enter the room of both her parents, and that Darin Riggs had shouted out to Brittany, that she should knock before entering their room. JOHNSON could provide no additional information at this time.

Several minutes after Sgt. Leone arrived at Doctor's Hospital, it was reported to me that the victim was deceased. The death was suspicious in nature. It was for that reason I asked Chuck JOHNSON for his permission for the police to reenter his room. He stated, "You guys can go in and take anything you want, go in anytime".

At the end of my interviews with JOHNSON and Lopez they left the house and went to friend's or relative's residences in the area.

I received radio information from Sergeant Leone, that Brittany Lynn had been pronounced deceased after arriving at Doctor's Hospital. I received additional radio information that Officer Kelly was all ready



at the location along with Reserve Officer Richard Williams. It was at this time, Officer Kelly had responded back to my location in order to further investigate the closet, inside of the room belonging to JOHNSON. It was in this closet where victim Brittany Lynn was found. (Refer to Officer Kelly's supplemental report.)

I then responded to Doctor's Hospital where again I spoke with Jennifer Rethorn and Darin Riggs. Jennifer stated that the last time she had observed her daughter, was when she had entered their room at approximately 0700 hours this date. She stated that her husband Darin Riggs had told Brittany not to enter their room without knocking. Brittany had then left the room, and she along with her husband had gone back to sleep.

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Rethorn stated that she along with her husband had gotten up at approximately 0900 hours, and that they were unable to locate Brittany inside of the residence. They quickly checked the doors, finding that all of them were locked from the inside. They began frantically searching the residence for their missing daughter. Her husband Darin had answered a phone call where he was able to speak with JOHNSON inside of JOHNSON's room. She overheard her husband ask JOHNSON if he knew where Brittany was at this time, with JOHNSON apparently stating that he did not. She then had quickly gotten photographs of her missing daughter and given them to both of the roommates, Lopez and JOHNSON. They immediately went out into the streets, where they apparently were trying to locate the missing girl.

It was at this time the police had arrived, and I was attempting to obtain the missing juvenile report, when her daughter was found in the closet inside of the room belonging to JOHNSON.

I then spoke with Darin Riggs. Darin stated that he was sound asleep at approximately 0700 hours, when he was awakened by his daughter. Darin shouted at his daughter that she was not to enter their room without knocking, and she then left, and had gone back in to, what he believed was the livingroom. Riggs stated he heard the television come on, and it was his belief that JOHNSON was possibly entertaining their daughter while they attempted to sleep. He along with his wife Jennifer, had then gotten up at approximately 0900 hours, finding their daughter was missing from inside of the residence. He then had answered a phone call, however who ever the caller was had hung up. He asked knew JOHNSON was awake, he asked JOHNSON if Brittany was in his room with him? JOHNSON stated, she was not.

While I was speaking with both Jennifer and Darin at Doctor's Hospital, Montclair Reserve Officer Rick Williams stayed in the room with the deceased juvenile. San Bernardino Deputy Coroner Carl Morrow then had arrived at the location to begin his investigation. (Refer to San Bernardino County Sheriff's case #93-5469(cm).)

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I was then informed by Montclair police personnel that Officer Michael Donley was enroute to the location. Deputy Coroner Morrow then had stopped his preliminary investigation in to the incident to await the arrival of Officer Donley. (Refer to his supplemental report.)

I was in the room when a sheet was pulled back from the victim, until this time, I had not observed her whatsoever. Reserve Officer Rick Williams had been with the victim the entire time, from the time of arrival at the hospital with Officer Kelly until the arrival of the coroner and myself.

Officer Donley then had arrived at Montclair Police Department, and I left Reserve Officer Rick Williams with the deceased, and the coroner at Doctor's Hospital.

I had received a telephone call from Chuck JOHNSON from his mother-in-law's residence at 628 North San Antonio in Ontario, phone number 984-1626. I did not speak with JOHNSON at this time, however according to dispatcher Okada, he sounded noticeably distraught wanting to speak with me. I, along with Officer Mike Donley, responded to the residence on North San Antonio at the request of JOHNSON. (Refer to Donley's supplemental report.) Officer Donley had then taken over the investigation from me at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Follow up by Detective Bureau.

DISPOSITION:

Pending.

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MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

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CODE- 187 P.C.	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS- <del>400300</del>
OFCD- KELLY #141	REVD BY-V.LEONE SGT.#5	DATE- 101093
VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY LYNN	PHONE- 988-1976	
ADDR- 9393 EXETER	CITY- MONTCLAIR	

**EVIDENCE:**

141A. One black colored tie.  
141B. One jar of Vaseline petroleum jelly.  
141C. Two black plastic bags.  
The above items were booked into MPD evidence by myself.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

I was dispatched to 9393 Exeter to assist Officer Bales in the investigation of a missing child. Officer Bales was talking to the family, gathering information, while I was checking the inside and outside of the residence.

I was checking the bedrooms of the residence and I went to the northeast bedroom and saw that the door was closed. I saw JOHNSON in his bedroom, the southeast bedroom, standing near the closet. I asked him whose bedroom it was, and he told me it belonged to one of the other roommates who was out looking for the missing child.

I went inside the northeast bedroom and was unable to locate the child.

I went into JOHNSON's bedroom, and looked inside the closet located along the west wall. I saw a pile of clothes and a tool box inside the closet. I looked underneath the tool box and I saw what appeared to be a leg. After removing the tool box, I saw the second leg.

I then started removing the clothes and saw Riggs' body. A black plastic bag was over her face, and was contoured to her facial outline as if she had inhaled, pulling the bag closer to her face.

I checked Riggs for a pulse and found none. She was still warm to the touch. I pulled the bag away from her face and pulled her out of the closet.

I carried her outside and placed her in the back seat of Sgt. Leone's patrol vehicle, who then drove us to Doctors Hospital in Montclair.

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Doctors Hospital Emergency Room personnel attempted life support on Riggs, but were unable to revive her. She was pronounced dead at Doctors Hospital, Montclair. The attending physician gave me the above listed black tie. The tie was hanging loosely around Riggs' neck. It was unknown if the tie was involved in her death.

I took several photographs of Riggs. At 10:30 hours I was relieved by Reserve Officer Rick Williams.

I went back to 9393 Exeter where I secured the residence as a crime scene. At approximately 1400 hours, Officer Bales and Detective Donley returned to the scene. I showed both of them where I had found Riggs, and the bag that was across her face.

I explained to Detective Donley that when I went into the southeast bedroom, that the right side of the closet was open, both of the doors were pushed to the left side. When I looked inside the closet, I could not see Riggs. I looked underneath the tool box, which was setting on top of a plastic container, and saw Riggs' right leg. There were several articles of clothing on top of her body and face area. After removing the tool box and clothing, I could see that Riggs was lying on her back with her head facing south and her feet north. Both of her arms were raised approximately shoulder high, with palms facing up.

Detective Donley asked that I take the plastic bag which I had pulled away from her face, along with a jar of Vaseline, to book into evidence at MPD, which I did. I had also taken several photographs of the room and closet.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to original report.

**DISPOSITION:**

Case pending.

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MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

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CODE- 187 P.C.	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS- <del>400300</del>
OFCD- DONLEY #50	REVD BY- V.LEONE SGT.#5	DATE- 10-10-93
VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY LYNN	PHONE- 988-1976	
ADDR- 9393 EXETER	CITY- MONTCLAIR	

**SUSPECT::**

JOHNSON II, CHUCK EDWARD      DOB/9-25-69  
9393 Exeter  
Montclair, Ca. 91763.

**EVIDENCE:**

- 50A. One child's shorts, pink and white in color.
- 50B. One child's shirt, multi colored.
- 50C. Three cassette tapes of interview with suspect JOHNSON.
- 50D. One photograph of victim Rethorn-Riggs.

**PHOTOGRAPHS:**

I took several photographs of the victim while at Doctors Hospital in Montclair. These photographs were placed into the evidence locker at Montclair Police Department.

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 10-10-93, at approximately 1100 hours, I was contacted at home in reference to a possible homicide which had occurred at 9393 Exeter in the City of Montclair. I responded to the Montclair Police Department where I met with Officer Joe Bales who was the officer who was handling the possible homicide. Bales told me that a 3-year old child by the name of Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs had been found dead at the above listed location at approximately 9:30 in the morning. Bales went on to tell me that the child had been reported missing by her parents, but prior to the police department officers arriving, had been located in the southeast bedroom of the residence which had been rented to suspect Chuck Edward JOHNSON, II. Bales said that he had spoken with JOHNSON after the child was found, but that he had received a phone call at approximately 11:15 hours requesting him to call JOHNSON at his wife's house which was located in Ontario. This request had been made by JOHNSON himself who would be standing by for Bales to call.

Bales and I drove to 628 N. San Antonio in Ontario. This is the location where JOHNSON was waiting for the phone call. After arriving at the location, we were invited in the house by JOHNSON who was

standing in the front room. He told us that he would like to discuss further what had happened and was concerned about what was going to happen to him and the people involved.

I asked JOHNSON if he would mind accompanying Bales and I back to the Montclair Police Department so that we could sit down and talk in a more quiet and orderly area. JOHNSON told me that he would go back to the police department with us and had no reservations about doing this. He was driven to Montclair Police Department at approximately 12:20 hours where he sat until we were able to talk to him. JOHNSON was not handcuffed during the transportation from Ontario to Montclair Police Department.

Prior to talking to JOHNSON, Bales and I went to Doctors Hospital and met with Deputy Coroner Investigator Carl Morrow. Morrow showed me the body of victim Brittany Rethorn-Riggs. He told me that the body had a couple of oddities, but was unremarkable otherwise. He showed me a small abrasion which appeared on the flap of skin which holds the upper lip to the gums. This had a small amount of reddening and appeared to be slightly bloody. It was unknown if this was caused by the medical team or if it was an injury prior to the death. Morrow showed me a slight amount of blood in the right ear, but this was later discounted as being an injury that was caused by the victim prior to her death and prior to the date of death. Morrow said that it did not appear that there had been any sexual abuse as seen on the exterior of the body, but he was not in a position to make a medical determination. Morrow gave me the coroner's case number, 93-5469CM.

Bales and I then drove to the Exeter address in order to conduct a search of the house. We were given permission to search the residence by the parents of the victim, and were given permission to search the room of suspect JOHNSON by JOHNSON himself.

When I went into the house, I noticed that the condition was of general disarray. I went to the southeast bedroom which had been indicated by Officer Kelly as the room belonging to JOHNSON. This was also the room where Rethorn-Riggs had been found dead upon the arrival of the police department. Kelly walked me through the room and showed me the position that the victim had been found in and the items that had been placed on top of her. A thorough search of the bedroom was conducted but there was no substantial evidence that would lend any information on this death. The bag which Kelly had taken off of the child's face, along with a neck tie, and a bottle of petroleum jelly were seized as evidence by Kelly, and listed under his report.

For further information pertaining to the evidence and information pertaining to the finding of the victim, please refer to Officer Kelly's report.

We then returned back to Montclair Police Department and at approximately 1424 hours, an interview was conducted with suspect JOHNSON. Prior to any questioning, I reconfirmed with JOHNSON the fact he was under no obligation to speak with us, was not under arrest, and was free to leave at any time. JOHNSON told me he understood this, and was willing to speak with us because he had nothing to hide.

JOHNSON said that he has lived at the Exeter address for approximately seven weeks. He said during this time he has not had any problems with Brittany, other than she was a normal kid with normal kid's problems. His biggest complaint was the fact that Brittany would come into his bedroom after knocking and not pausing, and would disturb him. For this reason he put a door lock on his bedroom door in an attempt to keep her from entering. He said that he was able to get very little sleep Saturday night and Sunday morning and was awakened at approximately 0730 hours by the sound of Brittany's father telling her to not come into their room without knocking. JOHNSON got up from bed and walked out of his room and went into the kitchen to get some water. As he did so, he was followed by Brittany who wanted a glass of juice. JOHNSON got Brittany the juice and told her to be quiet because he did not want her to wake up her parents again.

Brittany started to get loud so he took her out in the front yard with him while he worked on his car. He went out there for a few minutes and wiped the exterior clean while Brittany watched him. He then turned the car around in the driveway and sent Brittany back in the house. He turned on cartoons in the living room and told Brittany to stay there and be quiet and not wake up her parents. At approximately 0800 hours, JOHNSON went back out into the front yard where he smoked a cigarette and picked up the newspaper. He stood on the porch for a few minutes and smoked the cigarette and then returned back to the residence. He walked past the livingroom and into his bedroom where he laid down on his bed and fell asleep. Prior to laying down, JOHNSON had closed and locked the door to his bedroom. He slept for a short time, when the telephone in his bedroom rang. He picked it up and it was Darin, Brittany's father, on the other end. Darin asked JOHNSON if he had seen Brittany or if she was in his bedroom. JOHNSON said that she was not, and decided that it was time for him to get up and help look for her.

As JOHNSON exited his bedroom, he found that Jenny and Darin were very distraught and in a panic. He went out the front door and up and down the street looking for Brittany, but could not find her. JOHNSON then



returned back to the residence where he dialed 911 in order to contact the police. Before speaking, the phone was snatched out of his JOHNSON's hands by the child's mother and she was the one who actually spoke to the police dispatcher. JOHNSON went back to his bedroom and waited there until the Montclair police arrived.

While speaking with Officer Kelly at the residence, he indicated to me that he had noticed that JOHNSON had been hanging around the closet in his bedroom during the search of the residence. The call had originally came in as a missing person, and Kelly was searching the interior of the house for the child.

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I asked JOHNSON why he had been standing around the closet while the interior check was being done and he told me that he did not know. I then told him that Officer Kelly had seen him directing his attentions towards the closet, and he then told me that he, in fact, had seen the child laying there in a lifeless condition. JOHNSON then became very emotionally upset and said that he wanted to tell me the truth. He then said that he had noticed the body approximately five minutes prior to the police arriving at the residence. The body was in his closet and appeared to be lifeless and blue. He said it did not appear to be normal, and he knew that something was wrong. Rather than admit that the body was in his bedroom, he decided to cover it up in an attempt to conceal it from the police. He was aware that the body was in there during the time the interior search was being done by Kelly, and wanted to make sure that it was concealed.

I asked JOHNSON if he had attempted to give CPR or do any medical aid for the child when he had noticed it. He told me that he had not because he did not want to draw attention to it, and the fact that it was in his bedroom. I asked him if he had been involved in her death at all and he told me that he would never hurt a child and was not involved.

During the original statement given to Bales and me, JOHNSON had said that he had gone back to his bedroom and locked the door. He then changed his story and said that he had not locked the door while sleeping. I asked him if he was absolutely positive that Brittany was on the couch when he had returned back to the residence prior to laying down. He said that he was not positive, but believed that she was in fact on the couch in the living room watching cartoon when he had gone back to sleep.

I then asked him why Darin had called him on the telephone if his door was open, and he did not have an answer.

During the entire interview, JOHNSON denied any knowledge of how Brittany had actually died. He then acknowledge the fact that he had tried to hide the body prior to the police arrival, in order to eliminate him from any suspicions. He originally told us that he had discovered the body approximately five minutes prior to the police arrival, but changed that to approximately five minutes after their arrival. He was very inconsistent on his statements, but maintained his innocence as far as the crime.

We asked him what he was going to do with the body after we left, and he said that he did not know. According to JOHNSON, he was afraid to bring the dead body to Jenny and Darin's attention because of their emotional condition over the child being missing. I asked him if he had held the plastic bag over the child or had suffocated her, and he said no. I looked at his hands and did not see any unusual factors.

During the interview, JOHNSON appeared to be very nervous, and seemed untruthful. He could not explain how Brittany's body got into his closet, nor how she had died. He did not believe that anybody else had been in the bedroom between the time he returned back to the residence and fell asleep, and was awakened by the telephone. He has offered to take a polygraph test to assure his innocence if that is necessary.

The above listed evidence was placed into the evidence lockers at Montclair Police Department by me. During the interview of JOHNSON, I showed him a picture of the dead body of Brittany and that was also placed into evidence. The interview was concluded at approximately 1607 hours. He was advised that although the interview was done, the investigation was not. He was told not to contact the victim's family, nor return to the residence on Exeter without the police being present.

I plan to conduct a follow up interview with JOHNSON after the autopsy is performed. It appears that the autopsy will be performed on October 12, 1993.

*It was Oct 11.*

I contacted the residents on either side of the victim's house, and was only able to make contact with the neighbor on the south. I contacted Wanda Riley, who had been home during the time when this death had occurred. The only thing she could tell me was that she had seen suspect JOHNSON and Brittany in the front yard working on his Volkswagen. She did not know the times, nor did she notice anything unusual about what they were doing.

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Refer to Officer Bales and Kelly's original report for further information.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to this officer for follow up.

**DISPOSITION:**

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MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

CODE- 187 PC	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS- 010110
OFCR- BALES #09	REVD BY- CASEY 10-12-93	DATE- 10-11-93
VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY LYNN	PHONE- 909-988-1976	
ADDR- 9393 EXETER	CITY- MONTCLAIR	

EVIDENCE:

- 09A. Bedsheet
- 09B. Juice container, containing an orange colored liquid (sealed in refrigerator)
- 09C. One (1) yellow plastic cup (UCR Alumni)
- 09D. One (10 white plastic cup (KLOS).

ARRESTEE: JOHNSON, Chuck Edward DOB 9-25-69

INVESTIGATION:

On 10-11-93 I met with Darin Riggs and Jennifer Rethorn, at their residence, 9393 Exeter. They wanted to reenter their residence in order to pick up several items of personal property at this time. I entered the residence along with these two (2) subjects, to make sure they did not reenter the room, which is rented by Chuck JOHNSON.

Darin Riggs and Jennifer Rethorn then picked up the few personal items that they wanted from the residence. They then had left the residence, when I was notified by Montclair PD dispatch that Chuck JOHNSON requested to speak with me. Through Montclair PD dispatch, I had them ask him if he would respond back to the Exeter address, in order that I might speak with him about the incident. At approximately 1400 hours, Chuck JOHNSON arrived back at the residence, at 9393 Exeter. It was at this time that I was joined by Montclair Police Detective Mike Donley at the scene.

I asked Chuck JOHNSON for his permission to reenter his room while we continued our investigation into the incident. Chuck JOHNSON stated to me, "Officer, you have my full permission to enter my room." It was at this time, I along with Montclair PD Detective Mike Donley, entered the southeast bedroom, rented by Chuck JOHNSON. The bedsheet on JOHNSON's bed was taken as possible evidence. A juice container, containing an orange colored liquid was removed from the refrigerator by myself. This was the juice container that was pointed out to me by Chuck JOHNSON as the one that he had given a glass of juice to Brittany Rethorn-Riggs, just prior to his going back to bed earlier that morning. He also had pointed out to me, a yellow plastic cup,

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which he stated that he had use himself to drink some of the juice. He additionally had pointed out to me a white plastic cup, which he stated he had poured juice in and had given this juice to victim, Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs.

The juice container, containing the orange colored liquid was retained by myself. It was packaged and sealed in the evidence refrigerator located at the Montclair Police Department. The bedsheet, the yellow plastic cup and the white plastic cup, refer to evidence sheet, were additionally detained by myself and placed into evidence.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to Detective Donley's continued supplemental report.

**DISPOSITION:**

Case pending.

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SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

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CODE- 187 PC                      CRIME- HOMICIDE                      CLASS- 010110  
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OFCR- DONLEY #50                      REVD BY- CASEY 10-12-93                      DATE- 10-11-93  
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VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY                      PHONE- 909-988-1976  
ADDR- 9393 EXETER                      CITY- MONTCLAIR

**ARRESTEE:** JOHNSON, Chuck Edward DOB 9-25-69 CDL #A9222459  
AR #93-2842

**EVIDENCE:**

- 50e. One (1) Sex Offense Kit #013008, taken on 10-11-93 from victim  
Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs.  
50f. One (1) cassette tape, of the attempted interview with suspect  
JOHNSON, after his arrest on 10-11-93.

The above listed evidence was placed into the evidence locker at the  
Montclair Police Department. The Sex Offense Kit will be forwarded to  
the San Bernardino County Crime Lab for analysis.

**WITNESS:**

- #1. Lopez, Steve Joseph  
4734 Hale Ave.  
La Verne, Ca.  
Home - (909) 596-6464  
Work - (909) 984-3309

**PHOTOGRAPHS:**

Several photographs were taken during the autopsy at the San Bernardino  
County Morgue. These photographs were placed into the evidence lockers  
at the Montclair Police Department.

**INVESTIGATION:**

On October 11, 1993, at approximately 1130 hours, I went to the San  
Bernardino County Morgue, to watch the autopsy of victim Brittany Lynn  
Rethorn-Riggs. The autopsy started at approximately 12 noon and was  
performed by Dr. Sheridan, who is a county employed pathologist. The  
autopsy lasted approximately one and one half hours and I was advised by  
Dr. Sheridan that he was certain that the death was caused by homicide.  
He indicated that there was bruising beneath the skin on the side and  
back of Rethorn-Riggs, which indicated that she had struggled during a  
suffocation. He also showed that there was bruising between the upper



lip and the gums which indicated force was applied over her mouth and nose during the last moments of life. Sheridan indicated to me that this case was most certainly not an accidental death and had occurred at the hands of another. For further information pertaining to the autopsy, refer to Dr. Sheridan's report.

At the conclusion of the autopsy, it was my opinion that Brittany Rethorn-Riggs was a victim of a homicide. I returned back to the Montclair Police Department and was advised that suspect JOHNSON was meeting Officer Bales at 9393 Exeter so that Bales could collect additional evidence from the residence. I drove to that location and JOHNSON was standing in the front yard, along with Officer Bales. I reconfirmed with JOHNSON that it was all right for us to go into his room and look for evidence and he said, "Yeah, sure, anything you want". Officer Bales and I then went to the back bedroom where we obtained the linens from the bed. Officer Bales also obtained the orange juice, which had been fed to Brittany prior to her death. (Please refer to Officer Bales report for information on the evidence items seized)

After collecting the items from JOHNSON's room, I went to the living room area of the residence, where he was seated. I then placed JOHNSON under arrest for 836/187 PC, Investigation of Homicide. He was handcuffed and placed into Officer Bales car and then transported to the Montclair Police Department. The time of arrest was approximately 1427 hours.

At approximately 1455 hours, JOHNSON was unhandcuffed and taken into the Detective Bureau interview room. Sgt. Casey accompanied me into the interview room, along with JOHNSON, where he was seated. JOHNSON was read his Miranda Rights and requested an attorney. No further attempt to question him was done.

At approximately 1645 hours, JOHNSON was transported to the West Valley Detention Center by Officer Lux and booked for PC 187 and an outstanding 242 PC warrant.

I then drove to the Thrifty Store at 4th and Mountain, in the city of Ontario, to talk with Steven Joseph Lopez, who was the second roommate who lived at 9393 Exeter. This person has been previously interviewed by other Montclair Police officers, but I wanted to clarify what had happened the morning of the death. Lopez told me that he had arrived home to the Exeter address at approximately 0100 hours on Sunday morning. At that time, JOHNSON, Jenny Rethorn, and Darin Riggs were talking in the kitchen. Lopez was upset because he had received some bad news about a death in his family and did not feel like standing



around and talking. At approximately 0115 hours, Steve Lopez went to the northeast bedroom, where he fell asleep. Prior to doing so, Lopez had noticed that Brittany was in bed sleeping and Darin and Jenny were just going to bed in their bedroom. As far as Lopez knew, JOHNSON was also going to bed, but he was not certain of this.

At approximately 0900 hours on Sunday morning, Lopez woke up and dressed. He walked out of his room and found that the living room television was on, but he did not see Brittany. He went through the slider door, at the northeast side of the family room and went outside to smoke a cigarette. At approximately 0915 hours, Brittany's father, Darin Riggs, came into the family room and asked Lopez, through the window, if he had seen Brittany. Lopez told him that he had thought she was watching TV in the living room, but was not certain of that. The telephone then rang and Darin picked it up. Apparently JOHNSON also picked the telephone up in his bedroom and Darin asked JOHNSON, "Is Brittany in your room". Lopez believes that JOHNSON replied, "No" and they began to look for her. Riggs looked out in the garage, while Lopez went through the front closet, looking for Brittany. Lopez looked around the furniture in his bedroom and throughout the house, but was unable to find Brittany. He then checked the bathroom and it's cabinets for her, but was unable to find her. Darin Riggs went into the backyard and was looking for Brittany there. Rethorn came out of her bedroom and Lopez asked her to check under her bed and in the closets, because Brittany was missing. Rethorn went back into her bedroom and looked around, but was unable to find Brittany. During this entire time, the bedroom door for JOHNSON was closed, although he was aware that Brittany was missing. Lopez drove through the streets around the residence for approximately 45 minutes looking for Brittany, but could not find her. Prior to leaving the residence to look for Brittany, Lopez heard Rethorn ask JOHNSON, through the closed door, "What was she wearing" in a panic fashion. Rethorn then told JOHNSON that Brittany was missing and she was told by him that he had just seen her a few minutes earlier in the living room.

Lopez described the parents of Brittany to be in a panic, while looking for the child. It was obvious to him that they were upset and concerned about not being able to locate their daughter. Lopez felt that JOHNSON was fully aware during the entire time he remained behind his closed door, that Brittany was missing, but did not appear to make any effort to assist. When Lopez returned back to the residence, from looking for her in the neighbor, he was told by the Montclair Police Department officers that Brittany had been found in the closet of JOHNSON's bedroom. He was later told that Brittany had died and he thought back about the fact that she was in the closet. He found this was unusual because Brittany was extremely afraid of the dark. He never knew her to play Hide and Go Seek and she definitely would not hide under a bunch of clothes.

I asked Lopez if he had ever seen the tool box inside JOHNSON's bedroom. He said that he had seen the red tool box and that it normally sat in the center of the bedroom. He had never seen it in the closet, as described by suspect JOHNSON. Lopez then told me he was somewhat suspicious about the way JOHNSON had handled the news that Brittany was missing. He said that after he finally came out of his bedroom, he sat down on the floor, next to the cabinets, between his room and Lopez' room, at the end of the hallway and became "hysterical". Lopez felt that this was unusual because JOHNSON was not displaying emotions that you would expect somebody to show them, if somebody was missing. He felt that he was showing more emotion than if Brittany were just missing. Lopez said that at the time of the crime, the only four (4) people in the residence were, Jenny Rethorn, Darin Riggs, Chuck JOHNSON and himself. He does not believe that he, nor the parents of Brittany had anything to do with her death. He also indicated that after looking back at the situation, the pieces began to fit, in the fact that JOHNSON did not open his door, and seemed to be overly emotional about Brittany being missing. Lopez also said that Brittany has never played Hide and Go Seek and did not believe she went into the closet by herself.

Lopez was able to confirm JOHNSON's original story, that his door was closed during the time he was in there. He did not know whether the door was locked and he was unaware of any ruckus inside of the room, either before or after Brittany was discovered missing. Lopez has never seen JOHNSON take any medications or illegal drugs and did not believe he had any around the residence. He also indicated that the child's parents did not take drugs and did not believe that there was any drugs within reach of Brittany. He described the relationship between JOHNSON and Brittany as being cordial, but he had never seen JOHNSON strike her or show any great amount of affection towards her. He did indicate that Brittany had been acting a little bit irritable during the last month or so, but he attributed this to her being a child of three (3) and a half (1/2) years.

Lopez told me that at approximately 1430 hours, on 10-11-93, JOHNSON had come into the Thrifty Drug Store, where he was employed, along with Lopez and had been telling the employees he had been questioned for six (6) hours at the Montclair Police Department on Sunday. JOHNSON had told Lopez and other employees that Brittany was found with his "Tool Box on top of her". During my interview with JOHNSON, he had indicated that his tool box was on top of her foot, but there were no injuries to indicate this during the autopsy.

At the conclusion of my interview with Lopez, it was obvious to me that JOHNSON had lied about the fact that his door had been open while he

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slept inside. As noted in my previous report, JOHNSON had originally said that his door was closed, but he changed his story and then said it was open when I had asked him how Brittany had got into the closed door.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to this officer for follow up.

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending.

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## MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

## SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT

CODE- PC 187	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS- 010110
FCR- Donley, 50	REVD BY- R. Morales #57	DATE- 10/12/93
VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, Brittany Lynn	PHONE- 988-1976	
ADDR- 9393 Exeter	CITY- Montclair, CA.	

**ARRESTEE:**

JOHNSON, Chuck Edward      DOB/9-25-69

**EVIDENCE:**

50g. One cassette taped interview of Rethorn conducted on 10/12/93.  
50h. One Cassette taped interview of Riggs conducted on 10/12/93.  
The above listed evidence was placed in to an evidence locker at  
the Montclair Police Department by me.

**ADDITIONAL WITNESSES:**

3. SEPE, Tammy      DOB/1-25-71  
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Phone: 909-350-8071
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Upland, Ca. 91786  
Phone: 985-2915

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 10/12/93 at approximately 1057 hours, Det. Demoet and I conducted an interview of Jennifer Rethorn who is the mother of the deceased. Rethorn had been originally interview by Officer Bales, and briefly by me ont the day of the homicide, but there were a few areas that I needed to talk to her about. I had her relay her statement to me, and lay out the events just prior to and after the death.

Rethorn told me that Brittany went to bed in her (Brittany's) bedroom at approximately 1900 hours on Saturday evening. Brittany was acting like a typical adolescent and went in and out of her room several times before actually lying down and falling asleep. Prior to doing so, Brittany had undressed herself in the hallway of the residence and was changing in to her nightclothes. This seemed to make suspect JOHNSON very uncomfortable and "figgity" and he requested that Brittany put on some pants.

They sat and talked for awhile about general topics, however, JOHNSON did bring up his violent past. He told Rethorn that he had "beat up Angie before". This was in reference to his wife Angie Johnson. He also said that he had fought with Angie's father and grandfather, both of whom are large people.

It was on Saturday night, when Rethorn first saw Brittany hug JOHNSON before going to bed. She said that although Brittany is a very affectionate child and takes a liking people easily, she had never shown any affection such as this towards JOHNSON in the past. JOHNSON had occasionally yelled at Brittany for misbehaving, but was told not to do so by Brittany's parents. JOHNSON had also commented that Brittany was a strong little girl. This was in response to JOHNSON holding Brittany's legs so her mother could look in to her ears for infection.

Rethorn went on to say that her friend Heather was at the residence until approximately 0130 hours on Sunday morning. At that time she left, and the other roommate, Steve Lopez, came home. Lopez was very upset over a loss of a family member, and they all sat around and talked about it for awhile. At approximately 0200 hours, Darin and Jennie went to bed after checking on Brittany. Jennie closed Brittany's bedroom door, after checking on her and they went to sleep. Both Darin and Jenny fell asleep right away, due to being extremely tired, and did not wake up again until the morning.

At an unknown time, but believed to be approximately 0700 to 0730 in the morning, Jennie and Darin were awoken by Brittany who had opened their bedroom door. According to Rethorn, Brittany "startled us", and was told to go watch TV by her father. I asked Rethorn if Darin had told Brittany on Sunday morning to "don't open the door before knocking". She told me that he had not said that, but had directed her out to the livingroom to go watch television. Brittany had been very selfsufficient, and was able to dress herself and turn on the VCR and television. Rethorn said that Brittany is like clock work, and usually goes back and forth between their bedroom and the livingroom in an attempt to get attention. She also said that Brittany wakes up almost every day between 07:00 and 07:30 and demands to be fed. Since Brittany did not return back to the bedroom after the initial contact, Rethorn thought that Brittany had fallen asleep as she sometimes does in front of the television. Both Darin and Jennie fell back asleep themselves, and were awoken at approximately 0857 hours, when they heard "wrestling around". Rethorn described this as "rummaging", but didn't know the direction it was coming from. She also described it as a "bang", like someone moving something around. Jennie thought it was Brittany playing in the bathroom, and asked Darin to get out of bed to check on her. Darin was unable to locate Brittany, and Jennie got out of bed to help look for her. Jennie could tell that Darin was out in the backyard

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talking to JOHNSON through JOHNSON'S bedroom window. She heard JOHNSON say that he had seen Brittany approximately twenty minutes ago. Jennie went to the closed door of JOHNSON'S room and asked him through the door to describe what Brittany was wearing when he last saw her. JOHNSON told Jennie that he was busy, and was getting dressed. He also told her that he needed to do something before coming out.

Jennie said that she, Darin and Steve began to check the residence thoroughly and look in cabinets to try and find Brittany. The door to JOHNSON'S room remained closed for a time period of five to ten minutes without JOHNSON opening it and coming out. Jennie thought that this was very unusual that he did not open the door and immediately help look for Brittany. She told JOHNSON that she was going to call the police, and this appeared to agitate him. JOHNSON picked up the telephone and dialed 911. Rethorn grabbed the telephone from JOHNSON so she could speak to the police department. JOHNSON also said "I just saw her twenty minutes ago". Jennie felt that JOHNSON was acting strange and wandering around the house and would not help look for Brittany. He also refused to take a picture of Brittany to show the neighbors so they could identify her.

JOHNSON then went to the hallway and began to grieve almost hysterically down at the end near his bedroom. Jennie thought that this was also strange, because he appeared to be over reacting and was way to emotional for a child that was just missing.

Jennie Rethorn told us that JOHNSON kept telling her to "calm down". Jennie knew that JOHNSON did not like the police and he appeared to become more nervous when the police arrived at the location. She also told me that she believed that JOHNSON did go outside and contact a neighbor, who he told Brittany had blonde hair. This is not true, and the fact is that Brittany has dark hair, almost black. She thought that this was strange, that he would give a false description to a neighbor.

Rethorn went on to say that she has observed JOHNSON with his ten month old child, and has noticed that he yells at the child much too much for a ten month old. She has heard JOHNSON strike his child, but has never actually seen it. I asked her how she knew that he had struck the child, and she told me that she could hear the striking sounds and the child's cries. Rethorn also said "The minute I found out she was in his closet, I knew he killed her". She indicated that she felt JOHNSON started doing something and went too far. She told me that she was certain Steve Lopez, the other roommate, did not remain in the house during the time Brittany was missing.

I asked Jennie if it was a normal occurrence for JOHNSON to keep his bedroom door closed while sleeping. She told me that he does not sleep with his door open, and it is closed while he is inside of his room.

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She did not know if the door was unlocked or not because she did not try to turn the doorknob. Rethorn was asked why she did not look in JOHNSON's room, and she told us that she did not believe her daughter would be in there, because JOHNSON was in there and certainly would have said something if she were. There were no other people in the residence at the time of the homicide to Rethorn's knowledge.

At approximately 1248 hours, myself and Detective DeMoet interviewed Darin Riggs, the father of Brittany. He told us that he and JOHNSON talked until approximately 0130 hours on the patio at the residence. They talked about general things, including the rent going up in the near future. At approximately 0130 hours, Lopez came home and appeared to be depressed about a loss in his family. JOHNSON told Darin that he had to take some baby supplies over to his children's house in Ontario. At approximately 0200 hours he left the residence to do so. At the same time, Jennie and Darin went to bed after checking on Brittany. Steve Lopez also went to bed in his bedroom, and at approximately 0230 hours, Darin and Jennie fell asleep.

They slept continuously until some unknown time in the morning, when Darin was awoken by Brittany opening the door to his bedroom. He did not know exactly what time this was, but said that the sun was up and it apparently was morning. He felt Brittany's hair on his face, as she was kissing and hugging him, and he told her to go watch TV in the livingroom. I asked Darin if he had said anything to Brittany about knocking first before entering the room, and he told me that he had not. Darin also indicated that Brittany is a creature of habit, and wakes up between 0630 and 0730 every morning.

Riggs went on to say that he and his wife slept again until approximately 0857 hours, when he woke up and heard the sound of something "wrestling around". He thought it was from the bathroom where his daughter has been known to play with her mother's cosmetics. Riggs knew that the time was 0857 hours because he had looked at the clock and told his wife it was time to get up, so they would not be late for an appointment they had later in the morning. At that time, Jennie also looked at the clock, and they were both fully aware of the time. I asked Riggs to explain to me in greater detail the sound that woke him up, and he said that it sounded like something moving around in a closet or a cabinet. He got out of bed and went in to the bathroom to see if Brittany was inside there playing. When he was unable to locate Brittany in the bathroom, he went into the den where he saw Lopez standing out on the back patio smoking a cigarette. He then asked Lopez if he had seen Brittany, and Lopez said that he had not. Darin went in to Brittany's room and carefully looked to see if she was possibly hiding under the bed or behind her furniture. He indicated to Jennie that he couldn't find Brittany, and Jennie got up out of bed and



assisted in the search. At this point in time, Steve, Darin and Jennie were all looking through the house trying to find Brittany. Darin went in to the backyard and began to look in some heavy brush he had cut down earlier on Saturday. While doing so he saw JOHNSON look out of his window and appeared to be "startled". JOHNSON then told Riggs "I saw her about twenty minutes ago." Riggs then went back into the house and he saw Lopez get his keys and leave in his car to look in the neighborhood. JOHNSON's door was still closed at the end of the hallway, and Lopez had left prior to the door being opened. Darin then heard Jennie ask JOHNSON through the door, "What was she wearing". After approximately ten minutes, JOHNSON then came out of the bedroom. He appeared to be "hyper", have a "twitch in his face", and appeared that his "head was not on straight". Darin went outside of the residence to look for Brittany, but something told him inside, that Brittany was still inside the residence. He said even though he had checked the residence thoroughly, he still believed that she was in there somewhere. He noticed that JOHNSON was sitting at the end of the hallway, next to his closed bedroom door, and appeared to be crying, and was almost hysterical. Riggs said that when he had checked outside, he contacted a neighbor who said that they had been told that their daughter was blonde, not brunette. This seemed strange to Riggs, and he believes that this possibly was information given to them by JOHNSON.

I asked Riggs if JOHNSON's door is normally opened or closed during the time he sleeps. He told me that the door is closed normally, and it was closed at the time he was asked by Jennie about the clothing Brittany was wearing. I asked him if he had talked to JOHNSON on the telephone in the morning and asked if Brittany was in his room, and he said that he had not remeber doing so. He said that he did receive a telephone call from Raina, but did not remeber talking to JOHNSON on the phone at that time.

Riggs would describe the relationship between Brittany and JOHNSON as being "friendly", but they did not appear to have a close relationship. Riggs said that Lopez had a very close relationship with Brittany, and she appeared to like him. It should be noted that both parents of Brittany, told me that Brittany did not know how to play hide and seek, she was afraid of the dark, and would never go in to somebody's closet. Jennie told me that she had never seen Brittany in JOHNSON's room while JOHNSON was living there.

Riggs indicated that JOHNSON would occasionally talk about how he had been involved with fights with his father-in-law, and his violent tendencies. It is Riggs opinion that JOHNSON committed the homicide of his daughter Brittany.

On 10/12/93 I received a telephone call from a female, who identified herself as Tammi Sepe. Sepe told me that she had read the article about the death in the newspaper, and believed that she knew suspect JOHNSON. She said that she had been the girlfriend of JOHNSON in 1991 for approximately two months. She identified him as having the nickname of "CJ", and the description that matched her boyfriend. She said that during their short relationship, JOHNSON had pulled a knife on her two times and had told her, "I could kill any one". She described him as an "angry person", when she threatened to leave him because of his habits. She said that he takes "speed", and has seen him do so. She said that he always acted high and grouchy. On one occasion JOHNSON had "Grabbed me by my throat", but that was not reported to the police.

On 10/12/93 I received a telephone call from a person who identified himself as Bill Bryant. Bryant told me that he was the cousin of JOHNSON's wife Angie. Bryant knew of several incidents where JOHNSON had been violent with family members. He said that JOHNSON had "beat Angie repeatedly, and bit, kicked and hit her when she was pregnant". Bryant also related an incident where Angie's 78 year old grandfather was struck by JOHNSON. It was Bryant's belief that JOHNSON was a violent person and well capable of committing a serious crime such as a homicide.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to the District Attorney's office for complaint. Refer to this officer for follow up investigation.

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending.

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MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

CODE- 187 PC	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS- 010110
OFCR- DONLEY #50	REVD BY- CASEY 10-14-93	DATE- 10-13-93
VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY	PHONE-	
ADDR- 9393 EXETER	CITY- MONTCLAIR	

EVIDENCE:

- 50I. One (1) Craftsman tool box, red in color, containing several tools and other items.
- 50J. One (1) set of photographs taken at the autopsy and crime scene.

ADDITIONAL WITNESSES:

- #2. Riley, Wanda  
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909-983-9581
- #3. Cross, James DOB 7-23-69  
790 N. F St.  
San Bernardino, Ca. 92404  
909-439-8017
- #4. Cross, Kari DOB 3-24-72  
790 N. F St.  
San Bernardino, Ca. 92404  
909-439-8017

INVESTIGATION:

On 10-12-93 at approximately 1800 hours, I made contact with Wanda Riley, who lives at 9403 Exeter Avenue in Montclair. This is the residence which is directly south of the location where Brittany Riggs death had occurred. Riley was the one who had earlier told me that she had seen JOHNSON in the front yard with a small child. I asked her to clarify what she had seen. She told me that she had seen JOHNSON but had only seen the top of a head of a small child in the car with him. The child was in the passenger seat, and Riley thought this was unusual because she did not believe JOHNSON had any children. She could not identify the person that was in the passenger seat, nor could she give me the color of hair that that person had. She did tell me that the person appeared to be sitting upright and did not appear to be slumped over onto the window or the back of the seat. She could not give me any further information pertaining to JOHNSON and or the person with him.

At approximately 1100 hours on 10-13-93, I received a telephone call from Angela Johnson, who is the wife of arrestee JOHNSON. She told me that she wanted to come to the Exeter address and had me meet her there so that she could get JOHNSON's property from his rented room at that location. I agreed to do this and then telephoned Darin Riggs, once again obtaining permission to go into the residence. At approximately 1145 hours, I met Johnson at 9393 Exeter and she was standing outside. I asked her if she was given permission to go inside and retrieve the belongings of JOHNSON, her husband, and she said that she had. She told me that she talked to him at approximately 2100 hours on 10-12-93 and he had indicated to her that he wanted her to go into the residence and collect his items.

Angela Johnson then went back to the southeast bedroom, where JOHNSON had been living and began to collect the items. As she was walking down the hallway, into the front room area, she was carrying the Craftsman tool box. I told her that I would like to have the tool box as evidence and asked her if she would mind if I took it. She told me, "No, go ahead since I was the one who bought it". She then handed the tool box over to me.

At approximately 1340 hours, I received a telephone call from a person identifying himself as James Cross. He told me that he and his wife have known Chuck and Angela JOHNSON for approximately one and a half to two years. He said that he had some important information to relate to me in reference to JOHNSON's violent tendencies and asked if he could speak with me in person. I asked him if he could come into the Montclair Police Department and he agreed to do so.

At approximately 1400 hours, I spoke with Kari and James Cross in the interview room at the Montclair Police Department. James Cross told me about an incident that occurred approximately four (4) to five (5) months ago. He said that while JOHNSON and his wife were visiting his residence, he and Chuck JOHNSON went outside. JOHNSON asked Cross some advise about how to handle his temper and JOHNSON told Cross, "Sometime I'm going to loose control". JOHNSON told Cross that he could not handle children crying and loses his temper when they do so. He said that he has had fights with family members and just had problems maintaining his composer. Approximately four (4) to six (6) months ago, the JOHNSON's came over to the Cross's residence, along with their kids. James Cross said it was obvious that one of JOHNSON's children did not want to take the baby bottle and was fussy. In order to get the baby to stop crying, Chuck JOHNSON forced the bottle onto the baby in order to get it to stop crying. James Cross said that he has severed ties with JOHNSON because "I knew there was something wrong with him".

I also spoke with Kari Cross, at the same time I talked to her husband. She told me that she noticed that Chuck JOHNSON was cruel and mean to his wife and "full of anger". She told me that he had a violent personality and she had seen several times when Angela Johnson had been beat up by Chuck JOHNSON. She did not actually see him hit her, however she found out from Angela that she had been struck by her husband. At the time when Angela was pregnant, Kari Cross saw that Angela had a black eye and bruised lip. Kari Cross told me that she also knew that Chuck JOHNSON was a violent person by the way he looked at his wife and the things that he said to her. It was both Kari and James Cross opinion that Chuck JOHNSON was fully capable of committing a homicide on a small child. They said that they had one time had offered to let Chuck JOHNSON stay at their residence and are relieved at this time because they have small children and don't want to think about what could have happened to them had JOHNSON stayed with them. Kari Cross said that on one night last week, she believed it was Saturday night, she received a telephone call from Chuck JOHNSON, who she had not spoken to in several months. She asked JOHNSON where he had got her phone number and he indicated that he had got it from his wife, Angie. JOHNSON told Cross that he wanted to take his family out of the state and move to Colorado because he "had to get out of the house". Cross did not know what he meant by this, nor did she understand why he had called her. On the next day, Cross talked to Angie Johnson and asked her if she had given Chuck her phone number and Angie told her that she had not. Cross does not quite understand why Chuck JOHNSON had called her about this information.

On 10-12-93, while talking with the neighbors to the Exeter address, I asked several of them if Chuck JOHNSON had told them that the missing girl had blonde hair. None of them remembered this happening and it is believed that the blonde hair information was passed from one neighbor to the other in error. I was unable to substantiate any of this information.

I was telephoned on 10-13-93 by Darin Riggs. He told me that he will be staying, along with his wife at his mother's house, at 3530 Damien #21, La Verne, 91750, telephone #909-596-0865. They will be living there temporarily until they find a permanent residence.

The above listed evidence was placed into the evidence lockers at the Montclair Police Department by me. The tool box was weighed and it was approximately 38 pounds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attach to original report.

DISPOSITION:

Case pending.

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DATE 10/13/53

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9393 EXETER MONTCLAIR / MRP

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OWNER <input type="checkbox"/>	BRITTANY RETHORN- RIGGS	9393 EXETER MOUNTAIN	
FINDER <input type="checkbox"/>			
SUSPECT'S NAME	CRIME	BOOKING NO.	

SUSPECT'S NAME	CHUCK EDWARD THOMPSON II	187 PC
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SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT

CODE- 187 PC	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS- 010110
OFCR- BALES #09	REVD BY- CASEY, #23	DATE- 10-13-93
VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY	PHONE- 909-988-1976	
ADDR- 9393 EXETER	CITY- MONTCLAIR	

EVIDENCE:

None.

ARRESTEE:

JOHNSON, Chuck Edward DOB 9-25-69

INVESTIGATION:

Upon my immediate arrival at the location, Darin Riggs was in the backyard area. He was calling out his daughter's name in a very loud and excited manner.

Officer Kelly was already inside of the residence at this time.

Jennifer Rethorn was running from room to room, visibly upset. She was crying hysterically and calling out her daughter's name.

She began telling me the house was completely locked and her daughter must be somewhere inside. She also stated her daughter was last observed by a roommate, Chuck JOHNSON.

When I was attempting to calm Jennifer Rethorn down, she was in the kitchen area. Suspect JOHNSON stepped additionally into the kitchen area. I did not notice from what area of the house he had come from. Suspect JOHNSON was acting very nervous and his hands were visibly shaking. He stated that he was upset because he was the last one to observe Brittany Rethorn-Riggs. He also stated he felt responsible for her being missing and would "feel terrible" if anything happened to her.

A few minutes elapsed, when the additional roommate, Steven Lopez, arrived back at the residence. He stated he had been driving around the area, in an attempt to locate Brittany.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attach to original report.

DISPOSITION:

Pending.

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SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT

CODE- 187 PC	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS- 010110
OFCR- KELLY #141	REVD BY- WHITE #37	DATE- 10-14-93
VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY	PHONE-	
ADDR- 9393 EXETER	CITY- MONTCLAIR,	

EVIDENCE:

None.

ARRESTEE:

JOHNSON, Chuck Edward DOB 9-25-69

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

On 10-10-93 at 0911 hours, myself and Officer Bales were dispatched to 9393 Exeter, reference a missing juvenile. I had arrived approximately two (2) to three (3) minutes before Officer Bales.

I was met by the victim's mother, Jennifer Rethorn. She was very hysterical and obviously upset about her daughter missing. She gave me a photograph of her daughter, Rethorn-Riggs, Brittany. Rethorn gave me a physical and clothing description of Brittany. She had told me that she had awakened at approximately 9 o'clock in the morning and was unable to find her daughter. The front door had been locked. The door leading to the garage area was unlocked, along with the sliding door.

She told me that one of her roommates, Lopez, was conducting an area check for Brittany. I was also told by Rethorn that JOHNSON was the last one that had seen Brittany watching cartoons in the living room.

Due to the sliding door being opened and unlocked, I looked in the backyard area before talking to JOHNSON or any other people in the house about Brittany. I thought that maybe she had wandered into the backyard and possibly through the fence. While looking in the backyard, I saw that the latch on the gate was still secured and approximately five (5) feet high, too tall for Brittany to reach. I continued looking in the backyard and saw several piles of freshly cut tree branches. I had looked underneath the tree branches to see if she was possibly hiding in one of the piles. After searching the backyard, and not being able to find her, I returned to the inside of the residence, where Officer Bales had already arrived and was speaking to Rethorn and Riggs.

I then searched to garage and living room and dining room areas. Officer Bales was still with the victim's parents, Rethorn and Riggs, speaking to them at the kitchen table.

While looking in the victim's bedroom, and the parents bedroom, I had passed JOHNSON in the hallway, once or twice. He appeared to be upset and nervous. He had told me that he was the last one that was with her and had left her in the living room to watch cartoons. I had not asked him any questions regarding her missing, but focusing more of my attention in the search for her.

I went down the end of the hallway and saw a bedroom door that was closed on the northeast side of the residence. I later found out that this was Lopez' bedroom. I had looked into the southeast bedroom and saw JOHNSON standing by the closet and bending down. I figured that he was also assisting in the search and looking in his closet for Brittany. I had asked him who the northeast bedroom belonged to and he told me that it was Lopez', who was outside searching for Brittany. He told me to go ahead and look inside.

Before going into the bedroom, I noticed that JOHNSON was still moving around by the closet and was within inches of where the closet doors were at. I could not see if he was moving any objects around, but he was moving, bending down and then standing back up. I had completed my search inside Lopez' bedroom, when dispatch had advised that the child had possibly been located. Thinking that the child was within close proximity, at a neighbors house, I went outside awaiting for the address, where the child has possibly been found. I was again advised by dispatch that it was an unrelated call and that the child had not been located. I reentered the residence.

I saw that JOHNSON was now in the kitchen area, along with Officer Bales and the parents. He still appeared to be nervous. I knew that I had not searched the southeast bedroom and went back there to continue my search. I did not ask JOHNSON for permission, due to the fact that Brittany was only three (3) years old and considered a critical missing juvenile. His bedroom door was open and I walked inside. I saw that due to the bed frame being low to the ground, the child would not be able to fit underneath the mattresses. I focused my attention on the closet and saw the pile of clothes and the tool box. Referred to my original supplemental report regarding the finding of Brittany.

After Brittany had been pronounced dead and Officer Donley called to investigate, I told Officer Donley of JOHNSON's actions by the closet.

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I had told him how I thought it was strange that he was standing in such close proximity to the closet and also his very nervous behavior. I had seen JOHNSON standing and bending over by the closet, but due to the offset of the doors, while I was entering the northeast bedroom, I was unable to see if he was moving any objects or clothing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to original report.

DISPOSITION:

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# SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

CODE SECTION

187 PC

CRIME

MURDER

CLASSIFICATION

VICTIM'S NAME — LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE (FIRM IF BUSINESS)

RIGGS, BRITANY

ADDRESS

9393 EXETER MONTCLAIR 91763

☒ RESIDENCE

☐ BUSINESS

PHONE

## EVIDENCE:

48A) 1 CASSETTE TAPE OF CONVERSATION WITH  
JOHNSON.

## SUSPECT:

JOHNSON, CHUCK

## INVESTIGATION:

I WAS ASSIGNED TO TRANSPORT JOHNSON FROM  
M.P.D. TO THE WEST VALLEY DETENTION CENTER FOR  
BOOKING. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSCRIPTION OF  
THE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH JOHNSON WHILE WE  
WERE THE POLICE UNIT. (REFER TO ATTACHMENTS.)  
I LATER BOOKED THE TAPE INTO EVIDENCE  
AT THE MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPT.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

REFER TO D.A. REFER TO ORIGINAL REPORT.

## DISPOSITION:

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SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER

S. Jux #48

DATE

10-13-93

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CODE- 187 PC	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS-
OFCR- S. LUX #48	REVD BY-	DATE- 10-13-93
VICT- RIGGS, BRITTANY	PHONE-	
ADDR- 9393 EXETER	CITY- MONTCLAIR	

The below is a transcription of a tape recording with Officer Lux and suspect Chuck JOHNSON, while enroute to the West Valley Detention Center.

LUX: Montclair 33, I'll be 10-15 with one enroute West Valley.

LUX: You're gonna be on TV, Chuck.

JOHNSON: Pardon?

LUX; You're gonna be on TV.

JOHNSON: For what?

LUX: What you were arrested for, Chuck.

JOHNSON: I was arrested for investigation of a homicide.

LUX: Exactly right. Do you understand that?

JOHNSON: A little bit.

LUX: You alright?

JOHNSON: No.

LUX: No?

No speaking between Officer and Johnson for about a minute, just radio traffic.

LUX: You a hockey fan?

JOHNSON: Unable to understand.

TRANSCRIBED TAPE RECORDING WITH CHUCK JOHNSON: CONTINUED

LUX: Really. What teams you like? Are you gonna watch the  
Might Ducks?

JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: Alright.

JOHNSON: I think they're real .....(unable to understand) movie at  
first.

LUX: It was at first.

JOHNSON: Huh?

LUX: How it started, yeah. It was a movie, The Mighty Ducks.  
Now Disney's got a hockey team down in Anaheim, they named  
them the same thing.

JOHNSON: Huhh, alright.

JOHNSON: .....(unable to understand) Gretzky cards.

LUX: Ahh, you're a Gretzky fan, huh?

JOHNSON: Well, he is. That's all he ever talks about....(unable  
to understand).

LUX: Wasn't he the greatest hockey player of our times.

JOHNSON: Yeah?

LUX: Oh yeah. He, ah, he, and a Mario Lemu, from the.....

JOHNSON: Unable to understand.

LUX: Yeah, he's fantastic too.

JOHNSON: Is he a center too?

LUX: Yep.

JOHNSON: Yeah I'd like to play hockey, it's similar to ice skating.

LUX: (unable to understand) It's a fun sport. Fast, it's action  
packed. It's up and down, up and down. Have you ever been  
to game?

JOHNSON: No, huh-uh.

TRANSCRIBED TAPE RECORDING WITH CHUCK JOHNSON: CONTINUED

LUX: You gotta go, you gotta go.

JOHNSON: Alright. Where's there a stadium at, (unable to understand)

LUX: Well, the, the Ducks play the Anaheim, right next to ah Angel Stadium. It's right across the freeway.

JOHNSON: (Unable to understand)

LUX: Nope. (unable to understand).

JOHNSON: 210 or 71?

LUX: The 57. Like it's here with the 57 and 5 meet?

JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: In fact if you take the 10 to the southbound 57, it'll take you right to it. They call it the Duck Pond.

JOHNSON: What?

( LUX: The Duck Pond.

JOHNSON: (Unable to understand)

LUX: It's the name of the arena.

JOHNSON: (Unable to understand)

About two minutes of no talking, just radio traffic.

LUX: So what else is new?

JOHNSON: Got a new baby son.

LUX: Oh, congratulations. What'd you name him?

JOHNSON: Nicolas.

LUX: Nicolas?

JOHNSON: Wade Johnson.

LUX: Huh?



TRANSCRIBED TAPE RECORDING WITH CHUCK JOHNSON: CONTINUED

JOHNSON: Nicolas Wade Johnson.

LUX: Nicolas Wade Johnson, huh? This is, ah.....

JOHNSON: Second.

LUX: It's your second?

JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: Fantastic, when was he born?

JOHNSON: September....(unable to understand) I don't know.

LUX: You don't know?

JOHNSON: I do, I just can't think of the date. I mean, the 14th.

LUX: September 14th?

JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: Do you, ah, does he live with his Mom?

( JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: Where is she?

JOHNSON: She's there, ah, her and her Mom and Dad's.

LUX: Oh really? What do you guys.....

JOHNSON: (Unable to understand)....we split up for a little bit.

LUX: Ahh.

JOHNSON: We weren't quite right up for marriage, so we thought maybe we could split up. Could, a couple weeks go ..... filing for legal separation in court..... and..... getting back together just ah.....(unable to understand).

LUX: Oh you got two boys. How old's the oldest?

JOHNSON: He'll be a year, ah, November 18th.

LUX: He'll be a year on November 18th? That's fantastic.

TRANSCRIBED TAPE RECORDING WITH CHUCK JOHNSON: CONTINUED'

JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: And she had the other one right after?

JOHNSON: Yeah..but it's ....(unable to understand)

LUX: What's your oldest son's name?

JOHNSON: Travis.

LUX: Travis?

JOHNSON: Yeah..... Both big boys.

LUX: Are they.

JOHNSON: Yep..the oldest is.... (unable to understand)  
you hold your fingers and lift him up, that's .....  
(unable to understand)

LUX: Wow.

JOHNSON: Strong.

LUX: Strong little guy?

JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: Got a chance to make any phone calls or anything?

JOHNSON: Yeah, I called my wife from there.

LUX: Let her know what was up?

JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: You might wanna call her again when you get to the jail.

JOHNSON: (Unable to understand)

LUX: Ah, I think so, yeah. Just so she's not totally surprised tonight if she watches television. I'm sure she's going through enough right now as is it, and if they do put your face on TV, she's going to ah, it'll be quite a shock to her.

JOHNSON: They're not gonna say that I, I'm guilty and did it are they?

LUX: I have no idea what they're gonna say.

TRANSCRIBED TAPE RECORDING WITH CHUCK JOHNSON: CONTINUED

About a minute of no talking.

LUX: What should they say?

JOHNSON: It was an alleged accident.

LUX: Alleged?

JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: Like, ah, possibly? Allegedly is....

JOHNSON: Guilty as the next guy. I say I didn't do it, 'cause I know I didn't, but that's hearing me telling it and then Detective of....

LUX: Donley?

JOHNSON: Donley.....

LUX: How do you think it happened?

JOHNSON: I don't know. I only know.....

( LUX: Why is that?

JOHNSON: (Unable to understand)

LUX: A what?

JOHNSON: (Unable to understand)

LUX: I'm sorry, I didn't ...the radio's talking. Is there anything pretty about what?

JOHNSON: There's really nothing pretty about hurting a three year, or hurt...killing a three year old girl .....

LUX: Is that what happened?

JOHNSON: Well isn't it a homicide?

LUX: Yeah that's what it is. A homicide is....

JOHNSON: Murder....

TRANSCRIBED TAPE RECORDING WITH CHUCK JOHNSON: CONTINUED

LUX: No, well, there's all different kinds of homicides. Homicide, suicide, they have, homicide is actually taking of one's life. There's justifiable homicide, accidental homicide. Homicide is just a large term for murder.

JOHNSON: I don't even know, all's I know is .....

LUX: Well you just said the killing of a three year old girl there was nothing pretty about it.

JOHNSON: Well, I'm being arrested and nobody .....(unable to understand) ask me.

LUX: What do you think? Do you think somebody did do it?

JOHNSON: No I think somebody could. I'm scared.

LUX: Yeah, I don't blame you.

JOHNSON: Just a year ago, I hit my wife I swore I'd never come back.

LUX: You were here almost a year ago for hitting your wife?

JOHNSON: Yeah. I slapped her (unable to understand). I swore I'd I'd never come back.

LUX: This is just an accident then?

JOHNSON: This incident?

LUX: Yeah.

JOHNSON: Well.....(unable to understand)

LUX: Montclair 33, 97 West Valley. Chuck, but only you know.

JOHNSON: Yeah I know who done it.

LUX: That's right. You and God and Brittany?

JOHNSON: Yeah.

LUX: And only one out of the three of you can talk.

End of tape.

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The above was transcribed as accurate as possible. Chuck JOHNSON was speaking softly and was difficult to hear and understand. Vehicle noise and police radio traffic made the conversation difficult to understand.  
(D. Honeycutt #33)

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to original report.

DISPOSITION:

Pending

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Officer Donley and I arrived at the location, and explained the nature of the investigation. We asked the two of them if they would be willing to go to the Montclair Police Department, voluntarily, so we could speak with them in regards to Chuck JOHNSON. Both agreed. Officer Donley and I drove Michelle Pamplin to the police department in our vehicle. Angela Johnson arrived later in her own vehicle. Both interviews took place in the Detective Bureau interview room, and were recorded on audio cassette.

INTERVIEW WITH MICHELLE PAMPLIN, 10-12-93, 1510 HOURS:

Pamplin told me she has known Chuck JOHNSON since her daughter, Angela Johnson, started dating him in February, 1991. She said the two did not live together until after they were married in May, 1992. She said after that point, JOHNSON had become more and more violent towards Angela, and inflicted injuries upon her on several different occasions. She corroborated several of the statements regarding the spousal abuse that Angela had told me about in a later interview. (Refer to Angela Johnson's statement).

What City? Upland  
Pamplin told me on one occasion, she was actually struck and injured by JOHNSON. I asked her to tell me about that incident. She said on 12-4-92, during the night hours, she had received a telephone call from Angela. Angela, who was living in an apartment in Upland on 7th Street with JOHNSON at the time, had been involved in an argument with JOHNSON. Angela wanted to leave the residence, but JOHNSON would not allow her to take the child. Pamplin said she drove to the residence, to assist Angela in leaving. When she went inside, she was told by Angela that JOHNSON was in the back room with the child. Pamplin said she walked in through the door and attempted to take the child from JOHNSON. JOHNSON was drunk, and refused to allow Pamplin to take the child. Pamplin told JOHNSON that she was going to call the police, and walked towards the front room. She began to pick up the phone, and JOHNSON grabbed it from her hands. He began to swing the phone around, and the telephone struck Pamplin on the top of the head, causing an injury. Pamplin said she located a security guard outside, who telephoned the police. JOHNSON was subsequently arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, and was booked into jail for that incident. Pamplin told me she following through with prosecution, and JOHNSON was apparently convicted for the incident.

Pamplin said on 1-16-93, Angela had again been assaulted by JOHNSON. The next day, while at Pamplin's residence, Pamplin took photographs of the injuries that Angela had sustained. She provided me with three (3) photographs, which show Angela having a significant amount of bruising and swelling around the left eye. There is also an injury to her right shoulder. I took these photographs from her and later booked

INVESTIGATION: CONTINUED

them into evidence. Pamplin also provided me with an application and declaration for a restraining order. She said she had typed up this information so Angela could go to the court house to get a restraining order. However, Angela refused to get the restraining order, because she wanted to work things out with JOHNSON. I took this application from Pamplin and attached it to the original report. The document outlines several incidents of spousal abuse against Angela Johnson.

Pamplin described JOHNSON as being an extremely violent person. She told me he becomes more violent when he drinks, especially hard alcohol. She also described him as being a pathological liar, and had caught him lies on several occasions. JOHNSON has made statements to her in regards to being abused as a child. He also made statements to her about having a head injury which caused him to have blackouts and caused him pain. He told Pamplin he had been involved in an accident in which he was struck by a police car and went through the windshield when he was a child. She is also aware that JOHNSON'S father had beat JOHNSON'S mother several times. JOHNSON once told Pamplin that he had once slit a kid's throat and killed him, while he was living in Colorado. Pamplin told me JOHNSON had used "speed" in the past and appeared to have a problem with it. He also abuses alcohol.

I asked Pamplin if she felt JOHNSON was capable of killing a child and she told me he was. She said she was even afraid that his son, Travis, was going to be in danger if his cycle of violence did not stop.

I asked Pamplin to tell me what happened on the day of the incident. (Sunday, 10-10-93).

Pamplin told me she and Angela were at home during the morning hours. Angela had received a phone call from JOHNSON, stating Brittany was missing. She did not have any additional details. She later received another telephone call, and JOHNSON told Angela they had found Brittany and that Brittany was at the hospital. Again, there were no additional details. JOHNSON later re-telephoned Angela, and told Angela that the baby was dead. JOHNSON had apparently told Angela that the baby was found in JOHNSON'S closet. He said he had to go to a location where he could be reached by telephone, by police, and Pamplin told Angela that it would be alright for JOHNSON to come to the house. Pamplin said JOHNSON was no longer allowed at the house, but for this reason, he was. JOHNSON arrived shortly after, and came into the house crying.

Pamplin said, "he should have gotten an academy aware for it." She said she saw right through him, and felt he was just acting as if he was upset. He told Pamplin and Angela, "you don't have a murderer in your house." JOHNSON began to tell Angela what had happened.

INVESTIGATION: CONTINUED

Initially, JOHNSON said he was awakened in the morning, because everybody was looking for Brittany. He said the police were telephoned, and after they arrived, the police searched the house. JOHNSON told Angela he had seen an officer run by with Brittany in his arms, out the front door. JOHNSON said later, over a police radio, he heard that the police had found Brittany in his closet. JOHNSON said, "I couldn't believe it." He later explained, that he had woken up earlier in the morning and had gone outside. He said Brittany was up by herself when JOHNSON went outside, Brittany followed him. JOHNSON said he brought Brittany back into the house, gave her some food, and went back outside. JOHNSON said when he walked by the livingroom, he noticed the television was on but did not see Brittany around. Later, he heard everybody calling for Brittany and went outside to look for her.

Pamplin told me she had only heard parts of this conversation because JOHNSON was talking only to Angela, and Pamplin was attempting to listen.

Pamplin said later in the evening, Angela had returned from picking up JOHNSON from the police department. She did not talk to him after he returned. However, she and Angela had a conversation, and during the conversation, Angela told Pamplin that JOHNSON could not get the thought of the baby laying on the bag in the closet out of his mind. She did not confront Angela about this, but later realized JOHNSON knew more about what had happened.

INTERVIEW WITH ANGELA JOHNSON, 10-12-93, 1610 HOURS:

Angela Johnson told me that she and JOHNSON had been dating since 2-13-91. She first met him through an ex-boyfriend. At the time, JOHNSON was living with his grandparents in Ontario. The two dated for several months, and in December, 1991, JOHNSON moved into Angela's residence with her parents. She said up until this time, they had had many arguments but no violence had actually taken place. The two continued to reside with Angela's parents until the two were married on 5-9-92. Three weeks later, the two moved in together to an apartment at 1026 Granada Ct., #2, Ontario. After living there for approximately three months together, the two had marital problems and in July, 1992, Angela moved back in with her parents. In September, 1992, Angela moved back in with JOHNSON, and shortly after they moved to an apartment at 1481 W. 7th Street, #111, Upland. They continued to have problems, and in January, 1993, Angela moved back in with her parents. Since then, the two have had an on and off relationship. She told me currently, she is still in a dating relationship with her husband and the two were planning on moving back out together.



INTERVIEW WITH ANGELA JOHNSON: CONTINUED

Angela told me that she still saw JOHNSON on several occasions. She has been to the residence on Exeter Street, Montclair, approximately ten (10) times to see JOHNSON, and to allow him to visit with his ten month old child, Travis. She told me Travis had only spent the night once at the residence.

I asked Angela what she thought of Brittany and her parents. She told me that Brittany seemed to be a very bright and intelligent child, and that the parents seemed to treat her well. She told me there were no signs of any abuse. She said Brittany's mother, Jennifer, used the "time out" system, rather than physical discipline. She told me she had actually only spent the night, once, with JOHNSON at the Exeter Avenue residence.

Angela told me she and JOHNSON have had problems with their relationship since they met. They have been involved in several arguments and fights. Angela told me she feels responsible for some of the arguments because her mother has always told her to stand up for herself. She told me JOHNSON does drink heavily at times, and usually only becomes violent when he drinks. She attempted to get to stop drinking for a while, which he did. However, when he continued to drink, the violence continued.

I asked Angela to tell me about the first time JOHNSON was violent with her. She said in January, 1992, the two had gone to the beach with a group of friends to celebrate another friend's birthday. While at the beach, JOHNSON had been drinking heavily. She said something to him in regards to a female running down the beach without her top on. She told me that she wanted to leave, and began to walk away. JOHNSON grabbed Angela and slapped her on the face.

Angela said approximately two months after their wedding, (7-92), JOHNSON was apparently not happy being married. At the time, they were living in the apartment in Ontario. She remembered one day that he had promised her that he would be home at 4:00 p.m. He was gone all night, without telephoning, and she was upset. When he returned home the next morning, he told Angela that he had been with a female friend and had taken this friend to visit her boyfriend in jail. Angela said she telephoned this female, who denied ever seeing JOHNSON that evening. Angela said she and JOHNSON argued about this, but everything seemed to be settled.

A few days later, JOHNSON returned home after drinking again. The two began to argue about the prior event, and Angela said JOHNSON broke a phone, attempting to hit her with it. She said the phone did not strike her. In the process, JOHNSON fell and struck his head on the wall. JOHNSON approached Angela and slapped her one time on the face. Angela

INTERVIEW WITH ANGELA JOHNSON: CONTINUED

said on this occasions, JOHNSON had been drinking hard alcohol. She told me he becomes more violent with hard alcohol than he does with only beer. She said after this incident, she actually moved out and moved back in with her parents. The two worked things out, and she moved back with him approximately two weeks later. However, the arguments continued and she told me she again left and moved back in with her parents because she was scared.

Angela said in September or October, 1992, she was again living with JOHNSON in the Upland apartment. The two got into an argument, and JOHNSON struck her in the face and gave her a black eye. He had again been drinking.

Angela said two days prior to the birth of Travis, 11-16-92, they were in the Upland apartment. JOHNSON was complaining about a bad earache. JOHNSON had not been drinking on this occasion. He was trying to medication into his ear himself, but was unable to do it. JOHNSON asked Angela for assistance. Angela obtained medication and began to place it in JOHNSON'S ear. The eye drop bottle touched his ear, and JOHNSON became violent. He broke a night stand with his hand, and pushed her down. At the time, Angela said she was about eight months pregnant. She got up off of the ground, and accused JOHNSON of pushing her on purpose. The two began to argue about that. She began to walk out, and JOHNSON chased her. He pushed her down onto the bed, and struck her two times with the back side of his hand in the face. She got back up, and again fell to the ground. She said "something snapped" in JOHNSON and said the person she saw "was not him." She said he had a strange look on his face, and in his eyes. He began to strike Angela several times on the face, giving her a black eye which caused some blood vessels to break in her eye. She also told me she had a swollen lip. Angela said she was also struck in the stomach approximately two times, but does not believe he did this on purpose. She said that evening, her father picked her up.

Angela said the next day, she went to the hospital. While there, she was told by hospital staff that her water had a slow leak. It was necessary for the doctor's to induce labor one month prior to her full term pregnancy. I asked her if she believed being struck in the stomach by JOHNSON caused this, and she said she was unsure. Angela said after the birth of the child, everything appeared alright.

On 12-2-9<sup>2</sup>, JOHNSON struck Pamplin on the head with a phone. Angela said earlier that evening, she was at her mother's residence. JOHNSON was at home and asked Angela to return. Angela said she would be home later. When Angela returned to the Upland apartment, JOHNSON was up waiting for her. He was extremely upset because she was not home on time. At the time, Angela said she was carrying the baby into the



INTERVIEW WITH ANGELA JOHNSON: CONTINUED

apartment. JOHNSON attempted to pull the baby out of her arms, but she walked away. JOHNSON followed Angela and continued to try and continue to pull the baby out of her arms. She bent down and held onto the child. While the child was in Angela's arms, JOHNSON struck Angela in the face. She told me she telephoned her mother. However, she had placed the child into the bedroom on the bed. Angela asked her mother to pick her up and her mother said she would. During that time, JOHNSON had picked up the child and refused to put the child down. JOHNSON again had been drinking heavily.

Angela said when her mother arrived, she told her mother that JOHNSON had the child. Pamplin walked to the back bedroom and attempted to push the door open. When she did, she noticed JOHNSON had the child in his arms and would not give the child to her. Pamplin threatened to call the police. When she began to walk towards the living room, and began to pick up the phone, JOHNSON pulled the phone out of her hands and began swinging the phone around. The telephone struck Pamplin on top of the head, causing an injury. JOHNSON was subsequently arrested, and spent five days in jail.

Angela said on another occasion, on 1-16-93, JOHNSON had again been drinking. He struck her in the face and caused a black eye. The next day, Angela's parents took photographs of the injuries. Angela said she moved out after this incident.

Angela said in February, 1993, she had been told by their bank that JOHNSON had been depositing empty envelopes into the ATM machine, as deposits, and had been making cash withdrawals. The bank kept her paycheck, and she had her mother drive her to the apartment on 7th Street to speak with JOHNSON. Angela said at the time, JOHNSON was living with a friend, Gus Rogers. She went into the living room where JOHNSON and Gus Rogers were. She confronted JOHNSON about what he had been doing, and he admitted to it. The two got into an argument about it, and JOHNSON, with one hand, grabbed Angela by the neck and forced her back against a dresser drawer. She said he was not actually choking her, but did hold her hard enough to leave red marks on her neck. She picked up a Coleman ice chest and hit him with it in order to get him to release his hold.

Angela said the last act of violence occurred when she was driving JOHNSON to his place of business on Euclid Ave., in Ontario. While driving, JOHNSON told her he wanted the car for the day. Angela refused. He became upset, grabbed the steering wheel, and put the vehicle into park. Angela almost crashed the vehicle, but was able to pull it over to the side of the road. The two argued, and he picked up the keys and threw them into the dirt. On that occasion, Angela said JOHNSON bit her on the arm.

INTERVIEW WITH ANGELA JOHNSON: CONTINUED

Angela told me she could not see JOHNSON doing something as cold blooded as killing a child. She said, "maybe to an adult," however,. I asked to tell me what happened on the date of the incident, (Sunday, 10-10-93).

Angela said she was at her house, and between 0900 to 0915 hours, she received a telephone call from JOHNSON. He told her that Brittany was missing and said he would call her back a little later. At approximately 1000 hours, she received another phone call from JOHNSON. JOHNSON told Angela that Brittany was dead. He also told her that Brittany was found in his closet. She immediately remembered seeing several bags in the closet, and felt that she had possibly suffocated. JOHNSON told Angela that Darrin had asked him to leave, and needed a place to go so that police could telephone him. He began to drive to her residence. While enroute, Officer Bales called her, and told her to have JOHNSON stay at the residence and telephone the police department when JOHNSON arrived at her residence.

When JOHNSON arrived, he was extremely upset. JOHNSON told Angela that he had awakened at approximately 0700 to 0730 hours. She said they had plans to go to the drive-in, so JOHNSON wanted to clean the windows on his vehicle to prepare for the drive-in movies later that evening. When he walked out of his bedroom, he noticed Brittany was up and around the house in her pajamas. Brittany was about to put cartoons on, but prior to doing this, she went into her parents room. Darrin yelled at Brittany to get out. JOHNSON said he began to walk outside, and Brittany followed him out. Brittany helped JOHNSON clean the windows in his vehicle. JOHNSON brought Brittany back into the house, made her cereal and toast, and put her in the living room. JOHNSON went back outside for a short time to finish his vehicle. When he went back into the house, JOHNSON told Angela that he thought Brittany was still there, because the TV was on but did not actually see her. JOHNSON said he went back to his bedroom, and could not remember if his bedroom door was opened or closed, but told Angela it was usually closed. JOHNSON told Angela that he laid back down on the bed but did not actually go to sleep.

JOHNSON told Angela, later, that the telephone rang. Darrin was on the phone and said the person who had called hung up. Darrin asked JOHNSON if Brittany was in his room, and JOHNSON told Darrin she was not. Darrin hung up the phone. JOHNSON told Angela that later, he heard Darrin out in the back yelling for Brittany, and heard Jennie out front yelling for Brittany. JOHNSON said he went out of his room, and was told she was gone. JOHNSON told Angela that Jennifer had given him a photograph of Brittany, and JOHNSON went out to speak with neighbors to see if they had seen Brittany. JOHNSON said the police



INTERVIEW WITH ANGELA JOHNSON: CONTINUED

arrived and he went back into the house. He was not sure if she had been abducted or not.

I asked Angela if JOHNSON had mentioned anything about seeing Brittany in the closet during that conversation. Angela said he did not.

Angela said later in the day, she went to the police department to pick up JOHNSON after his interview with police. At that point, he admitted he had seen Brittany in the closet and got scared because he did not want anyone to think he had killed Brittany. They continued to talk. JOHNSON told Angela that he did not believe any outside intruder could have come into the house to harm Brittany, because he was outside most of the time. He also said he was the only one awake, and that even Steve was still in bed.

Angela told me that she has never seen any signs of child abuse on either one of her two children. I asked her how she felt about JOHNSON now, and she said, "I'm afraid." Angela told me that JOHNSON is a liar and has caught him lying on several occasions.

Angela said JOHNSON had told her he had been physically abused as a child on several occasions. She believes an incident in which he was struck by a police car caused a head injury which caused several problems for him in the future. She also said JOHNSON is a user of "speed." The two used "speed" together at the beginning of their relationship and she was able to convince JOHNSON to quit for some time. Angela said JOHNSON did quit for some time, but started back up again approximately one year ago while he was working in Nevada at a dairy.

Angela told me she and JOHNSON had a normal sex life while they were together. She did know about his pornography collection, but said there was no sexual violence during their relationship. I asked Angela if JOHNSON had ever forced sex on her, and she told me on one occasion she was scared because he had cut her underwear off with a pair of scissors after an argument. She could provide no additional information at the time.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to original report and District Attorney's Office.

DISPOSITION:

Pending

# POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY REPORT

MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

D. R. NO. 93-6318

PROPERTY FOUND <input type="checkbox"/>	EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER: SPECIFY _____	DATE <u>10-12-93</u>
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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: FOUND PROPERTY, WHERE FOUND, EVIDENCE WHERE OBTAINED

VICTIM <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> FINDER <input type="checkbox"/>	NAME <u>RATHORN, RIGGS, BRITTANY</u>	ADDRESS <u>9393 EXETER, MONTCLAIR</u>	PHONE  
SUSPECT'S NAME <u>JOHNSON, CHUCK,</u>	CRIME <u>PC 187</u>	BOOKING NO.  	

ITEM NO.	QUAN.	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	SERIAL NO.	WHERE STORED
16A	3	PHOTOS OF VICTIM ANGELA JOHNSON'S INJURIES, TAKEN 1-17-93			
B	1	CASSETTE TAPE - INTERVIEW W/ A. JOHNSON			
C	1	CASSETTE TAPE - INTERVIEW W/ PAMPLIN			

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_ DISPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY RECEIPT NO. _____	ISSUED TO: VICTIM <input type="checkbox"/> OWNER <input type="checkbox"/> FINDER <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT <input type="checkbox"/>
INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE <u>M. DEMOET # 96</u>	PROPERTY OFFICER'S SIGNATURE _____

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MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

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CODE- P.C. 187                      CRIME- MURDER                      CLASS- 010110  
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OFCR- #136 CARLOS              REVD BY- R. Morales #57                      DATE- 10-21-93  
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VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY LYNN                      PHONE- 909 988-1976  
ADDR- 9393 EXETER                      CITY- MONTCLAIR

WITNESS INFORMATION:

Witness #1 - Hefler, Rachel Jean, 1086 Nashport St., La Verne, CA. 91750  
(909)593-8108, d.o.b. 6-18-77.  
Witness #2 - Lopez, Peter, 1844 E. 2nd St., La Verne, CA. 91750 (909)  
596-3713, d.o.b. 2-15-68.

EVIDENCE:

136A One (1) child's Disney blanket.  
136B One (1) washcloth, pink in color.

ARRESTEE: JOHNSON, Chuck Edward, d.o.b. 9-25-69.

INVESTIGATION:

On 10-20-93 at approximately 1913 hrs., I was dispatched to 9393 Exeter reference to found evidence at that location.

Upon my arrival, I spoke with witness number one, Rachel Hefler. Hefler told me she and witness number two, Peter Lopez, were cleaning and removing all items from the bedroom of the suspect, CHUCK JOHNSON. During this time, they lifted JOHNSON's bed by the boxspring. By doing this, Hefler and Lopez saw the above listed evidence laying on top of the floor underneath the boxspring.

After seeing the blanket and the washcloth, Hefler used her foot to remove the items from underneath the bed. At this point she saw the blood stains on the blanket, and she then notified the victim's father. The victim's father then notified Montclair police department.

The victim's parents told me they last saw the blanket in the hall closet approximately one month ago, and it was plain with no blood stains. The victim's parents and the witnesses could provide no further information.

I collected the above listed evidence and placed it into a Montclair police department's evidence locker.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attach to original report.

DISPOSITION:

Pending.

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MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT

CODE- PC 187	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS-
OFCR- DONLEY #50	REVD BY- R. Morales #57	DATE-
VICT-	PHONE-	
ADDR-	CITY-	

EVIDENCE:

50K. Video tape of crime scene.  
50L. Photographs of crime scene.

INVESTIGATION:

On Wednesday, October 13, 1993, at approximately 1705 hours, I received a telephone call from an anonymous female in reference to the death of Brittany Rethorn-Riggs. She refused to identify herself, and told me that she did not want to get involved with the case but had some information that she felt was important.

She told me that she has known Jennifer Rethorn and Darrin Riggs for approximately one year. During this time she has felt that Jennifer Rethorn has used her daughter for sympathy. According to the anonymous female, Rethorn has played up Brittany's illnesses to receive sympathy for her daughter and herself. The caller told me that she has personally seen Rethorn bite Brittany in response to Brittany biting her. These bites have caused welts. The caller also indicated that Rethorn had spanked Brittany in the past which has also left welts on her body.

The caller continued by saying that she and several of Rethorn and Riggs' friends gathered together after the homicide, and Rethorn did not appear to be emotionally upset about the situation. The story Rethorn told them was not consistent, with minor discrepancies.

Although I attempted to get the caller to identify herself they wished not to be identified. They would not give me their name, address, or phone number.

On October 20, 1993, at approximately 1400 hours, I (along with Deputy District Attorney Martinez and Detective Higbee) went to 9393 Exeter. We met at the location with Riggs and Rethorn so that we could walk through the residence and take more photographs. Rethorn told me that the rental on the southeast bedroom had expired (where JOHNSON had been renting) and the keys had been returned. Although several pieces of furniture and property had been removed from the house, and JOHNSON's room, we were able to photograph the layout of the residence.

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Rethorn and Riggs had given us specific permission to go into the residence to photograph and video tape the premises.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to original report.

Refer a complete copy of report to District Attorney; Attention: Deputy DA Martinez.

DISPOSITION:

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MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

CODE- PC 187	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS- 010110
OFCR- DONLEY #50	REVD BY- DONLEY	DATE- 10-21-93
VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY LYNN	PHONE- 988-1976	
ADDR- 9393 EXETER	CITY- MONTCLAIR, CA	

ARRESTEE:  
JOHNSON, Chuck           DOB/9-25-69

WITNESS:  
Johnson, Angela  
628 N. San Antonio Avenue  
Ontario, CA

EVIDENCE:  
( 00m-One (1) audio cassette tape containing the interview with witness Angela Johnson.

The above listed audio tape was placed into evidence at the Montclair Police Department by me. A copy was forwarded to Deputy District Attorney Mike Martinez.

INVESTIGATION:  
On 10-20-93 I received information about a conversation that witness Angela Johnson had had with her husbands' attorney, Jeff Aaron. It was my understanding that Aaron was a Public Defender, representing Chuck JOHNSON in the PC 187, Homicide case involving Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs.

At approximately 1623 hours, myself and Detective DeMoet went to 628 N. San Antonio Avenue in the city of Ontario. I contacted Angela Johnson who I had previously talked to on the telephone and told her that I needed to talk to her about a conversation that she had had with Public Defender Jeff Aaron. I told Johnson that I was going to be taping the interview to more accurately document her statement.

I began by asking Johnson if she had had a discussion with Mr. Aaron after the preliminary hearing. She told me that she had in fact had a discussion with him, but he told her that he had very little information that he could give her.

I then asked her if he had mentioned anything about talking to the police or the District Attorneys' office and she told me "he told me not to talk to the District Attorneys' office" and to get a hold of him so that he could be present during any interview with the police. I asked her if she specifically remembered Mr. Aaron telling her that and she said "yeah, well he told me that over the phone, he didn't tell me that yesterday". I asked her if he had said why he didn't want her to talk to us and she said that he had not. She also said that he had recommended that she not talk to the press. Once again I asked her if she could remember specifically what he had said and she said "don't call the District Attorney".

Detective DeMoet asked Johnson if she could remember the exact words spoken or how the conversation had transpired and she could only tell us and re-confirm what she had earlier told us about not calling the District Attorneys' office, having Mr. Aaron present during police interviews and not talking to the press.

I tried to explain to Johnson the importance of both her husband and the people of State of California getting a fair trial. She understood this and said that there was information important to both sides. She asked some other general questions pertaining to the upcoming preliminary and her questions were answered.

At approximately 1628 hours, my interview with Angela Johnson was concluded.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to original report

Copy to Deputy District Attorney Mike Martinez

**DISPOSITION:**

Case Pending

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- ( ) ARREST
- ( ) D.B. FOLLOW-UP

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SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT

CODE SECTION PC187	CRIME Homicide	CLASSIFICATION
VICTIM'S NAME - LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE (FIRM IF BUSINESS) PETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY	ADDRESS 9393 EXETER MONTCLAIR	PHONE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS	

EVIDENCE-

SO-N- 1 SET OF PHOTOS TAKEN AT DOCTORS HOSPITAL, MONTCLAIR OF VICTIM BRITTANY PETHORN-RIGGS.

INVESTIGATION-

THE ABOVE LISTED PHOTOGRAPHS WERE DEVELOPED AND PLACED INTO EVIDENCE. THE PICTURES ARE OF BRITTANY PETHORN-RIGGS' BODY AND WERE TAKEN AT DOCTORS HOSPITAL IN MONTCLAIR

RECOMMENDATIONS-

ATTACH TO ORIGINAL REPORT

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SIGNATURE OF REPORTING OFFICER 	DATE 10/28/93	APPROVED BY CASEY 10-28-93	TELETYPE CANCEL (NO & DATE)
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SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT

CODE- P.C. 187	CRIME- HOMICIDE	CLASS- 010110
OFCR- DONLEY #50	REVD BY- <i>Casey</i> 11-3-93	DATE- 11-3-93
VICT- RETHORN-RIGGS, Brittany Lvnv		PHONE-988-1976
ADDR- 9393 Exeter		CITY- Montclair, CA

ADDITIONAL WITNESS:

Wood, Lisa, 11838 Central Ave., Chino, CA. 91710, d.o.b. 11-15-72, (909) 613-0193.

*1995 S. Towne Ave. Pomona  
628-5568*

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Rethorn, Jennifer, 2313 Magnolia, La Verne, CA. 91750, tel (909) 593-5459.

The above listed address also applies to Brittany Rethorn-Riggs father, Darren Riggs.

EVIDENCE:

50-O One (1) cassette tape of the interview with Lisa Wood conducted at approximately 1335 hrs.

The above listed evidence was placed in an evidence locker at Montclair police department by myself.

INVESTIGATION:

On 11-1-93, I received a telephone call from a person who identified herself as "Lisa". Lisa told me that she was a cousin of defendant JOHNSON's wife, Angela Johnson. She told me she had some information pertaining to "C.J.", Chuck JOHNSON, but did not have time to tell me that information during the phone call. She asked that I call her back on Tuesday, November 2, 1993, at approximately 1200 hrs.

On November 2, 1993, at approximately 1335 hrs., I was able to reach "Lisa" on the telephone at her residence. Lisa told me that she had some information about Chuck JOHNSON, but was reluctant to say anything because she did not want to get into "the middle of it". She explained that she is very close to Angela Johnson, and that she would prefer not to testify, but would be willing to do so if she was required to. She told me the reason that she wanted to tell me about the comments that Chuck JOHNSON had made was that she wanted to protect the two small children that JOHNSON and his wife are parents of. Lisa also said that "Billy", who is C.J.'s cousin, is also aware of the comments that JOHNSON has made in the past.

*LISA - No job*

Lisa went on to say that approximately two years ago, she was staying at the Uplander Motel in the city of Upland. She remembered the time specifically because it was around Easter of 1991 when she was making an Easter basket for her ex-boyfriend. Angela and Chuck JOHNSON had come by the motel to visit her, and while in the motel room the three of them sat around joking and talking. During the discussion, the three of them talked about JOHNSON's knowledge of self defense and what they would do if someone came up behind them. Chuck JOHNSON told Wood that he had the perfect way to kill someone. He went on to explain that all you would have to do was to come up behind someone with a plastic grocery sack and tie it around their neck and they would suffocate slowly. Wood also remembered Chuck JOHNSON saying that fingerprints would not be obtainable, however she could not remember if he had mentioned wearing gloves or not. *jokingly but serious self-defense move*

Wood went on to say that this conversation with Angela and Chuck JOHNSON struck her when she overheard her brother and "Billy" talking about JOHNSON always bragging about how he could kill and suffocate someone. This made the conversation which occurred at the Uplander Motel click in her mind.

I re-confirmed with Wood that she specifically remembered the conversation with Chuck and Angela JOHNSON, and she told me that she did. She was positive about the comments pertaining to the plastic grocery sack, but could not be definite about the fingerprint comment.

My telephone conversation with Wood ended after she gave me some general information about JOHNSON bragging about crimes he had committed in other states.

In preparation for the preliminary hearing, I was able to listen to the interview that was conducted with JOHNSON on October 10, 1993, by Officer Bales and me. In reviewing the tapes, I was able to better listen to JOHNSON's statement about the chain of events that had occurred just prior to and after the murder of Brittany Rethorn-Riggs.

In the interview, JOHNSON indicated that he had first discovered Brittany's body in the closet while looking for his wallet. He had found his wallet in his room, and then came out and let the police in and directed them to the child's mother, Jennifer Rethorn. Later in the interview, JOHNSON indicated that he had discovered Brittany's body in his closet when he went to get his shoes, however he had retrieved his shoes, according to him, while getting dressed before the arrival of the police. JOHNSON further indicated that he had felt guilty "while I was putting my shoes on, I couldn't handle it, that's why I called my mom". This would indicate that JOHNSON knew the body was in his room, and had discussed it with his father, well before the arrival of the police department.

In discussing the chain of events with JOHNSON, he had originally indicated that his door was closed and locked when he had gone back to his bedroom to sleep. He had also indicated that after working on his car, he came inside and had Brittany sit down to watch cartoons. He then went directly back out to the front yard to clean up and smoke a cigarette, and he never mentioned returning to his bedroom until later. In the later part of my questioning when I asked him about when he went back to his bedroom (the only time he went back to his bedroom) he said that his door was left open. Upon further questioning, he indicated that he meant that the door was open while he was outside, however that was not the question that I had asked him. JOHNSON had also mentioned that the reason he did not do C.P.R. on Brittany was because he did not know how to perform C.P.R.

The interview with JOHNSON was tape recorded. There was approximately one minute lapse between the first side of tape number one and side number two of tape number one. This delay in the tape was caused by it not being flipped over immediately when it reached the end of the spool. I cannot recall exactly what was asked or said during the break in the recording, however, I do believe there was a question pertaining to why Darren Riggs had talked to him on the telephone if his door was open.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the original report. Refer a copy to Deputy District Attorney Michael M<sup>a</sup>inez.

DISPOSITION:

Pending.

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**SUSPECT** ☐

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**MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT**

CR 93-6318  
SUPP #17

CODE 187 PC	CRIME HOMICIDE	CLASS 010110
OFCR DONLEY #50	REVD BY <i>R. MORALES SGT. 57</i>	DATE 1-6-94
VICT ADDR RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY	PHONE CITY	

**ARRESTEE:**

JOHNSON, CHUCK DOB 9-25-69

**EVIDENCE:**

50P. One (1) GTE phone statement, for telephone number 988-1976. Dated October 19th, 1993.

The above listed item was placed into evidence at the Montclair Police Department by me.

**ADDITIONAL WITNESS:**

JOHNSON, CHUCK (SR.) DOB 12-29-48  
215 N. Chandler Sp. #112  
Monterey Park, Ca.  
818-458-9219

**INVESTIGATION:**

On or about 12-15-93, I was contacted at the Montclair Police Department by the mother of Brittany Rethorn-Riggs, Jennifer Rethorn. She brought me the above listed telephone statement for the residence on Exeter in Montclair, where the homicide had occurred. On this statement, Rethorn had marked the phone numbers and who had been responsible for the calls for each number. The telephone statement was in the name of Steven Lopez, who was the second roommate at the residence and the person who had originated the service with GTE. This statement was given to Rethorn with his permission to pass it on to me, so it could be used as an evidence item.

I looked on the date of the homicide, October 10th, 1993 and found a total of six (6) telephone calls, which had been placed from the residence on Exeter, to various locations. Rethorn had indicated that there were three (3) phone calls, which defendant Chuck

JOHNSON had placed on that date. She indicated that the phone calls were at 9:51 am to Alhambra, 10:22 am to La Habra, and 10:23 am to Alhambra. (For further information pertaining to the exact numbers, refer to the statement). Rethorn also indicated that the telephone number 818-458-9219, was the telephone number for defendant JOHNSON's parents house in Monterey Park. These numbers appeared on the statement as being placed to the city of Alhambra, however they are apparently actually to the city of Monterey Park.

The two (2) phone calls to JOHNSON's parents were placed at 9:51 am and 10:23 am. These were the only telephone calls that I found that were placed by JOHNSON to his parents house on the morning of the homicide, which appeared on the statement. It is unknown if JOHNSON had placed any credit card calls or third party calls to his parents or anyone else on the morning of the crime.

On January 5th, 1994, at approximately 0800 hours, I was contacted by witness Michelle Pamplin at the Montclair Police Department. She told me that she had had a discussion with Chuck Johnson Sr., the defendant's father, about a telephone call which he had received on the morning of the homicide. Johnson Sr., had told Pamplin that he had talked with his step-son, Chuck JOHNSON, at approximately 0830 hours on the 10th of October. He indicated that he remembered this time because he had looked at the clock and had remembered his routine on that morning. Pamplin told me that Mr. Johnson had been told by his step-son that "The girl was missing". I then indicated to Pamplin that I wanted to speak with Chuck Johnson Sr. to obtain a statement from him. She confirmed the telephone number for Mr. Johnson and then she left the station.

At approximately 1100 hours on January 5th, 1994, I received a telephone call from Michelle Pamplin who was calling me from her residence. She told me that Chuck Johnson Sr. and his wife were at her residence picking up their grandchild. I had Michelle Pamplin ask Mr. Johnson if he was willing to speak with me and she said that he was. Mr. Johnson got onto the telephone and identified himself as the step-father for Chuck JOHNSON, the defendant. I asked Mr. Johnson if he could remember receiving a telephone call from Chuck JOHNSON, on the morning of October 10th, 1993. He told me that he remembered receiving a telephone call at approximately 0830 hours, "give or take five (5) minutes". Mr. Johnson remembered the time exactly because he had looked at a clock in his residence and remembered seeing 8:30 on the clock. I asked him if he was absolutely certain of the time and he told me, "Yes, it was that time, give or take five (5) minutes". Mr. Johnson went on to tell me that his step-son had called him at the above listed time and had indicated that Brittany Rethorn-Riggs was "missing". Defendant JOHNSON then indicated that he did not know what to do and wanted his wife Angie to telephone him as soon as possible. Chuck JOHNSON then told his step-father to have Angie, the defendant's wife, get a hold of him as soon as possible so they could talk.

I asked Chuck Johnson Sr. what his step-son's demeanor was during the telephone conversation and he summarized it as "frantic". He indicated that the defendant seemed very panicked and needed to get a hold of his wife as soon as possible.

Mr. Johnson indicated that he remembered Chuck JOHNSON calling him a second time in the morning at approximately 10:30 and he told him that the little girl had been found, "dead in my room". JOHNSON also indicated to his step-father that he was going to his wife's residence in Ontario to stand by for the police to contact him. Chuck JOHNSON indicated to his father that this was at the request of the Montclair Police Department.

It should be noted that according to the dispatch log, the original call to the residence on Exeter was placed to the police department at 0911 hours and it was in reference to a missing juvenile.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to original report.

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending.

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9393 EXETER AV 521  
MONTCLAIR CA 91763-2025

AMOUNT OF PREVIOUS BILL  
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ZONE UNIT CALLS

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749P	9/11	ARLINGTON	CA 909	687-2068	
219P	9/27	ARLINGTON	CA 909	352-9961	
458P	9/27	AZUSAGLND	CA 818	963-5911	
943A	9/30	AZUSAGLND	CA 818	963-5911	
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1130P	10/ 8	ARLINGTON	CA 909	352-9961	

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SUBTOTAL 112.40

FOR GTE BILLING QUESTIONS CALL 1 800 483-3000

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**VICTIM** ☒

OWNER ☐

**FINDER** 

SUSPECT'S NAME

Chuck Johnson

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

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**CRIME**

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### DISPOSITION

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ISSUED TO: VICTIM ☐

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SUSPECT ☐

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**MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT**

CR 93-6318  
SUPP SUPP #18

CODE PC 187	CRIME HOMICIDE	CLASS 010110
OFCR DONLEY #50	REVD C.WEISKE 6 2-1-94 1519 BY	DATE 1-31-94
VICT RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY LYNN ADDR 9393 EXETER	PHONE 988-1976 CITY MONTCLAIR, CA	

**ARRESTEE:**

JOHNSON, Chuck  
DOB/9-25-69

**EVIDENCE:**

50q-One (1) handwritten letter to Mike, Michele and Angie (Pamplyn)  
50r-One (1) letter to witness Pamplyn

The above listed evidence was received at the Pamplyn residence at 628 N. San Antonio in Ontario 91762. The evidence was placed into an evidence locker by me at Montclair Police Department.

**INVESTIGATION:**

Just after Thanksgiving 1993, Michele Pamplyn came into the Montclair Police Department and gave me a letter which she had received at her home. The letter was addressed to Mike, Michele, and Angie who were the in-laws and wife of defendant of JOHNSON.

Pamplyn had already opened the envelope and both the letter and envelope were given to me. I found that the letter was handwritten in red felt tip marker in a very sloppy fashion. It had a picture, which I believe was the picture taken out of the newspaper of the newspaper of Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs in the center of it. The letter said, "Happy Thanksgiving! I want a drumstick please".

Pamplyn told me that she did not know who had sent her this letter, but she suspected that it was possibly somebody related to Chuck JOHNSON.

After the Christmas holiday, Pamplyn brought me another letter, which was not opened and it appeared to have been written by the same person who had sent the letter around Thanksgiving. The envelope was postmarked in the City of Industry, as was the earlier letter. The outside of the letter was written with a red felt tip marker and it appeared that the person writing it had attempted to disguise their handwriting.

I opened the letter and handled it very carefully. I saw that the letter had the same photograph in the middle of it as the one that was mailed to the Pamplyn's during the Thanksgiving holiday. At the top, the letter read "Merry Xmas! I will leave you to your thoughts now. Don't ever forget me. I will never forget you all".

The handwriting appeared to be the same as that of the earlier letter. I handled the letter by the upper left hand corner and attempted to raise prints, utilizing the Ninhydrin method. This attempt was negative in results.

When the second letter was brought in by Michele Pamplyn. I once again asked her if she had any idea who might have sent this letter. She indicated that she believed that it was someone who knew the Pamplyn family well and could possibly be an ex-girlfriend of Chuck JOHNSON.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Attach to original

Copy to Deputy District Attorney Mike Martinez for review

**DISPOSITION:**

Case Pending

2-1-94/lm

**MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA**

D. R. NO.

93-6318

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1/3/94

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: FOUND PROPERTY, WHERE FOUND, EVIDENCE WHERE OBTAINED

228 N. SAN ANTONIO - ONTARIO

VICTIM OWNER FINDER	NAME Petersen - Riggs, Brittany	ADDRESS	PHONE
SUSPECT'S NAME Clyde Johnson	CRIME Pc 187	BOOKING NO.	

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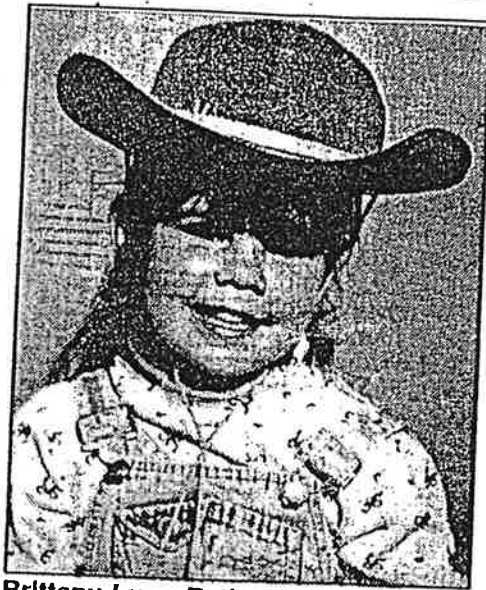
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happy Thanksgiving!



Brittany Lynn Rethorn-Riggs

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**MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT**

CR 93-6318  
SUPP #19

CODE P.C. 187	CRIME HOMICIDE	CLASS 010110
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OFCR #50 DONLEY	REVD CASEY 3-2-94 BY	DATE 03-02-94
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VICT RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY ADDR 9393 EXETER	PHONE CITY MONTCLAIR
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**SUSPECTS:**

JOHNSON, Chuck, d.o.b. 9-25-69.

**EVIDENCE:**

None.

**INVESTIGATION:**

On February 28, 1994, I was advised by Detective Demoet of an address change for witnesses Kari and James Cross. The new address is 28 Deerfield Rd., Raymond, New Hampshire 03077, tel # (603) 895-0194.

On March 1, 1994, I was given an updated telephone number for Jennifer Rethorn and Darin Riggs. The current phone number is (909) 593-5495.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to original report. Refer to the district attorneys office, Deputy District Attorney, Martinez.

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending.

3-2-94 db

**MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT**

CR 93-6318  
SUPP 20

CODE 187 PC	CRIME HOMICIDE	CLASS 010110
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OFCR DONLEY, 50	REVD D. MAGSAM #68 SGT. 4-8-94 1033 BY	DATE 4/4/94
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VICT RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY ADDR 9393 EXETER	PHONE CITY MONTCLAIR, CA.
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**ARRESTEE:**

1. JOHNSON, Chuck Edward, DOB/9-25-69

**EVIDENCE:**

None.

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 4/4/94 I received telephone calls from Darin Riggs and Jennifer Rethorn. Darin Riggs told me that he and Jennifer had separated and he gave me his new phone number which is 909-593-6204. Jennifer Rethorn told me that her phone number is 818-967-9989.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to original report. Refer a copy to Deputy District Attorney Mike Martinez.

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending.

4/8/94, mc #71

DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
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CRIMINAL DIVISION

CODE SECTION <b>107</b>	MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT  CA 0360500 P.O. BOX 2308 - 5111 BENITO MONTCLAIR, CA 91763 (909) 621-5873	CASE NUMBER <b>93-6318</b>
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ME <b>HOMICIDE</b>		PAGE NO. <b>1/1</b>
SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT		CLASSIFICATION <b>Supp #21</b>
VICTIM'S NAME - LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE (FIRM IF BUSINESS) <b>REYNOLDS, BRITANY</b>	ADDRESS	PHONE

### INVESTIGATION:

ON JULY 7, 1994 AT APPROX 0945 HRS, AT THE REQUEST OF PUBLIC DEFENDER AARON, HOWARD SPEAKS CAME TO THE MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPT. SPEAKS ATTEMPTED TO LIFT LATENT FINGERPRINTS FROM THE TOOL BOX (ITEM 50-I) AND THE BLACK PLASTIC BAG (ITEM 141C). THE ITEMS WERE UNSEALED AND DUSTED BY SPEAKS. I RESEALED THE EVIDENCE AT APPROX 1020 HRS ON THE SAME DATE. I WAS PRESENT WHILE THE ITEMS WERE IN SPEAK'S POSSESSION.



### RECOMMENDATION:

REFER TO ORIGINAL REPORT. SEND A COPY TO DDA MARTINEZ.

### DISPO:

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VICTIM'S NAME - LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE (FIRM IF BUSINESS)

ADDRESS

PHONE

ROBBEN-RIGGS, BRITTANY

EVIDENCE:

NONE

INVESTIGATION:

On July 19 1994, MR SPEARS CAME TO THE MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE ATTEMPTED TO LIFT LATENT PRINTS FROM THE TOOL BOX BUT APPARENTLY HE WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN DOING SO. THE EVIDENCE SEAL WAS NOT BROKEN.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to original report. Refer a copy to D.D.A MARTINEZ.

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**MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL CRIME REPORT**

CR 93-6318  
SUPP #23

CODE PC 187	CRIME HOMICIDE	CLASS 010110
OFCR DONLEY #50	REVD R. Morales #57 BY	DATE 10-10-93
VICT RETHORN-RIGGS, BRITTANY LYNN ADDR 9393 EXETER	PHONE (909) 988-1976 CITY MONTCLAIR, CA 91763	

**ARRESTEE INFORMATION:**

JOHNSON, Chuck Edward II

DOB 09-25-69

**EVIDENCE:**

- 50S) Four (4) pages of names of people who Darin Riggs and Jennifer Rethorn spoke to between the time of their daughter's death on 10-10-93 and 10-13-93.
- 50T) One (1) cassette tape - Interview between witness Crocker and myself conducted on 10/26/94.
- 50U) One (1) cassette tape - Interview between witness Farrar and myself conducted on 10/27/94.

The above listed evidence was placed into the evidence lockers at the Montclair Police Department by me.

**ADDITIONAL WITNESS INFORMATION:**

W14) Crocker, Kristie  
734 West Lemon Street  
Monrovia, CA 91016  
home/(818) 359-7351, work/(818) 792-5700 ext. 269

W15) Farrar, Jennifer                      DOB 08-18-70  
11923 Cascada Court  
Fontana, CA  
(909) 423-0713

**INTERVIEW:**

On 10-25-94 at approximately 1400 hours, I met with Jennifer Rethorn and Darin Riggs at the Montclair Police Department. I requested that they compile a list of the people whom they spoke with between the time of Brittany's death on 10-10-93 and 10-13-93. Rethorn indicated that there were several people whom they had spoken with in order to relay the

fact that their daughter had been murdered. Rethorn gave me a handwritten list of approximately 50 people whom she had spoken with between the above listed time frame.

In an effort to try and find the identity of the person who had called me anonymously just after homicide of Brittany, I had Jennifer Rethorn indicate to me which person or persons she had spoken with during that time who could possibly have been the anonymous caller. Rethorn indicated that she and Darin, along with several of their friends, met the night of the homicide and discussed the events surrounding the murder. She indicated that there were two people at the gathering who may have been responsible for the telephone call to me after the gathering. She identified these people as Kristie Crocker and Jennifer Farrar. Rethorn then supplied me with the telephone numbers for Farrar and Crocker along with all of the telephone numbers of the other people whom she was listing on the paper.

On 10-26-94 at approximately 1430 hours, I was able to reach witness Kristie Crocker at her place of employment. Crocker indicated to me that she had not been the one who had called me anonymously after the death of Brittany, but that she had wanted to speak with me. She indicated to me that she had never agreed with how Brittany was treated by her mother. She felt that Brittany's discipline had been overdone, and she had been taken to the hospital by her mother on several occasions when the medical problems had been exaggerated. Brittany had been given a lot of medications by her mother, and she would be medicated until she would sleep. Crocker felt that Rethorn had a "woe is me" attitude and liked to get the attention that her daughter brought on. Crocker felt that Rethorn and Riggs did not have a healthy relationship and said there were a lot of things said about Darin Riggs by Rethorn after he left them.

Crocker indicated that she was hoping that I would not call, because she has been told by Jenny in the past that she may be needed as a witness on Jenny's behalf. She did not believe that she could testify on behalf of Rethorn, because she did not agree with the way that Brittany was treated by her mother. She felt that Brittany was "on the verge of possibly being an abused, neglected child." I asked Crocker how Brittany had been abused, and she said, "Corporal punishment, such as overly spanking, major time-outs where it just wasn't appropriate, and incidences where Brittany had bitten another child and Rethorn had bitten Brittany as punishment." During these bitings, Brittany had been bruised.

Crocker said that when Brittany had been murdered, she and many of her friends had questioned the murder. She then said, "In my opinion, I think that Brittany is better off, because I think it could have been a much more abusive situation." She continued by saying, "If she only had to go three years, she's better off."

According to Crocker, Brittany had been a sickly little girl. She had been rushed to the hospital in the past, because she had difficulty breathing. She felt that this may have been a strain on Rethorn who would possibly take out the loss of Darin on Brittany. Brittany seemed like an "inconvenience" on Rethorn. Crocker never saw Riggs punish Brittany, and she did not know Chuck JOHNSON. I asked her to describe her relationship with Jennifer

Rethorn, and she told me that in the beginning it was a sympathy relationship which grew into a friendship. Crocker lost a lot of respect for Rethorn after Darin moved back in. After the death of Brittany, the first person that Crocker thought of was Rethorn. At a gathering just after the death of Brittany, Crocker blew up at Jenny and blamed her for not protecting her daughter. Since that time, she has had little to do with Rethorn. I asked her if she thought that Rethorn may have committed the homicide, and she said, "I don't think both emotionally or physically, she'd have the ability to actually get rid of Brittany." She did, however, blame Rethorn for not protecting her child when she was in the room directly next door. Crocker did not believe that Rethorn was a very good mother, but she said, "I don't believe that Jenny could have killed her own daughter, I don't think that she has it in her."

Crocker indicated that she will be moving out of state after the Thanksgiving holiday. If she is no longer available at her home phone number or work number, she can be reached through her parents who are Dave and Jeannette Crocker, 410 Cloverleaf Way, Monrovia, CA (818) 358-0082.

On 10-27-94 at approximately 0800 hours, I received a telephone call from witness Jennifer Farrar. Farrar indicated to me that she was the "anonymous female" who had spoken to me just after the Brittany Rethorn-Riggs homicide. She had been telephoned by Crocker who I had spoken with the day before, and she wanted to come forward and give me her information.

Farrar indicated that she did not know Darin Riggs, and that she did not know Jennifer Rethorn all that well. She did, however, see them at a gathering the night of the homicide. Farrar would describe her relationship with Jennifer Rethorn as an acquaintance or a friend of a friend. She did see her quite frequently when she first moved here, because her daughter was being baby-sat by Crocker who is a friend of Jennifer Rethorn.

Farrar said that she had telephoned me originally, because there were a lot of things about the homicide which had bothered her. Rethorn's story had changed two or three times as to what had happened. Another thing that bothered Farrar was the fact that Rethorn had bitten Brittany while at her house in response to Brittany biting her mother. Rethorn had taken Brittany into another room and had bitten her so hard that it left teeth marks on her arm. Farrar had never seen Rethorn spank her child, but felt that the biting was unnecessary. Farrar felt that Rethorn was overly conscious about Brittany's health and would ask her questions constantly about how she felt. On one occasion, Rethorn gave Brittany some adult strength Nyquil to calm her down. This was when Brittany was two and a half years old. Rethorn then had Brittany lay down, and she fell asleep. Brittany did not have a cold at that time, and Farrar felt that she was given the medication solely to calm her down because she was getting rowdy.

I questioned Farrar about what she had said earlier about the story changing. Rethorn had called a "meeting" to discuss Brittany's death. While giving the details the first time, Rethorn said that they were asleep and did not hear anything. Farrar felt that this was hard to

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believe because she has a child herself and knows that if a child cannot breath, they tend to kick and fight. After waking up, Rethorn and Riggs began to look around the house and could not find Brittany. They asked the other roommate if he had seen Brittany, and he had not. While telling the story a second time, Rethorn indicated that she and Darin were laying awake in their bed when Brittany came in and wanted some juice. They got up and gave her some juice, and Brittany sat down to watch some TV. Jennifer and Darin went back to bed. As they lay awake in their bed, they heard a noise coming from the bathroom so they got up. They looked in the bathroom for Brittany, but she was not there. They looked around the remainder of the house, but could not locate her.

Farrar said it bothered her that first they were asleep and did not hear anything, and then they were awake and did hear something. Farrar believes that Rethorn likes to use Brittany for attention.

I asked Farrar if she felt that Jennifer Rethorn had it in her to kill her daughter, and she said, "I really don't know, I would hope not." Farrar did not know Chuck JOHNSON. She did, however, indicate that she had heard a lot of information about JOHNSON from Rethorn. Rethorn had indicated that JOHNSON had never hurt his children, but had physically abused his wife.

I asked Farrar what her motivation for calling me was, and she said that she wants whoever did this to pay. She also indicated that she wants every possible scenario checked. In talking with Rethorn, Farrar had been told by her that neither she nor Darin were suspects in this homicide.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refer to original report.

Refer a copy to Deputy District Attorney Michael Martinez.

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending.

cr #175/10-31-94

# POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY REPORT

MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

D. R. NO. **93-6318**

PROPERTY FOUND ☐

EVIDENCE ☒

OTHER: SPECIFY

DATE

LOC. 1 OF PROPERTY: FOUND PROPERTY, WHERE FOUND, EVIDENCE WHERE OBTAINED

VICTIM ☒  
OWNER ☐  
FINDER ☐  
SUSPECT'S NAME

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

CRIME

BOOKING NO.

ITEM NO.

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DESCRIPTION

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1-S 4 PAGES- NAMES OF PERSONS TALKED to  
BY RIGGS/RETHORN BETWEEN 10/10-10/13/93

0-T 1 CASSETTE TAPE- INTERVIEW w/ CROCKER 10/26/94

2-U 1 CASSETTE TAPE- INTERVIEW w/ FALLAN 10/27/94

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ISSUED TO: VICTIM ☐

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CODE SECTION <b>187 PC</b>	MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT  CA 0360500 P.O. BOX 2308 - 5111 BENITO MONTCLAIR, CA 91763 (909) 621-5873	CASE NUMBER <b>93-6318</b> <i>detest</i>
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CRIME <b>MURDER</b>		PAGE NO. <b>1 OF 1</b> CLASSIFICATION
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY CRIME REPORT</b>		PHONE <b>N/A</b>

VICTIM'S NAME - LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE (FIRM IF BUSINESS)

ADDRESS

**REHOBEN-RIGGS, BRITTANY**

**9343 EXETER MONTCLAIR**

EVIDENCE: 141H) ONE, BLOOD SAMPLE FROM DARIN RIGGS.

ARRESTEE INFORMATION: JOHNSON, CHUCK EDWARD 9-25-69

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: ON 7-10-95, I WAS NOTIFIED BY LT. PIER THAT RIGGS AGREED TO GIVE A BLOOD SAMPLE FOR EVIDENCE. I TELEPHONED RIGGS AND HE AGREED TO COME TO THE MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPT. TO GIVE A BLOOD SAMPLE. LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDICAL SERVICES (LEMS) WAS ALSO CALLED TO RESPOND TO MPD TO WITHDRAW THE BLOOD SAMPLE.

ON 7-10-95 AT 2033 HRS, I SAW VIN JAN MEADOR WITHDRAW A SAMPLE OF BLOOD FROM RIGGS. MEADOR GAVE ME THE BLOOD SAMPLE. I BOOKED THE BLOOD SAMPLE INTO MPD EVIDENCE, LATER TO BE ANALYZED AT SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY CRIME LAB.

RECOMMENDATION: REFER TO ORIGINAL REPORT

DISPOSITION: CASE PENDING.				
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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

AGENCY FILE No.

LABORATORY No.

DR 93-6318

LR 56887

TO: GUY EISENBREY, CHIEF  
Montclair police Department  
P. O. Box 2308  
Montclair, CA 91763

This report is made with the understanding that the information  
will be used for official purposes only.

DICK WILLIAMS, Sheriff  
By:

*John Lightfoot 9/29/94*  
Review Date:

TYPE OF INVESTIGATION:	Homicide
VICTIM:	Riggs, Brittany
SUSPECT:	Johnson, Chuck E.
CASE AGENT:	M. Donley #50
INVESTIGATING AGENCY:	Montclair police Department
TYPE OF REPORT:	Serology
DATE OF REPORT:	September 29, 1994



September 29, 1994

**EVIDENCE**

The following item was delivered to Sheriff's Central Property by the Montclair Police Department on October 11, 1993.

**BC# 93MO000120**

Item A: Sexual assault kit No. 013008 from Brittany Riggs.

- A-1: Whole blood sample
- A-2: One oral smear
- A-3: Two vaginal smears
- A-4: One rectal smear
- A-5: Head hair standard

**RESULTS**

No spermatozoa were observed on any of the smear slides submitted.

  
JOHN L. JOHNSON  
Criminalist II

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

AGENCY FILE NO.

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To: Guy Eisenbrey, Chief  
Montclair Police Department  
5111 Benito Street  
Montclair, CA 91763

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GARY PENROD, Sheriff

By:

  
Review Date: 8/16/95

TYPE OF INVESTIGATION: (01) Homicide

VICTIMS: Rethorn-Riggs, Brittany

SUSPECTS: Johnson, Chuck

CASE AGENT: M. Donley #50

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: Montclair Police Department

TYPE OF REPORT: Sex Kit Processing

DATE OF REPORT: August 15, 1995

**Examinations:**

Sexual offense kits are routinely processed upon receipt in order to preserve evidence.  
Typical sex offense kit processing involves:


- Removing OCJP forms 923 or 925, and protocol sheet(s) to the Laboratory case file.
- Removing the reference blood tube, preparing a dried blood swatch for long term frozen storage, and placing the blood tube in refrigerated storage.
- Preserving the cellular material in any included vaginal aspirate sample by centrifuging the aspirate tube, discarding the liquid portion of the aspirate, and retaining the cellular pellet for frozen storage in the sex offense kit.
- If analyst time is available, differentially staining included vaginal, rectal, and/or oral smears and briefly scanning these items for the presence of spermatozoa.
- Freezing the remaining contents of the sex offense kit.

The sex offense kits submitted have been processed as outlined below:

**BC 95MO000860**

Sex kit # 13818 from Chuck Johnson was processed on 07/31/95:

Blood Sample:      Blood tube removed and frozen swatch prepared for long term storage.

  
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Gizela Eszeki  
Forensic Technician