

CITY OF LONG BEACH
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MEMORANDUM

Homicide

DATE May 15, 1975
TO Deputy Chief M. Z. Wishon, Field Operations
FROM Officers HOUSDEN, S. W./STEED, P. J., Patrol Watch I
SUBJECT Homicide CROWELL, Keith - DB CR 7518752

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Investigating officers were contacted at the Information Desk, 400 W. Broadway, by DITHAR, Michael T., 5004 Los Coyotes Diagonal, #7, 597-1027, who stated that he was a friend of the above victim. At approximately 2300, 03-29-75, the above witness DITHAR was playing pool at BIG JOHN'S on E. Ocean, 4100, with COOPER, Randy W., 5004 Los Coyotes, #11, 597-3909, when they observed the above victim CROWELL to be also playing pool. DITHAR stated he had been drinking beer and became sleepy and went to a pickup of his friend COOPER in a parking lot of BIG JOHN'S and went to sleep. He was awakened at approximately 0300, by his friend COOPER and that time observed in the parking lot a nearly new white MUSTANG with a black vinyl top. Just outside the MUSTANG he observed another friend of his, MAYS, Kent, M/W, 15 years, who lives in the same block as the witness staggering outside the car. He was being assisted by a M/W, 28 years, 5-8/9, blond hair, just over the ears, wearing what appeared to be a levi jacket with a large patch on the back. When this person observed the witness he proceeded to the driver's side of the MUSTANG, entered the vehicle and drove East on Ocean Blvd. toward the Granada Lot. During this time the above witness and his friend walked toward the MUSTANG and observed in the right front passenger seat in a slumped over position the above victim. The witness then assisted MAYS to their pickup and took him home. MAYS at that time told the witness that he had been approached by the driver while inside BIG JOHN'S and was driven to Seal Beach where the driver obtained some "rods" and gave them to him and to the victim who was also in the car.

On 05-13-75, witness stated he observed a white MUSTANG parked at 1st and Gaviota with the license 303 KHZ that matched the description of the MUSTANG that left the BIG JOHN'S parking lot with the victim. Witness related that the vehicle was still at this location when he drove by it this date.

Officers ran a 1028 on the above license number which revealed a 1974 FORD COUPE, registered to a KRAFT, Randy Steven, 15132 Beach Blvd., Midway City. Officers proceeded to 1st and Gaviota and observed this vehicle parked on the West side of Gaviota two parking spaces N/O Ocean. A check of the apartment mailboxes in the vicinity revealed no one listed under the name of KRAFT.

Both witnesses stated they work during the day but would be willing to talk to officers of the Homicide Detail upon request. Witnesses related that MAYS attends STANFORD JUNIOR HIGH until about noon each day and would also be willing to talk to investigating officers of Homicide.

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Victim CROTWELL, Keith Daven

Date May 16, 1975 (Friday)

Accused

No. Report No: 751-8752

REFERENCE: DEAD BODY #75-5737
72nd Place (Jetty)
May 8, 1975
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On May 13, 1975, at 1700 hours, filing officer Woodward received information that the skull remains of an unidentified human being recovered in crime report #751-8752 had been identified as that belonging to Keith Daven Crotwell - MWA 19 years, DOB: 09/22/55, 4523 Montair Avenue #420, Long Beach, phone 429-2962, coroner case number 75.5737.

Filing officer was informed that the Los Angeles County Coroners investigator, DL Lystrup, had conducted the investigation and made the decision that the skull belonged to victim Crotwell.

Filing officer, on May 14, 1975, contacted investigator Lystrup and Lystrup related to filing officer that he had been contacted by his supervisors regarding the comparison of dental charts in an effort to identify or eliminate a missing person. Lystrup then related he had been given five dental charges by John Crotwell, 14061 Hammon Street, Westminster, California, phone unknown. Lystrup then conducted a thorough investigation and concluded that an identical comparison could be made, and the skull did in fact belong to the victim, Keith Daven Crotwell.

Lystrup further stated that the skull had been in the water for a considerable length of time and the investigator, Lystrup, was unable to state for a fact, how the head (skull) became detached from the body of the victim, which has not yet been located. Investigator Lystrup related to filing officer that he had been assisted by Medical Doctor, D. Wisely in his investigation of the deceased.

ATTENTION RECORD DIVISION: CR #751-8752, CORONER #75-5737
POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS KEITH DAVEN CROTWELL.

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May 8, 1975 (#1)

On May 14, 1975 at 1500 hours, filing officer Woodward was contacted at the Long Beach Police Station, Detective Bureau, by the victims father, John Ira Crotwell, 4523 Montair Avenue #A20, Long Beach, California, phone 429-2962; victim's sister, Sharon Reeves, 2400 E. 2nd Street #105, Long Beach, phone 438-3233; and victim's brother-in-law, Marty Reeves.

The victim's father related to filing officer that he had filed a missing persons report on victim Crotwell after he noted his son had disappeared. Victim's father related he felt his son had met with foul play due to the fact that he had been known to get very drunk and had a drinking problem. The victim had talked to his father on Saturday, April 26, 1975, the evening prior to Easter. The victim stated he would be home for Easter to his father, and related he was going out drinking with Kent May and some of their friends.

Victim's father related he had become quite concerned during his son's absence and had hired a private investigator to attempt to locate the victim. Subject then stated during his checking of leads he came across several subjects who had been with his son (victim) just prior to his death. Victim's father then inquired if the subjects knew anything about the disappearance of his son, and the victim's father received information concerning an unknown male white stranger, 25-30 years, short, stocky, wearing blue cords and a jacket, with a Harley Davidson emblem, blond styled hair to the shoulders, driving a 1975 Ford Mustang, black and white.

Victim's father questioned the subjects who had been with the victim prior to his death, and they related to him that they last saw the victim when he was with a stranger and Kent May in the strangers vehicle. The subjects who had been at Big Johns with the victim were identified as Kent May - MWJ 17 years, phone 597-6893; Randy Cooper - MWA 19 years, 5004 Los Coyotes #11, Long Beach, phone 597-1027; and Terry Ditmar, 5004 Los Coyotes #7, Long Beach, phone 597-1027.

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Victim's father related he was informed that subject Randy Cooper was driving and that the subjects had all gone to Big Johns in Coopers vehicle. Victim's father related he further learned that the friends of Kent May, informed him May got out of the possible suspect vehicle near Big Johns and victim did not get out at this time.

Victim's father related he talked to subject Kent May and subject related he had been introduced to a stranger and began conversation with the stranger and victim Keith Crotwell. The stranger had noted subject Kent May to be arguing with his girlfriend, and supposedly offered the subject a ride and some "reds" so he could cool off and relax. Subject May informed the stranger he would take his friend and together with victim Crotwell and the stranger the three drove away.

The victim's father began to suspect foul play and continued checking with the above subjects. The father was informed that his son had taken "10 reds" and the subject Kent May had taken "7 reds" and passed out. Subject May related to the victim's father that he did not remember what had happened that evening.

The victim's father further related that he was informed his son had not "dropped before" and it was believed at this time by victim's father that his son might have been dumped or taken somewhere by either the stranger or possibly his so called friends.

The victim's father related he continued his search and questioning, however, he was not making any progress and learned of his son being identified this date.

Filing officer Woodward questioned the victim's sister, Sharon Reeves, and she related that when she talked to the victim's friends it appeared to her that she got a "run around" and the information she obtained had minor con-

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flict as compared to what the suspects informed her father. Filing officer questioned the victim's brother, John Crotwell, on the telephone, and he related to filing officer that he had gone to Doctor J. Merrill on Abbeyfield Street, in Long Beach and obtained the x-rays and charts on his brother's teeth and took these charts to Los Angeles at the County Coroners Office where they were left by him for comparison.

The victim's mother was quite distressed and was not contacted at this time. Filing officer received a phone number from the victim's sister, area 1-714, 892-5653 in Westminster as the number to call to contact the mother.

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May 19, 1975, approximately 1700 hours, filing officer and Detective MC Woodward contacted and interviewed Randy Steven Kraft - date of birth 03/19/45 residing at 1727 1/2 E. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, phone 432-0085, employed at Aztec Aircraft Incorporated, 4225 Donald Douglas Drive, Long Beach (Long Beach Airport). Subject's vehicle described as 1974 Ford Coupe (Mustang II) #303 KHZ, black vinyl top over white bottom.

Subject Kraft was asked to relate to the officers his connection with the above victim and his whereabouts March 28, 1975, the day before Easter. Subject replied that to the best of his recollection on Saturday evening prior to Easter, he had been at Ripple's Bar, located at Granada and Ocean, leaving the bar somewhere between 2300 and 0100 hours. States that when he left the bar, walked across Ocean Boulevard, entered his vehicle which was parked in the Granada Beach parking lot, drove to the east end of the parking lot enroute home.

States that when he reached the area of the Belmont Olympic Swimming Pool, he spotted a friend of his, stopped and "Chatted" with this friend for a few moments. States that as his friend was leaving, he observed a male white arguing with a female white. States that he then sat on the fender of his car and "watched the show." States that after a few moments the female, who was involved in the argument, got into a vehicle with some other people and drove off. States that male white, whom she had been arguing with, walked over to where he was seated on his car and he and this person struck up a conversation. States that this subject still was extremely upset and that he (Kraft) offered him a beer.

Kraft went on to state that he and this male white subject (victim) sat down and his (Kraft's) car, and drank a beer. States a few minutes later a friend of the victim either walked over to the car or the victim went and got him and brought him to the car, and got into the back seat and also drank some beer.

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Approximately 1400 hours, May 21, 1975, Filing officer and Detective MC Woodward went to Astec Aircraft Incorporated, 4225 Donald Douglass Drive, Long Beach Airport, Long Beach, phone 421-8836, and contacted C.D. Smith - President Astec Aircraft Incorporated. Mr. Smith was asked if he has an employee by the name of Randy Kraft and Mr. Smith replied yes. Asked if Kraft worked Easter Sunday, March 30, 1975, and after Mr. Smith checked the time sheet, noted that Kraft did work on Easter Sunday from 0900-1500 hours. Asked if Kraft worked the Saturday before Easter, March 29, 1975, he stated that he did from 0800-1900 hours.

Mr. Smith was asked how long Mr. Kraft had worked for him, and he stated for sometime longer then six months, that Kraft started as a part-time employee while he was attending college and is now a full time employee. Smith went on to state that Kraft is an excellent employee, completely trustworthy and has been offered the office manager's job.

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Approximately 1530 hours, May 21, 1975, filing officer and Detective MC Woodward went to the area of the San Diego Freeway and El Toro Road where they noted a Bob's Big Boy Restaurant and contacted the manager Robert Scott, residential address 1001 West Mc Arthur, Santa Ana, phone 751-0130. Mr. Scott was asked what the hours of the restaurant were, and he stated from 0600 hours to 0200 hours. Asked if these hours remain in affect on the weekends, and he stated that the 0600-0200 hours were weekend hours. Asked if this would hold true on a holiday weekend such as Easter, and he stated yes.

Mr. Scott was asked what time his employees came to work Easter Sunday, and he stated that the waitresses arrived at approximately 0500 hours but would not let anyone in to the restaurant until it opened at 0600 hours.

Investigating officers checking the surrounding area noted that by driving north from the Bob's Big Boy Restaurant for approximately 1½ miles there was a dirt road which intersected with the paved road, but that the paved road continued on and did not deadend.

Officers turned off of the paved road onto the dirt road, followed it for approximately one half mile, noting that the surrounding vacant field appeared to have been recently cultivated and that there was a building which apparently had been demolished (purposely) recently and appeared to have been purposely set on fire. Officers noted that the dirt road forked in the area of the demolished building and there appeared to be numerous areas that a vehicle turnabout could easily be performed.

Officers returned to the south bound San Diego Freeway to the Avery Park Way off ramp and noted a Buffy's Restaurant located at 28722 Camino, Capistrano, in the city of San Juan. Officers further noted that at the intersection of Avery Parkway and Camino Capistrano, there were two gas

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stations, one being a Shell and one Exxon. Officers contacted the employees of the Exxon station and were advised that their hours are 0600-2100, seven days a week.

Employees of the Shell Station were contacted and officers were advised that the hours for the Shell Station are 0600-2200, closed Sunday. Officers noted that the Exxon Station had a number for a Tow Service but were advised by employees that that number was no longer in service and they no longer provided tow service and had not done so in approximately four months.

Officers then contacted the manager of Buffys Restaurant, Dave Moonan, residential address 32035 Pacifico Carolina Street, San Juan, phone 496-0868. Mr. Moonan was asked the hours of the restaurant in March of this year and they were advised the restaurant stayed open 24 hours a day, and that their hours changed on May 18, 1975 from 0530 to 2400 hours. Manager was asked for employees names who would have been working the graveyard shift March 29, 1975 and March 30, 1975 and were provided with the name of Brenda Thompson- residential address 23952 Estacia, South Laguna Beach, phone 495-5597, and the name Mona -phone number only 493-8286. States that these two females were on duty on the shifts and days requested.

Filing officers drove north from Buffy's Restaurant for approximately two miles on Camino Capistrano, noting it to be a wide two lane paved roadway. After approximately one and three quarters miles noted it to change to a narrow one lane black top road, and after approximately one quarter mile noted this black top road to turn into a dirt road, which ran parallel with railroad tracks. Officers followed this road for approximately one half of mile noting it to be very narrow, also noting several areas on the sides of the road that appeared that a vehicle had been stuck. Some appeared fresh, some old.

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Officers continued on the dirt road and found that it dead end. Officers turned their vehicle around, noting that it was very narrow and could have easily become very stuck. Officers further noting that the dirt road part of the drive was a desolate area with no lights, noting that after leaving the dirt area for approximately 1/2 mile there were still no street lights but for approximately 1½ miles there was street lights and numerous businesses along both sides of the road.

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May 22, 1975, 0930 hours, filing officers contacted by Mrs. Rosen, probation officer, 415 W. Ocean Boulevard, phone 432-0411, extension 435. Mrs. Rosen states she was the probation officer for the above victim, who was on probation for burglary. Rosen states that the victim was a "strange dude" and had an extreme drinking problem.

Mrs. Rosen was asked if the victim was a known dope user and she replied she had no knowledge of him using dope, only alcohol. Asked if the victim had ever shown any homosexual tendencies, and she stated that she was unable to detect any in her meetings with the victim.

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Kraft stated that they then drove out of the lot, the three of them, drove around the Belmont Heights area for approximately 20-30 minutes, and the second subject wanted to return to the parking lot. States that this subject was younger than the first male white that he had had contact with. States that he then drove back to the Granada Lot. States upon arriving at the lot, the younger male white got out of the vehicle and walked over to a small pick up truck, similar to a Datsun or Toyota, and that he (Kraft) and the victim then drove off.

States they drove south on the San Diego Freeway, but unable to recall how they got from the Belmont Shore area to the freeway. States that they drove to the area of Leisure World, Laguna Beach, got off of the freeway on the El Toro Road off ramp, drove for approximately another mile, got off on a dirt road, drove for a short distance, and the car "bottomed out", and got stuck.

States that he and the victim worked for about half hour to forty five minutes attempting to free the vehicle, but were unsuccessful. States he left the victim at the vehicle to watch it while he walked to "civilization" to get some help. States he walked for approximately a mile coming to a 24 hour restaurant, thinking it to be a Bob's Big Boy, called his roommate, Jeff Graves, told him of the predicament that he was in, and then had a cup of coffee. States that while he was drinking his coffee, he struck up a conversation with an older couple, who volunteered to assist him in freeing his vehicle.

States that he rode with this older couple to the area where his vehicle was, and noting that it was just starting to get light, somewhere around 0500 hours. States that when he returned the victim was gone. States that this couple helped him free his vehicle and then they left the area. States that he (Kraft) looked around the area for the victim, thinking that he may have possibly wandered off and passed out. States he was unable to locate the victim.

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Kraft stated that he then drove back to Long Beach and went to work, this being Easter Sunday.

Subject Kraft was asked to describe the first male white that he had had contact with and who eventually drove to the Laguna Hills area with him and he described the person as being a male white, 20-22 years, approximately 5-10, medium build, below collar length brown hair. Asked if he knew this persons name and he stated that he could not recall. Asked if he had ever seen this person before, and he stated no. Asked if he had seen this person since the ride, and he stated, "No, but I've looked for him." Asked to describe the second male white who had gotten into the vehicle before leaving the parking lot the first time, he described him as male white, younger then the first and somewhat smaller, NFD.

Asked if at any time during the two rides if either of the two persons in the vehicle with him used any type of drug or narcotic, and he replied not to his knowledge. Asked if he used any type of drugs or narcotics, during that night and he stated no. Asked if any other type of alcoholic beverage was consumed other than beer, he stated no. Asked what the victim was wearing and he stated he could not remember. Asked why he had driven the vehicle off on a dirt road, and he replied that the victim was driving at that time and that the victim had asked if he could drive his car while they were on the freeway heading south in the area of Harbor Boulevard and the San Diego Freeway. States that the victim was driving and he is the one who got off of the freeway and was driving when the vehicle got stuck.

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On May 19, 1975, at approximately 1200 hours, filing officer drove to 5004 Los Coyotes Diagonal, Apartment #7, and here contacted witness Michael T. Ditmar. Witness Ditmar was contacted regarding the above crime report involving the death of victim Keith Crotwell. Filing officer Woodward advised the witness that he was conducting an investigation and requested the witness to give him the details of what occurred just prior to witness last observing the victim.

Witness Ditmar then related to filing officer that he recalled the disappearance of the victim and the events leading to it very well. Witness related that it was the Saturday prior to Easter and he had accompanied the victim, Randy Cooper, Randy's girlfriend, name unknown, and another subject identified as Kent Mays to Big Johns in Belmont Shore. Witness then stated that Kent Mays arrived shortly after he and his friends and joined their group, however, he did not ride in their vehicle.

Witness stated while in the area of Big Johns he noted subject Randy to be arguing with his girlfriend and after a short while he walked away leaving them to themselves. Witness stated at this time witness Kent Mays was nearby and also the victim, Crotwell. Witness stated while he was standing around he had been drinking and felt the urge to lye down so he, therefore, went to subject Randy Cooper's vehicle and got into the back portion where he went to sleep.

Witness stated he along with everyone else in their party, had been drinking quite heavily and it was possible that most of the subjects were nearly intoxicated. Witness stated while he was lying in the back of the truck asleep, that it was at this time when the victim left the area with the subject driving the mustang and he was also accompanied by Kent Mays.

Witness related that he observed the suspect vehicle and suspect parked in the area prior to his going to sleep and he related that the victim had gone into big johns and left the area in the described vehicle with subject Kent Mays and the possible suspect driving.

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Filing officer asked the witness to give a description of the subject driving the vehicle and witness related the suspect was a male caucasian, 27-28 years old, short and stocky build, possibly 5-7 to 5-9, short over the ears type haircut with possible blond neat hair. Witness stated the subject was wearing a levi type jacket with some type of patch on the back possibly something referring to a motorcycle or similar.

Witness then related that the vehicle involved in the incident was a 1974 or 1975 Ford Mustang, one of the newer type models, small and what he referred to as "the economy type model". Subject stated the vehicle appeared to be clean with light brown interior, a dark possibly black vinyl top and a white bottom. Subject stated the vehicle had no special markings or anything outstanding about its appearance that he could recall. Witness stated he observed this vehicle several times and although it was night time, he recalled the appearance of the vehicle very well.

Witness related he went to sleep in the back of Randy's truck and remained at this location until he was awakened at approximately 0300-0400 hours by Randy at which time he noticed subject Kent Mays and victim Crotwell to be missing. Witness inquired as to their whereabouts and when informed that they had left the area with an unknown subject, witness stated to subject Cooper, "We'd better go back and get 'em." Witness stated he then began to sober up quickly and they returned to the area of Big Johns and began to look for subject Mays and victim Crotwell.

Witness then stated the possible suspect vehicle either drove up or they observed it parked near Big Johns close to the Granada Lot. Witness stated he and subject Cooper then observed subject Mays to be exiting the vehicle and while doing so it appears as though he was pushed from the vehicle and fell face first to the ground. Witness stated he then observed the victim Crotwell to be leaning towards the driver side with his head down in the front seat.

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Witness related he then yelled to the driver to hold up for a minute, and at this time the driver accelerated leaving the area rapidly. Witness stated the vehicle headed east bound Ocean and disappeared out of sight.

The witness was questioned regarding the victim's ability to fight and the witness stated the victim was very athletic and could handle himself well, however, he had no knowledge of the victim ever being involved in a fight with anyone. The witness related further that it was unusual for the victim's body to have been found as it was, due to the fact that the victim was a constant surfer and was known to be an excellent swimmer.

Witness then related to filing officer that he had talked to several officers in black and whites regarding the incident, and that he along with his friends had driven around in the Belmont Shore area for several days, up and down every street looking for the possible suspect vehicle. Witness stated that on May 13, 1975, he observed a mustang parked near 1st and Gaviota that appeared to be the suspect vehicle and that he notified officers of this information, including the description and license number of the vehicle.

Filing officer received the memorandum from officers Housden and Steed regarding this vehicle and upon noting the location and description of the vehicle, filing officer proceeded to the area of 1st and Gaviota and began a search for the possible suspect vehicle. Filing officer, while in the area, noted a vehicle parked at the northwest corner of Ocean and 11th Place and upon checking the license plate it was noted that this vehicle was the possible suspect vehicle as indicated.

Filing officer ran a DMV check on the plate and upon obtaining the name of the registered owner, filing officer began to contact all of the nearby apartment managers in an attempt to locate the owner's residence. While

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conducting this search, filing officer contacted several mailmen and one of these subjects related to filing officer that he recalled seeing mail for a subject identified as Randy Kraft at 1727 1/2 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach. Filing officer then proceeded to the Ocean Street address and here contacted subject Kraft.

Filing officer asked the subject his identity and after doing so filing officer identified himself as a Homicide Detective and informed the subject that he was conducting an investigation regarding a victim who had been killed and he would like to talk to subject Kraft.

Subject then invited officer into his residence and a conversation began. Filing officer informed the subject that his vehicle had been identified as the possible vehicle seen in the area of Big John's on the 29th of March and further that he was observed picking up the victim and being the last person with the victim prior to his death.

Upon being informed of this information, the subject stated, "What makes you think it was me" and filing officer stated several persons had observed his vehicle and pointed it out as being the same vehicle, as the one seen that night. Filing officer at this time noted the subject's description and it was similar to the description of the suspect described by the witness. Filing officer then related to the subject that his appearance was very similar to the suspect to which the subject then stated to filing officer, "Yeah, it could've been me, I go down in the Granada parking lot frequently and I might have picked up a guy." Filing officer then stated that two persons had been picked up at the same time, if that would help the subject's memory and at this time the subject stated, "I don't pick up two guys at the same time because that can get you into trouble, however, I could have. Why don't you give me time to think about it."

Filing officer then advised the subject to come to the Police Station at 1600 hours if he was able to for a taped interview and the subject replied he would do so. Filing officer earlier inquired as to why the subject was

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not at work and he stated he had called in sick. Filing officer advised the subject that he would meet him in the Homicide Detail and that Detective Bob Bell would assist in a brief interrogation regarding his last contacts which were possibly with victim Crotwell.

Filing officer then left the area and returned to the LBPD Homicide Detail and via the radio contacted a special enforcement team car with S.E.T. officer PR Fisher. Officer Fisher was given information regarding the possible suspect and vehicle and at this time officer Fisher proceeded to Ocean and 11th Place and took up surveillance of the possible suspect vehicle.

While at this location officer Fisher noted the possible suspect at approximately 1530 hours to exit his residence, enter his vehicle and drive east bound Ocean to the area of the Granada parking lot where the possible suspect was noted to enter a bar identified as Ripple's Bar. The suspect remained in this bar for approximately five minutes and shortly, thereafter, exited and drove directly to the LBPD Station, where he later contacted investigating officers and a taped interview was conducted.

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On May 19, 1975, filing officer checked the possible suspect vehicle for evidence with the permission of the owner, Randy Kraft. Filing officer advised subject Kraft that he was going to take photographs of his vehicle and while doing so filing officer asked the subject, "Do you have anything in your car that you want to hide?" Subject Kraft replied, "No, I don't think so."

Filing officer then asked the subject if it was okay to check the car and he replied, "Yes, I guess so."

Filing officer then noted in plain view on the floorboard of the subject's vehicle, several vials (medicine) empty and a plaid shirt. Filing officer asked the subject, "Whose shirt?" and the subject replied, "Well, really I don't know, that's another story in itself. I picked up a guy in San Pedro and we got drunk. When I woke up my money and the guy were gone and this shirt was in the back seat."

Filing officer picked up the vials and noted one vial to be a "Coriciden" vial. Filing officer further noted cough medicine in a bottle and another vial which did not appear to be prescription but a store type pharmacy vial. Filing officer inquired if the subject had been sick and he replied he had a "bad cold."

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On May 22, 1975, at 1000 hours, filing officer was contacted by Signal Hill Chief of Police Denham. Chief Denham related to officers that he had an informant who wished to remain anonymous, give him information regarding the Keith Crotwell death.

Chief Denham related he was given information by the informant that the victim, Keith, had recently began "chipping" and was not yet into heavy drugs. The informant related that on Saturday, the day the victim disappeared, he observed him (victim) at Big Johns and victim was very despondant, for some reason. The informant stated he believed the victim was despondant because he did not have money for his narcotics, however, he did not offer any proof for this statement.

Denham further related he had information from his informant that the man who picked up the victim was homosexual. Some of the above information was known to officers, however, only someone familiar with the case and circumstances could have this information.

Chief Denham related he would attempt to obtain further information regarding this incident from the informant.

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Date 5/23/75

Accused

No. CR 751 8752

RE: DEAD BODY/Coroner's Case #75 5737

On 5/22/75 F/O Woodward and Detective RM Bell conducted an interview with witness COOPER, Randy William. Witness Cooper originally resided at 5004 Los Coyotes Diagonal, #11, Long Beach, phone 597 3909, however at this time he was residing temporarily at 4232 E. 7th St., Long Beach, phone 438 5089.

Witness Cooper was questioned regarding the incidents which led to the disappearance of the victim Crotwell, and he related to officers that he would attempt to give the information to the best of his knowledge and as truthfully as he could.

Witness related that he had gone to the area of Big John's Pizza Parlor in the Belmont Shore area at approx 2100 hours on the Saturday just prior to Easter Sunday, (March 29, 1975). Stated he had accompanied Kent, Terry and victim Keith. While in the area of the parking lot near the Olympic Plaza Swimming Pool, an argument started between Kent and his girlfriend. This argument was over the fact that Kent had come to the area with Leslie and while at Big John's Leslie had observed Randy and she was now talking with witness Randy and attempting to avoid subject Kent. Witness Randy stated that he was with subject Leslie for nearly the remainder of the night and subject Kent had been walking around in the parking lot and area upset about the circumstances.

Witness Cooper related he did not pay much attention to what the people around him were doing because he was seated in the vehicle with Leslie and they were talking and "just messing around". Witness related after a considerable length of time had passed witness Cooper left the vehicle temporarily to see Leslie off and then returned to his vehicle where subject Terry was sleeping in the back, and then left the area enroute home. Witness stated at this time the victim Keith and subject Kent had left the area and had entered a white Mustang with a MW occupant and disappeared. Witness stated he did not pay too much attention to the subject or the vehicle, however, he noted the vehicle to be a 74 or 75 Ford Mustang, the Economy model, with a dark top which appeared to be black, a white body, and tan interior.

Upon arriving home the witness was confronted by subject Terry regarding the whereabouts of Kent and victim Keith, to which the witness replied, "I don't know where they are". Subject Terry then requested witness Cooper to return to the area of Big John's and look for the subjects due to the fact that they might be picked up by the police for being intox.

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Witness related he then returned to the area of Big John's with subject Terry. Upon arrival at Big John's, witness observed the described white Mustang parked in the area of the Island which is located near the E/end of Big John's just prior to the W/portion of the Granada Parking Lot. Upon observing the white Mustang, witness Cooper immediately recognized it as being the same vehicle he had observed earlier and he approached this vehicle expecting to find the victim and subject Kent in the vehicle. Witness stated as he approached the vehicle he observed the M/W occupant, who had been driving, to have exited the vehicle and was approaching the passenger door. Witness related he is not positive of what occurred next, however, it appeared to him that the driver of the vehicle was pulling or attempting to remove subject Kent from the vehicle.

Witness Cooper then observed subject Kent to fall to the ground and lie there appearing to be extremely intoxicated or "loaded". Witness stated the driver then got into his vehicle and drove away E/b through the Granada Parking Lot with victim Keith still in the vehicle in the f/r passenger seat lying in a slumped position to his left. Witness stated he looked at the victim and it appeared to him that the victim was possibly unconscious because he was leaning to the left in an awkward position and did not appear to be moving. Subject Cooper related he then assisted subject Kent into his vehicle and then he along with Terry and Kent attempted to catch or find the possible suspect vehicle, however, they were unable to locate the vehicle.

Subject Cooper was questioned further regarding the incident and he related that although he had been drinking he was not intoxicated and he further stated, "I could maintain all my faculties." Witness Cooper was then shown a set of 6 mug shots, by Detective Bell, and then admonished that he was under no obligation to ID anyone as the possible suspect, further that the suspect may or may not be depicted in the photos.

Witness Cooper then looked over the photos and after studying the photos for a short period of time picked Photo #1, a photo depicting PICCO, David Charles LBDR 294 021, as being a very close resemblance. Witness Cooper then picked Photo #5, KRAFT, Randy Steven. Witness related that subject KRAFT resembled the suspect also, however, his face looked different at this time.

Witness Cooper related he did not look at the suspect's face very well and he had never seen the suspect nor his vehicle before and these facts together made it hard for him to recognize the suspect.

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Witness Cooper was then shown 3 polaroid photographs depicting a 74 Ford Mustang, Ca Lic #303 K H Z, and asked if he had ever seen his vehicle before. Witness Cooper replied, "That car's identical to the one I pointed out as a possible suspect car." F/O inquired if he meant it was the same vehicle he had observed leaving with victim Keith and he stated, "It's identical, I've hardly ever seen one of those kind of Mustangs, and it stayed in my mind".

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REFERENCE: DEAD BODY #75-5737
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May 8, 1975 (#1)
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On May 23, 1975, filing officer Woodward and Detective RM Bell contacted witness Leslie Anne Kempner, FWA - DOB: 12/05/56, of 3950 Myrtle Avenue, Long Beach, phone 426-3152 regarding victim Crotwell's disappearance. Witness related to filing officers that she was aware of the disappearance and death of the victim, and could remember some of the occurrences that night (March 29, 1975 Saturday).

Witness related she drove her vehicle to Big Johns Pizza Parlor with subject Kent May accompanying her. After arriving at Big Johns, witness Kempner observed "Randy" (Witness Cooper) and then made an attempt to "be with Randy" for the rest of the evening. Witness stated she was older than subject "Kent" and, therefore, wanted to be with "Randy."

Witness related she observed Kent and victim "Keith" in the vicinity of her vehicle, however, she did not pay much attention to either one. Witness observed a white Mustang with a male white occupant park next to her vehicle and later observed "Kent" in the back seat and "Keith" (victim) in the front passenger seat. Witness did not get a good look at the suspect and stated she could not identify suspect. Witness was then shown a group of 6 mugs identical to those shown to other witnesses, and advised the suspect could or might not be present among them. After a check of the photos, witness stated she was unable to pick any one as a suspect.

Witness related she knew the victim to be a good swimmer and well acquainted with the beach areas. Witness stated the victim was "big and strong" and she felt the suspect would have to be big to overpower him unless "victim" was unconscious or "drugged."

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May 8, 1975 (#2)
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While officers were talking to witness Kempner, witness Ditmar, Terry came into the residence and this witness was again questioned by filing officer regarding victim Crotwell's disappearance. Witness Ditmar then added that he observed the victim and Kent leave with the male white subject in the white mustang and at this time "Kent was not drunk or loaded."

Witness indicated further that when the subject "Kent" did return to the area with the suspect, he was very drunk and appeared to be "Loaded." Witness Ditmar was then shown a set of mugs by Detective Bell, which consisted of six mugs:

(1)	DR #250-335	03/28/74	
(2)	DR #249-822	03/04/74	
(3)	DR #176-253	09/16/74	
(4)	DR #233-059	04/06/72	
(5)	DR None	05/19/75	(Suspect Kraft)
(6)	DR #227-371	04/05/74	

The witness Ditmar pointed out Photo #1 and #5 and then stated, "The guy was stocky like this (#1) pointing, "But I don't remember if he had a moustache or not. Witness related he was not sure, however, (#5) number five looked like the subject also. Witness omitted photos #2, #3, #4 and #6 stating, "None of these."

The same set of photos was shown to each person involved in the investigation and each was admonished regarding suspects identity.

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CROTWELL, Keith

DATE

June 3, 1983

ACCUSED

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BOOKING NUMBER

KRAFT, Randy

INDICATE ADDITIONAL IN MARGIN AT LEFT:

VICTIM - V

WITNESS - W

RELATIVE - X

SUSPECT - S

ACCUSED - A

INTERVIEW: MAY, Kent

Resides at 1961 Yount Ville Cross Roads, Yount Ville, CA

Phone (707) 944-8634

Male white, DOB: 2-25-60

CDL #N839 0320

Mother's address: 4831 Clark Avenue, Long Beach;
phone (213) 429-8662

On Tuesday, May 31, 1983, at 1330 hours, filing officer and Detective W.B. COLLETTE contacted and interviewed MAY, Kent in the Yount Ville City Park (at the request of witness). Witness was asked to relate to investigating officers what he remembered regarding the disappearance of Keith CROTWELL in March of 1975, and witness related the following information.

Witness stated that he, along with his girlfriend, Lisa (Leslie KEMPER, AKA: Leslie KAWAMURA), went to Big John's Pool Parlor, Belmont Shore, in the area of the Olympic Swimming Pool, arriving in the area between 8 and 8:30 p.m. Stated that upon their arrival in Lisa's car, he observed some of his friends, namely Mike (DITMAR), Keith (CROTWELL), and Randy (COOPER), in the parking lot drinking beer. Stated he joined them for awhile, then went into Big John's where he remained for several hours, and some time after midnight, he and his girlfriend, Lisa, got into an argument, and she went and sat in the car. At this time, he observed a male white, either standing by or sitting on a black over white Ford Mustang in the parking lot by the Belmont Pool. States that this subject asked him if he wanted a beer, and he then went, entered the subject's vehicle, drank a beer, and at this time the subject asked him if he wanted to take a ride.

Witness stated that after being asked this by the subject, he in turn asked this subject if he was a "queer," and the subject replied, "No." Witness stated that the subject made some other remarks about homosexuals, but he could not recall the exact words. Witness stated that he told the subject that he wanted to get a friend to go with him, and it was at this time that he went and contacted Keith (CROTWELL) (victim) told him that this guy wanted to give him some beer and go for a ride, and at this time he (witness) entered the right rear, and the victim (CROTWELL) entered the right front.

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KRAFT, Randy

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VICTIM - V

WITNESS - W

RELATIVE - X

SUSPECT - S

ACCUSED - A

INTERVIEW: MAY, Kent

Witness went on to state that after he and the victim got into the car, the driver offered them some pills, which they both accepted, and the subject then opened what he believed to be a brown prescription vial and pour out several yellow capsules, five to seven of which he (witness) took, and he observed the victim to take several more than he had, maybe 10 to 12. States they both washed the pills down with beer that was provided by the male white driver of the Mustang. Witness stated that they then drove east in the Granada Parking Lot, left the lot, drove eastbound on Ocean Boulevard to Bayshore, north on Bayshore to Second Street, and into the area of Seal Beach. States that they drove around for 15 or 20 minutes that he remembers. Witness went on to state that they could have driven longer than that, but that the effect of the yellow pills that he took and the beer that he was drinking got him very intoxicated.

Witness went on to state that he does not remember how he got back to the parking lot, or how he got home, but was told later that his friends took him home.

Witness was asked if he could describe how the subject who was driving the Mustang was dressed, and he stated that to the best of his recollection he was wearing blue Levis, and a Levi type jacket. Witness was asked if he recalled what Keith (victim) was wearing, and he stated that he was not sure, but he believed that Keith was wearing a long-sleeved plaid pendleton, Levis, and probably thongs. Witness was asked if at any time during the association he had with the driver of the vehicle this person made any homosexual overtones or sexual passes at either he or the victim, and the witness replied that he did not recall any, and if he had he and Keith would not have gone with him.

At this time the witness was shown a colored photograph of a black over white Mustang, and the witness positively identified this vehicle as being the vehicle that he and the victim had been in, along with the male white subject the last time that he saw the victim.

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INTERVIEW: MAY, Kent

Witness was advised that he was going to be shown six colored mug shots of male white individuals of similar coloring and facial description. He was also advised that he was under no obligation to identify anyone in the six photos; that the purpose of showing them was as much for elimination as it was for identification.

- (1) Photo #250 335, dated 3-28-74
- (2) Photo #249 822, dated 3-4-74
- (3) Photo of KRAFT, dated 5-19-75
- (4) Photo #233 059, dated 4-6-72
- (5) Photo #176 253, dated 9-16-74
- (6) Photo #227 371, dated 4-5-74

Witness viewed the six photographs, and after approximately 45 seconds to one minute, witness pointed to photo #3, stated that that was the person who was driving the car the night that he and the victim went for a ride, and the last night that he ever saw the victim.

The photo picked by witness was that of KRAFT, Randy. Witness was asked by the filing officer if he was positive regarding the identification, and he stated that he was, and that when he viewed the photos some eight years ago he was pretty sure at that time but was very frightened, and was afraid to say he was positive. Witness was asked if he had been following on television or in the newspapers the events since the arrest of Mr. KRAFT, and he stated that he (witness) left town a day or so after KRAFT was arrested and that he was not following the progress of the case, and was only kept apprised of the progress by his mother by telephone occasionally. Witness was asked if he had seen Mr. KRAFT's photo or seen him on television since KRAFT's arrest, and he stated that he had not.

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INTERVIEW: MAY, Kent

Witness was asked why he and his friend had waited so long in 1975 to say anything to the police or to the victim's parents regarding what had happened that night at Big John's and the Granada Lot, and the witness replied that it was not unusual for Keith (victim) to stay away two or three weeks at a time with no explanation to anybody and that Keith (victim) was very irresponsible. Witness went on to state that he and his friend were slightly concerned, but not enough to go to the police.

Witness stated that he would be available to testify in Court. At the conclusion of the interview, the witness was allowed to read his previous statement which was made on May 21, 1975. After he read the statement, he was asked if he wished to add or delete anything from his now given statements, and he stated that he did not.

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RELATIVE - X

SUSPECT - S

ACCUSED - A

INTERVIEW: KEMPER, Leslie Anne
AKA: KAWAMURA, Leslie
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Witness was asked by the investigating officers, COLLETTE and BELL, to relate what she could recall regarding the disappearance of the victim, Keith CROTWELL, in late March, 1975. Witness replied that the incident was not very clear, but that she would try her best and relate the following. The witness was interviewed at 1045 hours on 6-2-83.

Witness states that she remembers driving to Big John's in the Belmont Shore area with her boyfriend, Kent MAY, and she also recalls that they stood around in the parking lot by the Belmont Pools, drank some beer, and then they all went into Big John's. She stated that she recalls getting into an argument with Kent (MAY) about her flirtations with Randy (COOPER). States that she wanted to be with Randy, instead of Kent, because Kent was younger than she and was acting like a kid.

Witness states that Kent went outside, a few minutes later came back inside, talked to Keith, and then they both went outside again. Witness states that she went outside and observed a black over white small car in the parking lot by the Belmont Pools and saw that Kent (MAY) was in the back seat, right side, and that Keith (CROTWELL), victim, was in the front seat, right side, and there was a male white driver who had a mustache behind the wheel. States that she was not sure what type of vehicle this was, but it looked similar to her car, which was a Maverick. Witness states that the last time she saw Keith (victim) is when the previously described vehicle drove eastbound in the Granada Parking Lot with Keith in the front seat and Kent in the back seat. Witness stated at the time that Keith and Kent drove off in the black over white vehicle with the male white driver, someone, unknown who, made the comment, "They're going off with a gay guy."

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ACCUSED KRAFT, Randy	BOOKING NUMBER
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INTERVIEW: KEMPER, Leslie Anne

Witness was shown a photo of a black over white Mustang; after examining the vehicle for a few minutes, witness was unable to positively identify the vehicle, stating that it was similar but she could not be sure. At this time, witness was advised that she was going to be shown six photos, all of male white subjects; the photos were in color; all subjects of similar facial expressions and coloring. She was advised that she was under no obligation to identify anyone and that it was as much to eliminate a possible suspect as it was to identify. Witness was handed the mug show-up folder containing the below listed six photos:

- (1) Photo #250 335, dated 3-28-74
- (2) Photo #249 822, dated 3-4-74
- (3) Photo of KRAFT, dated 5-19-75
- (4) Photo #233 059, dated 4-6-72
- (5) Photo #176 253, dated 9-16-74
- (6) Photo #227 371, dated 4-5-74

Witness viewed the six photos for several minutes. Witness stated that she could not be positive, but photo #3 (KRAFT) looked most like the person driving the white car, the night she last saw Keith CROTWELL. Further stated that the other five photos did not look familiar at all. Witness was asked if she had been following the progress of the KRAFT case since his arrest in Orange County, and she stated that she knew that someone had been arrested, but was not much of a news watcher; therefore, she could not concern herself with it. She was asked if she had seen Mr. KRAFT's photo on television or seen him on television, and she stated she had not.

At the conclusion of the interview, the witness was allowed to read her previous statement which was made on May 23, 1975. After she read the statement, she was asked if she wished to add or delete anything from her now given statement, and she stated that she did not.

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CROTWELL, Keith

DATE

June 7, 1983

ACCUSED

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KRAFT, Randy

INDICATE ADDITIONAL IN MARGIN AT LEFT:

VICTIM - V

WITNESS - W

RELATIVE - X

SUSPECT - S

ACCUSED - A

INTERVIEW: BROWN, Lyle

Employed at Beach Cycle Shop, 3350 E. Broadway,
Long Beach; phone #438-8353

On 6-6-83, at approximately 1200 hours, the above subject was interviewed at his place of employment by Detectives R.M. BELL and W.B. COLLETTE.

Witness related that subsequent to the arrest of Randy KRAFT, he had occasion to read media news coverage and observed a photograph of KRAFT. Stated the photograph was highly similar to a man who worked as a butcher at the Safeway Market located at 39th Place and Ocean, Long Beach. Stated the subject worked there six months to a year ago, and he had not seen him for some time, approximately one month or one month and a half.

Witness could not provide any further information.

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CROTWELL, Keith

DATE

June 7, 1983

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KRAFT, Randy

INDICATE ADDITIONAL IN MARGIN AT LEFT:

VICTIM - V

WITNESS - W

RELATIVE - X

SUSPECT - S

ACCUSED - A

INTERVIEW: DITMAR, Michael Terrence
Male white, DOB: 8-26-55
Resides at 304 Cliff Drive, #19, Santa Clara, CA
No phone 427-3287 (408)

On Sunday, 5-27-83, at approximately 1900 hours, the above witness was interviewed at his residence by Detectives R.M. BELL and W.B. COLLETTE. The witness related that in March of 1975 he went to Big John's Pizza and Pool Parlor in Belmont Shore section of Long Beach by the Olympic Plaza Pool.

Witness stated that a group of friends that went to Big John's were Randy COOPER, Kent MAY, Leslie KEMPER, Keith CROTWELL, who was like a brother to him. Witness stated they had all been drinking and had returned to COOPER's truck parked in the adjoining parking lot. Witness stated he had crawled into the back camper of COOPER's truck when Keith CROTWELL opened the door and spoke to him. Stated CROTWELL asked him if he wanted to go to a party, that he had met a guy who had a couple of them to go to.

Stated he told CROTWELL that he had had enough to drink and wasn't interested. Stated that Keith told him, "See you tomorrow." Witness stated at this time he and Randy left and went home, arriving at approximately 2 a.m. Stated they realized that they didn't have Keith with them and that they then returned to the Belmont Shore area where they had last seen him.

Stated he and Randy, upon returning, saw a white colored Ford Mustang parked near where they had been parked earlier and observed a male subject trying to push Kent MAY away from the Mustang. Stated Kent MAY was severely intoxicated and fell to the ground and was unable to walk or talk. Stated he observed Keith CROTWELL sitting in the passenger side of the Mustang, leaned over as though passed out, towards the driver's side.

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CROTWELL, Keith

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June 7, 1983

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KRAFT, Randy

INDICATE ADDITIONAL IN MARGIN AT LEFT:

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RELATIVE — X

SUSPECT — S

ACCUSED — A

INTERVIEW: DITMAR, Michael Terrence

Witness was then shown a photo of a black over white Mustang, bearing Californice license #303 KHZ. The witness, on viewing the photo, identified it as the vehicle in which he had observed KRAFT and CROTWELL. Witness stated he was absolutely certain of his identification because of a sticker affixed to the windshield on the driver's side. In addition to being familiar with vehicles and model years, the witness then pointed the sticker out to investigators in the photograph. It should be noted that investigators had not noted the sticker until pointed out by DITMAR.

Witness stated that after CROTWELL failed to return home for a few days, he did not think too much of it because CROTWELL had a habit of disappearing for days at a time. Witness was asked what CROTWELL was wearing when last seen, and related that he was wearing reddish brown plaid pendleton shirt, blue Levis, and possibly thongs on his feet. Stated that CROTWELL did not wear any jewelry, and sometimes carried a wallet, but that the guys that he hung around with had a habit of leaving their identification at home when they went drinking.

Witness stated on that evening, he had consumed beer only and did not take any drugs or marijuana. Stated his degree of intoxication was not that great, that he had full memory and control of everything that happened that night.

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CROTWELL, Keith

DATE

June 7, 1983

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KRAFT, Randy

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SUSPECT - S

ACCUSED - A

INTERVIEW: DITMAR, Michael Terrence

Stated as they tended to Kent MAY, the driver of the Mustang got into it and drove off eastbound in the Granada Parking Lot with Keith. Witness states they yelled to the driver to stop and come back, but he continued on, out of the Granada Parking Lot and eastbound onto Ocean.

Witness stated that Kent MAY was really out of it, but did tell them that the guy had been giving them reds and that they were eating them. Witness at this time was allowed to read his previous statement given at the time of the incident, and he stated that everything was factual and accurate.

Witness DITMAR was then shown a photographic presentation and prior to he was admonished that he was not obligated to select a photograph; that it was just as important to free innocent persons from guilt as to select the guilty, and that the mere fact that the investigators were showing photographs should not influence his judgment. The following presentation was shown:

- (1) Photo #250 335
- (2) Photo #249 822
- (3) Photo #176 253
- (4) Photo #233 059
- (5) Photo of KRAFT, Randy, dated 5-19-75
- (6) Photo #227 371

The witness, on viewing the presentation, immediately selected photo #5, that of Randy KRAFT, and stated he was certain that that was the same person who drove off with Keith CROTWELL, whom he never saw again alive. Witness was asked if he had seen any recent photographs of KRAFT published in the newspaper or on television, and he stated that he does not read the newspaper, nor does he have a television.

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CROTWELL, Keith

DATE

June 14, 1983

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KRAFT, Randy

INDICATE ADDITIONAL IN MARGIN AT LEFT:

VICTIM - V

WITNESS - W

RELATIVE - X

SUSPECT - S

ACCUSED - A

FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION:

Further investigation in an attempt to locate the remains of the above victim, filing officer discovered that on October, 19, 1975, the headless skeleton remains were discovered in the area of the Laguna Hills. The exact location was Hon Street in Camberwell, Laguna Hills. The remains were discovered in a six feet long, 26 inch in diameter, metal culvert. The remains were discovered by DOLLINS, William Mike, address as of 10-19-75: 27211 Pueblo Nuevo, Mission Viejo; phone (714) 581-3706.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department, case #452-823, Orange County Coroner's Case #75-3865. Officers reviewed a copy of the report filed by Deputies LEIN and LOHREY, indicated in the report that they had contacted the County of Orange Road Department who advised them that Hon Street was paved in March of 1975 and that the aforementioned culvert which had been protruding in then the dirt roadway had been cut and placed in the fields in the early part of March of 1975, to make way for the road paving.

The remains were sent to Cal State Fullerton, Anthropology Department, and remains were examined by associate professor Judy SUCHEY. Her findings were that the remains were of a male, 17-22 years, approximately 5'10, with a muscular build. It was further determined that one of the unusual characteristics was a disease called spina bifida (defect in the walls of the spinal canal caused by a lack of a union fit). No other unusual characteristics match. Cause of death was undetermined.

Filing officer contacted Dr. WATERS, Franklin, phone (213) HE7-6443; Long Beach, California, and spoke with the office manager, Joy GREENWOOD. She advised the filing officer that Mr. CROTWELL had been a patient of Dr. WATERS and that the aforementioned spina bifida was a family trait in the CROTWELL family, but that he had never been treated for this particular disease and it is unknown whether he had the disease or not. She further stated that the victim had been a victim of a motorcycle accident, November 9, 1972, and had suffered a fractured right shoulder and treated at Long Beach Community Hospital.

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DATE

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KRAFT, Randy

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VICTIM - V

WITNESS - W

RELATIVE - X

SUSPECT - S

ACCUSED - A

FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION CONTINUES:

Filing officer contacted medical records, Long Beach Community Hospital, and was advised that the x-rays of the victim's shoulder had been destroyed in 1981; that they are only required to keep x-rays for seven years and at that time they are melted down and made into new film. A copy of the medical treatment received will be forthcoming if available.

The area where the remains were discovered is the same area where the above accused had told the filing officer he had last seen the victim in March of 1975. The Anthropologist's information regarding the sex, age, and build of the skeletal remains are very close to that of victim CROTWELL. The remains being without a head and the victim's head being discovered a couple of months later, coupled with the spina bifida, which is a family trait in the CROTWELL family, strongly indicates that the headless skeletal remains is most probably the remains of victim CROTWELL.

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Victim	CROTWELL, Keith Daven	Date	June 18, 1975 (Wednesday)
Accused	KRAFT, Randy S. (Not/custody)	No.	Report No: 752-4154

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Officers conducted several interviews with friends of the deceased regarding his disappearance and information was related to officers that the last time they saw the victim he appeared to be either intoxicated to the extent he could not care for himself, or possibly unconscious in the front seat of the described suspect vehicle, with the described suspect behind the wheel driving away.

Officers interviewed Witness Randy Cooper and witness Cooper related to filing officers that after the victim had disappeared, he and his friends had attempted to locate him for several days, and being unable to do so they notified several black and white police vehicles, regarding the victim's disappearance. Witness Cooper related that on the night of the occurrence, a Saturday evening, he received information that the victim had left the area with a male white subject in a black over white mustang. At a later time, possibly in the area of two or three o'clock in the morning, he had gone to his residence, along with subject Terry Ditmar and upon arriving near the front of his residence, and noting the victim to be still missing, witness Cooper decided to drive back to the area of Big Johns and attempt to again locate the victim.

Upon arriving at Big Johns in Belmont Shore area, witness Cooper and also victim Ditmar stopped their vehicle near the east end of Big Johns, and at this time noted the suspect and suspect vehicle to be parked just ahead of them.

Witness Cooper stated at this time the suspect appeared to be all the way out of his vehicle, and pushing victim Kent May out of the vehicle. Witness noted that victim May at this time appeared to be "loaded" on drugs or a combination, and he was stumbling and fell to the ground. Witness looked in the vehicle and observed victim Crotwell to be leaning over toward the driver's side.

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Witness Cooper was then questioned regarding what occurred next, and he related that the suspect entered his vehicle rapidly and then drove away with victim Crotwell leaning over on the right shoulder of the suspect. Witness related at this time, that the suspect appeared to have blond hair, was approximately 5-8, and weighed approximately 170 to 180 pounds.

Witness Cooper related he did not believe he could make a positive identification of the suspect, however, he related if he saw him in person he could possibly identify him. Witness further stated that he was certain he could identify the suspect vehicle if seen again, and further that he had observed a vehicle, which he was certain in his mind, to be the suspect vehicle.

Witness Cooper was then admonished by Detective Bell regarding a set of photographs, which he was shown by officers, that he was under no obligation to pick any of the photographs. The suspect may or may not be in the group of photographs. The purpose is as much for elimination as it is for identification. After viewing the photographs, the witness picked Photograph #1, a photograph of a subject identified as David Charles Picco. Witness stated that this subject looked like the suspect, however this picture was not the suspect. Witness then was shown a photograph of a Ford Mustang, which officers had taken with a poloroid camera, and the witness was asked if he had ever seen a vehicle similar to the one depicted. Witness then stated, "That looks identical, as a matter of fact, I'm sure that's the same car I told the police about. " Witness related he was certain that vehicle with license number 303 KHZ was the same vehicle which he had observed with the victim.

Filing officer then contacted Terry Ditmar, regarding the incident and he related he had been at Big Johns when his friend, Keith Crotwell disappeared, and that upon his return to Big Johns at a later hour, he observed a male white 28 years, 5-8/5-9, blond hair, wearing what appeared to be a levi jacket in the process of letting one of his friends out of

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Victim May stated that he went to the area of Big Johns, asked the victim Crotwell to accompany him, and together both victims left with the suspect in his vehicle. As the suspect drove out of the Granada parking lot, he asked the victims, "Do you want some reds." Victim Crotwell at this time asked victim May if he had ever taken reds before, to which he replied yes.

Victim May then stated at this time the suspect removed a brown prescription type vial from his person, and poured some yellow pills into the victim's hands and then directly into his hand. Victim stated that he took approximately seven of these yellow pills, and that the victim Crotwell took approximately ten. Victim May stated that the pills were washed down with a quantity of beer.

Victim May related that after the suspect left the Granada lot, he drove east bound to Ocean into Seal Beach, and after driving around for a while returned to the Granada Lot. Witness May stated he did not remember anything that occurred, after getting near the area of Pacific Coast Highway, due to the fact that he became so intoxicated from the pills that he had taken, that he passed out and does not remember which route the suspect took.

Victim May related he does not remember how he got out of the suspect vehicle, nor what occurred when he was in the suspect vehicle, however he does recall some of his friends helping him to their vehicle and eventually taking him away.

Victim May was then shown a series of photographs and advised by Detective Bell, that he was not under any obligation to pick any of the subjects, and that the suspect may or may not be among the photographs. The victim looked at the six photographs carefully, and then picked photograph #5, being that of suspect Kraft, as being very similar to the suspect he had been referring to.

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the described suspect vehicle. Witness Ditmar also observed the victim Crotwell to be in the right front passenger seat, in a slumped over position. Witness related he then went to victim May and noted that he appeared to be under the influence of something, and assisted him to the pick up he was riding in, and took him home. Witness Ditmar stated at this time that victim Kent May stated to him that the suspect approached him inside of Big Johns, and offered him some "reds". Witness stated that victim May further related to him that the suspect had driven him to Seal Beach, where an amount of "reds" were given to him and also to the victim, who was in the front seat of the vehicle.

Witness further related that he and witness Cooper were the ones who observed the suspect vehicle parked near 1st and Gaviota on May 13, 1975 and gave officers information regarding that vehicle as being identical in detail to the suspect vehicle.

On May 21, 1975, at approximately 1200 hours, filing officer contacted victim May regarding the above incident, and victim May related to filing officer that sometime between 2000 and 2200 hours on March 29, 1975 in the area of Big Johns, he had met a male white subject, who later took him for a ride and gave him seven yellow pills, which later caused him to become under the influence of drugs and alcohol, causing him to be very sick and lose all sense of responsibility or care for himself.

Victim May further related that victim Crotwell was given ten yellow pills at this time, and he also had been drinking heavily. Victim May stated that the suspect asked him if he wanted to take a ride, and when the suspect was asked if he was "gay" and replied that he wasn't, the victim stated he would take a ride.

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Officers Woodward and Bell, after receiving the above information began investigating the case, and filing officer Woodward on May 19, 1975, drove to the area of 1st and Gaviota and near this location, located the suspect vehicle parked near the intersection of Ocean and 11th Place. Filing officer began checking the residential area and located the suspect's residence at 1727½ E. Ocean Boulevard.

Filing officer contacted the suspect and advised him that filing officer was conducting an investigation regarding a murder and that the subject was requested to come to the Long Beach Police Department to give filing officer and Detective Bell further information.

Suspect Kraft at this time came to the station and was questioned by officers regarding the incident. Suspect Kraft then related to filing officers that he had in fact picked up a subject in the area of the Granada Lot on approximately March 29, 1975. The suspect then related that he did in fact recall picking up two subjects, both male white subjects, whom he stated appeared to be 20 to 22 years of age. Subject Kraft did state that one victim did appear to be older then the other.

Subject Kraft related further that he had parked his vehicle near the east Granada Beach parking lot, and that he had walked around in the area just prior to the incident, where he had met a friend of his and "chatted" for a short time. Suspect related that he was about to leave this particular location, when he observed a male and female arguing, and he "watched the show." Suspect then related he offered one of the victim's a beer, started a conversation, and eventually left the area with both victims in his vehicle.

Suspect denies furnishing any narcotics to anyone, and related that the last time he saw the victim Crotwell was when he left the victim in his (suspect's) vehicle and went for help somewhere near El Toro Road off the San Diego Freeway where his car had "bottomed out."

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Prior to receiving the above information, filing officer Woodward requested a lab technician to take photographs of suspect Kraft's vehicle, which was parked on Broadway just east of the LBPD. Filing officer accompanied the suspect to the location of his vehicle, and while at this location filing officer asked the suspect if there were any items in his vehicle, which he wished to hide and the suspect replied, "No, I don't think so." Suspect was then asked if filing officer could check his vehicle, and the suspect replied, "Yes, I guess so." Filing officer then noted in plain view, on the rear floor-board, several vials, appearing to be prescription type vials. Filing officer picked up the vials and noted one of them to be a Coriciden vial, and the second vial was picked up by officer, however, this vial did not contain anything with the victim's identity on it and filing officer neglected to note exactly what the vial had contained prior.

Filing officer also noted a pharmacy type vial which contained a liquid and upon checking it, officer noted the bottle to contain sometype of cough medicine. Filing officer, inquired of the suspect, if he had been sick and he replied that he had been sick with a bad cold.

For further information see Police Report-Dead Body CR #751-8752 victim Crotwell.

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