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Investigative Assignment #96-02-0262

July 12, 1996

Investigative Report #2

TO:

Ralph J. Ray, Jr.

Chief Assistant State Attorney

FROM:

Philip J. Mundy

Investigator

SUBJ:

Interviews of Martha, William and Joseph MISTLER

RE:

Homicide Investigation of Adam Walsh

ENCL:

(1) Statement of Martha Mistler

(2) Statement of Jason Mistler

On June 28, 1996 the above parties were interviewed and sworn statements taken from Martha and Jason Mistler.

A brief interview was held with Mr. William Mistler and it was decided to delay taking a formal statement from him at this time to allow this investigator to prepare a photographic line up for Mr. Mistler to view. Mr. Mistler's interview revealed that he has never formally identified suspect Ottis TOOLE to authorities. He indicated that he recalled Det. Hoffman showing him some photographs one of which was a picture of TOOLE "standing hunched over and next to a lake." Det. Mark Smith has been requested to locate these photographs.

It was also brought to light during this interview that Mr. Mistler has never made a formal identification of Adam Walsh. In fact, further questioning on this subject brought out that Mr. Mistler cannot say that it was indeed Adam Walsh that he saw on July 27, 1981 outside the Hollywood Sears Store.

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Mr. Mistler also indicated that Det. Hoffman had shown him photographs of a White Cadillac with a black vinyl roof with a dent in the back bumper. Mr. Mistler recalled there were several photographs showing all angles of the vehicle. He remarked that the vehicle did not have any stains on the hood and in his opinion the vehicle had been buffed thus removing any stains. Again, Det. Mark Smith has been requested to locate these photographs.

It is planned to interview Mr. Mistler at a future date when the photographs are available.

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cc: Det. Mark Smith

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