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To : SAC, WMFO (31C-WF-189911) ~~(P)~~

Date 11/8/93

From : SA [redacted] (C-4)

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Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;  
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - PI;  
OO: WMFO

Attached to this memo are copies of materials relating to captioned group provided to writer on 11/08/93 by Senior Special Agent [redacted] United States Customs Service, Customs Headquarters, 1301 Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, D.C.

This information is further described as listed below:

1. Copy of "FINDERS" briefing bullets prepared by SA [redacted] for Commissioner, U. S. Customs briefing book.
2. Copy of SA [redacted] memo to file dated 2/7/87.
3. Copy of SA [redacted] memo to file dated 4/13/87.
4. Copy of a NEXUS report prepared by U.S. Customs.
5. Copies of [redacted] 2/7/87, and 4/13/87 memos with names removed together with a "FINDERS" chronology provided to U.S. Customs by a Sgt [redacted] of the Tallahassee, Florida Police Department.
6. Copies of Tallahassee Police Department Reports concerning the [redacted] and subsequent "FINDERS" group investigation.
7. Copy of U.S. Customs RAC Tallahassee case file dated 2/87.
8. Copy of U.S. Customs RAC Reston case file dated 4/13/87.
9. Copy of a magazine article titled "In search of the Finders".

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by SA [redacted]*

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"FINDERS"

On August 23, 1993, I was advised by agents from the SAC/Miami office that they had interviewed [redacted] per request of [redacted] SAC/Miami. They listened to [redacted] reiterate the information he provided earlier to RAC/Ft. Lauderdale and Postal Inspectors and in his letters to various members of the legislature. Upon departure [redacted]

[redacted] regarding a group called the "Finders". [redacted] inquired if the agents were aware of this case and suggested they make themselves knowledgeable of its details. [redacted] provided no further information. At that time I queried the name "Finders" and "The Finders" in the CPPU database and was able to locate a record under each title. These records revealed that an investigation had occurred at the RAC/Tallahassee and RAC/DC. A brief statement regarding the initiation of the case was included in one CPPU database entry. Neither entry mentioned child pornography. I queried the case number in [redacted] and determined that a case had been open and closed by Special Agent [redacted] on February 12, 1987. No

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further information was located. This information was provided to SAC/Miami agents. It should be noted that [redacted] is retired from the Customs Service. A copy of the CPPU records and the [redacted] record are attached as number 17.

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• Inquiries regarding this matter with [redacted] Division Director, Smuggling Investigations Division, revealed that the Finders incident was investigated by Special Agent [redacted] when he was assigned to what was then the RAC/DC.

• On September 3, 1993, I spoke with Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] who is currently assigned to Headquarters, Internal Affairs. [redacted] was the agent who participated with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) during the initial stages of their investigation of the "Finders". [redacted] provided two "Memo to File" reports, one dated "2/7/87" and the other "4/13/87". Copies of these memos are attached as number 18.

• [redacted] in initial establishment of the Child Pornography and Protection Unit at the request of then Commissioner Von Raab. Upon final staffing of the unit, he was transferred to the RAC/DC where he was assigned to work among other things, child pornography cases.

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• [redacted] advised that the reason the Tallahassee Police Department (TPD) had contacted Customs was due in part

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• [redacted] stated that [redacted] contacted Special Agent [redacted] [redacted] RAC/DC, who was duty agent, because the TPD was requesting assistance in contacting Washington DC area law enforcement agencies that could help follow up on leads that they had developed. Subsequently, Customs was able to assist in this matter by arranging contact between the TPD and the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington DC.

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• SA [redacted] stated that he originally got involved with the MPD in this matter because there were suspicions that [redacted]

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[REDACTED] stated that he accompanied MPD in the search of one location while [REDACTED] accompanied MPD in the search of a second location. During the search of one location, no child pornography was located. At the second location,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It should be noted that Special Agent [REDACTED] has retired from the U.S. Customs Service.

[REDACTED] was asked about what if any FBI involvement occurred during the execution of the warrants. [REDACTED] stated that Special Agent [REDACTED], Washington Field Office, had been assigned to the case. [REDACTED] said that he was told that [REDACTED] made a walk-through of one the sites the day after the warrant was executed. [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED] advised that after the search warrants were executed, he tried several times to contact Detective [REDACTED] (MPD) to attempt to review the documents he had reportedly seen. These attempts were unsuccessful until March 31, 1987, when [REDACTED] met with Sgt. John Stitcher, MPD, who advised him of the alleged [REDACTED] involvement. It should be noted that Sgt. Stitcher is now deceased.

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On September 14, 1993, I spoke with [REDACTED] Office of Congressional Affairs to discuss this issue. This meeting was a result of Congressman Rose's questions to the Commissioner about this matter. At that time, all available information regarding Customs involvement on this issue was provided to [REDACTED]. A copy of the memorandum dated September 9, 1993, from Assistant Commissioner, Congressional Affairs, to the Assistant Commissioner, Enforcement, requesting this information is attached as number 19.

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On September 14, 1993, I met with [REDACTED] National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). [REDACTED] advised me that he had been a MPD officer in 1987 and had participated in the execution of the search warrant at one of the locations where the "Finders" resided. [REDACTED] further stated that his function during the search warrant was to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated



that while the whole matter was bizarre, he did not notice any child pornography. [redacted] then provided me with some UPI news articles he had obtained from NEXIS. None of these articles mentioned [redacted] involvement. The articles are attached as number 20.

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- On September 16, 1993, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Enforcement, [redacted] requested me to develop more information pertaining to this matter.

- On September 16, 1993, I contacted [redacted] RAC/Tallahassee. [redacted] advised that he had been contacted by SAC/Miami agents for any information regarding the "Finders". [redacted] stated that he had requested the TPD to provide any information they might have on the incident that occurred in 1987. The officer he spoke with provided him with all police reports and a newspaper article that pertained to this subject. The

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requested that [redacted] provide me with the same information as well as any Customs case reports. He advised that after the initial opening report, the investigation revealed no Customs violations and the matter was closed. It should be noted that both the TPD police reports and the news article reported the incident as being bizarre. At no time did either report mention child pornography or any other violation that would fall within Customs jurisdiction nor did either report mention any [redacted] involvement. The TPD report and news article are attached as number 21. The RAC/Tallahassee case report is attached as number 22.

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- On September 16, 1993, I contacted ASAC [redacted] SAC/Baltimore office. [redacted] was the acting RAC/Reston on February 5, 1987. [redacted] stated that from what he could remember of the incident, he had cautioned [redacted] about getting involved in the matter, as he suspected that there were no Customs violations at that time. [redacted] stated

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- On September 16, 1993, I contacted [redacted] regarding additional information about this matter. He stated that

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On September 16, 1993, I contacted Special Agent [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FBI, Washington Field Office. [REDACTED] was the FBI case agent who handled matters regarding child pornography. [REDACTED] stated that the "Finders" was a very bizarre communal group who got their name based on the fact that they could "find" any type of information that was requested of them. [REDACTED] stated that MPD became very

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[REDACTED] She said that during that period of time, the subject of child pornography and child sexual abuse was in the limelight of media attention because of the Meese report and the passing of the Child Protection Act. As a result, she stated that this case started a media frenzy. She also advised that it appeared to her that [REDACTED] and the MPD investigators were trying to

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[REDACTED] said that no evidence of child sexual exploitation, child pornography, or kidnapping was obtained.

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In a memorandum dated March 9, 1987, [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] advised that she interviewed every member of the "Finders" during her investigation. She said the group was a bizarre and abnormal cult that lived a different type of lifestyle. At no time did she uncover any evidence of any federal violations. She further stated that she had never heard about any State Department or [REDACTED] involvement and was never instructed by [REDACTED] to discontinue her investigation.

- On September 17, 1993, I contacted Freedom of Information Offices in both Headquarters and the Southeast region. I inquired as to whether there were any records of FOIA requests from [REDACTED]. This met with negative results.
- On September 17, 1993, I contacted SAC/DC and requested that they provide me with the investigative case file regarding this matter. An examination of the case file revealed no mention of child pornography. A copy of this case file is attached as number 23.
- On September 17, 1993, I contacted [REDACTED] stated that from what he could remember, [REDACTED] tended to get himself involved in matters involving children that were outside the jurisdiction of Customs. As far as this matter is concerned, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] did not show any indication of a Customs violation after his [REDACTED] [REDACTED] to discontinue the investigation. [REDACTED] stated that he does not recall any mention of [REDACTED] involvement.

- On September 17, 1993, I interviewed [REDACTED] Division Director, Smuggling Investigations Division. He stated that recalls the incident but does not remember any fax being sent to him, however, he did not deny receiving the fax. [REDACTED] stated that during that time, Customs Headquarters had no line authority over field offices, and therefore he was not in a position to dictate what action was appropriate. [REDACTED] stated that he does not recall any conversations between himself and [REDACTED] regarding this matter and certainly does not recall any discussion of [REDACTED] involvement.

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13 of the 30 presumed members of a religious sect arrested amid allegations linking the church to sexual activity involving children have been released from custody, a judge said Saturday.

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Although many adults enjoy healthy friendships with teenagers, psychologists warned Friday that parents should be alert for signals of potential child sexual abuse.

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The British branch of a religious cult under investigation in Argentina claims the organization is the target of persecution and says it is "deplorable" to link the group with child abuse, prostitution, begging and kidnapping.

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Argentine investigators will wait until next week to review pornographic material seized and question sect members arrested in a raid in which 268 children were taken into custody, officials said Friday.

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Police searched several residences Wednesday and took about 300 children away from members of the outlawed Children of God religious group, a cult accused of promoting indiscriminate sex.

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Newsday (ND) - Thursday September 2, 1993  
By: Beth Sherman  
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The fate of the largest sunken treasure in American history worth about \$1 billion is going to the Supreme Court, where an armada of lawyers will argue the legal virtues of finders-keepers.

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CATEGORY TAG: children  
TELETYPE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) March 18, 1987  
TIME: 23:05ps CYCLE: pm  
PRIORITY: Deferred WORD COUNT: 0210

Authorities dropped child abuse charges against two members of the Finders commune who were arrested last month when police found them with six hungry and dirty young children in a city park.

Police Lt. Roy Dickey said prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed to the dismissal late Tuesday and Michael Hollwell and Doug Ammerman were promptly released from jail.

"They did not find that the original probable cause was invalid, but upon further investigation they found that the facts were different than they originally appeared to the officers that originally made the arrest," Dickey said.

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Hollwell and Ammerman were arrested Feb. 4 in a park when they could not explain where they and the six children with them were going or identify the youngsters' parents. The suspects and the children, age 2-6, were subsequently linked to the Finders communal organization of Washington D.C.

Four of the children were released to their parents, Dickey said, but I was unsure of the status of the two other children.

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SECTION: General news  
STORY TAG: children  
DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) March 17, 1987  
TIME: 18:59ps CYCLE: am  
PRIORITY: Deferred WORD COUNT: 0203

Child abuse charges were dismissed Tuesday against two members of the Finders commune who were arrested last month after being found with six dirty and hungry young children in a city park.

Tallahassee Police Lt. Roy Dickey said prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed to the dismissal.

"They did not find that the original probable cause was invalid, but upon further investigation they found that the facts were different than they originally appeared to the officers that originally made the arrest," Dickey said.

Michael Hollwell and Doug Ammerman were arrested in a Tallahassee park Feb. 4 when they could not explain to police where they and the six dirty, Press (return) to continue...->

dirty children with them were going or identify the parents of the children.

The two men and the children, age 2-6, were linked to the Finders communal organization of Washington D.C.

Dickey said four of the children have been released to their parents, but he was unsure of the status of the two other children.

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SECTION: General news  
STORY TAG: children  
DATELINE: MIAMI (UPI) March 12, 1987  
TIME: 06:42ps CYCLE: pm  
PRIORITY: Deferred WORD COUNT: 0275

Three of six children who belong to The Finders, a counterculture community based in Washington, D.C., have been ordered returned to their parents but the other three remain in temporary state supervision.

Shortly after Wednesday's order by Leon County Circuit Judge Victor Cawthon, the leader of The Finders said the group was disbanding.

Defense attorney Paul Walborsky called Cawthon's ruling a victory.

"I feel their right to be different has been vindicated," she said.

She said the other three children will most likely be returned to their parents after a hearing later this month. She said close state supervision of their upbringing probably also will be ordered.  
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The six children were discovered playing in a Tallahassee park Feb. 4. They were in the company of James M. Holwell, 23, and Douglas Ammerman, 27.

Holwell and Ammerman were arrested on misdemeanor charges of child abuse and are being held in the Leon County Jail pending their trial.

Hours after the court ruling, Robert G. Terrell, also known as Genghis K. Plato, said his secretive organization's experiment with "group work" had failed and is being dismantled after 17 years.

"This is farewell from The Finders. We're breaking up," Terrell said. "You won't be hearing from The Finders again until Hong Kong is being run by the Chinese and the Panama Canal is being managed by the Panamanians in other words, at least until the year 2000."

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A judge Friday released five of six children found dirty and hungry in a park with two members of a communal organization to the temporary care of their mothers pending a custody hearing.

"The mothers have obtained separate places of residence in Leon County," said state attorney C.L. Fordham. "Each of the children will stay with their mothers."

The mother of the sixth child has returned to her Washington, D.C., home and 3-year-old Benjamin Franklin will remain in a Health and Rehabilitative Services foster care home until the permanent custody hearing March 6.

Leon County Judge Victor Cawthon ordered the release in a closed Press (return) to continue...->



hearing. Cawthon refused to allow reporters into the hearing because HRS officials said it could include discussion of possible sexual abuse of the children. State law prohibits releasing any information about a sexual case.

"I can assure you arrangements have been made for the protection of the children's interest," HRS spokeswoman Connie Ruggles said. She refused to elaborate.

Fordham also said he expected to resolve the fate of the two men, members of the Finders communal organization, arrested for child abuse while watching over the children by Monday. Fordham suggested that the two men Doug Ammerman and Michael Holwell might agree to plead guilty to lesser charges of child neglect.

Holwell and Ammerman were arrested in a Tallahassee park Feb. 4 when they could not explain to police the dirty appearance of the children, or say who or where the children's parents were.

Both men were charged with one count of child abuse. Holwell was also charged with one count of resisting arrest without violence.

On Nov. 14, five women claiming to be the mothers of the children Press (return) to continue...->

arrived in Tallahassee. Kristin Knauth, Judy Evans, Paula Arico, Carolyn Said and Patricia Livingston have said Ammerman and Holwell had taken the children on a Florida vacation with their knowledge and consent.

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SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

BY: McCLELLAND, MICHAEL

DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) February 19, 1987

TIME: 07:05ps CYCLE: pm

PRIORITY: Deferred WORD COUNT: 0408

Bond was reduced for two members of the Finders communal organization facing child abuse charges, but the judge ordered the men to stay away from six children being held by the state pending a custody hearing.

Judge George Reynolds III reduced bond Wednesday from \$100,000 to \$20,000 each for Michael Holwell and Doug Ammerman and issued his stay-away order in the event the men are released from jail.

The men were arrested in a Tallahassee park Feb. 4 when they could not explain to police where they and the six dirty, hungry children with them were going, or who the children belonged to. The group has since been tied to the Washington D.C.-based Finders communal organization.

the parents of three of the children. Paula Arico and Pat Livingston said they let their children go on vacation with Ammerman and Howell and had "full faith" in them.

Reynolds also heard brief testimony from the parents of Ammerman and well. Ammerman's father, University of Florida agriculture professorrence Ammerman, said he did not see his son frequently, but that Doug Ammerman had come to his Gainesville home Jan. 20.

Holwell's father, New York high school math teacher James Holwell, said he had contact "on and off" with his son, his daughter-in-law Paula Arico, and their two children.

Holwell originally identified himself as Michael Houlihan, but was indicted as Holwell. Prosecutor C.L. Fordham said Holwell has refused to answer questions since his arrest and frequently goes "into a trance" when questioned.

Public defender Michael Minerva told Reynolds his clients are the center of a national controversy simply because they have an unusual lifestyle. But Fordham countered that the unusual case is far from settled.

"We've had a lot of roadblocks in this investigation," Fordham said. Press (return) to continue...->

"There are still so many unanswered questions. It may all turn out to be really innocuous, but at this point I'm just not comfortable saying this is all we're going to have. We don't feel we have enough of a picture to let them waltz out of here."

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SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

BY: McCLELLAND, MICHAEL

DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) February 17, 1987

TIME: 21:59ps CYCLE: pm

PRIORITY: Deferred WORD COUNT: 0408

State officials told five women they will have to prove they are the mothers of six dirty, hungry children found in a park with two members of a communal organization before the issue of custody can be decided.

"It's not that we necessarily disbelieve these people are the mothers, but we need them to prove that," Connie Ruggles, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, said Monday. "Anybody could just walk in here and claim to be the parents."

Ruggles said the women claiming to be the children's mothers met with HRS District Two chief administrator John Awad Monday morning and discussed : they needed to do to regain custody of the children.

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psychological evaluation.

Ruggles said Cawthon also could postpone a ruling while he seeks additional information.

In making his decision, she said, Cawthon will consider a report on conditions at the childrens' alleged home in Washington, D.C., to be prepared by HRS' sister agency in Washington.

The six children, dirty and hungry, were taken into state care Feb. 4 after their two adult companions were arrested in a Tallahassee park on child abuse charges. The men identified themselves as Douglas Edward Ammerman and James Michael Houlihan.

The group, and the five women, have been linked to the Finders, a Washington-based communal organization. Houlihan and Ammerman are currently being held in Leon County Jail on \$100,000 bond, awaiting trials on March 30 and March 31.

Ruggles did not have the names of the women involved. A copyright story Press (return) to continue...->

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SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

BY: McCLELLAND, MICHAEL

DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) February 16, 1987

TIME: 14:03ps CYCLE: am

PRIORITY: Regular WORD COUNT: 0413

Five women claiming to be members of the Finders organization met with state officials Monday in an attempt to gain custody of six children found dirty and hungry in a park with two other members of the group.

The women met with John Awad, chief administrator of the Health and Rehabilitative Services District Two, and discussed what the women needed to do to regain custody of the children, HRS spokeswoman Connie Ruggles said.

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The six children were taken into state care on Feb. 4 after their two adult companions were arrested in a Tallahassee park on child abuse charges. The men who have identified themselves as Douglas Edward Ammerman and James Michael Houlihan were arrested because the children were dirty hungry and the men could not explain who the children belonged to.

The group has since been linked to the Finders, a Washington, D.C.-based communal organization. Houlihan and Ammerman were being held in Leon County Jail on \$100,000 bond. The children were in a foster care facility undergoing evaluation by HRS psychologists.

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"It's not that we necessarily disbelieve these people are the mothers, but we need them to prove that," Ruggles said. "Anybody could just walk in here and claim to be the parents."

The women will have a chance to claim the children in a juvenile court Press (return) to continue...->

hearing scheduled for March 9, when Circuit Court Judge Victor Cawthon will hold an adjudication hearing on HRS request for custody of the children, Ruggles said. Cawthon could either give custody to the mothers, to HRS, or postpone a ruling while he seeks additional information, Ruggles said.

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SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: finders

BY: BRIENZA, JULIE

DATELINE: WASHINGTON (UPI) February 15, 1987

TIME: 12:44ps CYCLE: bc

PRIORITY: Advanced for weekend WORD COUNT: 0743

Members of a bizarre Washington commune, whose rituals were initially feared to be satanic, portray themselves as unconventional but legal, a definition that puzzled police may soon come to accept.

When two members of The Finders were arrested in a Tallahassee, Fla., park Feb. 4 and charged with child abuse, the unusual group was thrust into the national spotlight.

Police pronounced them satanic and their rural Virginia retreat was scrutinized for human remains.

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But as more became known about the group, Tallahassee police backed off Press (return) to continue...->

on the alleged satanic link. Police also said it was unclear whether initial reports that least one of the children had been sexually abused could be substantiated.

Meanwhile, other law enforcement agencies came up with evidence of plenty of odd doings, but no illegality.

Finally, district Police Chief Maurice Turner, whose detectives had been investigating the group since December, said the commune members pose "a threat to themselves more than anything else."

The children, ages 2 to 7 and giving such names as Honey Bee, John Paul Pope and Benjamin Franklin, have remained in foster homes since the men were arrested. The men still face child abuse charges and the parents a custody battle over the children.

They are waiting out what has evolved into a bizarre fairytale whose chapters include white-robed men at a goat-slaying ceremony in Virginia with youngsters holding goat fetuses.

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SECTION: Washington news

STORY TAG: finders

BY: BRIENZA, JULIE

DATELINE: WASHINGTON (UPI) February 14, 1987

TIME: 09:40ps CYCLE: am

PRIORITY: Regular WORD COUNT: 0705

Members of a bizarre Washington commune, with rituals initially feared to be satanic, portray themselves as unconventional but legal, a definition that puzzled police may soon come to accept.

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investigations would not yield any criminal charges.

Still, the group seems bizarre. But one mother in The Finders describes herself and others as "perfectly good people."

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Former members of the group said "game-playing" was the mainstay of their philosophy. They say it was often difficult to determine if group members were serious or if they were acting out a fantasy.

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0335544

SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) February 12, 1987

TIME: 05:07ps CYCLE: pm

PRIORITY: Deferred WORD COUNT: 0401

BI agents have contacted the parents of six children found in a park in two men linked to the mysterious Finders organization, but interviews revealed no illegal activity by the parents, authorities said.

"We have uncovered nothing that would point to an illegal activity" by the parents, Sheppard said, but he declined to discuss the interviews.

Tallahassee police ended daily briefings on the arrest last week of two who were found in a city park with six young children described by police as filthy and covered with insect bites and scratches.  
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The men, who gave their names as Doug Ammerman and Michael Houlihan, were linked to the Finders, a Washington-based group police originally characterized as a satanic cult. Police subsequently backed off that description and now refer to the Finders simply as an organization.

Parents of the children being held in Florida talked publicly in Washington about the ordeal and their lifestyle on Wednesday.

"We are perfectly good people," said one mother, who appeared on CBS but refused to give her name. "Granted, we have an alternative lifestyle. We're different from Mr. and Mrs. America next door. But we love our children and we're trying to lead a healthy, happy life. And to have this incredible barrage of attention and negativity toward us is really an awful feeling.

Ammerman and Houlihan were arraigned Wednesday on one count each of misdemeanor child abuse charges. Houlihan also was arraigned on a single count of resisting arrest without violence.

Leon County Judge George Reynolds III refused to reduce the \$100,000 bond set for the two men, but did not immediately set a trial date.

The children were turned over to the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and are being interviewed by a child psychiatrist.  
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SECTION: General news  
STORY TAG: children  
BY: McCLELLAND, MICHAEL  
DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) February 11, 1987  
TIME: 07:58ps CYCLE: pm  
PRIORITY: Regular WORD COUNT: 0550

Six children taken from followers of the Finders group remained in state custody today and two men charged with abusing them entered pleas of innocent at their arraignment.

The two men, who have given their names as Doug Ammerman and Michael Houlihan, were arrested on Feb. 4 after they were spotted in a city park with six children described by arresting officers as filthy and covered with insect bites and scratches.

They have since been tied to the Washington, D.C.-based Finders organization.

Both men appeared in court today and were ordered held on a single Press (return) to continue...->

count of child abuse not the six counts police earlier said had been filed. Neither man would speak with reporters.

State authorities indicated they were unsure the children had been abused at all.

Dr. Nauman Greenberg of Chicago, hired by the state Health and Rehabilitative Services Department, spent four hours with the children Tuesday.

Greenberg said the children seemed troubled but that he was not immediately sure whether the problem was caused by the children's upbringing or by their current circumstances.

The children, taken a week ago, will remain in state custody at least until Feb. 26, when state officials will go before a judge to recommend what should be done with the youngsters.

"Some of their problems were the kind you might see in children who had been institutionalized," Greenberg said. "The real casual contact they would have with adults reminded me of young children who had been on a psychiatric ward for a long, long time."

The children seemed physically healthy but showed signs of being Press (return) to continue...->

The state took custody of the children last Wednesday when police arrested Ammerman and Houlihan watching over the children youngsters in a city park.

The men were being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Health officials could not confirm statements made by Tallahassee police that two of the children were sexually abused.

John Award, the department administrator, said a doctor's report found a possibility of sexual abuse but no conclusive evidence.

"Our information does not substantiate that or unsubstantiate that," Award said. "We are still in the process of looking at that, but we have come to no definitive conclusions."

In a related development, police in Etlan, Va., said they found no evidence of criminal activity in a search of a farm owned by Finders leader Marion Pettie and a house owned by his apparent sons, George and David Pettie.

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Virginia police spokesman Charles Vaughan said officers seized "a computer, software, a couple of goatskins, a goat head and some papers and various documents, writing and cards."

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0335123

SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

BY: McCLELLAND, MICHAEL

DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) February 11, 1987

TIME: 12:30ps CYCLE: am

PRIORITY: Regular WORD COUNT: 0425

The \$100,000 bond for two Finders group members facing misdemeanor child abuse charges is justified by the mystery surrounding the case and six children found with the men, the prosecutor said Wednesday.

The men, who have given their names as Doug Ammerman and Michael Houlihan, were arraigned on one count each of child abuse. Houlihan also was arraigned for a single misdemeanor count of resisting arrest without violence.

Public defender Michael Minerva asked Leon County Judge George Reynolds III to reduce their bond, but Reynolds said a special hearing is required on that issue.

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"It may be an unusually high bond, but it's an unusual case," said state attorney C.L. Fordham. "The bond is based more on the questions than

lives of six children," the prosecutor said.

Reynolds' entered pleas of innocent for both men and said they would receive a jury trial. The men will remain in the Leon County Jail pending a trial. No court date was set.

Houlihan and Ammerman were arrested Feb. 4 after they were spotted in a city park with six children described by police as filthy and covered with insect bites and scratches. The men have since been linked to the Finders, a Washington, D.C., group police originally called a satanic cult. Police later backed off that description and now refer to the Finders simply as an organization.

Houlihan has given several names to investigators and he was arraigned as "Michael Holwell."

Houlihan appeared before Reynolds dressed in jail-issue blue pants and shirt, white socks, sandals and leg shackles. He seemed nervous, often Press (return) to continue...->

hesitating before answering questions and speaking in clipped, strained sentences.

Scott Hunt, Tallahassee police spokesman, said Tuesday both men had been charged with six counts of child abuse, but Fordham said papers sent by police listed only the single child abuse charge, plus the resisting charge against Houlihan.

Fordham said each charge is for the abuse of all six children, rather than a single count for abuse of a specific child. The men face up to one year in jail and up to a \$1,000 fine on each count.

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SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

February 10, 1987

TIME: 16:03ps CYCLE: am

PRIORITY: Deferred WORD COUNT: 0465

Health and Rehabilitative Services district administrator John Awad said a physicians report found "a possibility" of sexual abuse, but no conclusive evidence.

"Our indications does not substantiate that or unsubstantiate that," Awad said. "We have come to no definitive conclusions."

Police in ETLAN, Va., meanwhile, dug a 30-foot trench on a farm owned by Finders leader Marion Pettie looking for what an unidentified source imed were "buried remains."

Virginia State Police spokesman Charles Vaughan said no remains human or animal were found. The unidentified source told police there were two

Tallahassee police had said last week that two or more of the children taken into state custody had been sexually abused.

HRS took custody of the children last Wednesday after police arrested two Finders watching over six filthy children in a Tallahassee city park. The men, who identified themselves as Michael Houlihan and Doug Ammerman, were charged with six counts of child abuse and were being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Meanwhile, the HRS, under the supervision of Chicago child psychiatrist Nauman Greenberg, has begun interviewing the six youngsters. Greenberg said his preliminary interviews suggested the children had a living arrangement that was "probably not very healthy."

"Some of their problems were the kind you might see in children who had been institutionalized," Greenberg said. "The real casual contact they would have with adults reminded me of young children who had been on a pediatric ward for a long long time."

The children are being kept at a secret location because of phone threats.

Police in Washington raided two buildings belonging to the Finders last Thursday and found numerous pictures, including some of nude children and Press (return) to continue...->

children taking part in animal sacrifices.

Greenberg said he had not discussed animal sacrifice or sexual abuse in his initial talks with the children because he did not want to traumatize them immediately by forcing them to deal with possibly painful subjects.

The children will remain in HRS care until at least Feb. 26, when the case must go before a circuit judge to recommend what should be done with them. That recommendation could include more time in state care.

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0334776

SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) February 09, 1987

TIME: 02:42ps CYCLE: pm

PRIORITY: Deferred WORD COUNT: 0490

There is evidence of sexual abuse involving more than one of the six children found hungry and dirty in a park last week with two apparent members of a mysterious cult, police said.

"We now know more than one child was abused," police spokesman Scott Hunt said Sunday. "How many we are not going to say, in what manner we are going to say and how recently we are not going to say."

The children, aged 2 to 6, are in the custody of state health officials and under police guard following the arrest last Wednesday of the two men,

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mistreated and received adequate care and were taken "on a vacation-camping  
trip to the warmer climate of Florida with the full applause and approval  
the children's mothers."

The letter claimed the men and the children went to Berea, Ky., to help  
in construction of "New Hope," a retirement community organized by Rev. Jim  
Wyker, but the project was not ready for their help.

Wyker and Willis B. Hunting told The Miami Herald the men and children  
arrived at the community last month in a van.

"The kids had lots of clothes and lots of food and they were wonderful,  
healthy and vigorous," Wyker told the newspaper. "They weren't dominated.  
They weren't reticent, but they weren't aggressive, either."

Hunting, who along with his wife Lucile runs a Montessori school near  
Wyker's property, said that when he asked the men about the children's  
parents, they told him the parents were members of "The Finders" cult.

Authorities say "The Finders" is a mysterious cult based in the  
Washington area that may have ties to satanism. Washington police have  
found pictures of the children in ceremonies involving the bloodletting of  
animals.

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The authenticity of the letter and its claims could not be confirmed  
and Washington police said they had not yet formally received a copy.

Two police detectives from Washington arrived in Tallahassee Sunday to  
question the children and possibly talk to the suspects, who are charged  
with aggravated child abuse and resisting arrest without violence. They are  
being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond each.

The children identified in the letter as Mary Arico, John Paul Arico,  
Max Berns, Ben Knauth, Honeybee Evans and Bebe Said are believed to be the  
sons and daughters of cult members and not kidnap victims, authorities  
said.

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0334622

SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

BY: McCLELLAND, MICHAEL

DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) February 09, 1987

TIME: 14:28ps CYCLE: am

PRIORITY: Deferred WORD COUNT: 0702

Publicity surrounding six children taken from members of the Finders cult  
has brought a flood of questions from anxious parents of missing children,  
a police spokesman said Monday.

made nationwide headlines Thursday.

"What really breaks your heart is the call you get from the sincere mother from somewhere out in the Midwest saying, 'My daughter was kidnapped two years ago, I'm sure the picture I saw was her, I need to come down here, I want my daughter back,'" Hunt said. "You try not to build up any false hope in them, so that when we find out the identities of the children, if it's not her daughter, then this lady isn't suffering again."

Hunt said authorities had "tentative" identifications of the children, but refused to release those names until they are confirmed. He said he believes the children eventually will be shown to be children of Finders members, and not runaways or kidnap victims.

The children have been in state care since Wednesday, when police arrested their two adult companions for child abuse after they were spotted watching over six filthy children in a city park. State officials said they determined at least two of the children had been sexually abused.

The men, who identified themselves as Michael Houlihan and Doug Ammerman, have since been linked to the Finders, a Washington D.C.-based cult. They are being held in the Leon County jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Washington police, acting on information supplied by Tallahassee officers, raided two buildings belonging to Finders' members in the District of Columbia. They found numerous pictures in those raids, including pictures of nude children and children taking part in animal sacrifice.

Hunt said his office received about 450 calls from reporters between Thursday and Sunday and took about 50 more by noon Monday. Calls about the mess (return) to continue...->

children multiplied after pictures of the youngsters, supplied by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, were published in newspapers and televised.

Hunt said authorities released the pictures in hopes of finding relatives, even though it meant public exposure of sexually abused children. He noted authorities have not said which of the children had been sexually abused, and added the pictures resulted in many new leads.

Hunt said authorities also are investigating a possible Finders presence in Gainesville, Fla., but could offer no specifics.

"We believe there was a Gainesville connection, either they've traveled to there, they've stayed there or were planning to go, exactly what the connection was we don't know," Hunt said.

Hunt said two Washington police investigators were still in Tallahassee, but had not yet spoken to the children. He said Tallahassee police would concentrate on determining the children's identity, including checking all calls from potential relatives.

Hunt said the FBI would handle the investigation of a memo delivered during the weekend to Washington police from Robert Gardner Terrell, the Finders member who owns the two buildings raided by police. In the memo,

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Terrell told CBS affiliate WUSA-TV the group never abused children.

"We never touch a child except with love," Terrell said. "We're allowing the children to grow up in touch with their own intuition, to learn at their own speed, to learn how to walk and to talk when they naturally feel that it's time to learn to walk and talk and read."

Terrell said the children's parents had not come to claim them for fear they would be arrested.

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0334524

SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

February 08, 1987

TIME: 14:01ps CYCLE: am

PRIORITY: Regular WORD COUNT: 0484

Meanwhile, a man claiming to be a member of the group, in a letter sent to news organizations in Washington, defended the two men in police custody in Florida and said the children had been properly treated.

In Tallahassee, police spokesman Scott Hunt said, "We now know more than one child was abused. How many we are not going to say, in what manner we are not going to say and how recently we are not going to say."

Two police detectives from Washington arrived in Tallahassee Sunday to question the children and possibly the suspects, who are charged with aggravated child abuse and resisting arrest without violence and being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond each.

The two men, who identified themselves as Michael Houlihan, 23, and Douglas Ammerman, 27, were arrested Wednesday after they were seen in a Tallahassee park with the six filthy, poorly dressed children.

Authorities said the men are members of "The Finders," a mysterious cult based in the Washington area that may have ties to satanism. Washington police have found pictures of the children in ceremonies involving the bloodletting of animals.

The letter sent to news organizations, from a man who identified himself as R. Gardner Terrell, said the children traveled with their mothers' approval from Washington to Berea, Ky., in January, and then to Florida.

The letter said the children were not mistreated and received adequate care, and were taken "on a vacation-camping trip to the warmer climate of Florida with the full applause and approval of the children's mothers."

The document claimed the men and the children went to Berea to help in

Wyker, reached by telephone in Berea, confirmed that the men and the children visited him in January and said the youngsters were in "excellent" shape. (return) to continue...->

shape. But Wyker, who said he never practiced as a minister, refused to give details about himself or his relationship with the cult members.

The authenticity of the letter and its claims could not be confirmed and Washington police said they had not yet formally received a copy.

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0334457

SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children

BY: McCLELLAND, MICHAEL

DATELINE: TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) February 07, 1987

TIME: 21:18ps CYCLE: pm

PRIORITY: Regular WORD COUNT: 0584

Police said six filthy and confused young children taken from two men charged with child abuse have been given away by their parents as part of a satanic cult ritual.

Authorities in Tallahassee and Washington were trying today to learn the identities of the six children, locate their parents and learn more about an unidentified "satanic cult" apparently based in Washington.

Meanwhile, two men who identified themselves as Michael Houlihan and Doug Ammerman names police believe are phony were being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond on child abuse charges.

The men were arrested in a city park Wednesday after someone called Press (return) to continue...->

Police about two well-dressed men in a blue van watching over six "filthy" children.

"It is our belief these kids were not kidnapped, but that their parents gave them away because one of the rites of passage into this satanic organization is that you have to give up your rights to your children, and that the leaders of this organization can do what they want to with your children," police spokesman Scott Hunt said Friday.

"I believe what you're going to find when this all shakes down is that kids' parents belong to this organization."

"Until we can figure out where everything is, we can't say a whole lot," said Walt Ferguson, a police spokesman in Washington.



...warehouse linked to the group include those of children engaged in what appeared to be "cult rituals."

The newspaper said the group was known as "The Finders" and was made up of about 40 people who lived in the District of Columbia and a farm in al Virginia, the remains of a popular 1960s hippie refuge that evolved ss (return) to continue...->

into a satanist society.

Hunt said a 6-year-old girl in the group showed signs of sexual abuse.

The children four boys and two girls raning in age from 2 to 6 were put in state custody.

Merrill Moody of the state health department said the youngsters were "confused," but were doing well and will remain in state care until relatives can found who are able to provide "a safe and healthy home."

Hunt said the children, who had not bathed in days and were covered with scratches and insect bites, told police they had not eaten in 24 hours. He said they had "bizarre" names like "Benjamin Franklin," "Honey Bee" and "B.B."

Police also believe the two men gave false names. A check of the Virginia license plate on their van showed it belonged to a man matching Houlihan's description, but with a different name, Hunt said.

The men initially told police they were taking the youths to Mexico to begin a school for "brilliant" children. When they could not explain the children's condition or name their parents, Hunt said, the men refused to ss (return) to continue...->

answer further questions.

The children told police they had not seen their mothers since before Christmas. One girl said the men fed them mostly fruit and all of them had been sleeping in the van or in a tent.

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0334358

SECTION: General news

STORY TAG: children-finders

DATELINE: WASHINGTON (UPI) February 07, 1987

TIME: 22:17ps CYCLE: am

PRIORITY: Regular WORD COUNT: 0456

An investigation into the alleged abuse of six children found with two men in a Tallahassee, Fla. park appears to be leading authorities toward a "fanatic organization" based in and around the nation's capital.

The men, identifying themselves as Michael Houlihan and Doug Ammerman, were arrested Wednesday in a city park after an anonymous caller told

The children are suspected of being victims of a cult that requires members to give away their children, police spokesman Scott Hunt said.

"It is our belief these kids were not kidnapped but that their parents gave them away because one of the rites of passage into this satanic cult (return) to continue...->

organization is that you have to give up your rights to your children, and that the leaders of this organization can do what they want to with your children," Hunt said.

District of Columbia police, based on information found in the van, have searched a house on W Street, NW, and a warehouse on Fourth Street, NE., linked to a group called "the Finders," a 1960s-style commune described in a court document as a "cult" that allegedly conducted "brainwashing" and used children "in rituals."

A Washington Post report Saturday quotes police sources as saying some of the items seized from the two district locations showed pictures of children engaged in what appeared to be "cult rituals."

U.S. Customs Service officials, called in to aid in the investigation, said the material seized includes photos showing children involved in bloodletting ceremonies of animals and one photograph of a child in chains.

Customs officials said they were investigating whether a child pornography operation was being conducted.

The Finders are the remains of a popular 1960s hippie refuge that evolved into a satanist group dedicated to communalism and to studying the Press (return) to continue...->

...sure, according to court documents.

The leader of the group is Marion Pettie, a retired military man, according to U.S. District Court documents in Washington.

In addition to the Washington locations, the group is also linked to a farm in Etlan, Va.

FBI agents and Virginia State police Friday night were expected to get search warrants for two cabins on the farm allegedly used by the group to forcibly separate children from their parents who were members of the cult.

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to another location and place them under guard.

A half dozen threats were received Thursday evening at the police department and the foster home where two of the children were being kept, police spokesman Scott Hunt said. The location of that foster home had been ret and Hunt said he did not know how the caller got the phone number.

At the request of the FBI, Hunt refused to elaborate on the calls. But he said the calls dealt with the children's safety.

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Hunt also refused to discuss the measures taken to protect the children. He said tapes of the calls to the police station were being evaluated, and that police did not know if the calls came from a "local crackpot" or were tied to "The Finders."

"You never underestimate the power of somebody who wants to do damage to young children," Hunt said. "That we have had threats has put us on alert."

The six children, ages 2 to 6, are in the custody of state health officials following the arrest of their two adult companions Wednesday. State health officials, police and the FBI are all attempting to determine the children's real names and relatives.

The two men, who identified themselves as Michael Houlihan and Douglas Ammerman, were arrested after they were seen in a park with the six filthy, poorly dressed children. Both are being held on \$100,000 bond.

Police said one of the children, a 6-year-old girl, had been sexually sed. The two men and the youngsters have been linked to "The Finders," a mysterious cult in Washington D.C. Police suspect the children were turned over to the cult as part of their parents' initiation.

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Virginia State Police and Madison County, Va., sheriff's officers served five search warrants early Saturday in the area of the Pettie Farm, a 90-acre property near the Shenandoah National Park. Owner Marion Pettie is reported to be the founder of "The Finders."

Evidence was seized and would be analyzed, but, "no obvious new evidence of criminal activity was found," Virginia State Police Lt. J.P. Henries said.

The Washington Post reported a police search of a Washington warehouse linked to the group turned up large numbers of photographs, slides, and photographic contact sheets. Some of the photos, the Post reported, were of children, some of them nude.

The Post cited police sources who said some of the pictures were of children engaged in what appeared to be "cult rituals." U.S. Customs officials said the confiscated material included pictures of children involved in bloodletting ceremonies of animals and there was one photograph of a child in chains.

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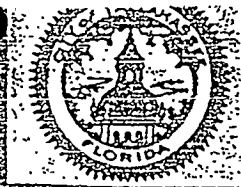
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COMPLAINT/ARREST AFFIDAVIT — CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT — LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Felony ( )	Misdemeanor (X)	Warrant ( )	Traffic ( )	Def. SPN ( )
Charge <i>Child Abuse</i>	NCIC Code <i>3805</i>	Report No. <i>87-3990</i>	Court Case No.	
Defendant's Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>John Doe</i>	Sex <i>Male</i>	Race <i>White</i>	Ht <i>5-9</i>	Wt. <i>150</i>
DOB	State	SOB	Hair <i>BRN</i>	Eyes <i>GRN</i>
License No.	State	SOC Number		
Zip Code	Telephone	Place of Birth		
Scars, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features				
Defendant's Name (Last, First, Middle)	DOB	Sex <i>Male</i>	Race <i>White</i>	In Custody Yes (X) No ( ) Felony ( ) Misd. (X)
DOB	Sex	Race	In Custody Yes ( ) No ( ) Felony ( ) Misd. ( )	

The undersigned certifies and swears that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named defendant on the 15th day of Feb. 19 87 at approximately 4:58 p.m. ( ) a.m. (X) at 600 Myers Park Drive in Leon County, did

*This writer was dispatched to Myers Park located at 600 Myers Park Dr. in reference to a report of a suspicious person accompanied by several small children who were very dirty and unkempt. Upon my arrival, I observed the defendant and the co-defendant on the playground in the SW corner of Myers Park accompanied by several small children. This writer also observed a [redacted] parked near the baseball field on the playground.*

*This writer observed the six children between the ages of [redacted] old to be very dirty and unkempt. The six children, [redacted] had ivu bites all over their bodies and scratches on their faces. The defendant refused to give this writer any information.*

Victim Data	Contrary to Florida Statute (X) <u>223.04(2)</u>
Name <u>State of Fla.</u>	[Redacted]
Address	
Home Phone	
Work Phone	
Jail (Located)	Arrest Date <u>2-15-87</u> Time <u>4:10</u> a.m. ( ) p.m. (X)
Amount of Bond <u>No Bond</u>	Aggravating Factors
Booking Officer	Bond Out (M/D/Y) <u>1 1</u> Time <u>10</u> (a.m.) By (p.m.)

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COMPLAINT/ARREST AFFIDAVIT — CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT — LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Felony ( ) Misdemeanor  Warrant ( ) Traffic ( ) Del. SPN ( )

Charge Child Abuse NCIC Code 3805 Report No. 87-3990 Court Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant's Name (Last, First, Middle) John Doe DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex Male Race White Ht. 5-9 Wt. 150 Hair brn Eyes brn

Drivers License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex Male Race White In Custody Yes (  ) No ( )  
 Felony ( ) Misd. (  )

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ In Custody Yes ( ) No ( )  
 Felony ( ) Misd. ( )

The undersigned certifies and swears that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named defendant on the 19th day of Feb 1991 at approximately 4:58 a.m. ( ) p.m. (  ) at 600 Myers Park Drive in Leon County, did on himself or the children. The defendant was placed under arrest for child abuse and transported to the police dept. The 6 children were transported to the police dept. by etc. who responded is

absent of suit. The children gave their names as

Victim Data

Name State of Fla. Contrary to Florida Statute (  ) 827.04(2)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Arrest Date 2-22-91 Time 11:00 a.m.

Amount of Bond No Bond Aggravating Factors \_\_\_\_\_

Booking Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Bond Out (Mo/Day/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ (A.M.) By (P.M.) \_\_\_\_\_



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COMPLAINT/ARREST AFFIDAVIT — CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT — LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Felony ( ) Misdemeanor (X) Warrant ( ) Traffic ( ) Del. SPN ( )

Charge: Child Abuse NCIC Code: 5005 Report No.: 87-3990 Court Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant's Name (Last, First, Middle): Robert Doe Skin: Fair Sex: Male Race: White Ht: 5-9 Wt: 150 Hair: brn Eyes: brn

Local Address (Street, City): \_\_\_\_\_ Drivers License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ SOC. Number \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address (Street, City, State): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Scars, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features \_\_\_\_\_ Employed by \_\_\_\_\_

Codefendant's Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ In Custody Yes ( ) No ( ) Felony ( ) Misd. ( )

Codefendant's Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ In Custody Yes ( ) No ( ) Felony ( ) Misd. ( )

The undersigned certifies and swears that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named defendant on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Feb 87 at approximately 4:54 a.m. ( ) p.m. (X) at 600 Myer's Park Dr.

The older children stated that  
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they refused to talk to INV.  
After being Mirandized and he refused  
to talk to  
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and the defendant was transported  
to the L & J for processing.  
The defendant was arrested in the L & J  
at Tallahassee in Leon Co.

Victim Data

Name: State of Fla. Contrary to Florida Statute (X) § 812.02(1)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ County ( ) City ( ) Ordinance ( )

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alliant: Sig: DFC

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: DFC

Sworn to \_\_\_\_\_ Certifying \_\_\_\_\_

Jail (Located): 111 Arrest Date: 2-21-87 Time: 4:54 a.m. ( ) p.m. (X)

Amount of Bond: No Bond Aggravating Factors: \_\_\_\_\_

Booking Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Bond Out (Min. Da. Yr): \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ (a.m.) By: \_\_\_\_\_ (p.m.)

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COMPLAINT/ARREST AFFIDAVIT — CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT — LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Felony ( )	Misdemeanor (X)	Warrant ( )	Traffic ( )	Def. SPN ( )
Charge: <u>Resisting Arrest Without Violence</u>		NCC Code: <u>4801</u>	Report No.: <u>87-3990</u>	Court Case No.
Defendant's Name (Last, First, Middle): <u>John Doe</u>		Skin: <u>Fair</u>	Sex: <u>Male</u>	Race: <u>White</u>
Age: <u>59</u>	HT: <u>150</u>	Wt: <u>150</u>	Hair: <u>Brn</u>	Eyes: <u>Blu</u>
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	Zip Code: _____	Telephone: _____
DOB: _____	Sex: _____	Race: _____	In Custody Yes ( ) No ( )	Felony ( ) Misd. ( )

Codefendant's Name (Last, First, Middle): _____	DOB: _____	Sex: _____	Race: _____	In Custody Yes ( ) No ( )	Felony ( ) Misd. ( )
Codefendant's Name (Last, First, Middle): _____	DOB: _____	Sex: _____	Race: _____	In Custody Yes ( ) No ( )	Felony ( ) Misd. ( )

The undersigned certifies and swears that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named defendant on the 14th day of Feb 1987 at approximately 4:58 a.m. ( ) p.m. (X) at 600 Myers Park Drive in Leon County, did Fall Faced Down on the ground and pre-tended to faint when placed under arrest for child abuse by the writer, a law enforcement officer. The defendant had to be carried by this writer and two other law enforcement officers and placed into the patrol vehicle.

The defendant was arrested in the city limits of Tallahassee and transported to the Co. Jail.

Victim Data	Contrary to Florida Statute (X) <u>843.02</u>
Name: <u>State of Fla.</u>	County ( ) City ( ) Ordinance ( )
Address: _____	Allicant (Sign): <u>[Signature]</u>
Home Phone: _____	Printed Name: <u>[Signature]</u>
Work Phone: _____	Sworn to and Certifying Officer: _____
Jail (Located): <u>11-7</u>	Arrest Date: <u>2-2-87</u> Time: <u>5:10</u> a.m. ( ) p.m. (X)
Amount of Bond: <u>NO Bond</u>	Aggravating Factors: _____
Booking Officer: _____	Bond Out (Mo/Da/Yr): <u>1 1</u> Time: _____ (a.m.) By (p.m.)

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### COMPLAINT/ARREST AFFIDAVIT — CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT — LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Felony ( )	Misdemeanor (X)	Warrant ( )	Traffic ( )	Def. SPN ( )
Charge <i>Child Abuse</i>		NCIC Code <i>3803</i>	Report No. <i>87-3990</i>	Court Case No.
DOB	Skin <i>Fair</i>	Sex <i>Male</i>	Race <i>White</i>	Ht. <i>5-9</i>
Wt. <i>150</i>	Hair <i>Brn</i>	Eyes <i>Grn</i>	State <i>D.F.</i>	Place of Birth
Zip Code	Telephone	Place of Birth		

Defendant's Name (Last, First, Middle)	Sex <i>male</i>	Race <i>white</i>	In Custody Yes (X) No ( ) Felony ( ) Misd (X)
DOB	Sex	Race	In Custody Yes ( ) No ( ) Felony ( ) Misd ( )

The undersigned certifies and swears that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named defendant on the 4th day of Feb 1987 at approximately 4:58 a.m. ( ) p.m. (X) at 600 Myers Park Drive in Leon County, did

*This writer was dispatched to Myers Park located at 600 Myers Park Dr. in reference to a report of a suspicious person accompanied by several small children that were very dirty/unkept. Upon my arrival, I observed the defendant and co-defendant near the playground in the SW corner of Myers Park accompanied by several small children. This writer also observed a [redacted] parked near the base ball field on the playground.*

*This writer observed the six children between the ages of [redacted] old to be very dirty and unkept. The six children, [redacted] having bites on their entire bodies and scratches on their legs. The defendant stated that he and the co-defendant were teachers from Washington D.C. and they were on their way to Mexico with the children to*

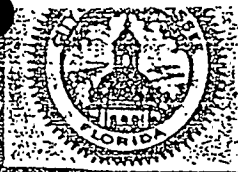
Victim Data	Contrary to Florida Statute (X) <u>827.04(2)</u>
Name <u>State of Fla.</u>	County ( ) City ( ) Ordinance ( )
Address	Affiant (Signature) <u>[Signature]</u> Agency
Home Phone	Printed Name
Work Phone	Swear to Certifying

Jail (Location) <u>157</u>	Arrest Date <u>2-4-87</u> Time <u>6:10 a.m.</u>
Amount of Bond <u>No Bond</u>	Aggravating Factors
Booking Officer	Bond Out (Mo/Day/Yr) <u>1 1</u> Time (A.M. / P.M.)

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Felony ( ) Misdemeanor (X) Warrant ( ) Traffic ( ) Def. SPN ( )

Charge Child Abuse JCC Code 3805 Report No. 87-3990 Court Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

SKIN	Sex	Race	Ht.	Wt.	Hair	Eyes
	<u>Male</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>5-9</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Green</u>
License No.	State		SOC. Number			

Local Address (Street, City) \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Code of Federal Regulations \_\_\_\_\_

Sex	Race	In Custody Yes ( ) No ( )
<u>Male</u>	<u>White</u>	Felony ( ) Misd. (X)
DOB	Sex	Race

The undersigned certifies and swears that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named defendant on the 17th day of Feb. 1987 at approximately 4:58 a.m. ( ) p.m. (X) at 600 Myers Park Drive in Leon County, did set up a school for Brilliant, (Bright) Children. When asked about the parents of the children, the defendant stated that their parents were in Washington D.C. and became very evasive. The defendant and the co-defendant were placed under arrest for child abuse and transported to the police dept. for interviewing by Inv. [redacted]. The 6 children were also transported to the police dept. by Ofc. [redacted] who responded as a back-up unit. The 6 children have their names [redacted]

Victim Data

Name State of Fla. Country to Florida Statute (X) 822.04(2)

County ( ) City ( ) Ordinance ( )

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Arrested by \_\_\_\_\_

Arrest Date 2-17-87 Time 1:10 a.m. ( ) p.m. (X)

Amount of Bond No Bond Aggravating Factors \_\_\_\_\_

Booking Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Bond Out (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ (a.m.) By \_\_\_\_\_ (p.m.)

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COMPLAINT/ARREST AFFIDAVIT — *page 2 of 2* CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT — LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Felony ( ) Misdemeanor (X) Charge Child Abuse Warrant ( ) Traffic ( )

Type of Crime JUVENILE NCIC Code 5005 Report No. 87-3990 Def. SPN ( ) Court Case No. ( )

Location of Offense 600 Myers Park Drive Skin Fair Sex Male Race White Hgt. 5'9" Wt. 150 lbs Hair Black Eyes Green

Local Address (Street, City) \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ SOC. Number \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Scars, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features \_\_\_\_\_

Codendant's Name (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Sex Male Race White In Custody Yes (X) No ( ) Felony ( ) Misd. (X)

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ In Custody Yes ( ) No ( ) Felony ( ) Misd. ( )

The undersigned certifies and swears that he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named defendant on the 12th day of Fed. 87 1987 at approximately 4:58 a.m. ( ) p.m. (X) at 600 Myers Park Drive in Leon County, did

*[Redacted]*

*The defendant was Mirandized by Inv. [Redacted] And he was very evasive when asked by Inv. [Redacted] The defendant refused to give any information on the parents of the children!*

*And the defendant was transported to the Co. Jail. The defendant was arrested in the City Limits of Tallahassee in Leon Co.*

Victim Data

Name State of Fla. Contrary to Florida Statute (X) 827.01 (a)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ County ( ) City ( ) Ordinance ( )

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Affiant's Sign [Signature]

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name [Redacted]

Jail (Location) \_\_\_\_\_ Sworn to at \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Bond No Bond Arrest Date 7-12-87 Time 8:10 a.m. ( ) p.m. (X)

Aggravating Factors \_\_\_\_\_

Booking Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Sent Out (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ (a.m./p.m.)

Copies to \_\_\_\_\_ White Court \_\_\_\_\_ Green Jail \_\_\_\_\_ Blue State Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_\_\_

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Case Number  
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2. Type of Crime or Incident: **CHILD ABUSE**  
 3. Date, Day and Time Impounded/Towed: **2/4/87 WED. 5:30pm**  
 4. Property Number: **15902**  
 5. Address Where Property/Vehicle Impounded (Give exact location property located):  
**234 E. SEVENTH AVE.**

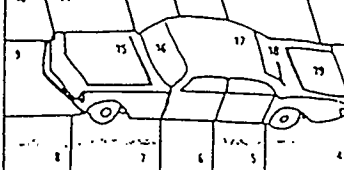
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8. Name of Person	9. Race	10. Sex	11. DOB	12. Address	13. Residence Phone	14. Business Phone
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15.  N/A  SUSPECT  VICTIM  
 16.  VEHICLE  BOAT  Moped  MOTORCYCLE  Other  
 17. License/ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ 18. State \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Make \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Model \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Year \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Style \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Color(s) \_\_\_\_\_

24. SPECIAL FEATURES: **scratches & dents**

1. BOOT DAMAGE	24	6. TINTED GLASS	
2. BOOT PARTS MISSING		7. RUST/PRIMER	
3. WINDOW DAMAGE		8. STRIPES/SCENES	
4. WINDOW MISSING		9. FOG/SPOT LIGHT	
5. DECAL/PALAU/STICKER		10. CURTAINS	



EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CODES:  
 20 DRIVER'S SIDE  
 21 PASSENGER'S SIDE  
 22 FRONT  
 23 REAR  
 24 ENTIRE BOOT  
 25 ALL WINDOWS

25. Vehicle Secured:  YES  NO  
 26. Radio:  YES  NO  
 27. Tape Deck:  YES  NO  
 28. Battery:  YES  NO  
 29. Spare Tire:  YES  NO  
 30. MUDGAGES:  YES  NO  
 31. Mileage: **3962**  
 34. Owner Notified By Whom/Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 YES NO

35. Item No. 36. Quantity 37. Description (include identifying marks, D.E. number, S.S. # if applicable)

1	1	Phillips Electric Razor
2	1	Kitchen knife
3	2	Plastic flashlight
4	-	Maroon backpack containing numerous children's shirts
5	1	Box with clothes, fruits, vegetables
6	1	Green pack with children's shorts
7	1	Blue bag with " " shirts
8	1	Bag w/ coats
9	1	Paper bag children's clothes
10	1	" " of diapers
11	1	Green bag (w/zip) containing
12	20	Compact floppy discs

38. Vehicle Present:  YES  NO  
 39. Property Present:  YES  NO  
 40. Property Value: \_\_\_\_\_

41. RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 42. RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 43. RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

44. RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Person Drop Off Other

45. RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Person Drop Off Other

46. RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  YES  NO  
 Broken: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SEAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Broken by Receiver: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED: YES NO

47. RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  YES  NO  
 Broken: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SEAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Broken by Receiver: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED: YES NO

Case Number: **873990**

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1. Case Number: **87-3990**  
 2. Type of Crime or Incident: **CHILD ABUSE**  
 3. Date, Day and Time Reported/Typed: **2/4/87 WED 5:30pm**  
 4. Property Number: **157102**  
 5. Blot Number: **157102**  
 6. Address Where Property/Vehicle Impounded (Give exact location property located): **234 E. SEVENTH AVE.**

7. CODES: V - VICTIM, O - OWNER, R - REPORTING PERSON, P - DISCOVERING PERSON, S - SUSPECT

PERSON CODES	Name	Race	No.	Sex	11. D.O.B.	12. Address	Residence Phone	14. Business Phone
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24. SPECIAL FEATURES

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2. BOOT PARTS MISSING	7. RUST/PRIMER		20. DRIVER'S SIDE
3. WINDOW DAMAGE	8. STRIPES/SCENES		21. PASSENGER'S SIDE
4. WINDOW MISSING	9. FOG-SPOT LIGHT		22. FRONT
5. DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER	10. CURTAINS		23. REAR
			24. ENTIRE BODY
			25. ALL WINDOWS

25. Vehicle Secured: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> No	26. Radio: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> No	27. Paper Deck: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> No	28. Battery: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> No	29. Spare Tire: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> No	30. Hubcaps: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> No	31. Mileage
32. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)						34. Owner Notified By Whom/Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> No

35. Item No	36. Quantity Weight/Count	37. Narrative/Description (include identifying marks, D.L. number, S.S. #)
13		Fruits, vegetables, first aid kit, paper
14	64	Quarters (value sixteen dollars (\$16.00))
15	1	Explorer Lock Blade Knife - case
16	6	Misc. keys
17	1	Radio shack calculator
18	1	Radio shack TRS 80 computer keyboard
19	2	100 roll stamps (*44.00 value)
20	1	pack of Trojan Condens
21		Misc pens, notebooks, office supplies
22	1	Sewing kit
23	1	Shine shine kit
24	1	Sunbeam light (battery operated)

38. Make Check:  Yes,  No  
 39. Hold Evidence:  Yes,  No  
 40. Reporting Person: Purpose  
 41. Property Value

42. SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVED FROM

43. RECEIVED WITH SEAL: Broken, Intact, Not Broken, Broken by Receiver

44. RECEIVED BY: Signature, Date/Time Received, In Person, Drop Box, Other

45. PURPOSE/LOCATION

46. EVIDENCE RESEALED: Yes, No

47. CASE NUMBER

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1. Case Number  
87-3990

2. Type of Crime or Incident: **CHILD ABUSE**  
 3. Date, Day and Time Reported/Found: **2/4/87 Wed. 5:30pm**  
 4. Property Number: **15702**  
 5. Blk: \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. Address Where Property/Vehicle Impounded (Give exact location property located): **234 E. SEVENTH AVE.**

7. CODES: V - VICTIM O - OWNER R - REPORTING PERSON P - DISCOVERING PERSON S - SUSPECT

PERSON CODES	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

15.  R/A  
 Suspect  
 Victim

16. Vehicle:  Boat  Moped  Motorcycle  Other

17. License/CF No. \_\_\_\_\_ 18. State \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Make \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Model \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Year \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Style \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Color/Plt \_\_\_\_\_

24. SPECIAL FEATURES

1 BOOT DAMAGE	6 TINTED GLASS	10	11	12	13	14	1
2 BOOT PARTS MISSING	7 RUST/PRIMER	9	15	16	17	18	2
3 WINDOW DAMAGE	8 STRIPES/SCHEMES						
4 WINDOW MISSING	9 FOG/SPOT LIGHT						
5 DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER	10 CURTAINS						

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CODES

20 DRIVER'S SIDE	21 PASSENGER'S SIDE	22 FRONT	23 REAR	24 ENTIRE BOOT	25 ALL WINDOWS
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25. Vehicle Secured:  Yes  No

26. EPOD:  Yes  No

27. Tape Deck:  Yes  No

28. Battery:  Yes  No

29. Spare Tire:  Yes  No

30. MUCOS:  Yes  No

31. Mileage: \_\_\_\_\_

32. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): \_\_\_\_\_

34. Owner Notified By whom Date: \_\_\_\_\_

35. Item No	36. Quantity Weight/Count	Description
25	1	Fluorescent battery lantern
26	1	Blue book pack
27	1	Radio
28	1	Chinese English dictionary
29	—	Misc books + pamphlets
30	1	[Redacted]
31	1	Mitsuba camera flash cord 114X
32	1	Sony Radio
33	1	AIAA micro cassette recorder w/ tape
34	1	Brown canvas bag containing photos (children, scene, etc)
35	1	D.L. for American, personal papers
36	—	Box foodstuffs (vinegar, instant milk, oil, etc)

38. NCC Check:  Yes  No

39. Hold Requested:  Yes  No

40. Reporting Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

41. Property Value: \_\_\_\_\_

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS HAVE HAD CUSTODY OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE

41. SIGNATURE OF SEIZING OFFICER	42. SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVED FROM	
43. RECEIVED BY	PURPOSE, LOCATION	RECEIVED WITH SEAL
Signature _____	_____	Broken _____
Date/Time Received: _____	_____	SEAL Not Broken _____
Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	EVIDENCE RESEALED <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
44. RECEIVED BY	PURPOSE, LOCATION	RECEIVED WITH SEAL
Signature _____	_____	Broken _____
Date/Time Received: _____	_____	SEAL Not Broken _____
Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	_____	Broken by Receiver _____
		EVIDENCE RESEALED <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Case Number 807-3990

2. Type of Crime or Incident: CRIM. Abuse  
 3. Date, Day and Time Reported/Found: 4/4/87 Wed 5:50pm  
 4. Priority Number: 15102  
 5. Block Number:  
 6. Address Where Property/Vehicle Impounded (Give exact location/Property located):  
234 E. SEVENTH AVE.

7. CODES: V = VICTIM O = OWNER R = REPORTING PERSON P = DISCOVERING PERSON S = SUSPECT  
 8. Name of Reporting Person:  
 9. Race: W 10. Sex: M  
 11. D.O.B.:  
 12. Address:  
 13. Residence Phone:  
 14. Business Phone:

15.  N/A SUSPECT VICTIM  
 16. VEHICLE BOAT MOORED MOTORCYCLE OTHER  
 17. LICENSE/CF NO.  
 18. STATE  
 19. MAKE  
 20. MODEL  
 21. YEAR  
 22. STYLE  
 23. COLOR(S)  
 24. SPECIAL FEATURES  
 1 BOOT DAMAGE  
 2 BOOT PARTS MISSING  
 3 WINDOW DAMAGE  
 4 WINDOW MISSING  
 5 DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER  
 6 TINTED GLASS  
 7 BUST/PREMIER  
 8 STRIPES/SCENES  
 9 FOG/SPOT LIGHT  
 10 CURTAINS  
 11 12 13 14  
 15 16 17 18 19  
 20 DRIVER'S SIDE  
 21 PASSENGER'S SIDE  
 22 FRONT  
 23 REAR  
 24 ENTIRE BOOT  
 25 ALL WINDOWS  
 25. Vehicle Secured: 1. YES 2. NO  
 26. Doors: YES NO  
 27. Tape Deck: YES NO  
 28. Battery: YES NO  
 29. Spare Tire: YES NO  
 30. HUBCOPS: YES NO  
 31. Wheelie  
 32. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):  
 34. Owner Notified By Whom/Date: YES NO

35. Item No. 36. Quantity Weight/Count  
 37. Description of Item  
 38. 77 Numerous blankets, sleeping bags  
 39. 78 Box of oranges, fruits, bread  
 40. 39 50 lb sack potatoes  
 41. 40 1 bag cacaote  
 Vehicle contains large quantities of food & spoiled food,  
 Numerous articles of clothing, scattered personal papers,  
 everything is filthy & disorganized.  
 39. Hold Receipts: YES NO  
 40. Reporting Person: YES NO  
 41. Purpose:  
 42. Property Value:

43. THE FOLLO:  
 44. SIGNATURE: [Signature]  
 45. RECEIVED BY: [Signature]  
 46. DATE/TIME RECEIVED: [Date/Time]  
 47. PURPOSE/LOCATION: [Purpose/Location]  
 48. RECEIVED WITH SEAL: YES NO  
 49. BROKEN SEAL: YES NO  
 50. EVIDENCE RESEALED: YES NO  
 51. BROKEN BY: [Signature]

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1. Case Number **87-3990**

INCIDENT 2. Type of Crime or Incident **Child Abuse** 3. Date, Day and Time Impounded/Towed **2-7-87 Wed 5:30 pm** 4. Property Number **15812** 5. Block

6. Address Where Property Vehicle Impounded (Give Exact Location Property Located) **600 Myers Park Drive**

PERSON CODES 7. CODES: V - VICTIM O - OWNER R - REPORTING PERSON P - DISCOVERING PERSON S - SUSPECT  
8. Name (Last, First, Middle) **A** 9. Race **B** 10. Sex **M** 11. D.O.B. **W M** 12. Address **W M** 13. Residence Phone **W M** 14. Business Phone

15.  SUSPECT  VICTIM 16. VEHICLE:  Boat  Moped  Motorcycle  Other 17. License/CF No. 18. State 19. Make 20. Model 21. Year 22. Style 23. Color

VEHICLE INFORMATION 24. SPECIAL FEATURES: 1. BODY DAMAGE, 2. BODY PARTS MISSING, 3. WINDOW DAMAGE, 4. WINDOW MISSING, 5. DECAL/PPLASME/STICKER, 6. TINTED GLASS, 7. RUST/PRIMER, 8. STRIPES/SCENES, 9. FOG/SPOT LIGHT, 10. CURTAINS. 25. VEHICLE SECURED: 1. Yes, 2. No. 26. RADIO: Yes, No. 27. TONE DECK: Yes, No. 28. BATTERY: Yes, No. 29. SPARE TIRE: Yes, No. 30. MUDFLAPS: Yes, No. 31. MARGA. 32. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN). 33. If Towed: Name of Garage, Signature of Driver. 34. Owner Notified: By Whom, Date, Yes, No.

NARRATIVE 35. Item No. 36. Quantity/Weight/Count 37. Narrative/Description (Include Identifying marks, D.L. number, S.S.N.I.)  
1 1 Paper bag containing miscellaneous papers, keys & bill fold belonging to [redacted]  
2 1 Paper bag containing miscellaneous papers, pens & wallet containing \$25.83 in cash belonging to John Doe.

38. VEHICLE CHECKED: Yes, No. 39. HOAG REQUESTED - Reporting Person: Purpose, Yes, No. 40. PROPERTY VALUE

CHAIN OF CUSTODY THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS HAVE HAD CUSTODY OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE  
[redacted signature area] RECEIVED BY: [signature] RECEIVED WITH SEAL: Broken, Intact. SEAL: Not Broken, Broken by Receiver. EVIDENCE PRESERVED: Yes, No. EVIDENCE PRESERVED: Yes, No. CAS# NUMBER

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TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
VEHICLE/PROPERTY RECEIPT

1. Case Number: 87-3990

2. Type of Crime or Incident: CHILD ABUSE  
 3. Date, Day and Time Incident Occurred: 2-5-87 6:30 A.M.  
 4. Property Number: 15-166-106  
 5. Incident Location: OF SUSPECTS

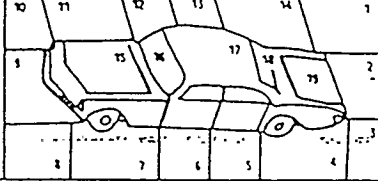
7. Codes: V - VICTIM, O - OWNER, R - REPORTING PERSON, P - DISCOVERING PERSON, S - SUSPECT

8. Name (Last, First, Middle): JOHN DOE  
 9. Race: WM  
 10. Sex: M  
 11. D.O.B.: UNK.  
 12. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. Residence Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 14. Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

15.  N/A  Suspect  Victim  
 16.  Vehicle  Boat  Moped  Motorcycle  Other  
 17. License/CF No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 18. Make: \_\_\_\_\_  
 19. Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 20. Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
 21. Style: \_\_\_\_\_  
 22. Color(s): \_\_\_\_\_

24. SPECIAL FEATURES

1 BODY DAMAGE \_\_\_\_\_ 6 TINTED GLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 BODY PARTS MISSING \_\_\_\_\_ 7 RUST/PRIMER \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 WINDOW DAMAGE \_\_\_\_\_ 8 STRIPES/SCENES \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 WINDOW MISSING \_\_\_\_\_ 9 FOG/SPOT LIGHT \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER \_\_\_\_\_ 10 CURTAINS \_\_\_\_\_



EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CODES  
 20 DRIVER'S SIDE  
 21 PASSENGER'S SIDE  
 22 FRONT  
 23 REAR  
 24 ENTIRE BODY  
 25 ALL WINDOWS

25. Vehicle Secured:  Yes  No  
 26. Radio:  Yes  No  
 27. Tilt Deck:  Yes  No  
 28. Battery:  Yes  No  
 29. Spare Tire:  Yes  No  
 30. Hubs:  Yes  No  
 31. Mopage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 32. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): \_\_\_\_\_  
 33. If Towed, Name of Garage/Signature of Driver: \_\_\_\_\_  
 34. Owner Notified By Whom/Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No

35. Item No. 36. Quantity Weight/Count 37. Narrative Description (include identifying marks, D.L. number, S.S.N.)

#1 1 - CARDBOARD BOX CONTAINING ASSORTMENT OF TABLETS, NOTEBOOKS, ETC.  
 - PLASTIC BAG OF COMPUTER DISKS 5 1/4" BLACK IN COLOR

38. NCIC Check:  Yes  No  
 39. Hqs. Process:  Yes  
 40. Property Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

41. Signature of Person Received From: [Redacted] N/A  
 42. Signature of Person Received From: [Redacted] N/A  
 RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  NOT Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No  
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 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

PROPOSED FOR: [Redacted] 15466 [Redacted] For Investigation

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY - CONTINUED

*Ran on phone 11 COMPUTED DISKS*

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RECEIVED  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time: 3-25-87 3:00 P.M.  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION  
WIRE CAGE -  
CAN BE RELEASED TO  
FINDERS GROUP.

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 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time: 3-26-87 e  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  
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PURPOSE/LOCATION  
#1 (PCH)  
15466  
Ret to Property

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 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time: 4-16-87 1109 AM  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION  
To be returned  
to  
F.B.I.

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ FBI  
 Date/Time: 4/16/87 11:5  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION  
TO RETURN  
TO OWNER

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time:  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  
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PURPOSE/LOCATION

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 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time:  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
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 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
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 Date/Time:  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  
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PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
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 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time:  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

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 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

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TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
VEHICLE/PROPERTY RECEIPT

Case # 87-3990

INCIDENT #

2. Type of Crime or Incident  
*Child Abuse*

3. Date, Day and Time Reported  
*2-19-87 Thursday 1:30pm*

4. Precinct  
*16005*

7. CODES  
*11 - VICTIM*

8. Name (Last, First, Middle)  
*STATE OF FLORIDA*

BIN #

TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PROPERTY/EVIDENCE NOTIFICATION

DATE: *4/16/87*

TO: [Redacted]

CASE # *87-3990*

SUSPECT/VIETNAM

APPROPRIATE ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN REGARDS TO  
PROPERTY/EVIDENCE, FOR REASON CHECKED BELOW:

VEHICLE INFORMATION

- 1 BODY DAMAGE
- 2 BODY PARTS MISSING
- 3 WINDOW DAMAGE
- 4 WINDOW MISSING
- 5 DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER

25. Vehicle Secured  
 YES  NO

32. Vehicle Identification Number

35. Item No. 36. Owner

*1*

*2*

NARRATIVE

38. MCK (Check)  
 YES  NO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL

41. SIGNATURE OF RECEIVING OFFICER  
*[Signature]*

43. RECEIVED BY  
*[Signature]*

DATE/TIME RECEIVED  
*2-27-87*

44. RECEIVED BY  
*[Signature]*

DATE/TIME RECEIVED  
 In Person  Drop Box  Other

- PROPERTY HAS BEEN RETURNED FROM LAB, NOW AVAILABLE IN PROPERTY SECTION.
- PROPERTY SECTION NEEDS THE DISPOSITION STATUS ON ABOVE CASE.
- INCOMPLETE PROPERTY RECORD TURNED IN WITH PROPERTY, CONTACT PROPERTY OFFICER.
- NOTIFY OWNER TO PICK UP PROPERTY FROM PROPERTY SECTION.
- PROPERTY NOT LOGGED PROPERLY IN LEDGER AT DUTY OFFICE, CONTACT PROPERTY OFFICER.
- ORIGINAL (WHITE) COPY OF PROPERTY RECORD NOT RECEIVED WITH PROPERTY, FORWARD IMMEDIATELY.
- LATENT PRINTS OF VALUE WERE DEVELOPED FROM PROPERTY SUBMITTED, TOT PROPERTY SECTION.
- NO LATENT PRINTS WERE DEVELOPED FROM PROPERTY SUBMITTED, CONTACT PROPERTY OFFICER.
- PROPERTY HAS BEEN RELEASED TO OWNER, PROPERTY RECORD CLEARED.
- OTHER *DESTROY # 142 PC # 15422*
- DESTROY # 142 PC # 15505*

4/16/87 REMARKS: *DESTROY # 142 PC # 16005*

*#142 PC # 15422* } DESTROYED

*#142 PC # 15505*

*#142 PC # 16005*

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EVIDENCE RESEALED:  YES  NO

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VEHICLE/PROPERTY RECEIPT**

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Case Number **87-3890**

1. Type of Crime or Incident: **Child Abuse**  
 3. Date, Day and Time Reported/Found: **2-19-87 Thur. 1:30pm**  
 4. Property Location: **6605 S. F. St.**  
 5. Address Where Property/Vehicle Impounded (Give exact location property located): **2611 Springhill Rd. - DeLoach Worker Service 106**

7. CODES:  V - VICTIM  O - OWNER  R - REPORTING PERSON  P - DISCOVERING PERSON  S - SUSPECT  
 8. Name (Last, First, Middle): **State of Florida**  
 9. Race: **---** 10. Sex: **---** 11. D.O.B.: **---** 12. Address: **---**  
 13. Residence Phone: **---** 14. Business Phone: **---**

15.  N/A  Suspect  Victim  
 16.  Vehicle  Boat  Moped  Motorcycle  Other  
 17. License/CF No.: **---** 18. State: **---** 19. Make: **---** 20. Model: **---** 21. Year: **---** 22. Style: **---** 23. Color(s): **---**  
 24. SPECIAL FEATURES:  
 1. BOOT DAMAGE \_\_\_\_\_ 6. TINTED GLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. BOOT PARTS MISSING \_\_\_\_\_ 7. RUST/PRIMER \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. WINDOW DAMAGE \_\_\_\_\_ 8. STRIPES/SCENES \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. WINDOW MISSING \_\_\_\_\_ 9. FOG/SPOT LIGHT \_\_\_\_\_  
 5. DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER \_\_\_\_\_ 10. CURTAINS \_\_\_\_\_  
 25. VEHICLE SECURED:  Yes  No  
 26. Radio:  Yes  No  
 27. Traction Decel:  Yes  No  
 28. Battery:  Yes  No  
 29. Spare Tire:  Yes  No  
 30. HUBBOS:  Yes  No  
 31. Mileage: **---**  
 32. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): **---** 33. If Towed: Name of Carage: **---** Signature of Driver: **---**  
 34. Owner Notified By Whom/Date: **---** Yes  No

35. Item No. 36. Quantity/Weight/Count 37. Narrative/Description (include identifying marks, D.L. number, S.S. #)  
 1 1 **Tan AND Orange Sleeping bag**  
 2 1 **Blue Electric blanket**

**NARRATIVE**  
 Items are mildewed and in poor condition - please destroy.  
 4716/87 # 142 Destroyed  
 Add: [Redacted]

38. REC. CHECK: Yes  No   
 39. Copy Requested: Yes  No   
 THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS HAVE HAD CUSTODY OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE  
 44. RECEIVED BY: [Redacted] 47. SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVED FROM: [Redacted]  
 RECEIVED WITH SEAL: Broken  Intact   
 SEAL: Not Broken  Broken By Receiver   
 EVIDENCE RESEALED: Yes  No   
 RECEIVED WITH SEAL: Broken  Intact   
 SEAL: Not Broken  Broken By Receiver   
 EVIDENCE RESEALED: Yes  No   
 CHAIN OF CUSTODY: [Redacted]  
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1. Case Number  
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2. Type of Crime or Incident  
CHILD ABUSE

3. Date, Day and Time Impounded/Towed  
2-6-87-FRI-3pm

4. Address Where Property/Vehicle Impounded (Give exact location property located)  
LEON COUNTY JAIL PARKING LOT

7. CODES: V - VICTIM O - OWNER R - REPORTING PERSON P - DISCOVERING PERSON S - SUSPECT

8. Name (Last, First, Model) STATE OF FLA.	9. Make, Yr, Size	11. D.O.B.	12. Address	13. Residence Phone	14. Business Phone
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15. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> SUSPECT <input type="checkbox"/> VICTIM	16. <input type="checkbox"/> VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> BOAT <input type="checkbox"/> MOPED <input type="checkbox"/> MOTORCYCLE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	17. License/CF No.	18. State	19. Make	20. Model	21. Year	22. Style	23. Color/ASH
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24. SPECIAL FEATURES

1. BODY DAMAGE	6. TINTED GLASS
2. BODY PARTS MISSING	7. RUST/PINCH
3. WINDOW DAMAGE	8. STRIPES/SCENES
4. WINDOW MISSING	9. FOG/SPOT LIGHT
5. DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER	10. CURTAINS

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CODES

20. DRIVER'S SIDE
21. PASSENGER'S SIDE
22. FRONT
23. REAR
24. ENTIRE BODY
25. ALL WINDOWS

25. Vehicle Secured <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	26. Radio <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	27. Tape Deck <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	28. Battery <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	29. Spare Tire <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	30. Mudflaps <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	31. Mileage
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32. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

33. If Towed, Name of Garage/Signature of Driver

34. Owner Modified/By Whom/Date  
 YES  NO

35. Item No.	36. Quantity/Weight/Count	37. Narrative/Description (include identifying marks, D.L. number, S.S.N.I.)
1	1	WHITE ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO [REDACTED]
2	2	LETTERS TO THE [REDACTED]

4/15/87  
#1 & 2 DESTROYED  
Auth: J.M.

38. NCK Check  
 YES  NO

39. Hold Requested / Requesting Person / Purpose  
 YES  NO EVIDENCE

40. Property Value

THE [REDACTED] RECEIVED FROM ABOVE

41. [REDACTED]

42. SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVED FROM

43. [REDACTED]

44. RECEIVED BY:

Date/Time Received: 2-18-87 2:10 PM

Signature: [REDACTED]

Date/Time Received: [REDACTED]

In Person  Drop Box  OTHER

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL  
BROKEN  INTACT  
SEAL  NOT BROKEN  BROKEN BY RECEIVER

EVIDENCE RESEALED: YES NO

RECEIVED WITH SEAL  
 BROKEN  INTACT  
SEAL  NOT BROKEN  BROKEN BY RECEIVER

EVIDENCE RESEALED:  YES  NO

PERSON CODES

INCIDENT

VEHICLE INFORMATION

NARRATIVE

CHAIN OF CUSTODY

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32 East Seventh Avenue  
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

# TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE/PROPERTY RECEIPT

1. Case Number  
**87-3990**

2. Type of Crime or Incident: **CHILD ABUSE**  
3. Date, Day & Time Reported/Towed: **2/5/87 THUR 1:45 AM**  
4. Property Number: **15422**  
5. Blk: **170D**

6. Address where Property/Vehicle Impounded (Give exact location property located):  
**234 E. SEVENTH AVE.**

7. CODES: V - VICTIM O - OWNER R - REPORTING PERSON P - DISCOVERING PERSON S - SUSPECT		9 EXC 10 SET	11 D.O.B.	12 ADDRESS	13 Residence Phone	14 Business Phone
PERSON CODES S S	8 NAME (Last, First, Middle)	W M				
		W M				

15  N/A  SUSPECT  VICTIM  
 16  VEHICLE  BOAT  MOBILE  MOTORCYCLE  OTHER  
 17 License/ID No. [Redacted]  
 18 SEIZ [Redacted] 19 MAKE [Redacted] 20 MODEL [Redacted] 21 YEAR [Redacted] 22 STYLE [Redacted] 23 COLOR(S) [Redacted]

24 SPECIAL FEATURES

1 BODY DAMAGE	6 TINTED GLASS		EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CODES
2 BODY PARTS MISSING	7 RUST/PRIMER		20 DRIVER'S SIDE
3 WINDOW DAMAGE	8 STRIPES/SCENES		21 PASSENGER'S SIDE
4 WINDOW MISSING	9 FOG/SPOT LIGHT		22 FRONT
5 DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER	10 CURTAINS		23 REAR
			24 ENTIRE BODY
			25 ALL WINDOWS

25 VEHICLE SECURED: Yes [ ] No [ ]  
 26 RADIO: Yes [ ] No [ ]  
 27 T-TOPE DECK: Yes [ ] No [ ]  
 28 BATTERY: Yes [ ] No [ ]  
 29 SPARE TIRE: Yes [ ] No [ ]  
 30 HUBCAPS: Yes [ ] No [ ]  
 31 WAX/EGG [ ]  
 32 VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN) [Redacted]  
 33 IF TOWED: Name of Carper/Signature of Driver [Redacted]  
 34 OWNER NOTIFIED BY WHOM/DATE: Yes [ ] No [ ]

35. Item No.	36. QUANTITY (WEIGHT/COUNT)	37. Narrative Description (include identifying marks, D.L. number, S.S.N.I.)
1	17	[Redacted]
2	1	SHEET OF PAPER WITH RULES CONDUCT

4/16/87  
 #1+2 DESTROYED  
 [Redacted]

38 REC CHECK: Yes [X] No [ ]  
 39 VEH REQUESTED - REPORTING PERSON: Yes [X] No [ ]  
**EVIDENCE**

CHAIN OF CUSTODY

44. RECEIVED BY: [Redacted]	PURPOSE/LOCATION: <b>#1+2 (FBI) Rel. For Investigation</b>	RECEIVED WITH SEAL: Broken [ ] Not Broken [X]	EVIDENCE RESEALED: Yes [ ] No [X]
Date/Time Received: <b>2-5-87 @ 3:30pm</b>	Received by: <b>Leif Larson</b>	RECEIVED WITH SEAL: Broken [ ] Not Broken [X]	EVIDENCE RESEALED: Yes [ ] No [X]

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY — CONTINUED

CASE NO. 87-3990

RECEIVED BY: Signature: [Redacted] Date/Time: <u>2-25-87 3:53 PM</u> Received: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION <u>BIN 170 D</u>	RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver
RECEIVED BY: Signature: [Redacted] Date/Time: [Redacted] Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION <u>REVIEW TO PROPERTY</u>	EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact SEAL: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver
RECEIVED BY: Signature: [Redacted] Date/Time: [Redacted] Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION <u>Ret</u> [Redacted]	EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact SEAL: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver
RECEIVED BY: Signature: _____ Date/Time: _____ Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION	EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Intact SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver
RECEIVED BY: Signature: _____ Date/Time: _____ Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION	EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Intact SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver
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VEHICLE/PROPERTY RECEIPT

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1. Case Number: 87-3990

2. Type of Crime or Incident: CHILD MOUSE  
3. Date, Day and Time Reported To: 2-8-87 4:00 P.M.  
4. Date, Day and Time Received: 2-18-87 10:06

6. Address Where Property/Vehicle Impounded (Give exact location property located): 234 E. 17th Ave., Tall., Police Dept.

7. CODES: V - VICTIM O - OWNER R - REPORTING PERSON P - DISCOVERING PERSON S - SUSPECT

8. Name (Last, First, Middle): P	9. Race: W	10. Sex: M	11. D.O.B.:
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15. <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Victim	16. <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Moped <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other	17. License/CF No.:	18. State:	19. Make:	20. Model:	21. Year:	22. Style:	23. Color/Plt:
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24. SPECIAL FEATURES

1 BODY DAMAGE	6 TINTED GLASS		EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CODES
2 BODY PARTS MISSING	7 RUST/PRIMER		20 DRIVER'S SIDE
3 WINDOW DAMAGE	8 STRIPES/SCENES		21 PASSENGER'S SIDE
4 WINDOW MISSING	9 FOG/SPOT LIGHT		22 FRONT
5 DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER	10 CURTAINS		23 REAR
			24 ENTIRE BODY
			25 ALL WINDOWS

25. Vehicle Secured <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	26. Radio <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	27. Tape Deck <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	28. Battery <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	29. Spare Tire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	30. Hubs <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	31. Mileage:
32. Vehicle Identification Number (VIN):		33. If Towed, Name of Garage/Signature of Driver:			34. Owner Notified By Whom/Date <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

35. Item No. #1	36. Quantity/Weight/Count 1	37. Narrative/Description (include identifying marks, O.L. number, S.S.N.I.) TRS-80 (RADIO SPACE) COMPUTER SERIAL [redacted] CAT [redacted]
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MARRATIVE

BROUGHT IN BY [redacted]

THIS EVIDENCE MAY BE RELEASED TO OWNER PER [redacted]

38. HCC Check:	39. HCC Requested:	Investigation:	40. Proof of Value: 7150.00
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY

41. Signature: [redacted]	42. Date/Time Received: 2-18-87 10:06 A.M.	PURPOSE/LOCATION: #1 TOT PROPERTY	SEAL: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver
43. Signature: [redacted]	Date/Time Received: [redacted]	PURPOSE/LOCATION: FOR HEARING TODAY	EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
44. Signature: [redacted]	Date/Time Received: [redacted]		RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Broken
			EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY - CONTINUED

CASE NO. 87-3990

TRS-80 Computer # [redacted]

RECEIVED BY: Signature: [redacted] Date/Time: [redacted] Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION: <del>PROPERTY CASE</del> EVIDENCE CAN BE RELEASED TO OWNER.	RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Intact SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
RECEIVED BY: Signature: [redacted] Date/Time: 3-26-87 @ 745 AM Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION: #1 (15578) Ret TO Property	RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Intact SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
RECEIVED BY: Signature: [redacted] Date/Time: [redacted] Received: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION: #1 To be given TO F.B.I. FOR THEM TO RETURN	RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact SEAL: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
RECEIVED BY: Signature: [redacted] Date/Time: 4/16/87 11:25 AM Received: <input type="checkbox"/> In Person <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION: FBI TO RETURN TO OWNER	RECEIVED WITH SEAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Broken <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intact SEAL: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Broken <input type="checkbox"/> Broken by Receiver EVIDENCE RESEALED: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Police Department  
234 East Seventh Avenue  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

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### TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE/PROPERTY RECEIPT

1. Case Number  
**87-3990**

2. Type of Crime or Incident  
**CHILD ABUSE**

3. Date, Day and Time Reported/Found  
**2/4/07 WED. 5:30pm**

4. Property Number

5. File #

6. Address Where Property/Vehicle Impounded (Give exact location property located)  
**234 E. SEVENTH AVE.**

7. CODES: V - VICTIM O - OWNER R - REPORTING PERSON P - DISCOVERING PERSON S - SUSPECT	9. Race	10. Sex	11. D.O.B.	17. Address	13. Residence Phone	14. Business Phone
S	W	M				
S	W	M				

15.  N/A  SUSPECT  VICTIM

16. VEHICLE:  BOAT  Moped  MOTORCYCLE  Other

17. License/CF No.

18. State

19. Make

20. Model

21. Year

22. Style

23. Colors

24. SPECIAL FEATURES

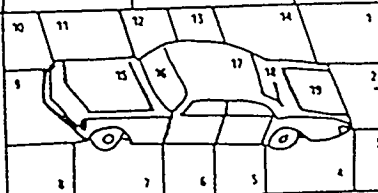
1 BOOT DAMAGE \_\_\_\_\_ 6 TINTED GLASS \_\_\_\_\_

2 BODY PARTS MISSING \_\_\_\_\_ 7 RUST/PRIMER \_\_\_\_\_

3 WINDOW DAMAGE \_\_\_\_\_ 8 STRIPES/SCENES \_\_\_\_\_

4 WINDOW MISSING \_\_\_\_\_ 9 FOG/SPOT LIGHT \_\_\_\_\_

5 DECAL/PLAQUE/STICKER \_\_\_\_\_ 10 CURTAINS \_\_\_\_\_



EXTENSIVE DAMAGE CODES

20 DRIVER'S SIDE

21 PASSENGER'S SIDE

22 FRONT

23 REAR

24 ENTIRE BOOT

25 ALL WINDOWS

25. VEHICLE SECURED: 1 YES 2 NO

26. RADIO: YES NO

27. TAPE DECK: YES NO

28. BATTERY: YES NO

29. SPACE HEATER: YES NO

30. MUDGUYS: YES NO

31. HINCHCOCK

32. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (VIN)

33. OWNER NOTIFIED BY PHONE/DIET: YES NO

35. Item No.	36. Quantity Weight/Count	37. Description
25	1	Musical factory tool
26	1	Blue book bag
27	1	Radio
28	1	Children English dictionary
29	1	two books & pen/pencil
30	1	[Redacted]
31	1	Musical canon part #1148
32	1	Sam radio
33	1	Handwritten notes
34	1	Handwritten notes
35	1	Handwritten notes
36	1	Red folder with handwritten notes

38. PCR Check: YES NO

39. HOW REQUESTING: Reporting Person Purpose

40. PROPERTY VALUE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS HAVE HAD CUSTODY OF THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE

41. SIGNATURE OF SEIZING OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_ DEPT. I.D. NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

42. SIGNATURE OF PERSON RECEIVED FROM \_\_\_\_\_

43. RECEIVED BY Signature _____ Date/Time Received _____ In Person Drop Box Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION _____	RECEIVED WITH SEAL Broken _____ Intact _____ SEAL Not Broken Broken by Receiver
		EVIDENCE RESEALED Yes No
44. RECEIVED BY Signature _____ Date/Time Received _____ In Person Drop Box Other	PURPOSE/LOCATION _____	RECEIVED WITH SEAL Broken _____ Intact _____ SEAL Not Broken Broken by Receiver
		EVIDENCE RESEALED Yes No

45. CHAIN OF CUSTODY

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CHAIN OF CUSTODY - CONTINUED

*Box at Police Department* **COMPUTER DISKS**

CASE NO. **87-3990**

RECEIVED  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION  
**WIRE CAGE -**  
**CAN BE RELEASED TO**  
**FINDERS GROUP.**

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Received: **5-26-87 @ 745 AM**  
 In Person  Drop Box  
 Other **CAGE**

PURPOSE/LOCATION  
**#1 (15466)**  
**RET TO PROPERTY**

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION:

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

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 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
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 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date/Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Person  Drop Box  
 Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
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 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

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 In Person  Drop Box  
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PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
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 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

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POLICE DEPARTMENT - TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

CHAIN OF CUSTODY - CONTINUED

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CASE NO. 87-399D

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: [Redacted]  
 Date/Time Received: [Redacted]  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION  
 PROPERTY CASE  
 EVIDENCE CAN BE  
 RELEASED TO OWNER

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: [Redacted]  
 Date/Time Received: 3-26-87 @ 7:45 AM  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  Other LAB

PURPOSE/LOCATION  
 H-1 (15578)  
 Ret TO Property

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: [Redacted]  
 Date/Time Received: [Redacted]  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: [Redacted]  
 Date/Time Received: [Redacted]  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: [Redacted]  
 Date/Time Received: [Redacted]  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: [Redacted]  
 Date/Time Received: [Redacted]  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
 Broken  Intact  
 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

RECEIVED BY:  
 Signature: [Redacted]  
 Date/Time Received: [Redacted]  
 Received:  In Person  Drop Box  Other

PURPOSE/LOCATION

RECEIVED WITH SEAL:  
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 SEAL:  Not Broken  Broken by Receiver  
 EVIDENCE RESEALED:  Yes  No

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SUPPLEMENT

TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OFFENSE REPORTING FORM

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JUVENILE INVOLVED

Case Number  
87-3990

Type of Crime or Incident on Original Report  
Child Abuse Investigation

Correct Crime or Incident

Location of Incident  
2611 Springhill Rd. Doonah Wooded

Date of Original Report  
2-19-87

Date of This Report  
2-19-87

Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) Address or Business  
State of Florida

Property Recovered (If yes, enter value)

NARRATIVE

This technician photographed a [redacted] bearing Virginia State tag [redacted] which was impounded at the above listed address. There was a blue electric blanket and an orange and tan sleeping bag collected from the rear interior storage area as evidence.

Arrived: 1:15 p.m.

Completed: 1:45 p.m.

Note: This request was made by Sgt [redacted]

CASE STATUS (STATUS MUST BE INDICATED FOR ALL CASES INCLUDING NON-CRIMINAL INCIDENTS)  
 1 OPEN (PENDING)  2 CLOSED  3 SUSPENDED

CASE DISPOSITION (DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES MAY BE INDICATED AS APPROPRIATE)  
 1 UNFOUNDED  2 CLEARED BY ARREST  3 CLEARED EXCEPTIONALLY

WHITE - Central Records      CANARY - MCI      PINK -      [redacted]      Date 2-19-87      Date 2/29/87

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Investigative Findings     Subpoena Service     Surveillance Report     Background     Request for Collateral     Other assistance to local LE

14. SYNOPSIS

This office was contacted by the Tallahassee Police Department on February 5, 1987, who requested assistance in attempting to identify two adult males and six minor children, all taken into custody the previous day. The men, arrested and charged with multiple counts of child abuse, were being very evasive with police in the questions being asked of them pursuant the children and their condition.

This agent contacted SS/A, [Redacted] RAC/Reston, Virginia, and requested telephone numbers and names of police persons in area police departments in an attempt to follow-up on two leads which were a Virginia license number and that the children had commented about living in a Washington, D.C., commune.

Subsequently, this office received a telephone call from the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department inquiring about the men and children. This office put the MPD and the TPD in contact with each other.

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

On Thursday, February 5, 1987, this office was contacted via telephone, by sergeant, [REDACTED] of the Tallahassee Police Department, Juvenile Division. Sgt. [REDACTED] requested assistance in identifying two adult males and six minor children ages [REDACTED]

The adult males were tentatively identified by TPD as [REDACTED] b3 per FBI and [REDACTED] both of Washington, D.C., who were arrested the previous day on charges of child abuse. b6 per ICE b7C

The police had received an anonymous telephone call relative two well-dressed white men wearing suits and ties in Myers Park, (Tallahassee), apparently watching six dirty and unkempt children in the playground area. [REDACTED] were near a [REDACTED] bearing Virginia license number [REDACTED] the inside of which was later described as foul-smelling filled with maps, books, letters, with a mattress situated to the rear of the van which appeared as if it were used as a bed, and the overall appearance of the van gave the impression that all eight persons were living in it. b6 b7C

The children were covered with insect bites, were very dirty, most of the children were not wearing underwear and all the children had not been bathed in many days.

The men were arrested and charged with multiple counts of child abuse and lodged in the Leon County Jail. Once in custody the men were somewhat evasive in their answers to the police regarding the children and stated only that they both were the children's teachers and that all were enroute to Mexico to establish a school for brilliant children.

The children tentatively were identified as [REDACTED]

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This office contacted the Office of the RAC/DC and spoke with SS/A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] This agent requested telephone numbers and names of police persons in area departments that might be aware of said activities described by the children and to follow-up on the leads which were the Virginia license number and a check on the men's names with local law enforcement.



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A short time later this office was contacted by Detective, [REDACTED] of the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department. [REDACTED] indicated that the case here in Tallahassee appeared to be strongly related to a case he was currently working in the Washington, D.C. area.

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He stated that the actions of the two men in custody in Tallahassee relative the children just might give his case enough probable cause for search warrants to search premises occupied by a cult group called the FINDERS.

This agent directed [REDACTED] to telephone TPD and discuss with police directly any activities forthcoming relative the instant case.

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At this time it was determined that there was no Customs violations found to exist and therefore, this case is being closed pending receipt of additional information.

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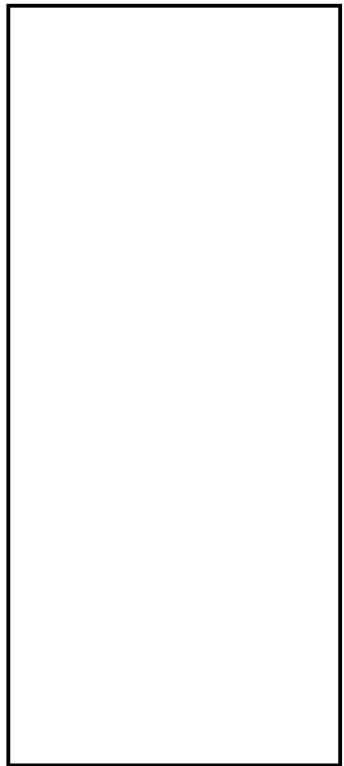
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On Thursday, February 5, 1987, Senior Special Agent [redacted] and I assisted the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) with two search warrants involving the possible sexual exploitation of children. During the course of the search warrants, numerous documents were discovered which appeared to be concerned with international trafficking in children, high tech transfer to the United Kingdom, and international transfer of currency.

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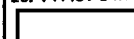
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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

On March 31, 1987, I contacted Detective [redacted] of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD). I was to meet with Detective [redacted] to review the documents seized pursuant to two search warrants executed in February 1987. The meeting was to take place on April 2 or 3, 1987.

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On April 2, 1987, I arrived at MPD at approximately 9:00 a.m. Detective [redacted] was not available. I spoke to a third party who was willing to discuss the case with me on a strictly "off the record" basis.

I was advised that all the passport data had been turned over to the State Department for their investigation. The State Department in turn, advised MPD that all travel and use of the passports by the holders of the passports was within the law and no action would be taken. This included travel to Moscow, North Korea, and North Vietnam from the late 1950's to mid 1970's.

The individual further advised me of circumstances which indicated that the investigation into the activity of the FINDERS [redacted] The MPD report has been classified secret and was not available for review. I was advised that the FBI had withdrawn from the investigation several weeks prior and that the FBI [redacted] had directed MPD not to advise the FBI Washington Field Office of anything that had transpired.

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No further information will be available. No further action will be taken.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY [redacted]

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No action to be taken on the basis of this report.

# Officials Weigh Future of Finders' Children

## *Two Members Plead Not Guilty to Misdemeanor Neglect Charges in Florida*

By Marc Fisher and Victoria Churchillville  
Washington Post Staff Writers

As police wind down their investigations of the Washington-based Finders commune, the process begins to determine the future of the six children found unkempt and hungry in a van with two Finders members in Florida last week—a process that experts said yesterday is likely to be long and complex.

The children, who range in age from 2 to 7, will remain in emergency shelters until a March 9 hearing at which child advocates will argue that the youngsters should be declared dependents of the state, said Connie Ruggles, spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in Tallahassee.

While Florida law requires that the state try to reunite families, the state's neglect law may prevent that. And cases in other states provide precedent for dramatic state intervention in child-rearing by religious or communal groups.

The two Finders members found with the children, Douglas Ammerman, 27, and Michael Holwell, 23, pleaded not guilty yesterday to a misdemeanor charge of child neglect in Tallahassee.

Prosecutor C.L. Fordham told Leon County Judge George Reynolds III that the

\$100,000 bond set for each of the two Finders members is justified by the mystery surrounding the case. Reynolds appointed a public defender to represent the men, who previously said they had a private attorney. Ammerman and Holwell have refused to answer questions.

The Finders, a secretive group of about 20 people who lived communally, generally refuse to talk about the group to outsiders. Their leader, Marion Pettie, advocates a philosophy of "falling limp," both physically and mentally, in the face of opposition. During his arrest last week, Holwell pretended to faint and had to be carried to a police car, police said.

The Finders' failure to seek custody of the children has puzzled Florida authorities. While spokesmen for the group in Washington say the mothers want their children back, no one from the Finders has contacted state officials, Ruggles said.

"We don't even know who the parents are," she said.

But a spokeswoman for the group said last night that the five mothers were already on their way to Tallahassee to reclaim their children.

"They waited to finish the FBI interviews first before they went to Tallahassee," said Diane Sherwood, who said the women were

in San Francisco Feb. 4 when the men were arrested.

"The mothers wanted to go right to Tallahassee, their first instinct was to go right for the children . . . [but] the FBI was asking them to come to Washington, so it seemed like the thing to do. We thought there'd be papers here, a subpoena or something. We didn't really know where to go first."

Sherwood said the mothers were not aware of the arrests until two days later. A Finders spokesman said previously that communication among group members had been fragmented by police seizures here of sophisticated computer hookups and long-distance telephone numbers.

A Finders member reached at the group's warehouse yesterday said the "father of record" of each child is not necessarily that child's biological father.

"We don't consider fatherhood to be a healthy concept," said the man, who spoke on condition that he not be named. "We're all fathers of all the kids and any man who has a good relationship with the child is the father."

Sherwood ridiculed the accusations of abuse. "A hundred thousand dollars bond for a misdemeanor? What were the charges—dirty faces and mismatched clothes? . . . If

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There was a mistake in judgment, it was a mistake in judgment; it's not child abuse."

Nevertheless, Sherwood said, the mothers felt that if they had been left in charge of the children, there would have been no allegations of abuse.

Despite the Finders' unorthodox child-rearing philosophy, Ruggles said "an alternative life style is not automatically neglect. But if the parents come forward and object to state custody, we would investigate the home situation."

Under Florida's neglect law, children can be taken by the state if the parents deprive children—or "allow children to be deprived"—of food, clothing, shelter or medical treatment. The Finders say children should be weaned from their mothers and reared by the group with little adult supervision.

Similar cases have pitted governments against groups with unusual beliefs. In 1984, police and welfare authorities in Vermont raided the Kingdom Community Church and founded up 112 children after an investigation found that children were sometimes whipped with branches or rods for crying, day-dreaming or fibbing. Criminal abuse charges were eventually dropped and prosecutors are now seeking a ruling on whether church members must send their children to school, said Vermont Attorney General Jeff Amestoy.

In another case, involving a radical New York commune called the Fourth Wall Repertory Company, member Marice Pappo said commune leaders took her infant from her because she and the child had grown too attached. Harold Mayer-son, Pappo's lawyer in a custody suit, said the group denied children their right to bond with parents. But Martin Stolar, attorney for Pappo's husband, said the state "has to be very careful about what it determines is a fit environment."

Some psychiatrists argue for state protection of children living in cults and cult-like settings. David Halperin, a psychiatry professor at Mount Sinai Medical School in New York City, said members of some such groups often profess to take care of their children, but in fact ignore them.

"Within these groups, the parents tend to focus on their own state of being and children tend to be seen as an impediment," he said. "A group cannot relate to a child the same way a parent can relate to a child."

This is not the first time the Finders' child rearing has attracted government attention. A grandmother of one of the children now in Florida said her grandson and other Finders' children have been sheltered by the District twice in recent years. In October 1985, D.C. police picked up two children they found wandering "cold and hungry" near the group's warehouse, the grandmother said. A D.C. government source confirmed that the children were held "for several days" before being released.

One year earlier, District police detained a Finders member who refused to leave the house where she lived with her mother, the grandmother said. That woman's child also was placed in a city shelter temporarily.

Finders spokesman Robert Gardner Terrell confirmed both incidents, explaining that Finders children are allowed to roam freely in the country but are supervised in the city.

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Staff writer Ed Bruske contributed to this report.

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# No evidence found of wrongdoing by 'Finders' group

By Matt Neufeld  
and Linda Miller Terman  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Police in Virginia and the District said yesterday they have uncovered no evidence of satanic practices, cult rituals, child pornography or any other criminal wrongdoing associated with the communal group known as the Finders.

The statements by police appear to clear the Finders of several allegations that were raised against the group in a Metropolitan Police affidavit filed Thursday in support of two search warrants.

The warrants were served and two properties owned by the Finders in the District were searched Thursday. Papers, passports, computers, photographs, computer software, tapes, film and a telephone-answering machine belonging to the group were seized by police.

The seizures followed the arrest Wednesday in Tallahassee, Fla., of two male members of the group on charges of felony child abuse. The six children, ranging in age from 2 to 7 years old, were reportedly dirty and hungry when they were found by Florida police. They now are in foster care.

"At this point, the Metropolitan Police Department has not found any materials among the seized documents or records that would initially corroborate allegations made by an informant that the organization is a cult and that its activities involve satanic rituals," said police Chief Maurice T. Turner Jr. at an afternoon press conference.

A Virginia State Police spokesman said yesterday that officers had found no evidence of any criminal activity among the materials seized at rural Madison County properties owned by Finders member G. Marion Pettie.

"My information at this point is that there isn't anything [criminal]," Charles Vaughan, a State Police spokesman, said yesterday. Police were continuing to sift through the material taken from the rural properties where Finders members are known to have lived, he said.

Meanwhile, Tallahassee Police spokesman Scott Hunt said yesterday that "more than one" of the Finders children taken into custody last week "showed evidence of sexual abuse," but that police had no evidence linking the alleged sexual abuse to the men in custody. Mr. Hunt declined to elaborate.

The two men, identified as Douglas Ammerman, 27, and James Michael Houlihan, 23, are being held in jail in lieu of posting \$100,000 bonds each on the child abuse charges. No hearing dates have been set for either man, he said.

Tallahassee police had not confirmed the identities of the children or any of the claims made by hundreds of people who have called in the past few days saying they were related to the children, Mr. Hunt said.

FBI spokeswoman Sue Schnitzer said yesterday the bureau is continuing to investigate whether any federal crimes were committed in relation to the six children taken into custody in Florida, but refused to discuss further details of the probe.

Ms. Schnitzer did say the FBI, like Florida police, had received hundreds of calls on Friday from people claiming to be relatives of the children. The FBI had not determined whether anyone was in fact related to them, she said.

Chief Turner said police began surveillance of two Finders' residences — a warehouse in the 1300 block of Fourth Street NE and an apartment building in the 3900 block of W Street NW — in December after receiving a tip from an anonymous source that satanic rituals were being practiced by group members and children were being abused.

He defended the police investigation and the subsequent seizures of property owned by the Finders, saying it was justified by the seriousness of the allegations made against the group.

"We were investigating to find if

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there was child abuse or sexual abuse," Chief Turner said. "We will continue to do that until we assure ourselves that is not the case."

Metropolitan Police Inspector David Faison, head of the department's intelligence division, said seized pictures that showed children watching the slaughtering of animals on a Madison County, Va., farm were not part of a satanic ritual or pornography. He also said police have found no pictures in the Finders' residences that would be considered pornographic.

David Hoover, a spokesman for the U.S. Customs Service, said yesterday his agency was called into the investigation of the Finders by Metropolitan Police because it was suspected that some of the material confiscated during Thursday's raids might be pornographic. Customs agents have expertise in child pornography investigations, Mr. Hoover said.

Mr. Hoover said he understood that Metropolitan Police had not finished analyzing the material seized in last week's raids. Customs agents could not complete their own probe until the District police did, Mr. Hoover said.

"There has been an awful lot of material seized. It's going to take a number of days to sift through this. I think it would be premature to think we're [Customs] out of it [the investigation]," Mr. Hoover said.

"The lifestyle of the so-called Finders organization may differ from the societal norm, but so far the Metropolitan Police Department has not uncovered any evidence of criminal wrongdoing by members of the group," Chief Turner said. "However, we are still involved in an extensive and detailed review process of the documents and records seized."

Chief Turner said he does not consider the Finders a threat to society or a dangerous group. He said three or four members of the Finders have agreed to grant interviews to investigators and that police were seeking the assistance of other Finders members.

Yesterday afternoon R. Gardner Terrell, a senior member of the Finders, said in an interview at the Finders' Northeast Washington warehouse that he was "exhilarated" at "the good news we're not a satanic cult."

In an interview with reporter Mr. Terrell wore a plastic Ronald Reagan mask on the back of his head and said he had been chosen to be the "leader" of the Finders for yesterday. He also denied that the seven child members of the Finders have ever been abused by the 21 adult group members.

Mr. Terrell denied the six children recovered in Tallahassee were abused in any way by the two men taken into custody. He said in the hierarchy of the Finders, children are first, women are second and men are third.

"These children always had food available," he said. "The children were not hungry. There was food in the van [used to transport the children that was recovered by police]."

Mr. Terrell said the mothers of the six children were in the District yesterday and had talked to police.

He also explained why police found photos of children watching animals being slaughtered. The Finders bought two goats last spring and kept them through the summer, he said. As winter approached, the animals were slaughtered in front of the children and other Finders members as a "learning experience."

"We butchered them and ate them, like you would on any farm. We did it when the children were present and thought it would be a good learning experience."

A tour of the Finders' warehouse yesterday afternoon revealed rooms that resembled the average college dormitory room. Most of the rooms in two second-story lofts contained blankets, pillows, cushions, televisions, radios, magazines, books and newspapers. On the first level was an extensive library, with hundreds of books, magazines and newspapers. Also on the first floor was a hot tub room, a meeting room, a living room and a kitchen.

"We're just a group of people who like to practice the art of living," Mr. Terrell said. "We look at the past and the future. We try to live a zesty and adventurous life. We're on the cutting edge of the wit and humor movement."

Mr. Terrell said the Finders' first priority is to get their children back in their custody. But according to a Florida social services official, it may be some time before the group can regain their children.

On Sunday, Merrill Moody, a district administrator for Florida's De-

partment of Health and Rehabilitative Services, said Florida and District officials, along with a behavioral psychologist from the FBI, will conduct videotaped interviews with each of the children to try to clarify their identities, and determine how they have been cared for in the past.

The interviews will be conducted by one person, while the others watch from behind two-way mirrors, Mr. Moody said.

Under Florida's child dependency laws, the six youngsters can continue to be held in protective custody for an indefinite time pending an investigation by the state and D.C. Child and Family Service Administration officials into their background, Mr. Moody said.

Even if guardians do come forward, the state cannot release the children into their custody without a court order, he said. A court order cannot be obtained until the probe into the children's background in the District is complete, he said.

"Until we know they have a safe and healthy environment to return to, they will remain in our custody," Mr. Moody said.

# Cult Member Defends 2 in Child Abuse Case

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A man identifying himself as a member of the group that includes the two men arrested in Florida last week on child abuse charges came forward last night to identify the children with whom the men were found and to defend the men against the charges.

In a printed statement and a telephone interview, Robert Gardner Terrell, 50, who said he owned the Washington house said to be a base for the Finders, the group to which the two belong, gave detailed explanations for the group's practices and activities, which have been characterized as unusual or bizarre.

Asserting that the six children found in Tallahassee with the men had been formally placed in the care of at least one of the men by the ~~children's~~ mothers, he denied that the children had been abused or neglected. Tallahassee police said six disheveled and hungry children were found in a downtown park with the men.

Affidavits filed in U.S. District Court here in support of search warrants executed last week at a Northwest duplex and a Northeast warehouse owned by Terrell described "satanism" and "rituals" associated with the "cult."

"We are all in a state right now where we are afraid. We've been made almost dysfunctional by the reports," Terrell said in a lengthy telephone interview last night. He said he released the statement to police and news organizations "to establish some kind of credibility that we are rational people, not devil worshippers or child molesters."

"Certainly anything we've done is based on the desire for the children to have the richest life they could have," Terrell continued. "Children

always come first in our organization."

Terrell's statement was delivered last night to The Washington Post only hours after police seized materials at five rural Virginia locations as part of an expanding investigation touched off by the arrests of the two men in Tallahassee on Wednesday.

In addition, authorities were searching throughout the Southeast yesterday for a van believed to be carrying associates of the two men. Law enforcement officials were also sifting through mountains of materials previously seized in raids on Washington locations linked to the group.

In his typed statement, Terrell, a private accountant and former employee of the Internal Revenue Service, said two men and six children from the group left Washington early last month for Berea, Ky., where they were to work on a retirement community. After finding that the site was not ready for groundbreaking, the men took the children on a vacation and camping trip to Florida with the children's mothers' approval, he said.

Other men went to Florida to help care for the children, and three had left for the day to look for accommodations when two of the men were arrested, the statement said.

"I consider that the authorities have mistakenly incarcerated these men and children," Terrell said in the statement, which he said he circulated last night "in the hope that it will clear up some misunderstanding . . . ."

Of the six children taken into custody by authorities Wednesday, when the investigation began, one showed signs of sexual abuse, Tallahassee police said, but none provided a full account of what was believed to be their journey from Washington to Florida.

In response to the suggestion of sexual abuse, the man who identified himself as Terrell said last night that it might have occurred after the children were taken from those assigned to care for them. It "might have happened after she was out of our control," he said. He said the children were healthy and well nourished.

Police said they received several calls from grandparents and other relatives claiming some of the children. One Washington area man told the FBI he was on his way to Tallahassee to claim his grandson. But police said they will not release any of the children without a court order.

The discovery of the children and the arrest of the two men led D.C. authorities to search a Northeast Washington warehouse and a Glover Park apartment building where several Finders members lived. D.C. police yesterday sifted through extensive computer records and color slides and photographic contact sheets removed by authorities.

U.S. Customs agents who saw some of the photos Friday said they appeared to involve sexual activities between adults and children, according to Customs spokesman David Hoover. "We're not saying that it's pornography, but it has all the earmarks," Hoover said.

However, D.C. police sources characterized the pictures as "ritualistic" and not pornographic. One police source said that the photos were "no more pornographic than what you find in the average home." They said the pictures of naked children were innocent, but there were some showing children in "ritualistic" ceremonies including the bloodletting of animals.

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In the telephone interview late last night, Terrell described the so-called bloodletting as the slaughter of two goats kept on a farm in Virginia "for the kids to play with." At the end of the summer, he said, the members decided it would be more humane to slaughter and eat the animals rather than to let them starve in their pen.

He said the slaughter was intended as an educational experience. "I don't see why it's so bizarre," he added, "but it's been seized on by the authorities."

Based on interviews and on items seized in the raids, law enforcement sources said that the group does not appear to be engaged in the child pornography industry or in kidnapping and said they do not fully understand the group.

"These people are not into hurting the children physically," said one law enforcement source. "They're into molding them mentally."

Among the items seized in the Friday raids were computerized messages concerning what the group called the proper "programming" of the children, and how they are "demagnetized," the law enforcement source said.

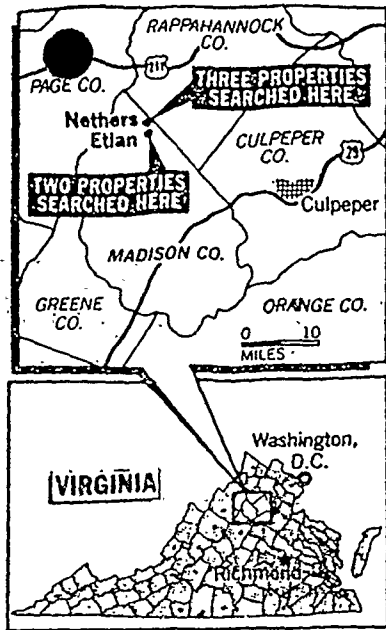
Other items seized included financial records indicating that the group has substantial assets, including bank accounts, the source said.

Other seized documents include files showing the organization has researched numerous industries, such as the fast food industry, and papers suggesting that the group operates a wide network of corporations, the source said.

Other files seized showed that some members of the group have worked in low-level jobs in the federal and District governments, the source said.

In Etlan, Va., about 100 miles southwest of Washington, state police said they found "several items of evidentiary nature" after yesterday's 2:30 a.m. search of properties reportedly owned by Marion Pettie, leader of the Finders.

Virginia and Madison County authorities would not describe what they found at two farms, one near



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Etlan and the other a few miles away in a hamlet called Nethers. A house and at least three cabins on the land were unoccupied, and police said much of the property appeared not to have been inhabited for some time.

The door of one cabin was open yesterday, revealing large amounts of food, clothing, sleeping bags, books and pamphlets from groups such as the World Future Society. A plastic bag containing hundreds of neckties and several pairs of panty hose were on the floor, along with boxes of diapers.

In the woods outside the cabin, badly weathered tents and sleeping bags were scattered on the ground next to a swing set made of rope and milk cases. Neighbors in the remote farming community have said they routinely saw as many as several dozen people, including large groups of children, riding to the farms and hiking and camping in the nude during the summer. Some neighbors spoke highly of Pettie, saying he traveled often and was often helpful to local residents.

Meanwhile, the FBI and Tallahassee

seek leads on a white van. Sources said it was with the blue van that police found Wednesday. Police said the two vans may have been in radio contact. Witnesses told police that the white van was occupied by two well-dressed men and two children. It has not been seen since.

Law enforcement agencies throughout the Southeast United States were asked yesterday to look for the white van, and Tallahassee police said they were examining leads reported by Miami and Gainesville, Fla., police.

Miami police searching computer intelligence files reported two vehicles, a white 1985 Dodge with Virginia tags and a white 1982 Dodge van with Virginia tags. Gainesville police reported a sighting two days ago of an older model—late '60s or '70s—green Chevy Suburban or Chevy International van occupied by several well dressed men and several children. Hunt would not comment further on the sightings.

Hunt said police do not know when the two men and six children in the blue van left the Washington area or how long they had been on the road. One of the youngsters told police that the children last saw their parents in Washington around Christmas and that while traveling they had been camping out in tents at campgrounds. Police said they found no bedding or camping equipment in the van. The van was heavy with the smell of unwashed clothes and rotting fruit and vegetables, police said.

The two men arrested Wednesday, identified as Douglas Ammerman, 27, and James Michael Houlihan, 23, have been charged with aggravated child abuse and resisting arrest without violence, both misdemeanors in Florida. They were each being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Houlihan is the father of one of the children and stepfather of another, according to police and former members of the Finders. Houlihan told police late Friday that he wanted to talk to a detective, but when police sent an investigator, Houlihan had changed his mind, police said. Police said that this could

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be another of the games that the Finders are said to play.

Authorities said they have not interviewed the children since they were found Wednesday. Lt. Michael Langston said last night that social workers are awaiting the arrival of counselors from the FBI. No timetable has been set for the interview, which will be videotaped.

Meanwhile, District police theorize that members of the commune were tipped off to the impending raid on their Washington bases when Tallahassee police called the W Street house sometime Wednesday, seeking information about the children. "That alerted them to what was going on," a District police source said. "That's why we didn't find anything anywhere."

Former members of the group said the Finders routinely practiced leaving their house on short notice.

In his printed statement, Terrell said that Ammerman was one of the two men who originally left Washington with the six children. He listed in the statement names for all six children, and identified their mothers. At least five of the women have been identified by other sources as members of the Finders.

Terrell said that Ammerman and another man took the children to Florida and that afterward, Michael Holwell, also known as Michael Houlihan, and four other men, including Terrell himself, went to Florida to care for the children.

Terrell said that he and another man left Florida after being satisfied that the children were well cared for.

He said the children's mothers are in San Francisco, "working in business offices" to earn money to help pay for the Kentucky project.

Identifying himself as the owner of both the Glover Park apartment building and the Northeast Washington warehouse used by the Finders, Terrell said he could not return home because he feared that based on news reports "the police would arrest me."

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# Officials Describe 'Cult Rituals' in Child Abuse Case

## Photos of Youngsters Seized At D.C. Warehouse, Probers Say

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Authorities investigating the alleged abuse of six children found with two men in a Tallahassee, Fla., park discovered materials yesterday in the Washington area that they say points to a 1960s-style commune called the Finders, described in a court document as a "cult" that allegedly conducted "brainwashing" and used children "in rituals."

D.C. police, who searched a Northeast Washington warehouse linked to the group, removed large plastic bags filled with color slides, photographs and photographic contact sheets. Some photos visible through a bag carried from the warehouse at 1307 Fourth St. NE were wallet-sized pictures of children, similar to school photos, and some were of naked children.

D.C. police sources said some of the items seized yesterday showed pictures of children engaged in what appeared to be "cult rituals." Officials of the U.S. Customs Service, called in to aid in the investigation, said that the material seized yesterday includes photos showing children involved in bloodletting ceremonies of animals and one photograph of a child in chains. Customs officials said they were looking into whether a child pornography operation was being conducted.

According to court documents, computers and software were seized from the warehouse, from a Glover Park apartment building and from a van that was recovered in Tallahassee along with the children.

Yesterday's disclosures about the mysterious group grew out of an investigation that was set in motion Wednesday by an anonymous call to Tallahassee police about two "well-dressed men" who were "supervising" six disheveled children in a neighborhood park. The men were arrested and charged with child abuse, according to Tallahassee police.

Their links to the D.C. area have led authorities into a far-reaching investigation that includes the Finders—a group of about 40 people

that court documents allege is led by a man named Marion Pettie—and their various homes, including the duplex apartment building in Glover Park, the Northeast Washington warehouse and a 90-acre farm in rural Madison County, Va.

Tallahassee police, who arrested and charged men identified as Douglas E. Ammerman and Michael Houlihan with child abuse, contacted D.C. police Thursday in an attempt to establish the identities of the children. They learned that D.C. police had heard of the Finders group, according to Tallahassee police spokesman Scott Hunt.

No other member of the group had been located last night, police sources said.

According to U.S. District Court records in Washington, a confidential police source had previously told authorities that the Finders were "a cult" that conducted "brainwashing" techniques at the warehouse and the Glover Park duplex at 3918-20 W St. NW. This source told of being recruited by the Finders with promises of "financial reward and sexual gratification" and of being invited by one member to explore "satanism" with them, according to the documents.

According to the affidavit, the source told authorities that children were used in "rituals" by the members, and though the source had never witnessed abuse of the children, the source said the children's grandparents feared for their safety.

On Dec. 15, a D.C. police detective observed a clearing in the rear of the 3900 block of W Street NW where "several round stones had been gathered" near a circle, as well as evidence that people had gathered there, according to the document, which stated that "this practice is sometimes used in satanic rituals." Armed with that information and the report from Tallahassee police of the allegedly abused children, D.C. police sought search warrants for the Glover Park residence and the warehouse.

Meanwhile, authorities in Florida attempted to learn more about the six small children—described by a police spokesman as "hungry and . . . pretty pathetic"—who had set the investigation in motion.

The children, identified in a court document only by the first names of Honeybee, John, Franklin, BeeBee, Max and Mary, were described as "dirty, unkempt, hungry, disturbed and agitated." They had been living in the rear of the van for some time, the document said.

Yesterday, police spokesman Hunt said one of the children, a 6-year-old girl, "showed signs of sexual abuse," but that an examination by a local doctor showed none of the children as being ill.

Five of the children were uncommunicative, according to police, and none seemed to recognize objects such as typewriters and staplers.

However, the oldest was able to give investigators some information. She said that the two men "were their teachers," according to Hunt. She was not sure where they had been recently or where they were going. But until recently, they had been living in the District in "a house with other children and adults." They lived mainly on a diet of raw fruit and vegetables, she said.

The girl told the police that while they were in the District, the children received instruction from "a man they called a Game Caller or a Game Leader," according to Hunt.

According to the D.C. court document, a Tallahassee police investigator identified this man as Marion Pettie, who the confidential police source "also identified as the Stroller, leader of this 'cult.'"

The children have been placed in emergency shelters in Tallahassee, according to Merrill Moody of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. He said officials were trying to identify them.

Neighbors of the W Street house last night identified the photographs of two of the children as residents of the house.

Before their arrests in the park, Ammerman and Houlihan had told police that they were teachers from Washington "transporting these children to Mexico and a school for brilliant children," according to Hunt. When police asked the men where the children's mothers were, "they said they were being weaned from their mothers."

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Yesterday, U.S. Attorney Joseph E. diGenova said that authorities were investigating "the crime of kidnaping" but that the investigation "is not limited to that as the evidence evolves."

George Wisnowsky, spokesman for the FBI in Jacksonville, said the FBI was "checking the transportation of children across state lines for immoral purposes or kidnaping."

Authorities in Florida, who searched the van, found 20 floppy computer discs and a device Hunt said could be used to hook into a computer in another location by telephone. He said D.C. police have obtained evidence that a computer linked to the group received a call from Tallahassee late this week.

Meanwhile, authorities in Washington were busy searching the warehouse and the Glover Park residence, side-by-side brick apartment buildings that, according to neighbors, stood out in the neighborhood because of a hot tub and satellite dish on the roof. Only women and children lived there, though men visited regularly, according to neighbors.

One woman from the neighborhood said the children from the house were "easy to spot because they were so dirty," adding that adults with them "seemed not to care." She said the group from the house reminded her of "leftover hippies."

But another neighbor, college professor John Matthews, who said he had lived at 3918 W St. for a short time while looking for an apartment, said the residents were "a close-knit group" of feminists who liked to help people and were not a cult. "The neighborhood talks about them because of their life style," Matthews said.

The Fourth Street warehouse, which authorities said also was used as a residence, had windows that were boarded shut. One wall was covered with a huge map of the world, lit by floodlights. Upstairs, mattresses were flung on the floors of various rooms.

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# Finders Group Has Roots In Popular '60s Hippie Refuge

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The Finders—about 40 people who lived in a Glover Park house, a Northeast Washington warehouse and a farm in rural Virginia—are what remains of a popular 1960s hippie refuge that evolved into a society dedicated to communalism and to studying the future, according to court documents, experts on cults and law enforcement officials.

A fragmentary sketch of the Finders emerged yesterday as investigators, cult experts, neighbors and social workers scrambled to figure out whether children of group members were mistreated and who the Finders are.

Wherever outsiders had contact with the Finders, they considered the group odd. There was talk of houses segregated by sex, children separated from their parents, vans that came and went, and a mysterious guru who called himself the Stroller and fancied himself a seer and a political powerhouse.

Before yesterday, police had had little contact with the group. One complaint five years ago prompted an investigation that found no evidence of criminal activity, a District police source said. And in December, District police found an ornate tombstone and round stones gathered near a circle about 70 yards behind the Glover Park house. Such stones are often used in satanic rituals, experts said.

Neighbors have complained only rarely and then simply about the noise. And some people who visited or stayed at the commune said they met intelligent, interesting people who showed no signs of odd behavior or mistreatment of children.

As long ago as 1968, hippies and peace activists in Washington often visited Pettie Farm, a 90-acre property in Madison County, Va., near Shenandoah National Park. Four people who visited The Farm, as it was known, between 1968 and 1973 said yesterday it was a place where anyone could get an organic meal without charge, without questions. They recalled a leader in his forties, a charismatic and wealthy man named Marion Pettie.

About five years ago, neighbors of the farm said, the hippie followers of Pettie were replaced by men in business suits and women in professional clothes.

Pettie and his followers had a house at 3920 W St. NW in Glover Park, where members of the group lived until recent weeks, neighbors said. The house consists of two attached red brick buildings, each with four apartments.

There, female members of the Finders lived with children in apartments with no locks on the doors. The group occasionally distributed fliers offering shared rooms for as little as \$5 a night.

"I noticed the children often went without clothes in the summer," said Gerald Salzman, a neighbor. "I thought it was cute and natural." Still, Salzman said he once called police to tell them about a child who was screaming for more than an hour.

Another neighbor, who asked not to be identified, said she once asked the mother of a 6- or 7-year-old child who lived in the Finders house why the girl didn't go to school. "She said that [the child] was taught at home," the neighbor said.

George Pettie, son of Marion Pettie, said that the group is like an extended family largely made up of people who have dropped out of professional careers and are under his father's sway.

"The binder is they have a father now, and they get to play fun games," said George Pettie, who owns a Northern Virginia home inspection business and said he hasn't talked to his father in two years. "They're the kids, and they're obedient. They like to do what the father says to do."

George Pettie said that he doesn't know of any group members practicing satanism or abusing children. But he said the lives of the children is unpleasant because group members rear them collectively. Frequently, Marion Pettie, now 66, would assign a follower to a

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"game" or "adventure" overseas or in another city, and the group member would not see his children for months.

George Pettie said the group engaged in "constant baby sitting . . . . I wouldn't want to be a child there, without a reliable day-in-day-out parent figure." He said of the children found in the van in Florida, "I bet you a buck, you'll find their biological mothers live at W Street, and if they're not there now, they're off on some adventure."

Marion Pettie continually sent his followers on what he called "adventures" to teach them about themselves, his son said. If someone had some character weakness, the leader would send him or her away to, say, Hawaii to work, then return to describe his lesson to other members.

The members support themselves in temporary office jobs in Washington, George Pettie said.

He described his father as charismatic and perceptive, having "a keen sense of what people need that they don't even know themselves."

Marion Pettie retired from the Air Force in 1956 as a master sergeant, and has done little formal work since then, his son said. In the 1960s, he was a "student of the world" who would spend the whole day in the library near the family farm, said his son. Then around 1971 he gathered his followers in the W Street house.

"That was the beginning of a new life for him," George Pettie said. "They found in their communal life style a more adventurous life."

Marion Pettie has long had a consuming interest in the future, and futurism is a major component of the group's philosophy, according to cult experts. Originally he based his teachings on Carlos Castaneda's popular 1960s chronicles of mystic self-exploration, a precursor of the New Age movement of the 1970s.

Edwin Morse, a Wisconsin psychologist who works with cult members, said he has tracked the Finders for five years, interviewing several members. He said the members are well-educated, secretive people who have "no clear parental kind of responsibility as we know it," instead sharing responsibility for the children. He said most of the children who lived with the group were born to members.

In the summer, neighbors saw as many as a dozen children at the Madison County farm. "There was always hollering and screaming going on," said Wilma Richards. "They were always hollering about Momma and Daddy. One time I heard one say 'I want milk.' Another person said, 'Shut up, you ain't gonna get it.'"

Another neighbor of the farm said he spoke to an 11-year-old boy, who said the children didn't go to school because no adults told them to.

"They always talked '60s jargon, 'Do your own thing' stuff," the man said. He said members of the Finders appeared to hold jobs in computer businesses.

The group split its membership by sex some time ago, leaving the women to live in the Glover Park house while the men moved into the warehouse at 1307 Fourth St. NE, McArthur said.

Cult experts said the past few years they have seen increased interest among such groups in satanism and witchcraft. The circle of stone District police reported finding behind the Glover Park house in December is typical of witchcraft ceremonies, said Richard Stephens a sociology professor at George Washington University.

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# Officials delve into mystery of found children

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Police in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., late Thursday were still trying to determine the identities of six children found with two men in Myers Park on Wednesday afternoon, authorities said.

The men, identified as Michael Houlihan, 28, and Douglas Edward Ammerman, 27, both of Washington, were charged with child abuse and were being held in the Leon County Jail on \$100,000 bond each, Tallahassee police spokesman Scott Hunt and jail officials said.

The children were in the custody of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Police got an anonymous call late Wednesday afternoon about two well-dressed men standing in Myers Park with six unkempt children, Hunt said.

When police arrived they found the men standing near a foul-smelling blue Dodge van with Virginia license plates. The children, ages 2 to 6, were playing on the playground, Hunt said.

Houlihan and Ammerman told Officer Tony Mashburn that they were the youngsters' teachers and were taking them to Mexico to establish a school for "brilliant children," Hunt said. They responded evasively when Mashburn asked them other questions, Hunt added.

Authorities said the children — a 6-year-old boy and girl, a 4-year-old boy, two 2-year-old boys and a 3-year-old girl — were filthy. Insect bites and scratches covered their bodies, most were not wearing underwear and they looked as though they had not bathed in days, Hunt said. Officer Judy Suchocki tried to talk with the children but only one, the 6-year-old girl, was very responsive, Hunt said.

The girl told Suchocki that she and one of the 2-year-old boys were the children of Houlihan. The girl also told Suchocki that they all used to live together in a house in Washington, but that they had been traveling for a while.

Both Houlihan and Ammerman denied having any blood relationship to any of the children, Hunt said.

Because police have not been able to determine any legal or blood ties between the men and the children, Ammerman and Houlihan were charged with child abuse instead of child neglect, Lt. Colon Benton said.

None of the children knew where they were supposed to be going, only that they had stopped at "different places," and slept in the van and in tents in campgrounds along the way. The girl also told Suchocki that none of them have seen their mothers since before Christmas and that they were being "weaned" from them, Hunt said.

The children also said they didn't go to school but were taught by Houlihan and Ammerman. Benton said the children seemed unfamiliar with common office equipment such as telephones and staplers.

## Children

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According to police, the children said they were hungry and had not eaten since Wednesday morning. But the children said they had to work for their food by doing such tasks as cleaning the van. Even then, they were given raw fruits and vegetables to eat as "rewards," Hunt said.

Police said they found a Washington telephone number inside the van. When investigators called it, they got a recording that quoted Scriptures and had other religious messages, Hunt said.

Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington are conducting an investigation there to determine whether or not the children and the men were ever in the nation's capital, Metro police spokesman Capt. William White III said. Police there are also trying to determine whether the men were involved in any criminal activities, White said. He declined, however, to give any further details.

"We are still in the very early stages of the investigation," White said Thursday night.

But Hunt said Washington authorities have verified an address thought to be where the children and the two men were living. Local police were planning to send photographs and fingerprints of the children to Washington for tracking.

HRS officials took custody of the children Wednesday night and put them in an emergency shelter, said Debra Ervin, HRS administrative-services director.

On Thursday, the six children were examined by a child-protection team to determine whether they have been abused or neglected, Ervin said. Results of the exams were not immediately available.

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From : SA [redacted] (C-4)

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Subject: "FINDERS" GROUP;  
WSTA - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN;  
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Attached to this memo is a photocopy of the Washington Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) case file concerning captioned group. This material was provided to writer and SSA [redacted] on 11/09/93 by Lieutenant [redacted] MPD Intelligence Division, room 5067, 300 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

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February 10, 1987, Tuesday, SPORTS FINAL EDITION

SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 2; ZONE: C

LENGTH: 384 words

HEADLINE: PROBE CAN'T PROVE CHILD ABUSE BY CULT

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BODY:

An investigation begun last year into the mysterious Finders communal group, linked to six disheveled children found in Florida, failed to substantiate allegations of child abuse, District of Columbia police said Monday.

Police Chief Maurice Turner Jr. said an anonymous informant's allegations that the Finders are "a cult and that its activities involve Satanic rituals" were not borne out by police stakeouts in December or by evidence seized at two Finders' homes last week.

Turner said "we want to assure ourselves" that the children were not abused. "We have not assured ourselves at this point in time," he said at a news conference.

"The lifestyle of the so-called Finders organization may differ from the societal norm," but no evidence of criminal wrongdoing has been uncovered, he said.

The children, ranging in age from 2 to 7, remained in temporary shelters in Tallahassee, Fla. The two men who had custody of the children when they were discovered last Wednesday are under arrest on child abuse charges.

Police in Tallahassee have said that more than one of the children showed signs of sexual abuse. They did not elaborate.

Tallahassee police spokesman Scott Hunt said Washington detectives, who traveled to Florida to interview the children, were assisting in trying to identify the children.

The FBI, the U.S. Customs Service and police in Virginia also were assisting with the investigation.

"They're doing fine," Hunt said of the children. "They've been fed well, they've been clothed well and they're eating and sleeping."

Turner said that the mothers of the children still had not come forward and that police had not yet identified them.

A spokesman for the Finders group, Robert Gardner Terrell, said Monday that the children's mothers "are here in Washington. There already have been conversations" with police. He spoke at a small news conference at the group's warehouse, sitting with his back to cameras with a Ronald Reagan mask on the back of his head.

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Terrell said the organization's first priority is getting the children back.

"It's a relief and I'm exhilarated to hear we are not a Satanic cult," said Terrell. "However, we are still involved in an extensive and detailed review process of the documents and records seized."

TERMS: CULT; CHILD; ABUSE; PROBE

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February 10, 1987, Tuesday, Final Edition

SECTION: METRO; PAGE D1

LENGTH: 784 words

HEADLINE: D.C. Police: Finders Odd, Not Criminal;  
FBI, Virginia and Florida Expand Probes

BYLINE: Victoria Churchville, Marc Fisher, Washington Post Staff Writer

BODY:

A District police investigation begun in December into allegations of child abuse and satanic rituals involving the Finders, a group linked to six ragtag children found last week in Florida, has produced evidence that the practices of the group were odd but not criminal, D.C. Police Chief Maurice T. Turner Jr. said yesterday.

"The life style of the so-called Finders organization may differ from the societal norm, but so far the Metropolitan Police Department has not uncovered any evidence of criminal wrongdoing by members of the group," Turner said at a news conference. He added, however, that documents and records seized last week are still being reviewed.

But even as police in the District softened their statements about the Finders group, the FBI and police in Virginia and Florida widened their investigation into the activities of the Washington-based commune of 20 to 40 adults and seven children.

Two of the six children, whom police said they found dirty and hungry in a Tallahassee park with two well-dressed men, showed indications of possible sexual abuse, according to an affidavit filed in Madison County, Va., where the group has two farms.

The men, Douglas E. Ammerman, 27, and James Michael Holwell, 23, who gave police the name Michael Houlihan, were arrested and charged with six counts each of child abuse. Florida authorities said yesterday that the two men, who are in jail in lieu of \$ 100,000 cash bond, have refused to talk with police.

Meanwhile, FBI agents in Washington yesterday interviewed Kristin Knauth, a woman associated with the group. She is said to be the mother of Benjamin Franklin Knauth, 4, one of the children found in Florida. Kristin Knauth could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Chief Turner said the D.C. investigation began in mid-December after an unnamed informant alleged that children were being physically and sexually abused at the group's house and that the group engaged in satanic activities.

He said those allegations have not been substantiated by police surveillance or by review of materials seized at the group's properties last week, nor has examination of those materials substantiated allegations of child pornography. No children have been at the Finders' residence since the investigation began,

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The Washington Post, February 10, 1987

Turner said. He said that as yet police "have not assured" themselves that children in the group have not been abused.

In an interview, Robert Gardner Terrell, a key member of the group, said that the children have been traveling in Virginia, Kentucky and Florida since before Christmas with men in the group while their mothers were in San Francisco on "an earning and learning adventure." He said a seventh child, an infant, has been in Boulder, Colo.

"We've received hundreds and hundreds of calls about the children," Tallahassee police spokesman Scott Hunt said yesterday. "They're doing fine now. They're well fed and they're clothed and they're in shelter."

Virginia state police said yesterday that they found goat skins and a goat's head in their search of the Finders' rural lands over the weekend. Spokesman Charles Vaughan said police also found computer equipment and documents, but he did not comment on the significance of the material.

In an affidavit supporting the search, Virginia authorities included photographs showing three white-robed Finders men and several children dismembering two goats. The photographs were in a scrapbook titled "The Execution of Henrietta and Igor." In one picture, a crying child looked at a decapitated goat. Another photo was captioned, "Ben finds Henrietta's Womb." Three pictures showed children playing with goat fetuses.

Carl Shapley, a Washington educator who said he worked closely with Finders leader Marion Pettie during the past year, said the group's ceremonies involved the slaughter of goats, but he warned against associating such activities with satanism or pagan rites.

"They believe in games and this was just good fun, a very Alice-in-Wonderland kind of fun, dressing up in white robes or whatever," he said.

Even as Shapley and others rose to defend the Finders, calling them an odd but entirely benign group of intellectual explorers and social adventurers, former members of the group came forward to relate tales of being harassed by the Finders.

A lawyer in Culpeper, Va., said the Finders sent him profane letters and slashed his car's tires when he represented a former member in a divorce case three years ago. John Davies, the lawyer, said the harassment stopped only after he obtained a court order prohibiting members of the group from contacting him.

Staff writers John F. Harris and John Mintz contributed to this report.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

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February 10, 1987, Tuesday, Late City Final Edition

SECTION: Section A; Page 21, Column 1; National Desk

LENGTH: 843 words

HEADLINE: POLICE SAY UNIDENTIFIED CHILDREN IN FLORIDA

BYLINE: By PHILIP SHENON, Special to the New York Times

DATELINE: WASHINGTON, Feb. 9

BODY:

Local police officials announced here today that six children found last week in Florida had apparently not been kidnapped and that there was no evidence to show that the secretive group that has been raising them is a cult involved in child abuse.

The statement from the Metropolitan Police Department conflicted with accounts from the police in Tallahassee, Fla., where the children were found, unwashed and hungry, last week. Officials there said this morning that at least two of the children had signs of sexual abuse.

But late today, the Police Chief in Washington, Maurice T. Turner Jr., said at a news conference that there was no evidence of criminal activity by the communal group known as The Finders. However, he said the investigation would continue.

Two Men Were Arrested

Chief Turner's announcement was another confusing twist in the investigation that began last Wednesday when the children and two men were found in a Tallahassee park. According to the Tallahassee police, the children could not identify themselves and said the two men were teachers. The men were arrested and charged with child abuse.

Law-enforcement officials suggested that Chief Turner was attempting to end recent speculation that the group was involved in satanic rituals at a Washington home.

After the children were found last week, the police searched the home and a warehouse in the northwest section of Washington, and seized photographs and documents that one source in Florida originally said were "consistent with a satanic cult."

Statements by Finders Spokesman

The Washington police said that the children, two girls and four boys who ranged in age from 2 to 7 years, were apparently the offspring of members of the Finders, which the police said was a secretive group in which the sexes are separated and children are raised communally. Acknowledging that the group's practices were unusual, the officials said it had not engaged in criminal

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practices.

Robert Gardner Terrell, a spokesman for the Finders, said his group had cooperated with the police and that the mothers of the children had spoken with the authorities, according to an Associated Press report.

Mr. Terrell, who appeared at a news conference wearing a mask bearing President Reagan's image, said the organization's first priority was getting the children back.

"We've been in constant contact with the authorities," he said. "It hasn't been on the basis of interrogation. It's been in terms of cooperation. Sooner or later we knew people in Tallahassee would recognize their mistake."

#### Photographs of Goats

Officials confirmed that photographs found in buildings used by the Finders showed children watching goats being slaughtered. But they indicated that the activity was not illegal, nor did it suggest pornography.

"There was apparently the killing of goats and some type of blood," Chief Turner said, adding that it appeared the children did not participate in the killing. Other police officials suggested that the goats were actually butchered for meat, not for some sort of satanic animal sacrifice.

"A photograph can paint 1,001 pictures," Chief Turner said.

"The life style of the so-called Finders organization may differ from the societal norm," he added, "but so far, the Metropolitan Police Department has not uncovered any evidence of criminal wrongdoing by members of the group.

"At this point the Metropolitan Police Department has not found any materials among the seized documents or records that would initially corroborate allegations made by an informant that the organization is a cult and that its activities involve satanic rituals.

#### Documents Being Reviewed

"However, we are still involved in an extensive and detailed review process of the documents and records seized," he added.

Asked if the group was dangerous, Chief Turner replied: "I don't really believe so. If they are a danger, from what I can see, they would be a danger to themselves."

Chief Turner said he had no evidence that any of the children had been molested and referred questions about physical abuse to the Florida officials.

Officials say the Finders apparently is a remnant of a 1960's counterculture movement created by Marion Pettie, a charismatic leader who urged his followers to study a doctrine that stressed self-exploration and futurism.

#### Children Allowed to Travel

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"Apparently it's an organization that started in the late 60's," Chief Turner said. "If you went back to that point in time there were a lot of communes and a lot of hippies, and I think it was a way of life for them. From that way of life it has escalated to what we have today as the Finders."

Members of the group, the police said, apparently permitted their children to travel to Florida for a time while they remained behind to work.

The two men arrested in the case were identified as Douglas Ammerman, 27 years old, and James M. Holwell 23. They were charged with aggravated child neglect, a misdemeanor, and held on \$100,000 bond.

SUBJECT: CHILD ABUSE; LOST, MISSING AND RUNAWAY CHILDREN

ORGANIZATION: FINDERS (ORGN)

NAME: SHENON, PHILIP

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February 8, 1987, Sunday, Home Edition

SECTION: Part 1; Page 2; Column 1; National Desk

LENGTH: 101 words

HEADLINE: THE NATION;  
VIRGINIA CULT SITES RAIDED

BODY:

Police seized computer records, color slides and photos at five rural Virginia locations linked to the Finders, reported to be a satanic cult, as authorities searched throughout the Southeast for a van they believed was carrying associates of the two group members arrested on child abuse charges in Tallahassee, Fla. Virginia authorities searched cabins and outbuildings in the mountainous Nethers and Etlan area of Madison County. Meanwhile, the six children found dirty and hungry in the van in Tallahassee were moved out of emergency shelters after threatening phone calls were received by police.

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Douglas Ammerman, left, and Michael Holwell during appearance in Florida courtroom yesterday. Each is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

# Officials Weigh Future of Finders' Children

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she never said. That woman's child also was placed in a city shelter temporarily.  
Finders spokesman Robert Gardner Terrell confirmed both incidents, explaining that Finders children are allowed to roam freely in the country but are supervised in the city.

Staff writer Victoria Churchville contributed to this report.

Mike Washington Post  
2/13/87

*Finders*

# Finders Say They Fear For Children

## Five Women Seek Custody of Minors

*2/15/87*

By Victoria Churchville  
Washington Post Staff Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 14—  
Five women who belong to the Finders group and described themselves as the mothers of six children now in Florida state custody said today they fear the children have been traumatized by their separation from the group, and they vowed to fight to win back the children.

"I'm very concerned that the experience of being picked up by police, being interviewed by strangers, being cared for by strangers has been a very traumatic experience from the start for all the children," said Judith Evans, 31. She said her 3-year-old daughter Honey Bee "does not look happy in the media pictures I've seen. My major objective is to get all our children back."

The children were taken into state custody Feb. 4 after police here found them in a park with two members of the Finders group, a mysterious Washington area commune. The men, Douglas E. Ammerman, 27, and Michael Holwell, 23, each were charged with one count of child abuse. Authorities described the children as unkempt and hungry.

The women said they were in San Francisco at the time of the incident and that they immediately began taking steps to return. Authorities have said the women's struggle to regain custody of the children could be a protracted one.

"We started the processes as soon as we heard. It's been a very long process," said Pat Livingstone, mother of 6-year-old Max, one of the children taken into custody.

"If the FBI had said we're bad guys, everybody else would have, too. Now that they've said we're good guys, other authorities are saying they'll have to consider our case in turn," Livingstone said.

The women displayed little emo-

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# Women of Children

District of Columbia Protective Services officials have twice taken custody of some of the Finders children, once in 1984 after some were allegedly found wandering cold and hungry near the group's Northeast warehouse, and a year later, after one of the mothers refused to leave her family's home, according to the grandmother of one of the children, Finders spokesman and a government official.

In both cases, District social workers were swayed by how the mothers presented themselves as parents, according to the grandmother.

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# Finders Get 6 Children

## *Temporary Custody Granted to Mothers*

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 27—  
The mothers of six children found at a city playground with two men belonging to a Washington-based communal group called the Finders have been awarded temporary custody of the children until a court hearing next week.

Leon County Judge Victor Cawthon ruled in a closed hearing today that the four boys and two girls found Feb. 4 could stay here with women Finders members who identified themselves as their mothers until a final custody hearing Friday. Until then, the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services is to exercise formal custody of the children.

The children, ranging in age from 2 to 7, were taken into protective custody when their two adult male companions were arrested on child neglect charges.

County prosecutor C.L. Fordham objected to today's ruling, arguing that it was "premature at this point to give the children back to the mothers because of the many lingering questions of impact of [the Finders'] life style on the children."

Fordham said he was not yet sure if he would object during the Friday hearing to giving the mothers full custody.

Connie Ruggles, spokeswoman for the social services agency, said state law prohibited her from commenting, and Paula Walborsky, attorney for the women, did not return a call to the Associated Press.

Meanwhile, the two men arrested Feb. 4 remained jailed on child neglect charges. Douglas Ammerman, 27, and James Holwell, 23, are being held in lieu of \$10,000 bail each on one count of child neglect. Trials are scheduled for March 30 and 31.

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# D.C. Police: Finders Odd, Not Criminal

## FBI, Virginia and Florida Expand Probes

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A District police investigation begun in December into allegations of child abuse and satanic rituals involving the Finders, a group linked to six ragtag children found last week in Florida, has produced evidence that the practices of the group were odd but not criminal, D.C. Police Chief Maurice T. Turner Jr. said yesterday.

"The life style of the so-called Finders organization may differ from the societal norm, but so far the Metropolitan Police Department has not uncovered any evidence of criminal wrongdoing by members of the group," Turner said at a news conference. He added, however, that documents and records seized last week are still being reviewed.

But even as police in the District softened their statements about the Finders group, the FBI and police in Virginia and Florida widened their investigation into the activities of the Washington-based commune of 20 to 40 adults and seven children.

Two of the six children, whom police said they found dirty and hungry in a Tallahassee park with two well-dressed men, showed indications of possible sexual abuse, according to an affidavit filed in Madison County, Va., where the group has two farms.

The men, Douglas E. Ammerman, 27, and James Michael Holwell, 23, who gave police the name Michael Houlihan, were arrested and charged with six counts each of child abuse. Florida authorities said yesterday that the two men, who are in jail in lieu of \$100,000 cash bond, have refused to talk with police.

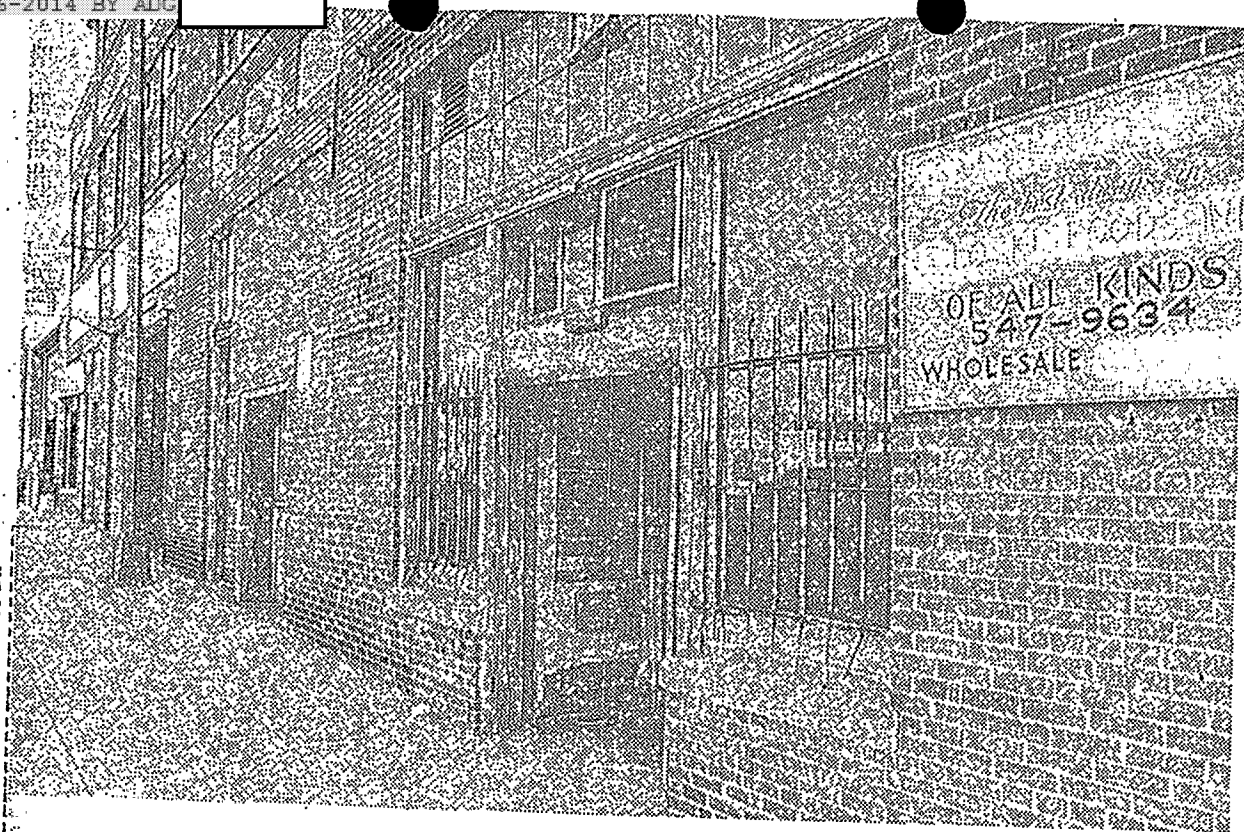
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And how many of us are frustrated when a phone call takes forever to be put through and do nothing? A man in New Delhi had a plan. After repeated attempts and delays to place a call to Bombay, he entered the phone exchange at midnight and threatened operators with a pistol if they did not put through the urgent call for him. He also ordered his bodyguard to beat up an operator because his call was delayed. When the press tried to call him for comment, they were unable to get through to the numbers listed

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A warehouse in Northeast Washington, believed to have been occupied by the Finders, a little-known cult. Associated Press

# Inquiry Spreads on 6 Children and Cult

By RICHARD HALLORAN  
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 — Police officials here said today that six disheveled children found in Tallahassee, Fla., might be the offspring of members of a little-known cult, but the officials said they had not ruled out the possibility of kidnapping.

Capt. William White 3d, a spokesman for the District of Columbia Police Department, said, "At this point, it appears that those children are the children of members of this group." He was referring to members of a cult known as the Finders, who have occupied at least two buildings here.

But Captain White added, "We haven't ruled out any possibilities."

## Children Found in Florida

He declined to speculate on what the possibilities might be but other police officials said they included kidnapping or some type of international market for children.

The children, two girls and four boys to 6 years old, were discovered in a Tallahassee playground on Thursday. Two men, Douglas Edward Zimmerman, 27 years old, and Michael Houlihan, 28, were arrested in the case and charged with child abuse.

Subsequently, the police here obtained warrants to search a house in Northwest Washington and a warehouse in Northeast Washington, both believed to have been occupied by the Finders. Captain White said they had seized boxes of records, documents and computer programs.

"We have a very long, tedious pro-

cess of reviewing this material ahead of us," the captain said.

Detectives in the investigation said the review would require the weekend at least. The detectives said they had begun to doubt that child pornography was involved but that they had seen evidence that children were involved in rituals. They declined to comment on reports that the Finders were worshippers of the devil.

## Pet Food Spoon Wins An Invention Contest

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (AP) — A 6-year-old Oklahoma girl has come up with a solution to a problem that has vexed some pet owners for years: how to feed a cat or dog without having to wash the messy spoon afterward.

The solution devised by the girl, Suzanna Goodin, was to shape a pet cracker into an edible spoon that could be broken up into the pet's food after serving.

Her "edible pet food server" won her a grand prize today in an invention contest sponsored by The Weekly Reader, a school publication. More than 200,000 children participated in the contest.

Suzanna, a first-grader from Hydro, Okla., was cited for the best idea submitted by children in kindergarten through the fourth grade.

In neighboring Virginia, the authorities said they had completed their part in the investigation by searching five places in Madison County where members of the group were said to have occupied farms and homes.

Lieut. J. P. Henries of the Madison County Sheriff's Office said, "No obvious new evidence of criminal activity was found."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has also been called into the case. Police officials here suggested that whatever legal action might arise from the case would be in Federal rather than in local courts because it appeared that the children had been transported across state lines in possible violation of Federal laws.

Captain White said that the district police had been unable to identify the children or their parents. "We're trying to find the parents," he said.

Captain White said that people who might be related to the children were also being sought but he declined to give details.

The Police Department spokesman said that no further arrests were expected. "At this stage," he said, "we have not uncovered anything that would cause us to anticipate arrests, at least not in the near future."

With an air of frustration perhaps reflecting the bafflement of the police department, however, he added, "No one knows what tomorrow holds."

Police officials also raised the question of whether children other than the six found in Florida might be involved in the case.

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# Police Link Cult to Case Of Unidentified Children

By JON NORDHEIMER

Special to The New York Times

MIAMI, Feb. 6 — The authorities in several states today sought to identify six young children who the police said were apparently taken from their parents by two Washington, D.C., men and enlisted in what was described as a bizarre cult of devil worshippers.

Known to one another by such names as "Benjamin Franklin," "John Paul Pope" and "Honeybee," the children were taken into protective custody Thursday by the police in Tallahassee, Fla., after they were found, unwashed and hungry, in a city park. The children, ranging in age from 2 to 7 years, were with two men driving a van with Virginia license plates.

Acting on information supplied by detectives in Tallahassee, the police in Washington today searched a house and a warehouse in the northwest section of the District of Columbia, seizing photographs and other documents that one source described as "consistent with a satanic cult," including a photograph of a mutilated animal.

## No Clues to Their Identities

The band of children has baffled the police, who said the case resembled something more like a Pied Piper story than a tale of the occult.

Some of the children told investigators they had not seen their parents since Christmas and had been traveling with the men since then. Other children said that one of the men, Michael Houlihan, 28 years old, was their father, but Mr. Houlihan denied it without

providing any clues to their identities. Frequent visitors, both Haitians and gate of the villa. There are the garden," said the guard at the and that, when he walks in the "Sometimes we discuss this trossa. Saab 900 or his red Ferrari Testa either behind the wheel of his frequent day trips, often to Cannes, of time out and around, taking tri- But Mr. Duvalier spends a lot bile to a reporter outside the villa. from the window of his automo- anybody," Mr. Duvalier shouted will give the slightest interview to "There is no possibility that I La Mohamedia. Cannes in a luxurious villa called Mediterranean village near Duvalier, his wife, Michele, and their two children live in this

Hunt said. "Adults are encouraged to join this group and one of the stipulations of joining this group is that they give up the rights of their children."

Police sources in Washington said the trail of the men led to a rural Virginia community in Madison County, about two hours southwest of the nation's capital, apparently a lead provided by documents found today. "It may turn out to be one property, it may turn out to be more," said Lieut. M. G. Millner of the Virginia state police who added that the police would to check the area soon.

In the searches, police officers seized large boxes of documents, records and

## The two suspects are charged with aggravated child abuse.

equipment, including computer programming material.

Twenty-seven computer storage disks were also found, along with rotting food, in the blue 1980 Dodge van driven by the suspects when they were taken into custody in Tallahassee with the children.

Witnesses there told investigators that they saw two other men and children in a second van make contact with the first group in the park. The witnesses said they drove away before the police arrived.

## Children Rewarded With Food

The children told investigators in Tallahassee that they had been on the road for weeks, camping out at night. The older children reported that they were rewarded with food for doing "good things" but that the nature of what was expected was not described.

Their daily ration of food consisted of oranges, bananas and raw potatoes, they told the police.

Based on information provided by the children, they were tentatively identified as Mary Houlihan, 7 years old; Max Livingstone, 6; Honeybee Evans, 3; Benjamin Franklin, 3; John Paul Pope Houlihan, 2, and B.B., a 2-year-old boy.

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## 2 Held in Child Abuse Linked to Satanic Cult

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—Two men arrested after being seen in a park with six children dressed in tatters were held Friday on child abuse charges, and police said the men may be part of an international satanic cult whose members give up their children.

Some of the children told police they had not seen their parents since before Christmas.

"They evidently have come from such sheltered existences that they had no concept of what a telephone was, or TV or anything like that," said Scott Hunt, a spokesman for the Tallahassee Police Department.

The children, ages 2 to 6, may have been given up by their parents so the parents could join a satanic cult in Washington, D.C., authorities in Florida said.

### Police Tipped Off

Police were alerted Wednesday by anonymous callers concerned because the men were dressed in coats and ties while the children, unwashed and insect-bitten, were playing in tattered clothes at Myers Park, a downtown playground.

Upon questioning after their arrest Wednesday, the men said the children were being "weaned" from their mothers in Washington. They said they were taking the children to Mexico to start a school for brilliant children. They denied any blood relationship with the children and refused to answer other questions.

"We don't know what we've got. All we have is six children, and we don't know where they came from," Hunt said.

The oldest child said the children had never been to school. They had been traveling for several days or weeks, she said, although she did not know where they had been.

Medical exams showed that one child had been sexually abused, Hunt said.

Police identified the men as Douglas Edward Ammerman, 27, and Michael Houlihan, 28, and said they were believed to be from the Washington area. The two were charged Thursday with one count of child abuse. They appeared in court Friday and were jailed on \$100,000 bail each.

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# Finders to Sell D.C. Property, Move to Florida

A member of the Finders has announced the communal group is selling its Washington properties, which include two apartment buildings and a warehouse, and moving to Tallahassee, Fla., where authorities are holding two men linked to the group.

The men were arrested Feb. 4 and charged with child abuse after they were found in a Florida park

with six children, whom Tallahassee police described as dirty, hungry and insect-bitten.

Douglas E. Ammerman, 27, and James Michael Howell, 23, remain in a Tallahassee jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond each. A judge has reduced the bond for the misdemeanor charges from \$100,000 for Ammerman and from \$101,000 for Howell.

One of the children remains in full custody of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. A judge ordered the agency to share custody of the five other children with four members of the group who say they are the children's mothers.

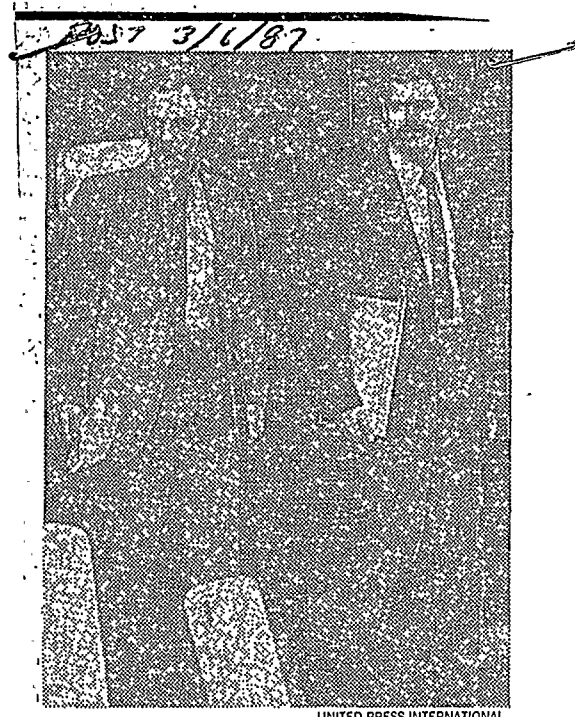
"We look for signs and symbols, and Florida's sending us signs that they want us here," R. Gardner

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Two members of the Finders organization, Doug Ammerman, left, and James Holwell, leave courthouse in Tallahassee, Fla., yesterday after their bond was reduced to \$5,000. They are charged with child abuse after being arrested in the company of six unkempt children in a Tallahassee park.

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# Mothers Win Custody of 3 Older Children in Finders Case Remain in Fla. Care

By Lawrence Feinberg  
Washington Post Staff Writer

A Florida judge yesterday awarded full custody of three children, found last month in a van in a Tallahassee park to their mothers, who are members of the Washington-based Finders commune, but ruled that three older children should remain under state supervision.

Only hours later, one of the Finders' leaders released a statement saying the futurist group was dissolving, possibly as a result of the custody battle.

Ruling after four days of testimony, Leon County Circuit Judge Victor Cawthon rejected a state motion that the three children, aged 2 and 3, should be declared "dependent" because they had been "abused, neglected, or abandoned" by their parents, according to a lawyer for three of the women.

Cawthon ruled that the three others, aged 4 to 7, were dependent, primarily because their education was being neglected, but he allowed two of them to remain temporarily with their mothers in Tallahassee.

The sixth child, whose mother has not stayed in Tallahassee to seek his return, remains in foster care. Cawthon said he would make a final ruling on arrangements for the three dependent children at a hearing March 23.

The decisions, announced in a closed court session, were disclosed by Paula Walborsky, who represented three of the mothers at the hearing, and confirmed by Cawthon in a telephone interview.

"I'm absolutely delighted with the outcome," Walborsky said. "The court found there was no abuse or abandonment."

"Ultimately, the state only pressed the issue of neglect, that the Finders' life style was inherently detrimental to the psychological

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## Fla. Judge Sends 2 Finders Children To Foster Homes

A Florida judge has declared two children of members of the Finders commune to be dependents of the state. Judge Victor Cawthon last week ordered two children who grew up in the Washington-based Finders group placed in foster homes.

The judge's ruling was the final act in the state's attempt to sort through the affairs of the secretive group that found itself the subject of intense public scrutiny in February, when police in Tallahassee received an anonymous phone call about two well-dressed men and six disheveled children in a local park.

Within hours, police in Florida, Virginia and the District, joined by the FBI and even Interpol, were on the case. Authorities raided the Finders' homes, confiscated records and photographs, and publicly speculated whether the group was involved in satanism, child abuse or pornography. While none of the more lurid possibilities was confirmed, the Finders proved to be an avowedly private and elusive group of about 20 people, many of whom had lived together since the late 1960s.

Public interest in the Finders quickly centered on their unusual child-rearing philosophy, in which youngsters were raised communally and were left largely to their own devices.

The two Finders in Florida with children of other group members were held in jail for six weeks, then released when a judge dismissed child abuse charges. In March, another judge returned four of the children to their mothers, who had retained a Florida lawyer.

But at the direction of Marion Pettie, the group's founder and intellectual leader, two mothers, Kristin Knauth and Pat Livingston, refused to hire a lawyer, argue for the return of their children or even remain in Florida.



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James Madison University professor J. Barkley Rosser and his wife, Marina Vchershnyaya, share a toast after being married May 24 in an outdoor ceremony in Rockingham County, Va. The two met in the Soviet Union in 1984, fell in love, but were separated in August of that year after registering with the Soviet government to be married. This year Soviet officials allowed Vchershnyaya to leave the U.S.S.R.

They said Pettie told them that since the court had the best interests of the children in mind, they should not participate in the judicial process, according to Paula Walborsky, a Tallahassee lawyer who represented the other Finders mothers.

"Those children should have been returned to their mothers, but they didn't go through the system," Walborsky said. "The state felt these mothers had abandoned their children when they returned to Washington. I saw them with their children, and I know all these women love their children."

Connie Ruggles, spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, confirmed that the two children, Ben Knauth, 4, and Max Livingston, 6, are in foster homes. She said their cases will be reviewed every six months. "The judge felt circumstances

were not right to reunite them with their family," Ruggles said.

Cawthon had closed the hearing to the public, as is his option in Leon County.

Walborsky said the state presented no evidence that the children were abused or neglected, and the judge declared the children wards of the state for "educational reasons." Ruggles declined to comment on the hearing.

George Wisnovsky of the Jacksonville FBI office said the agency "is no longer investigating the Finders."

The Finders, who announced the dissolution of their group in March, are still together and living in California, according to several people who were in contact with them in Florida. Neither Walborsky nor Ruggles has spoken to group members in recent weeks.

— Marc Fisher

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# Two Finders Released; Abuse Charges Dropped

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By Douglas Stevenson  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Two members of a Washington-based communal group known as the Finders, arrested last month on child abuse charges in Florida, were released from jail yesterday after the charges were dismissed.

Douglas Edward Ammerman, 27, and James Michael Holwell, 23, were released after a Leon County Circuit Court hearing. A move for dismissal of the charges on the grounds of insufficient evidence had been filed by their counsel, authorities said.

Ammerman and Holwell were arrested Feb. 4 in Tallahassee after police there received an anonymous telephone call reporting that two "well-dressed men" were "supervising" six disheveled and hungry children in a local park, Tallahassee police said at the time.

Each man was charged with one count of misdemeanor child abuse, and the children, ages 2 to 7, whose

mothers were members of the Finders, were examined for signs of abuse and remanded to the custody of the state of Florida. Holwell was also charged with resisting arrest without violence.

The investigation involved D.C. police, who raided a Northeast warehouse owned by the Finders, as well as Virginia and federal authorities. Initially, there were widespread reports of possible involvement by group members in child pornography and satanic rituals. Authorities later said that these reports were unfounded and were attributable in part to confusion over the group members' unusual life style. Members said recently the Finders are disbanding.

Michael Minerva, the assistant public defender who represented Ammerman and Holwell, said he made the motion to dismiss the case "on the grounds that there was not sufficient evidence" to try it. Judge George Reynolds agreed.

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arrest. He said police testimony indicated that Holwell "just seemed to have fainted" at the time of the arrest and that there was no way of telling if Holwell had faked the fainting spell.

Because Holwell showed "no active resistance," the prosecution could not press the charge, Fordham said.

Last week Leon County Circuit Court Judge Victor Cawthon awarded custody of three of the youngest children to the mothers. Two of the other children were declared dependent but were allowed to remain with their mothers in Tallahassee, and another child, whose mother was not present for the custody hearing, remains in foster care.

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SUBJECT: Result of the Investigation and Interviews  
Conducted in Tallahassee, Florida, in  
Connection with the FINDERS Organization

This report will be a compilation of information learned while your investigator was in Tallahassee, Florida, during the week of February 8, 1987. The information contained herein was obtained from members of the City of Tallahassee (Florida) Police Department (TPD), the Tallahassee Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and two of the six children currently in the custody of the State of Florida Health and Rehabilitation System (HRS). In order to avoid unnecessary duplication items of information already reported by other members of the Metropolitan Police Department (by way of P.D. 854) will not be repeated here.

This report will be divided into the following categories: Overview of Investigation, Synopsis of Travel, Investigation, and Attachments.

OVERVIEW OF INVESTIGATION

The information obtained from [redacted] and the authorities in Tallahassee, Florida, reflected the following positions:

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### SYNOPSIS OF TRAVEL

During the evening of Saturday, February 7, 1987, your investigator was directed to report to the Baltimore-Washington International Airport for the purpose of flying to Tallahassee, Florida. This was done and your investigator embarked upon four days of fact-finding and interviews within the State of Florida.

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On the morning of Thursday, February 13, 1987, the preliminary investigation was concluded and your investigator spent the balance of the day returning to Washington, D.C.

### INVESTIGATION

#### Methodology

The interviews conducted by your investigator were designed to minimize any potential trauma to [REDACTED]

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First Interview with [REDACTED]

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About 1800 hours on the evening of Sunday, February 8, 1987, your investigator [REDACTED] of the City of Tallahassee Police Department (telephone [REDACTED]) to a shelter home. Interviewed at this home in the presence of Inv. [REDACTED] of HRS, was [REDACTED] known variously as [REDACTED] with possible last names of [REDACTED] white female.

Your investigator was introduced as [REDACTED] from Washington.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attached to and submitted with this report are copies of the reports prepared by officers and investigators with the Tallahassee Police Department. These attachments are as follows:

Attachment 1: Copy of a five page THP Offense Reporting form dated 2-4-87 and prepared by Officer [REDACTED]

Attachment 2: Copy of a two page Supplement to THP Offense Reporting form dated 2-4-87 and prepared by Officer [REDACTED]

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Attachment 3: Copy of a Complaint/Arrest Affidavit for JOHN DOE dated 2-4-87 and prepared by Officer [REDACTED]

Attachment 4: Copy of a three page Complaint/Arrest Affidavit for [REDACTED] dated 2-4-87 and prepared by Officer [REDACTED]

Attachment 5: Copy of a two page Supplement to THP Offense Reporting Form dated 2-4-87 and prepared by Officer [REDACTED]

Attachment 6: Copy of a seven page Supplement to THP Offense Reporting Form dated 2-9-87 and prepared by Investigator [REDACTED]

Attachment 7: Copy of a four page Supplement to THP Offense Reporting Form prepared by Investigator [REDACTED] on 2-9-87

Attachment 8: Copy of a six page Supplement to THP Offense Reporting Form prepared by Investigator [REDACTED] on 2-10-87

Attachment 9: Copy of hand-written letter on "GUNG-HO TRADERS" stationary signed by [REDACTED] a genital-graphic computer-generated letter to [REDACTED] an envelope addressed to [REDACTED] in Gainesville, Florida

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Attachment 10: A six page computer-generated dot-matrix report dated 2-8-87 and prepared by Investigator [REDACTED] (with map)

Attachment 11: A two page computer-generated dot-matrix report dated 2-9-87 and prepared by Investigator [REDACTED] (with descriptors for the six children)

Attachment 12: A two page computer-generated dot-matrix report dated 2-11-87 and prepared by Investigator [redacted]

Attachment 13: Copy of a news released from THP dated 2-11-87 which pledges cooperation between THP and MPD

Attachment 14: Copy of the "Ballad of Ballads"

Attachment 15: A two page listing of names, addresses, and telephone numbers, several of which go to CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ENGLAND, the PHILLIPPINES, and the PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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Respectfully submitted

[redacted signature box]

Detective 11  
Criminal Personality Profiler  
Criminal Investigations Division

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What were their names and what were their games?  
Who are these funny persons who play the game of games?  
Sometimes they act like nice guys or dragons raising hell,  
But before it flips they change the game; that's why it works so well.

When I first met the players, they lived in a funky house.  
They had rats down in the basement and carpets full of louse.  
In the living room the nymphs danced; in the basement they smoked pot  
They had one thing in common: they needed to learn a lot.

Some went to the country and some went to Georgetown.  
They scattered to the winds; they couldn't stand to hang around.  
Some went across the river and got into real estate;  
They started making money and thought that it was great.

The ones out in the country they smoked a lot of pot.  
Their game was getting colder but they thought that it was hot. b6  
The other one who went there moved in with [REDACTED] b7c  
He worked all day and fucked all night and thought that it was swell.

The one who went to Georgetown was working for the temps;  
She had a big apartment and paid a lot of rent.  
Her guests weren't very helpful which made it kind of rough,  
But she turned it into learning and that's how she got tough.

The boys across the river, they had the best of trips.  
They had five men working with them making first rate buggy whips,  
But boy were they surprised when their game began to flip;  
They took an old man's ticket and then they lost their zip.

The tough one down in Georgetown, she moved to Glover Park.  
She got together with her friends to make the new age ark.  
They bought themselves some buildings and filled them up with fools.  
Then the fools became the teachers in a topsy-turvy school.

The woman in the country got tired of all the noise;  
She wished that they would stay away, except for her two boys  
So she got a house with fourteen rooms; the funnies stayed away,  
But she wonders what is coming next down to this very day.

The players got a warehouse over in nigger town  
Right next to the pool hall; no one would come around  
So they made it green and global and invented games to play.  
Now their friends sign up two months ahead to use it for one day.

They woke up one fine morning and five had disappeared.  
They were gone to Pennsylvania or so it did appear.  
Four more they say were wished away; now everyone's perplexed.  
They don't know what to wish for or what is coming next.

The disappearing players showed up on the West Coast;  
They started in to playing all the games that they liked most.  
They built themselves a magnet and started to attract.  
Pretty soon a lot of persons came to get into their act.

A dozen persons gathered in the middle of the night.  
They loaded up and disappeared before the morning light.  
Just like a tribe of nomads they drove across the land.  
They go to where the problems are 'cause they're the back up band.

They slipped into their playhouse and quietly began  
To make another model according to their plan.  
The word leaked out that they were back; they opened a Bank Bank  
And all their old connections came to get a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

They went to San Diego where they met another fool  
And then on to Hawaii where they opened up a school  
The gifts and games abounded; the dramas all unfurled  
As they went on to earn and learn their way around the world.

The returning troops were greeted by a fat Wop and a Jew.  
So they wintered in Miami where he showed them what he knew.  
The Ph.D., she fell in love with a Sufi businessman.  
He thought she was magnetic and he bought her a used van.

[redacted] took the Rabbi for a walk around the block  
And they started up another house for the Jewish orthodox.  
A man from Oxford joined the crew where [redacted] set the tone;  
They took a trip to England and consumed his student loan.

The cabin on the mountain was the newest schools of schools  
With two mean kids from Arlington and other assorted fools.  
The Sufi and the CPA invested in the town.  
Then the Sufi went to Panama and invited [redacted] down.

In the midst of all the folly, the tough one led a team  
That kept the Student's ship afloat 'til she ran out of steam  
But before she left she asked him to elevate the game  
So he started calling prayer meetings and everybody came.

[redacted] left, and tried to sink the ship.  
The parents and the cult watchers thought that was very hip.  
But they ran into a buzz saw of the wit and humor kind.  
The fat man got his ring back, but he lost his piece of mind.

They players all got married and began a hive of bees  
With the kids out in the country and the adults on their knees.  
A crew went out to China and came back to start HQ;  
They learned to follow orders and they solved some problems too.

The great didact departed for the school up in the sky,  
But first she signed some paper for recording on the sly.  
The boys got legalistic, mother [redacted] was distressed,  
When in an act of curtesy their land was repossessed.

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## NEWS RELEASE

MELVIN L. TUCKER  
CHIEF OF POLICE



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February 11, 1987

The following is a prepared statement released by Scott Hunt, spokesman for the Tallahassee Police Department:

"There are no new developments in the case of the six missing children, nor do we anticipate any major developments in the near future. If and when such developments occur, details will be released by the proper authorities.

In response to news media reports which suggested possible differences of opinion between the Tallahassee Police Department and the Washington, D. C. authorities, the Tallahassee Police Department will not comment on information supplied by "unnamed sources". This afternoon, Tallahassee Police Department Deputy Chief William Scott spoke with Washington Chief of Police Maurice Turner and confirmed that no problems exist between the two agencies and that we continue to enjoy a good working relationship with our counterparts in Washington, D. C. The Tallahassee Police Department will not compromise the integrity of this good working relationship by giving credibility to unnamed sources.

It is important to remember that the investigation of the Finders organization was outside the jurisdiction of the Tallahassee Police Department. Our investigation continues to focus on Child Abuse charges against the two suspects in custody. These cases have been bound over to the State Attorney's Office and we will be cooperating with them to ensure successful prosecution.

Until there are further developments in the case, the Tallahassee Police Department will have no further public comment to make regarding this matter."

Children in Wash. DC, and gave them the information concerning the children. They stated that they would give the information to one of their inv. in the morning. They also checked for any children currently missing that matched the descriptions given.

This inv also contacted Sgt. [redacted] of Metro PD in Wash. DC. He was given the telephone number and address of the [redacted] house. He stated that he would call the number, and see who was there. Sgt [redacted] called this inv back and stated that the phone number had an answering machine hook-up, which had a very "weird" message on it. He did not say what the message was. He stated that he was going to send a cruiser to the house. He then transferred this inv to desk Sgt [redacted] She took information from this inv in regards to the child abuse charges. She also stated that the message on the answering machine was strange. She stated the message had some kind of biblical passage on it. Sgt [redacted] also stated that she would send another cruiser by the house. Metro DC did not re-contact this inv that night.

This inv attempted to interview both suspect. They were read their rights per miranda, and asked to sign an acknowledgement. Both refused. Suspect [redacted] asked what the charges were. He was advised of the charges of child abuse. Suspect [redacted] laid on the floor of the holding cell and jerked his body. He refused to open his eyes, or acknowledge this inv.

The van was inventoried by patrol, and towed to Deloach's.

[redacted]

[redacted]

This inv was also advised that both suspects were given a \$100,000 cash bond at first appearance. This inv spoke to Capt. [redacted] at LCJ and arranged for the suspects to be placed in isolation. Due to overcrowding at the jail, the suspect's had to be placed together.

This inv was also advised by [redacted] of HRS that [redacted] She stated that the exams on [redacted]

[redacted]

Following another group of interviews in an unrelated case, this inv went through some items removed from the van by Inv [redacted] A piece of paper titled "The Ballad of Ballads" was found. See copy in case file. The ballad made reference to the



warehouse, a house in the mountains, Miami, Hawaii, San Diego,  
and China. Computer discs were also found in the van. Inv  
[redacted] advised that when he ran them, they proved to be program  
discs, not data bases.

Late that night Dect [redacted] contacted this inv. He b6  
advised that he had been on the search warrant at the warehouse. b7C  
He stated that they found a large amount of computer goods, a hot  
tub, sauna, large TV room, a library of books (some concerning  
mind control), a satellite disc on the roof, and various  
stage-like settings of rooms that were roped off.

Dect [redacted] advised that there were computers at the house  
and various materials. He stated that he had not had the time to  
go through all the information yet.

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On 2-6-87, this inv met with [redacted] of the FBI. He  
stated that the US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE and the FBI would be  
involved in the case.

This inv, inv [redacted] went to LCJ to b6  
interview suspect [redacted] Upon arrival, we were informed that b7C  
Suspect [redacted] was there. We spoke to him  
first.

He described Suspect [redacted] as being a loner. He stated  
that he has not seen [redacted]  
stated that [redacted] had shown up at [redacted] house in  
Gainesville approx 2 weeks ago with [redacted]  
He stated [redacted] Suspect [redacted] remained at  
[redacted] for approx 1hr. He told them that he was enroute to  
Miami. [redacted] gave this inv a letter he had recieved  
as a reply to a letter he wrote [redacted] The letter b6  
contained two pieces of paper. One was a hand written letter b7C  
signed by [redacted] stating that suspect [redacted] was  
enroute to China via Hawaii. This letter was written on a piece  
of paper with a letter head of GUNG-HO TRADERS [redacted]  
[redacted] The other slip of paper contained in the letter was to  
[redacted] It was a letter which pornographically described  
suspect [redacted] genitals, and thanked [redacted]  
[redacted] It appeared to be computer generated.  
The letter was signed by the [redacted] The letter was  
post dated May 19, 1986.

Suspect [redacted] refused to talk to [redacted] of these  
inv.'s.

Suspect [redacted] did speak to these inv, but only to give  
basic information, and to ask questions about the children. He  
did ask if the children had been seen by a doctor, and if b3  
anything was found. He also asked where the children were. He b6  
was advised [redacted] b7C

Several leads from other areas outside Tallahassee were given to  
the FBI to follow up on. Agt [redacted] also spoke with [redacted]  
[redacted] on the telephone. He is located in the NY area.  
Agt's in the G'ville area were also sent to interview people who  
had seen the suspects and children in their area recently.

This inv and Sgt [redacted] also went to [redacted] [redacted] were being held in protective custody. Sgt [redacted] [redacted] for use by his agency.

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This inv was also advised by FBI supervisor, [redacted] that they were going to secure a search warrant for the van, and would be serving it this date. This inv advised them of the materials that were in TPD property from the van. They advised that they would like to have an agent go through them. [redacted] came to TPD and went through the materials.

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More leads from the G'ville area were given to the FBI to follow up on.

Also on this date, [redacted] from the National <sup>CHILD</sup> Council of ~~Child Welfare~~ came to TPD to assist this agency in any way possible. In looking through one of his publications, this inv felt that [redacted] This inv spoke with Inv. [redacted] from Montgomery PD, who advised that the [redacted] had seen the picture, and stated that [redacted] was also listed as having [redacted] and [redacted] This inv asked that inv [redacted] get a copy of the 35mm picture that Sgt [redacted] will be sending to the Wash office of the FBI, and have [redacted] look at it. He stated that he would.

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This inv also spoke with [redacted] of Marshall, Ca. He advised that he was [redacted] He stated that [redacted]

[redacted] have. He stated that he last saw [redacted] whose name is [redacted] approx 5yrs ago in G'ville. He stated that he went to G'ville to visit [redacted] who was then living in a woman's support cooperative. He stated that they lived in a rented house, and had a van. He met two other women: [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that he was there for 48hrs, and when he left he realized that he had been very well manipulated, and really knew little of what was going on in [redacted] life. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that approx 1yr ago he and [redacted] went to visit [redacted] in DC. [redacted] was living there at the time. He stated that they went to the [redacted] knocked and got no answer. [redacted] stated that as they were walking away, he turned around and saw someone looking out a window at him. The next day, they returned to the house. This time someone came

to the door, and let them in, but refused to tell them anything about [redacted] stated that he became extremely agitated, and left. He stated that shortly thereafter he received a letter from [redacted] saying that she had been in Miami acting like a rich person, and that he [redacted] had been talking to [redacted]

[redacted] also advised this investigator that [redacted] and another woman named [redacted] had "crashed" at [redacted] house sometime in '85. She lived in Wash. DC at [redacted] He stated that she finally had to have the police come and evict them from the house. This may help to explain [redacted] story of [redacted]

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[redacted] this inv advised him that he should contact a lawyer. [redacted] was advised that [redacted] and [redacted]

Late that night, this inv was advised that a memo from [redacted] was given to ACB news in Wash, and that it would be forwarded to this agency. As of this writing, the memo has not been read.

This inv was also contacted by Dect [redacted] who advised he [redacted]

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On 2-8-87, this inv met with the following people at TPD.  
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[redacted] of Wash Metro PD;  
[redacted] of CPT; [redacted] of the FBI. We  
of HRS; [redacted]  
discussed the current case, and what further information was  
needed by all agencies.

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At the meeting, Dect [redacted] advised that no evidence of a  
satanic cult was found at either residence in Wash DC. He was  
concerned about information he received from three separate  
sources concerning the basement of the house on [redacted] He  
indicated that there may have been a hole dug in the walls or the  
floor of the basement, for unknown reasons. He stated that their  
reason for being in Tallahassee is to [redacted]

This inv and Dect [redacted] made arrangements to interview  
[redacted] that evening. Sgt [redacted] would be  
present with Dect [redacted] during the interview of [redacted] This

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A list of known members of the Finders was discussed. See  
case file.

At approx 6pm, this inv and Dect [redacted] went to [redacted]  
[redacted] to [redacted] She was introduced to Dect [redacted]  
and told that he was from Wash DC. [redacted]

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The commune became an attraction for local residents who would drive to the area to observe people living in plastic tents and conducting their activities in the nude. As the hippie movement diminished, Ragged Mountain Ranch also fell into obscurity. However, it came to the attention of the Virginia State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigation-Arson Unit (VSP/BCI), in 1980, following a fire which destroyed a residence and barn on the Ragged Mountain Ranch premises. This property had been occupied by [redacted] who alleged they had been associates of subject [redacted] until a break in their relationship. They moved from Northern Virginia to Ragged Mountain Ranch where they [redacted]. They alleged that [redacted] burned them out following an argument over a division of real estate. VSP/BCI conducted an extensive investigation without verifying the [redacted] claim. The fire remains in an unknown origin status.

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approximately [redacted] at a Washington, D.C. meeting presided over by [redacted]. The meeting was billed as a discussion of various religions and philosophies. It was attended by individuals described by [redacted] as brilliant society drop-outs, who were probably former hippies. [redacted] said he was introduced to Finders organization, which he described as a cult, [redacted]. He said he joined, not knowing all the activities and philosophies of the cult.

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[redacted] said he came to learn that the cult was merely a front for [redacted] who converted the members' money to his own use. [redacted] said he has given Finders [redacted] however, all he wants to do now is to get out of the organization and does not care how the money was spent. He feels that [redacted] used his money to purchase [redacted]. [redacted] said he does not believe the cult to use drugs, but they advocate free love and improvement of society.

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[redacted] operates out of a multi-apartment residence located at [redacted] and uses telephone numbers [redacted]. He has used a number of bank accounts to hide the funds obtained from the group members. [redacted] also utilized a warehouse, located at [redacted]. This location is a front for the organization and operates as a food distribution point for the needy.

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[redacted] is currently [redacted]. However, [redacted] will not tolerate anyone leaving the cult. [redacted] feels his experience to date with respect to the harassing letters and threats have all been related to his attempt to leave the cult. [redacted] also uses group members as enforcers to apply physical pressure as well as psychological pressure. He identified these individuals as [redacted]

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[redacted] is reputed to be [redacted]. Both individuals are violence prone. [redacted] said [redacted] harassment campaign utilizes letters to apply psychological pressure and these are followed up by personal visits from [redacted]. [redacted] believes both of these individuals also perpetrate the arsons ordered by [redacted].

[redacted] related an incident occurring in January, 1983, which involved cult member Barbara Sylvester Mateja, who attempted to leave the group. She was physically restrained in [redacted] residence. Mateja subsequently became ill and required medical attention. [redacted] refused to allow her to obtain this attention and she died on the premises. [redacted] said he does not believe that there was any police investigation of the death.

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[redacted] came to Culpeper, Va., in [redacted] and leased an office on [redacted]. This space was to be used for a business to be known as Finders, a consultant service available to the community, which would match clients and services and provided information and assistance in any matter. In addition, [redacted] also purchased a residence located at [redacted] which was used by [redacted] to temporarily house members of the cult. [redacted] said the business did not get started when he realized what [redacted] was doing to the cult members. [redacted]

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[redacted] As a result [redacted] however, continues to harass him for more money.

[redacted] said Sherwood travelled to Panama in 1981 with unrecalled members of the cult. The purpose of the travel was to contact representatives of the off-shore banking community to set up a newsletter/communication service for that industry. [redacted] said he does not think the venture was successful. In this regard, it is noted Sherwood, or some other member of the cult, initiated a Freedom of Information inquiry through FBIHQ following the trip. A copy of a page of a WFO teletype to FBIHQ, dated 1/7/82 (WFOfile 196C-386), believed obtained by Sherwood as a result of this inquiry, was mailed by her to SA [redacted] Fredericksburg Resident Agent, to his Culpeper, Va., residence. The envelope bore

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FINDERS TRANSNATIONAL;  
RAGGED MOUNTAIN RESEARCH CENTER;

[redacted]

EXTORTION  
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Re AXairtel, dated 7/8/83.

For the information of Alexandria, records of Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C., reveal Barbara Sylvester Mateja died on January 23, 1982, at [redacted] [redacted] MPD Homicide Branch conducted no investigation after being advised by occupants at that address that Mateja refused medical assistance for religious reasons.

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Information in referenced teletype was provided to Detective [redacted] Investigative Services Division, MPD.

Inasmuch as no investigation is outstanding, WFO is placing this case in RUC status.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Transmitted \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) (Tim)

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FINDERS, TRANSNATIONAL;  
RAGGED MOUNTAIN RESEARCH CENTER;

[redacted]  
EXTORTION  
OO: AX

Re Alexandria airtel dated 5/12/83, to Bureau. No copy to Richmond.

Enclosed for the Richmond Division are one copy each of referenced airtel and a self-explanatory LHM pertaining to captioned matter.

For further information, subject [redacted] is a white male, born approximately [redacted] hippie-style commune known as Ragged Mountain Ranch at Nethers, Va., during the late 1960's. This location initially drew the interest of local police authorities and military intelligence agencies due to the subject's alleged narcotics activities and his self-proclaimed connection with [redacted]

[redacted] A number of surveillances were conducted jointly by Virginia State Police and the military intelligence agencies, however, no arrests were made.

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her return address and name. It is believed that Sherwood mailed the teletype copy to SA [redacted] following [redacted] disclosure to her that [redacted] and reporting [redacted] harassment to US Postal authorities and the FBI.

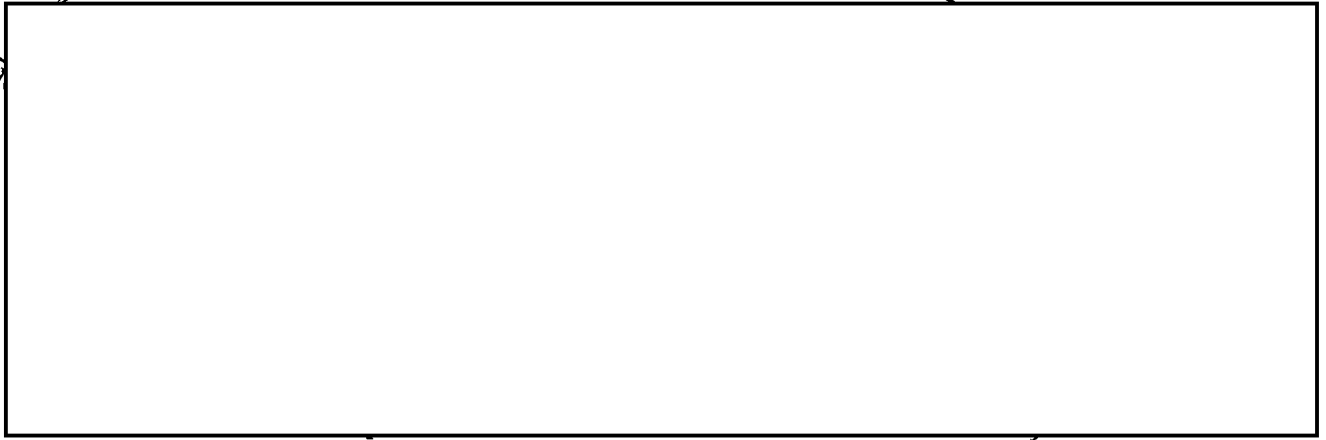
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[redacted] said a series of letters were sent and continue to be received by his associates and friends since [redacted]. All of the letters have impugned his reputation, intimated he was deceased or subtly threatened him with death. It is [redacted] belief that all of the letters were authored by [redacted].

Additionally, immediately after [redacted] a small fire broke out in the residence owned by [redacted]. Arson investigators were unable to determine the origin of the fire and have closed their case. [redacted] is certain the fire is related to his conflict with [redacted].

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[redacted] identified the following individuals as current members of finders:



[redacted] is currently residing in [redacted] attempting to avoid further contact with [redacted]. As noted in referenced airtel, AUSA, EDVA, Alexandria, Va., will not consider prosecution. Accordingly, Alexandria is conducting no further investigation, but

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furnishes the above background information to those divisions which may receive complaints arising from this matter, specifically individuals acquainted with [redacted] who are the recipients of alleged [redacted] contacts.

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<b>REPORT RE:</b> Interview of [redacted]			

On 2-11-87, an interview was conducted with [redacted] W/F, DOB [redacted] POB [redacted] [redacted] for the purpose of determining any knowledge she may have regarding sexual abuse or physical abuse of the children involved with members or associates of an organization identified as the Finders. [redacted] is a member of the group. The predication for the interview is arrests of two members of the group recently in Florida who were charged with child abuse involving two children who were in their custody. Additionally the purpose was to determine if any abuse or child neglect occurred in the District of Columbia.

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[redacted] was interviewed at the office of the FBI along with S/A [redacted]

[redacted] advised she joined the group in [redacted] and described the group as an "experimental community" devoted to differing lifestyles alternatives. When asked as to who the parents are of the children taken into custody in Florida she provided the following information:

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[REDACTED] reiterated that [REDACTED] had driven to Kentucky to set up a retirement village called New Hope. The kids were going to be placed in a Montessori school. The the retirement village was still in the planning stages the group of children and the 2 adults left for "an adventure" in Florida.

Other members of the Finders joined the group and she identified them as:

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[REDACTED] advised she has known all of these people for a minimum of [REDACTED] and trusts all of them. She did not believe any of them would be involved in child abuse.

She advised that various members of the group participated in group sex but that they were careful that the children were not around when it occurred. Most of the time she said the children were in bed when it occurred. She said she has a bedroom listening device commonly put in infants rooms to monitor them from another room.

She advised the mothers were going to Tallahassee, Florida that afternoon (2-11-87) in an attempt to see their children. She stated she felt the children were generally well taken care of and that all of the mothers loved and were concerned for the welfare of the children.

She advised [REDACTED] who works at [REDACTED] His home phone is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised she is [REDACTED] who works at [REDACTED] in Arlington, Va. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was urged to talk among the members of the group and attempt to identify the perpetrator of the sexual abuse on [REDACTED] She was provided with the above investigators' names and phone numbers if she had additional information.

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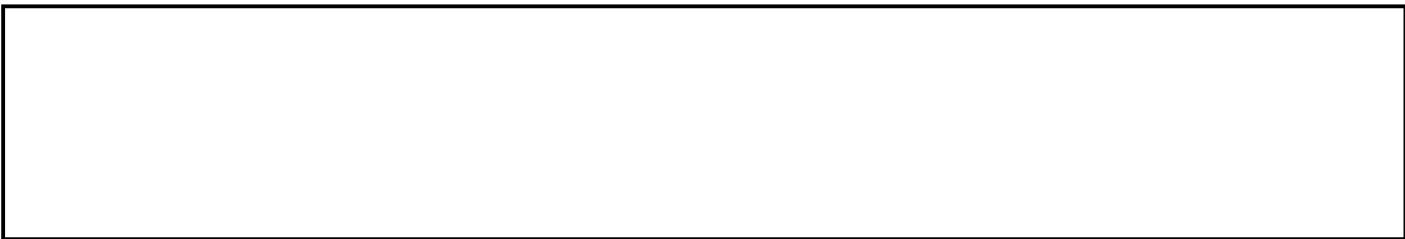
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Detective [Redacted] will attempt to reinterview [Redacted] at a later date concerning this investigation.

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This interview took place Sunday February 8, 1987 at approximately 12:30 P.M. Myself and DET. [redacted] were present.

[redacted] gave us a narrative account regarding [redacted] past. He said that [redacted]

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Preliminary report from [Redacted] psychiatrist. Psychologist

On 2/5/87 contact was made with [Redacted] a Psychologist who has done extensive work with the Metropolitan Police Dept. ERT Unit. The writer requested that [Redacted] review the inside rooms of the Warehouse location of the finders on 2/6/87, to which she agreed.

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On 2/6/87 at approximately 12 noon, [Redacted] reviewed the rooms inside of the Warehouse and advised that she would need several days to think about what she observed.

On 2/11/87, the writer contacted [Redacted] at the Crisis Intervention Center, [Redacted] advised the following....she felt that the warehouse represented a circle within a circle, (the library area and living arrangements on the first level were the outer circle for outsiders to view, which on the surface would appear worldly and friendly). The inner circle revealed what the group was about for the insiders, members, in which they would exhibit their actual lifestyle. [Redacted] advised that the leader of the group was possibly assisted by two other individuals, leaving all the rest of the members as followers. [Redacted] stated that the leader of the group was not a mentally ill person. She felt that if anything he was a Brilliant individual, who shows anti-social behavior. She further felt that he elevated the woman to a domineering role, in order to keep any male follower from possibly seizing control. She stated that the leader was exceptional in keeping the group together and engineering enough change from time to time to keep the followers interest.

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[Redacted] will be provided copies of excerpts of writings of the finders in order to help us establish a better understanding of the group.

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In closing, [redacted] stated that he felt the only difference between the group and is the alternate life style they choose.

It is the opinion of the writer that [redacted] still have contact with the Finders and that is the possible defense against, namely, that the children were in the care of Social Services in the past, when they were criminally assaulted. A check with Det. [redacted] Youth Services revealed that on at least one occasion, [redacted] the children in question, were in the care of Social Services in D.C.

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REPORT RE: [REDACTED] INTERVIEWS AT FBI OFFICES

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On January 5, 1987 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] drove straight to BERE A Kentucky in [REDACTED]

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INTERVIEW [Redacted]

She is [Redacted] she describes him as a peripheral member of the group. The lady is very matter of fact, and she says that she has no problem with the people that [Redacted] Her feelings are that the group of which she is a member is somewhat unorthodox, but certainly not child abusers or child molesters. She states that she has never seen or been told of any type of sexual activity between the adults of the group, and the children.

Her absence is explained by her as [Redacted]

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[Redacted] is there also, she is a member of the group, but [Redacted]

The lady feels that all of this is an attempt to harrass the group, because of the way that they live, etc. She was served a subpoena for [Redacted] witnessed by SPECIAL AGENT [Redacted] of the F.B.I..

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REPORT RE:

Fossible child pornography

On October 22, 1991, the undersigned received a telephone notification from Officer [redacted] 5th District Uniform, midnight section, home telephone number [redacted] (PROTECT)

Officer [redacted] advised that he and two footman, Officers [redacted] have observed activity which they believe is suspicious in nature.

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The officers have observed numerous well dressed males, who operate rental cars and expensive luxury type models, enter the building located at [redacted] at late and early morning hours. The subjects and their vehicles do not "fit" the area in which this building is located, namely the market area of N.E.

On at least one occasion, the officers have observed adult males with a young male child enter the building. This occurred after the midnight section had reported for duty on the street.

On another occasion, Officer [redacted] stopped a van after it was observed leaving the building in the early morning hours. The van displayed tags which were not listed to a van. The operator identified himself as [redacted] He told Officer [redacted] that he did research "stuff". He also stated that he baby sat children for diplomats. Officer [redacted] advised the undersigned that the building and the neighborhood is not fit for baby sitting activity, especially after midnight. The subject's story was very suspicious to Officer [redacted]

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The van is listed to [redacted]  
[redacted] white male, [redacted] The vehicle is  
described as a [redacted]  
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Officer [redacted] advised that to the best of his recollection,  
this building is the same building which was raided by the police  
approximately [redacted] years ago for some type of child  
pornography.



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[redacted]

Responded to the residence of the above listed couple, to interview them regarding any contact they have had the past several years with the FINDERS.

Myself, [redacted] of the FEDERAL BUREAU of INVESTIGATION, responded to the address listed above. We interviewed the couple, and learned that they had only met several of the group, and this was on two or three occasions while they were having picnics for the [redacted]

They recall that in 1985 they recieved a call from a DIANE SHERWOOD, she requested information regarding the schooling practices of their group. She was advised to come to one of the meetings, and speak first hand to the home schooling individuals. In [redacted] three women, [redacted] [redacted] came to one of the gatherings.

[redacted] There was another child at the gathering. She was identified as [redacted]

These people mingled with the other folks, and asked questions relating to home education, and associated problems and benefits.

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The next contact with any members of the group occurred on [redacted] [redacted] This was another impromptu gathering, that was attended by two women, one man, and two small children. The kids were [redacted] the women were [redacted] The identity of the man was unknown. He was described as medium height, dark complexion, with black curly hair. W/M, slim.

There was another meeting, attended by [redacted] along with [redacted] who looked somewhat disheveled ? and another child, who was unknown to the couple.

During the three meetings, all informal, the couple stated that they found nothing unusual about the women, and the children seemed to be in good health, and properly dressed.

They went on to say that they have had no other contact with these people since, and never heard any further from them.

The interview took place in the home of the couple, and they appeared to be very forthright, and accomodating, in assisting us. They are approved by the local county to home school their own children, and assist in the home schooling of other children.

They were advised to give us a call, if anything came up that they may have overlooked during our interview.

This interview took place on Saturday, February 7, 1987.

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**REPORT RE:**  
INTERVIEW/ [redacted]

[redacted]

Myself and DET. [redacted] responded to the above address on Sunday, 02/08/87 to interview the above named couple. They had apparently contacted DET. [redacted] and had expressed a wish to speak with the authorities regarding this matter, since [redacted] claimed to have been associated with the FINDERS, for at least the last [redacted]

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[redacted] appeared to be a well spoken, articulate individual, who discussed his relationship at length regarding the FINDERS. He spoke for some time, explaining that [redacted] had been involved with assisting the homeless, and group living for at least fifteen years.

He told us that it was his feelings that these people were a commune type group, with a very hard working type of work ethic ! He went on to say that they have in the past shown that they are willing to work at any project for the benefit of the group, and that he has seen them take payment ranging from cash, to potatoes, for their toil.

He feels that they do have a somewhat bizarre lifestyle, and they tend to play games upon themselves as well as on others. He [redacted] both felt that they were not in any way involved in child abuse, and devil worship.

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They gave us background regarding the [redacted] and the fact that they have not gotten along since [redacted] He said that [redacted] lived in Washington, and that he could be reached at [redacted]

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[redacted] says that some of the families game playing is to send letters of a harrassing nature to certain people ? He says that they have in the past also sent these letters to employers of these people ?

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The lifestyle that [redacted] depicts is such that these games are what the FINDERS are all about, if you believe him. He says that there is no time limit to them, and that money is no object. He went on to describe some of these, such as sending two of the group to Hawaii to fend for themselves with no money, or return tickets. They were to obtain lodging, and earn enough money to come back to Washington on there own.

He went on to say that there expertise in computers has occurred over the last four or five years, and that they are not as sophisticated in this field as we believe.

Information is their game, they are great gatherers of information, and it is apparent that the computers will enable them to store more of this information at a much faster rate.

Him and [redacted] both feel that the child raising techniques are not what they themselves would consider proper, but they feel that these people would not due anything to harm their children ? They had the kids at home, with mid-wives etc.

They work to obtain funds to operate, they don't like long term employment, and they handle a vast array of jobs.

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He repeats that the behavior of the group is bizarre, but doesn't feel that they would injure the children in any way ? I asked about their mental health, and he stated that it was a judgement call in regard to that.??

They told us that they were available at any time to assist with any information that they could, and that it had been their experience over [redacted] that this group was bizarre, even to other groups due to their refusal to offer any explanation for their lifestyle? He says that they are like the F.B.I. in that they obtain information without disseminating any.

I asked about the type of work that they would do, and he replied that nothing was beyond them. He said that some of them have worked for very powerful individuals over the years, and that they have also been known to clean walks and do gardening for just the food.

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THRU: Assistant Chief [redacted]

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Interviews

On February 12, 1987 Detective [redacted] of the Intelligence Division interviewed [redacted] Telephone number [redacted] stated that she was familiar with the Finders cult as she was first introduced to them in [redacted] after [redacted] stated that she first went to [redacted] were she met [redacted] She was given a room by the Finders and during the night she was summoned to the attic by one of the female members of the cult for the purposes of engaging in sex with [redacted] On another instance [redacted] stated that she spent the night at the warehouse and was subjected to watching sexual intercourse between [redacted] and male members of the cult. [redacted] stated that when she broke away from the cult in [redacted] she got the impression that the cult members didn't like children as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that after she broke away from the cult [redacted] attempted to [redacted] After [redacted] told the [redacted] that they could not [redacted] she received a call from [redacted] who alledged to her if she did not give up [redacted] she would be burned out. [redacted] stated that one week before the fire at [redacted] she was visited by [redacted] Finder's group called the community in Virginia, again warning her to give up [redacted] to the Finders. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was burned down in [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] also overheard conversation's between [redacted] discussing arson's they perpetrated on [redacted] property in Virginia to collect insurance money for [redacted] also stated that she was told that [redacted] prevented Barbara Sylvester(sp) from receiving medical care for a ruptured appendix and subsequently she died at the [redacted] of complications. Lastly, [redacted] stated that she could identify other members of the cult and would testify if needed concerning the Finders activities. The identified members are as follows: [redacted]

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Interview

On February 12, 1987 Detective [redacted] interviewed [redacted] of [redacted] who stated that she first met the Finders in [redacted] She stated that she was introduced to [redacted] at the [redacted]

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[redacted] by a mutual friend who had known the Finders for several years. [redacted] stated that she had a bad feelings about [redacted] because he asked questions about [redacted] insurance policy and had women serving him like a "Lord". [redacted] stated that she never returned to the [redacted]

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Interview

On February 12, 1987 Detective [redacted] interviewed [redacted] of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Telephone number [redacted] who stated that [redacted] worked for the agency as a free lance computer processor on [redacted] and [redacted] stated that [redacted] had full access to the computer terminal information at that office of U.S.D.A., but [redacted] didn't feel this information critical. Detective [redacted] placed a call to the Inspector General's Office of Agriculture to advise them of what had transpired and of a potential security breach.

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Interview

On February 12, 1987 Detective [redacted] interviewed [redacted] of San Francisco California, Telephone number [redacted]. Inspector [redacted] had spoke with [redacted] on 2/11/87 and [redacted] was versed in a cult calling themselves the Rainbow Nation that uses children in thier practices. [redacted] stated that he believed that the Finders are loosely associated with this organization and supplied the names of [redacted]. [redacted] stated he would send Detective [redacted] a copy of this catalog listing cult members to see if it is related to the Finders.

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Interview

On February 12, 1987 Detective [redacted] spoke with Detective [redacted] of the Los Angeles Police Department who related that [redacted] W/M had a criminal history in [redacted] for which he received [redacted] California ID number# [redacted]. Detective [redacted] also stated he received an alias for one of the names given by [redacted] who had an [redacted]

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However [redacted] stated that additional biographical information is needed to confirm the identity of the subjects. [redacted] advised [redacted] he would supply that information when it becomes available

Interview

On February 12, 1987 Detective [redacted] interviewed [redacted] Telephone number [redacted] who stated that he has been counseling [redacted] and parents of [redacted] confirmed that [redacted] have received nude photographs of [redacted] and received letters describing sexual acts performed by [redacted] with various members of the cult. [redacted] stated that he has tried to convince [redacted] to come forth and assist the police in this matter but stated that [redacted] believe they can extricate [redacted] from the cult, which [redacted] believes is fruitless. [redacted] stated he will again try to have [redacted] come forward to assist this instant investigation and he will contact [redacted] as to his progress.

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REPORT RE:

The attached reports (2) were furnished by [redacted] and contain background information on Finders Organization and it's members.

On 2-6-87 the undersigned contacted the D.C Bureau of Vital Statistics in conjunction with the reference made in the attached reports, to the death of Barbara Sylvester MATEJA, [redacted] of that office reports that she can find no record for MATEJAs' death on the date reported. [redacted] was also furnished the names of 5 of the children form the Florida incident along with their dates of birth in an attempt to determine if they were born in WDC, and who their parents may be. Results will be reported when they are received.

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REPORT RE:

Telephone interview of [redacted]

On 2/9/87 during the course of the interviews with [redacted] it was ascertained that [redacted] and is currently living in [redacted]. Since it appeared that [redacted] had left the group and effort was made to contact her for an interview to determine whether she might have information.

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On 2/9/87 a call was placed to [redacted] advised that she was the babysitter and that both [redacted] were not at home. A message was left for either of them to contact the Intelligence Division.

On 2/10/87 another call was placed to [redacted] who identified herself as [redacted] advised that both parties were not at home. She was advised of the nature of the call and she stated that she would relay the message.

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On 2/10/87, [redacted] contacted the Intelligence Division and advised the following. He stated that he was a [redacted] and was quite aware of the group finders. He stated that [redacted] has been a member of the group for approximately [redacted] and that she returned to [redacted] approximately [redacted]. When she came home, she was accompanied by [redacted] stated that the reason she may leave the group, (60-40% to leave), was due to the fact that the women had less rights than the men and that also she was concerned what would happen to the [redacted] care while she was in the group). [redacted] advised that over the last [redacted] he has spent weekends with the group approximately [redacted] each year.

When asked questions regarding the possible sexual abuse of two of the children, [redacted] advised that [redacted] indicated that occurred while they were under the care of Social Services from a previous incident. NOTE# no names were mentioned to him of the children that were assaulted. He also stated that the mothers were either in San Francisco or enroute back to Washington, D.C.

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REPORT RE:  
Interview of [redacted]

On February 19, 1987 Detective [redacted] contacted [redacted] of [redacted] Telephone number [redacted] concerning a listing of her name and additional information contained in the "Finders" records.

[redacted] seemed very upset that the police were contacting her and Detective [redacted] assured her that our only interest was that her name and information about her children were in the files. [redacted] stated that she needed a babysitter and contacted Georgetown University for a referral. [redacted] stated that she was given the name of [redacted] and interviewed her telephonically. [redacted] stated that she would have hired [redacted] but she never showed up for an interview. Detective [redacted] assured [redacted] that she was in no danger and the investigation was continuing and that the police department was still going through computer information and vast amounts of information and if her name surfaced again she would be reinterviewed. [redacted] asked what would have happened if the "Finders" got into her residence and Detective [redacted] told her that he was unsure of any motives and that anything would be speculative.

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On February 20, 1987 Detective [redacted] was contacted by [redacted] who stated that she was a freelance writer and that she was going to write a story for the Washington Post on Sunday concerning her involvement with the "Finders". [redacted] attempted to interview Detective [redacted] and was given the number and name of Captain [redacted] P.I.O.. Detective [redacted] specifically requested that any information concerning the interview with her not be used as it was an ongoing investigation. [redacted] stated that she was going to write an article from the point of a mother who was duped into believing a representative of the "Finders" who stated she was from Georgetown University and working from within the framework of the University. [redacted] stated she was going to use Detective [redacted] name and Detective [redacted] requested that she did not.

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Captain [redacted] PIO notified 2/20/87 1200 hrs Sergeant Stitche notified 1300

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REPORT RE: Interview with [redacted]

On [redacted] Detectives [redacted] interviewed [redacted] a former member of the "Finders" Cult. [redacted] stated that he had been affiliated with the "Finders" for [redacted] and was [redacted]. [redacted] stated that he believed the "Finders" to be overeducated fools who sought out a man such as [redacted] to find some type of identity. [redacted] stated he felt that [redacted] was a genius who held a extremely strong hold over the members of the cult by promising them sexual gratification, power and money.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] was trained as a [redacted].

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As to the personalites of the members of the "Finders" [redacted] stated that [redacted] was a homosexual and a former abused child. He also believes that if any of the children were abused that [redacted] would be a prime suspect. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was the former enforcer of the group and is associated with [redacted] at this time. [redacted] believed that the "Finders" are attempting to destroy [redacted] that he identified as [redacted].

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[redacted] also stated that the "Finders" cut the tires of [redacted] vehicle during [redacted].

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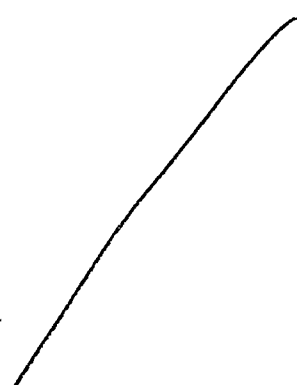
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REPORT RE: Information received by the informant

On [redacted] received a letter at her home address, [redacted]. The letter was postmarked [redacted] and the return address was [redacted]. The address of the "Finders". The letter attached hereto was a [redacted]

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[redacted] This information was related to AUSA [redacted] on Friday, February 27, 1987 for her consideration.



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In Closing questions to [redacted] he stated that he knew nothing about any sexual abuse toward [redacted]. He felt that they were in excellent health and well being. Nor did he know of any type of abuse or neglect on any of the children. He stated that he left the radio shack computer in the phone booth while checking electronic mail in Tallahassee...using the MCI system and simply forgot the machine.

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On Feb. 1, 1987 the [redacted]

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On Feb. 4, Wed., the adults decided to split up for a day or so, [redacted]

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[redacted] had left a message about the D.C. Police coming by the house on [redacted] and Tallahassee Police contacting him by phone, in regards to the adults and the children. NOTE# [redacted] did state that the reason they did not go to the Tallahassee Police, was due to the fact that this type harrassment was common and they felt they would not be able to resolve the issue.

Later that day, [redacted] while [redacted] called [redacted] who told them what had happened. Again [redacted] stated that they did nothing, due to the history of harrassment, BUT WHEN PRESSED FOR EXAMPLES HE COULD NOT GIVE ANY. [redacted]

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On Fri. Feb. 6, [redacted] regarding the raids on [redacted]

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According to [REDACTED]  
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Once in Berea, [REDACTED] attempted to get the children into the a school, but were unable too. They decided then, due to the cold weather to take the children to Florida and received permission from the mothers to go on the trip.

The subjects drove the six children to Florida around the middle of Jan. 1987 and stayed at [REDACTED] place in Archer, Florida. Approximately one week later, on Jan. 27, 1987, they were joined in Archer by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] These subjects drove down to Florida in two vehicles, [REDACTED]

On the 28th of Jan., [REDACTED] and drove down to Ocala, Fla. and returned later in the evening.

On the morning of the 29th of Jan., [REDACTED] loaded up the two vans with the kids, while [REDACTED] headed west toward Texas. The vans headed south east to Juniper Springs campground in Ocala National Forest and spent 3 nights at that location, (29-30-31). During the day hours some of the men went to Ocala to work while the others stayed with the kids. According to [REDACTED] they occupied two campsites at that location. [REDACTED] also stated that he and [REDACTED] visited with an Irving Fiske in Ocala.

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<b>BY</b> [redacted] <b>UNIT</b> Intelligence <b>DATE</b> 2/9/87		<b>RELATED FILES</b>

**REPORT RE:** Interview of [redacted] reference to Florida Trip with kids.  
 On 2/9/87 at 1430 hours an interview was conducted of [redacted] w/m,  
 [redacted] who has been in the Washington area for [redacted] and who states his  
 address is [redacted]. The interview was conducted at the WFO/FBI by Det. [redacted]  
 [redacted] and S/A [redacted]

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Since the interview was conducted to determine facts about the children and not about any direct criminal activity of [redacted] the subject of the interview was not advised of his constitutional rights.

The following information was provided by [redacted] regarding the children and the trip to Florida.



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REPORT RE:  
INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

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SYNOPSIS

On February 6, 1987, a United States District Court Search Warrant was executed on [redacted] in the market area. During the course of the execution of the warrant, the writer was asked to interview a [redacted] by Det. [redacted]. What follows is a summary of that interview:

DETAILS

At 1005 am. Febraary 6, 1987, the writer conducted an interview of [redacted] [redacted] was asked to relate b6 his knowledge of the people who were conducting business on the premises b7C [redacted] stated that he had been in business in the block for about [redacted] and had noticed the people at [redacted] shortly after he opened. He saates that there were four or five white males who he would see there regularly. Soemtimes there would be others but mainly it was just four or five. At one point, he got into a discussion with one of the regular subjects who told him that [redacted] He also stated that on several ocassions he has seen two white children who he stated always appeared ragged and dirty at [redacted] On some of these ocassions, he has noticed that the children were accompanied by two women bofh white. He stated that he would be able to recognize photographs of the children and the other persons but that [redacted]

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