

CRIME

2 years later, case not closed

Police and families of three missing women are still clinging to hope.

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The phone calls have picked up again with the approach of this day.

It's been two years. But we remember, with the rush of warm weather and high school graduations, what June 7 means in Springfield.

And as police Sgt. David Asher fields the latest slew of missing women tips, his mind flashes back to when the three were taken.

The calls, though sometimes bizarre and useless, are still appreciated, Asher says. Maybe more so now.

People have not forgotten Stacy McCall, 18 at the time, Suzie Streeter, then 19, and her mother, Sherrill Levitt, then 47, all taken from Levitt's 1717 E. Delmar St. home.

"Interest has been re-generated as we approach June 7," Asher says. "People still think about

this case. They still care."

New lead?

And on this second anniversary, there is a fiery tone in the voice of lead detective Doug Thomas, who is confident the mystery that's haunted police and the public will be solved.

"We're in no way gearing down," Thomas says. He returned Friday from four days in Kansas, where he contacted several people who may have knowledge of the case.

"We're trying to eliminate people from our suspect pool," he says. "That was the intent of the trip."

The lead apparently developed within the past few weeks, said Capt. Todd Whitson.

He won't say how promising it may be. "But it was important enough at this time that we felt we needed to do more follow-up on it. To say this is the break we need, I can't say."

Missing, Day 730



Suzanne E. Streeter



Sherrill Levitt



Stacy McCall

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\$97,000

If you have information contact Springfield police at **864-1758, 864-1811** or **869-TIPS**. Callers may remain anonymous.

Thomas is not finished with the information he gathered at the undisclosed Kansas location, nor is he done with the people he contacted there.

There are still many others to be questioned. Many of them are from the Springfield area, and many were approached during

the early days of the case.

Thomas says he is focusing on "fewer than five" who he believes were involved in the abduction.

But no arrests have been made, and Thomas says none are

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