

Investigation/Joplin lead dropped

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■ Officers are still looking at inconsistencies on the possible sightings of Levitt, Streeter and McCall at a South Fremont Avenue convenience store on June 6 and June 7.

A clerk at Apco A-Mart, 4140 S. Fremont Ave., said a woman who looked like Levitt poked her head in the door about 2:15 a.m. June 7 and quickly asked if he'd seen Streeter and two other girls she did not name. There have been no other confirmed sightings of Levitt around that time, Brazeal said.

McCall's best friend disputed another report that both teens entered the A-Mart between 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. June 6.

Janelle Kirby said she was with the women all night, and that neither Streeter nor McCall left her sight for more than a few minutes.

"From 8:15 (p.m.) to 2 (a.m.), they were with me the whole time, Kirby said. "They never left."

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■ Police would not comment on a possible third polygraph test given in the case. A 50-year-old Joplin man was scheduled to be questioned and polygraphed Friday after police learned from an informant that Sherrill Levitt may have owed the Joplin man a large but undisclosed amount of money.

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Police changed course in not releasing the possible polygraph information. Two previous test results were announced. Both men passed those tests.

"We're not going to release that anymore," Capt. Tony Glenn said. "It has no bearing on the investigation."

■ The composite drawing of a man seen near Levitt's house two consecutive days before the disappearances generated the majority of calls after Friday night's airing of Fox Television's "America's Most Wanted."

The program showed the photos of the three women, and the composite, along with local news footage, Cpl. Ron Hutcheson said. Hutcheson flew to Washington, D.C., on Friday to analyze any promising calls that arrived.

Within the first three hours nearly 75 calls were received. "I'll bring it all back," he said of the information.

"How many legitimate leads do we have? Many were vague or non-descript." A handful appear to have information that seems significant or that can be followed, he said.

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