



Police Widen Probe of Girl's Death

By RUSSELL TERRY
 Barbara Jean Kemp, the 19-year-old Phoenix girl found stabbed to death off Great Bear Road here Monday night, hadn't been seen by her family since Dec. 1, according to Phoenix Police.

State Police investigators are continuing their investigation into the homicide today after positive identification of the body yesterday by the girl's mother.

The Kemp family, of 773 Homestead Ave. in Phoenix, had last seen the murder victim Wednesday morning, at 1 a.m. when she left her home, according to Phoenix Police Chief Charles Moyer. The policeman said the girl had called his department at the time to discuss "family problems."

Moyer said police investigators do have an idea where the Kemp girl had been staying between Dec. 1 and the time her body was found by four area residents at 8:30 p.m. Monday but would not disclose her supposed whereabouts.

State Police say no weapon has been found and that a thorough roadside search failed to turn up any hard evidence in the crime. Troopers have declined to verify that there are any suspects, though other police sources have indicated that two men were being considered as suspects yesterday.

Investigators are continuing a nightly roadblock of the Great Bear Road area to determine if any motorists in the night might have seen anything suspicious Monday. Police are also checking leads with friends and associates of the murdered girl.

"We know she had boyfriends, and we know some facts as to her whereabouts and how she got there," a State Police spokesman at the Fulton Sub-Station said today.

Phoenix Police Chief Moyer said Miss Kemp had a regular steady boyfriend, but that he was out of town at the time of the crime, and remains away. He is apparently not a suspect.

The victim had been known to hitchhike, Moyer said and she had also been known to frequent local taverns.

Miss Kemp's body was discovered Monday night by a group of four area residents driving on the Great Bear Road (also known as Town Lane Rd.), near the Owens-Illinois Glass Plant in the Town of Volney. The automobile passengers reportedly saw what they thought was a bundle of clothes along the road. Closer observation revealed a pair of bound feet protruding from under some cloth and a plastic bag.

The four immediately notified state police.

According to Police Chief Moyer, the body was wrapped in what appeared to be a sheet or some cloth. The head, he said, appeared to be wrapped in a plastic bag.

A stab wound in the neck has been ruled the cause of death by Dr. Martin Hilfinger, Onondaga County Medical Examiner.

Police said the plastic container was not opened at the scene of the crime, because there might have been some object inside the bag that could lead a clue to the case.

According to state police, the body was found only an hour or so after being left on the shoulder of the road.

While investigators were checking on all area females reported missing Tuesday morning, Mrs. Lois Minnow Kemp called state police at noon to report her daughter missing, after she heard reports of the murder on the radio.

Shortly afterward, Mrs. Kemp, Police Chief Moyer and a state police investigator travelled to Syracuse to identify the body. Moyer said identification was verified by 2:30 p.m.

The investigation is being headed by Senior BCI Investigator James Foody, and has included as many as 22 uniformed and BCI investigators who have been on the case since Tuesday morning.

PAS Scene of New Spill

By JUDITH OHERTY
 Chemicals are continuing to ooze and flow from two storage lagoons on the property of Pollution Abatement Services, Inc. (PAS) in the wake of an oil-chemical spill yesterday, according to LCDR John A. MacDonald of the Coast Guard.

Commander MacDonald, marine safety officer for Oswego, estimated about 300 gallons of the chemicals spilled into Wine Creek yesterday. The mixture was still "bubbling out of the ground" this morning.

"It's turning to worms out there," Commander MacDonald said. "The main lagoon is leaking out the bottom in a number of places, the lower lagoon is spilling over the top into the swamp."

He said the frozen ground has helped hold the lining of the lagoon together but he is fearful of what might happen if another thaw comes.

The Coast Guard commander said the situation at PAS now is even more serious than it was back in April when another spill occurred. The lagoons are filled to the top, he said.

"The situation here has deteriorated since last April," Commander MacDonald said. "They have made no measures to reduce the problem, it's flagrant."

In addition to the Coast Guard, members of Sealand Restoration, and representatives from the state Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) were at the site this morning to supervise clean-up and talk to PAS officials.

Members of the press who went to the plant site yesterday were ordered out by PAS owners.

The spill itself was touched off by heavy rains Monday night but, according to Paul Sheneman-DEC representative from Syracuse, the rain was only the last "straw."

PAS, a firm which disposes of chemical and industrial waste through incineration, has come under attack by local, state and federal agencies for polluting air and water since it began operating five years ago.

Under the threat of being shut down, PAS has signed a commissioner's order with the DEC promising to follow a schedule of improvements at the plant property. It was the

second commissioner's order signed by PAS.

Under this latest order, PAS will be required to remove the liquid waste from the lagoons. They have until Dec. 15 to remove the liquid from one of the lagoons.

Sheneman said there is a possibility the company will be fined as a result of this spill. A \$10,000 fine levied against PAS because of a previous spill was reduced to a \$2,500 and suspended when the firm signed the commissioner's order.

To deal with the immediate problem at the plant, Commander MacDonald said absorbent booms have been placed across the lower lagoon to filter the pollutant and pads have been put under the ice to absorb the flow.

The commander said one of the continuing water runoff which is washing the chemicals out of the lagoons.

As he put it, "Pollution Abatement's cup runneth over."

According to Commander MacDonald, one tankful of the chemical mixture has been taken out of the lagoon and the plant has been buring since 10 p.m. to lower the level. The level of the main lagoon has dropped about one inch since then.

PAS officials have said they are not taking in any more chemicals.



Tarp covers snow melting equipment at scene of murder investigation yesterday.

Dreary Day, Dreary Task For Troopers

By KATH PROHASKA
 FULTON—It was a dismal, wet, clammy day on Great Bear Road, the kind that makes you shiver, and the state policemen were protected from the weather by orange slickers, the only spot of color in a bleak winter landscape.

They were standing together, talking among themselves, breaking away only to stop traffic and question drivers about whether they had seen anything the night before.

On the side of the road, several green tarpaulins lay half on the road, half in the snow, with burned out flares surrounding them.

That's what's left at the scene where a young Phoenix girl's body was found Monday evening, by a group of passing motorists who stopped to see what was in such a large bundle at the side of the country road.

Barbara Jean Kemp, 19, of 783 Homestead Ave., Phoenix, was beaten and stabbed, and her body was dumped from a vehicle in the

country between Phoenix and Fulton.

Barbara was the eldest of seven children of Thomas and Lois Kemp. Thomas Kemp works at a local paper mill, and the family has lived a long time in the area.

Barbara apparently was like many kids today, aimless, drifting, no set goals or purpose in life, according to her mother.

Barbara's father, sitting silently, stared off into space taking no part in the conversation.

She quit school over the objection of her parents and spent the next three years living at home, occasionally disappearing for a few days. She hitchhiked quite often, her mother said.

All the Kemps were gathered in the dining room of their small home this morning, with neighbors, relatives and friends stopping by to help out.

Mrs. Kemp had only one picture of Barbara and "the state police took that. She never liked having her picture taken. The only ones I have left of her are when she was small."

The other children seemed almost detached from the scene, perhaps the reality that their sister was never coming home had not hit them.

Barbara's body is still in police custody and Mrs. Kemp says she has no idea when they will let the family "have her back."

The place on Great Bear Road where the body was found is quiet today. Little traffic passes by, and there is only one small green stick of wood and a melted place in the snow where investigators checked for clues to differentiate the spot from any other on a hundred roads.

The sun was shining this morning and it seemed almost impossible that the events of the last two days had taken place.

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No Bucks, No School

GROVEPORT, Ohio (AP)—Supt. Phillip Williams still has 12 empty school houses on his hands, and his 8,900 pupils have another month of vacation after voters for the second time defeated an attempt to raise property taxes.

"The problem is we haven't solved anything," Williams said after the election results were announced Tuesday.

"We can finish this (academic) year, but I doubt we'll have the money to reopen next September. We will have used up all the money by then."

Carol Cole, a truck driver's wife who worked for a pro-tax "We Still Care" group, said, "These people just let their school district go down the drain."

Mrs. Cole, who has two sons in Groveport schools, said, "They don't care, but I do."

Acts Against Rip-offs

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—State motor vehicles officials hope that increasing their audit staff and installing new, electronic stamping machines will wipe out thefts in local offices which have run into the millions of dollars over the past 50 years.

Motor Vehicles Commissioner James P. Melton said Tuesday the losses of "millions of dollars" were discovered by spot checks of five of the 109 regional offices, and a mail survey of drivers who got licenses and registrations.

The offices checked were in Dutchess, Genesee, Cayuga and Nassau counties and Staten Island.

The Cayuga office was "so bad we closed it," Melton said.

The Staten Island office, where losses totalled \$100,000 in one year, is a department district office. The others are run by counties.

Melton blamed most of the problem on use of a traditional hand stamp to validate licenses and registrations. It let the clerks use the same number for more than one document, and then pocket the money for all the extra ones.

"Most of it is attributable to this little machine," he said, holding up a stamper for newsmen.

The department is purchasing electronic devices which automatically change numbers and also identify the clerk who validated the

documents and collected the fees.

Melton said he hoped the first of 300 such machines would be in use in March. They cost about \$800-\$1,000 each.

In addition, he said the agency is asking to have its number of auditors increased from eight to 23, and its investigative staff from 27 to 37.

Officials said the double-check with drivers showed license fee losses in 49 offices, and registration fee losses in 13.

Melton, who was named commissioner in March, 1975, said he was "astounded" to learn of the problem.

The state has been reimbursed for some of the losses by insurance companies which bonded the employees. Some \$250,000 has already been paid, and another \$102,000 in claims are to be submitted, officials said.

A department investigator said an employe in Dutchess County has already pleaded guilty to a charge of petit larceny, and has been put on three years' probation and ordered to repay \$2,900 in fees.

Guilty pleas or convictions have been obtained against one employe each in Nassau and Cayuga counties, and a grand jury investigation is

Waldheim Approved

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The U.N. General Assembly formally approved Kurt Waldheim by acclamation today as U.N. secretary-general for another five-year term.

The assembly ratified a recommendation by the Security Council Tuesday that the 57-year-old Austrian be given another term. China vetoed him on the first ballot Tuesday, then voted for him on the second.

Local DMV Office Free of Schemes

Oswego County's Motor Vehicle Bureau has no problems, County Clerk David Wilcox said today in commenting on the stories out of Albany regarding schemes involving theft of state auto registration and license fees.

He noted that a state audit a year ago of the local MVB's books revealed no problems. This had followed two breakins at the local MVB office in the county building.

He said tight controls are maintained here which should prevent incidents similar to those in other counties, including Jefferson and St. Lawrence.

In light of the developments elsewhere, Wilcox anticipates possibly another state audit of the MVB books in 1977.

About 15 years ago, there was an incident in the local bureau over disappearance of money which later was reportedly repaid.



Full to the brim could best describe the lagoon used to store chemical wastes on the property of Pollution Abatement Services, Inc. The two lagoons on the property began spilling over yesterday and the through

News in Brief

Around the World
BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP)—West Germany blocked a decision by the United States and the other North Atlantic allies today to buy a \$2.5 billion fleet of American planes to warn against low-flying Soviet attack.

A West German spokesman said a special meeting of defense ministers would have to be held in the first half of 1977 to reach an agreement.

The West Germans issued a statement saying they could only commit themselves after Chancellor Helmut Schmidt forms his new government and new parliamentary committees are in place. That could take until February.

Around the State
ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—The Monroe County Legislature, voting along party lines, approved a \$20 million budget for 1977 at 4:30 a.m. today after 10 hours debate.

Fifteen Republicans voted for the budget and 14 Democrats against it.

The budget cuts \$19 million from the original plan and will result in the loss of 365 jobs and salary reductions for employes earning over \$12,000 a year.

Property taxes will rise about \$34 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

NEW YORK (AP)—Chairman Michael Roth of the State Liquor Authority says some 100 liquor licenses in the state may be lifted because of kickbacks and other illegal business practices that are being investigated by the SLA.

And unless the license holders agree to waive rights under a state statute of limitations that bars prosecution for offense that occurred more than two years ago, none of the licenses will be renewed next year, Roth said.

With the added scope the waivers could give the SLA, some 250 licenses could come under scrutiny and face fines, suspensions or revocation of license.

Around the Nation
WASHINGTON (AP)—The only hurdle left to ending the 83-day-old United Parcel Service strike appears to be a vote Thursday by 17,000 rank-and-file workers.

Union leaders say striking workers could return to work Friday if they agree to accept a tentative contract with the parcel service.

Leaders of the 74 striking Teamsters locals unanimously recommended on Tuesday the acceptance of a tentative contract with the United Parcel Service.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—William and Emily Harris will answer charges of kidnaping onetime fellow fugitive Patricia Hearst on Dec. 23, after they disrupted their arraignment with a courtroom brawl.

Kicking and fighting, the Symbionese Liberation Army members were wrestled to the courtroom floor by deputies on Tuesday. It took bailiffs several minutes to subdue the pair, and Alameda County Superior Court Judge Alan Lindsay called a 10-minute recess following the incident.

The Harrises eventually were arraigned on the 13-count indictment charging them with abducting Miss Hearst from her Berkeley apartment on Feb. 4, 1974.

A trial date of May 2 was set, but Lindsay said that probably would be changed.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Italian Premier Giulio Andreotti is returning home with the Ford administration's promise to do what it can to ease Italy's mounting economic problems.

Andreotti was ending his twoday official visit here today.

After a meeting Tuesday with Andreotti, Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said the United States would in the weeks ahead explore ways to provide "tangible" support for Italy's economic austerly program.

Simon's statement gave no details, but other officials said U.S. assistance probably will take the form of an emergency fund from which Italy would be authorized to make withdrawals in the event of a currency crisis.

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High 36
 Mean 20
 Low 4
 Precipitation .6 inch snow
 Pressure 30.00
 Relative humidity 80 percent
 Wind NE 3-6
 Sunset today 4:29
 Sunrise tomorrow 7:27
 Highest this date 64 in 1966
 Lowest this date 8 in 1908

weather forecast
 Cold with partly sunny skies and a chance of snow flurries today. High in the teens. Clear and very cold tonight. Low near zero, ranging down to 20 below in some inland areas. Increasing cloudiness Thursday High 15 to 20. North to northwest winds five to 15 mph. Chance of snow is 30 per cent today, 20 per cent tonight and Thursday.

