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MISSING WOMEN

# Evidence found; details under wraps

■ **Search results:** A gag order barring police from disclosing the affidavits was extended.

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Physical evidence possibly linked to the disappearances of three Springfield women was found during a 15-hour weekend search in Webster County, but authorities aren't giving any details of just what the search turned up.

For the past several weeks, a confidential informant has told police information unknown to the public that led

investigators to serve three search warrants at two sites in western Webster County.

Police will not reveal anything about the informant or the evidence they have found.

But "certain aspects of the information we received fit with other (private) aspects of the case," Springfield Police Capt. Todd Whitson said Monday, after a gag order barring authorities from

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► **Police not interested in van found during search.**

discussing the case was partially lifted.

Stacy McCall, 19, Suzanne Streeter, 20, and her mother, Sherrill Leviitt, 48, have been missing since June 7, 1992.

Law officers have received thousands of tips, but not since the early days of the disappearances have they launched a search as massive as Saturday's.

"It's something we're very interested in, and we plan to continue to follow up on it," Whitson said of the new information. "It would be (premature) for me to say much more than that at this point. There's much more we need to learn about it."

No one's been arrested and there's "no one we're immediately planning to arrest," he added.

Citing the potential to jeopardize the case, a judge extended the gag order indefinitely Monday on evidence and search warrant affidavits with information that led to the searches.

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