

Facts, figures analyzed; solution still evades officers

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The case summary is presented as significant "facts, inconsistencies, concerns for further investigation and conclusions."

Within it may lie the key to finding Sherrill Levitt, 47, Suzie Streeter, 19, and Stacy McCall, 18, who disappeared June 7 from Levitt's 1717 E. Delmar St. home.

The analysis could hold the key to the women's disappearance. But reading the case study gives no obvious indication of that.

Following are certain segments of the document as compiled after nearly 890 hours of case study by a detective and four crime analysts from the Springfield Police Department, the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

The facts:

■ There appears to be no signs of struggle inside the Levitt home.

■ There's been no contact that police are aware of between the three women and friends or family since June 7.

■ There was no forced entry to the Levitt house.

■ The women's three purses, cigarettes, car keys and medication were left in the house. Their cars were left in the driveway.

NOTE: Many more facts could be listed, but these are among the most significant, according to police.

Inconsistencies:

■ Allegations of drug use by McCall have been virtually eliminated. Streeter had perhaps experimented. Police have found no significant links between drugs and the women's disappearances, but "I don't know we can ever completely ever eliminate it," Deputy Chief Ron Worsham said.

■ Streeter's car was found parked in the circle drive of her mother's home facing east. Witnesses and acquaintances say Streeter always parked facing north — behind her mother's car or she parked facing west.

■ A young male friend of the girls has given various accounts of the events he recalls between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on June 7. He was one of those who entered Levitt's house early in the day apparently looking for the women. "We've pretty well cleared all that up," Worsham said of the friend's accounts. "He was simply confused on some times as to where he was."

■ Also considered significant to the case: Levitt's

purse was found in her daughter's bedroom next to Streeter's and McCall's. Levitt and Streeter were heavy smokers. Both left their cigarettes behind. Levitt's dog was left unattended, and her front door was found unlocked.

Concerns to further investigate:

■ They seem to focus on Levitt and her finances and include: the possibility she was living beyond her means of support, her home-repair expenses, the fact she used money orders instead of checks, allegations she was a silent partner at the hair salon where she worked, travels she may have had that could link her with illegal groups or activities, a past bankruptcy and her insurance policies.

Worsham said there are no signs Levitt's finances are out of order.

■ Police are making sure they talk to everyone in Levitt's neighborhood "in case we missed someone and they might have some information," Worsham said. They are seeking more complete neighborhood canvass con-

sent searches, "mostly looking in back yards for evidence that might have been left around," Worsham explained. "There was no reason to believe someone in the neighborhood might be involved."

Drug involvement:

■ The analysts believe that police cannot link a brown van or a composite of a transient with the disappearance.

Still, the van, a brown, 1967-70 Dodge, was seen in the area several times and there is still a possible link, Worsham said. The same goes for the composite. "A man was seen in the area numerous times and we're still looking to identify that person," Worsham said.

■ The south Fremont Avenue convenience store sighting of Levitt early June 7 was bogus. The woman looking for three missing girls has been identified.

■ Streeter and McCall had prepared for bed prior to their disappearance and may have been in bed when they were forced to leave.

■ Because there was no forced entry or signs of a struggle in the house, somebody known to the victims or using the influence of authority may have removed the women from the house.

■ Because the abduction took place at Levitt's home, McCall does not appear to be the target.

The analysis classified 349 issues surround-

ing the case as either unresolved (181) or resolved (168). Worsham said many of the unresolved issues have been worked out. The department's goal is to eliminate all of them as unanswered questions.

Unresolved issues:

They cover a lot of ground, from a broken globe light to people or vehicles that were said to be seen at or near Levitt's home just before or after the three disappeared.

■ There are unsettled allegations that drug use, pornography or cult activity may have played a role in the disappearances.

■ Streeter was alleged to have told a former boyfriend her mother had dated someone she thought was a banker. That information clashes with what Levitt's friends and coworkers say: She did not date. She had no boyfriend.

■ One witness said he saw the women's three cars parked differently at 3:45 a.m. on June 7 than they were found the next day.

■ A witness said that at 6:30 to 7 a.m. on June 7 she saw a dusty gray-green van driven by someone that looked like Streeter. The witness said she heard a male voice say "OK, don't make any silly moves, back up slowly and turn around." He was wearing a yellow T-shirt.

■ An empty picture frame was found in Streeter's bedroom. Can anyone tell police who may have been in that frame?

■ An obscene telephone call was left on Levitt's answering machine on June 5. However, before police could hear it the message was erased, apparently by accident, by someone who came looking for the women before officers were called.

Resolved issues:

■ Articles of clothing unaccounted for in the house are McCall's yellow T-shirt and panties.

■ Streeter had \$400 in a bank account. Levitt had \$768 in her account. It was not stated whether the women had other accounts.



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