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Leads focus last sightings

Resident spooks prowler; friend recalls chat at party

By Chris Bentley
The newsleader

Growing dogs. A nearby Napping Tom. A pocketknife. A strange car. A loud, unexplained party broken up by police.

An unexpected trip home. Important phone calls not made. A nervous mother looking in the wrong place for her daughter.

These are flashbacks to Sunday, June 7, the night three Springfield women disappeared.

At first not many details were known about the last night that people saw Sherri Levitt, 47, last daughter Stacy Streeter, 18, and Streeter's friend Stacy McCall, 18.

Hours after Streeter and McCall graduated from Kirkwood High School, they disappeared from Levitt's house, 1717 E. Dekker St., sometime between 2:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. and were declared missing the following day.

On Thursday, the night Levitt began to come into focus. Levitt interviews with people in her neighborhood — and revealed unexpected — and implications — facts about prowlers that night.

Levitt interviews with the last few people to see Streeter and McCall brought out details about what happened before they vanished.

Adding to the mystery Levitt was out looking for Streeter at 2:15 a.m., one clerk who talked to her said, but she never phoned the house where she had been told Streeter would be.

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The last time Suzanne Elder saw Stacy McCall was in the front yard of Elder's home at 1535 E. Harvester St. during a party held by her daughter, Michelle.

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Program plans to re-air segment

A Springfield police detective will be in the Washington, D.C., studio when "America's Most Wanted" re-air a story tonight on the disappearance of Sherri Levitt, Stacy Streeter and Stacy McCall.

The Fox network program will present a short story on the missing women, as it did last Friday when 29 law enforcement agencies, including editor Phil Lerman said.

Tonight's segment will once again show pictures of the women, as well as a composite drawing of a man who may have been LeVitt's 1717 E. Dekker St. house two consecutive days before they disappeared.

Detective Ron Hutchinson was scheduled to fly to Washington this morning. He'll analyze tips that are phoned in after the show. If they're good, Hutchinson will call law enforcement agencies from where the tips come to check it out, he said.

"Hopefully it'll shake something loose," Lerman said of the decision to re-broadcast. In missing persons cases it's "absolutely necessary" to get information out quickly.

The broadcast also is broadcast in the Ozarks at 7 p.m. on KIBR Channel 27, TalkRadio Channel 2.

— Robert Keyes

Police: Clerk's account credible

By Robert Keyes
The News-Leader

There are some questions on Sherri Levitt's appearance at a south Springfield convenience store, but police consider the clerk who says he saw her a credible witness.

"I'm 100 percent certain," says Tony Glenn, the store's clerk. "I'm not a cop, but I know his customers."

Steve Thompson — a 21-year-old night clerk at the Apo A-Mart, 4180 S. Poplar — said he's also seen Streeter, Levitt's daughter, entered the store between 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on June 6. Levitt came looking for her daughter about four hours later, he said.

The two women and 18-year-old Stacy McCall have not been seen in 12 days.

"I only have like 10 customers a night in there," Thompson said Thursday. "I made good eye contact with Stacy. That's why I remember her."

He thinks she came with McCall, who was the passenger in an older model dark gold or brown Cadillac or Grand Prix. "Pretty sure is the right (phases)," Glenn said. "Positive!"

Story concludes on Page 4A (Police concentrate on late-night sighting at convenience store.)



\$1.25 million gift is springboard for public schools pool

By Tammya Wicken
The newsleader

Greenville swim coach Jim Whyte never thought he'd see a new school swimming pool in Springfield.

And then came an anonymous donor, who this week contributed \$1.25 million to the Springfield Public Schools Foundation. The money is earmarked for construction of an indoor competition swimming and diving pool.

The pool will be built on the northwest corner of Hickory Hills Junior High School, near the intersection of U.S. 65 and Chestnut Expressway. It should be completed by Jan. 1.

The facility will hold 800 spectators, men's and women's locker rooms, concession stands, two 1-meter diving boards, six 25-yard lanes and six 20-meter walk-up lanes. It will be handicapped accessible.

Whyte, a 19-year Springfield swim coach and teacher, said words can't describe the prospect of a new facility for high school swimmers.

"I don't know how to explain my excitement," he said. "This is just tremendous."

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