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Missing/Suspicious, clues, inquiries continue

She believes... The women were abducted, because Levitt and Stover would never go away without taking money or without taking anything with them.

Family friends cleaned up some areas of Levitt's house before calling the police about the disappearance, but Stuart McCall, Stacy's father, said they didn't miss up any rooms.

The rest of the house seems more normal. Stover's cluttered back bedroom could belong to any teen-age girl. Seven bed-stuffed animals lie scattered on the floor along with school notebooks and clothes.

Police fingerprint dust covers almost every shiny surface. Doorways, windows, switches, even light bulbs are a dull, greasy gray.

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It's his mother and sister, and I love them more than anything in the world," Stover said last week. Both Kovacs and Stover passed polygraph tests last week, police said.

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Stover's father, Jim Williams, 70, asked for The News-Leader Saturday to print the following statement. This is the first comment Williams has made to the media about the case.

To the citizens/community of Springfield and environs: We are the parents of Sherri Levitt and the grandparents of Stacey Stover. Our home is in Bethesda, Washington. Our purpose in writing the letter is to express our love, very deep appreciation to all of you for the magnificent efforts we are witnessing being expended by literally hundreds of individuals in the hope that the matter can be quickly and favorably resolved.

Many know missing three... What about associates of the women? Do they have someone that could help the police and FBI, who she is investigating the case?

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James D. and Beulah V. Williams, and the other members of the Williams family.

House may give clues... Police are checking physical evidence, too. Levitt's house is still sealed from the public, but a News-Leader reporter and photographer were allowed inside last week.

Spouse 'happily remarried'... In disappearance cases, suspicion commonly falls on former spouses.

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