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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 04/05/2005

To: Minneapolis

From: Minneapolis
Squad 8/Cyber
Contact: SSA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 198A-MP-66145 ~~(Pending)~~

Title: Weise, Jeffrey, James (Deceased);
Mass Homicide,
Red Lake Indian Reservation, MN;
03/21/2005;
IC-Homicide;

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1. Jeffrey James Weise
2. [redacted]
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[redacted] was interviewed by telephone at his place of business, [redacted] extension [redacted] He was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent. Prior to the interview, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] prepared [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

During the interview, SA [redacted] referred to the computer as directed by [redacted] and read the contents of the screen to [redacted] as needed. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] b7E

Investigation on 4/27/2005 at Minneapolis, Minnesota (telephonically)

File # 198A-MP-66145-CART - 1 Date dictated 5/4/2005

by SA [redacted] b6 b7C

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(Title) _____

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Item	Date Filed	To be returned Yes	To be returned No		Disposition

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Unless otherwise noted, the exam computer [redacted]

03/23/2005 QMP2 One Gateway desktop computer, Model MFATXPNT ESX 500S, S/N 0028493824, [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Receipt for Property Received/Returned/Released/Seized

File # _____

On (date) 3/24/2005

item(s) listed below were:
- ☒ Received From
- ☐ Returned To
- ☐ Released To
- ☐ Seized

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(Name) [redacted]

(Street Address) [redacted]

(City) [redacted]

Description of Item(s): 1 GREY COMPUTER TOWER
1 GREY COMPUTER MONITOR

3.24.05 NOTHING TO FOLLOW

Received B [redacted] Received Fr [redacted]

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

CONSENT TO SEARCH

1. I have been asked by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to permit a complete search of:

(Describe the person(s), place(s), or thing(s) to be searched.)

THE COMPUTER LOCATED at the Residence of [redacted] residing on [redacted]

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2. I have been advised of my right to refuse consent.

3. I give this permission voluntarily.

4. I authorize these agents to take any items which they determine may be related to their investigation.

3/24/2005
Date

Witness SA

SA

[redacted]

The following item was retrieved.

1 computer tower!

1 computer monitor.

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	Date	Time
Accepted By: SA [redacted]		
Reason: Received from BCA	3/25/05	12:30PM
Accepted By: [redacted]		
Reason: Tasked [redacted] To Transport	3/26/05	5:10PM
Accepted By: [redacted]		
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BIA-OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Voluntary Consent to Search

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CONSENT GIVEN BY: [redacted]

DATE/TIME: 3/25/05 1218pm.

DATE OF BIRTH: [redacted] SSN#: [redacted]

PHONE: [redacted]

ADDRESS: [redacted]

CONSENT TO SEARCH GIVEN TO: FBI.

I, [redacted], have been informed of my constitutional right not to have a search made of the property or premises specified below and understand my right to refuse any search of this property or premises which is under my lawful control without a Search Warrant.

However, I hereby grant permission to the above referenced law enforcement official(s) to conduct this search knowing that any fruits, instruments, or evidence of any crime will be seized for the purpose of criminal prosecution.

☐ Residence Address and Description:

☐ Vehicle - Tag Number, VIN Number & Description:

☒ Other - Provide Description: hp Pavilion 522W Computer SSN # 2MX22428257.

This search began at n/A DW And ended at n/A DW

Property Owner: n/a DW Date/Time n/A DW

Officer/Special Agent: [redacted] Date/Time 3/29/05 1221 pm

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The information you provide is for the purpose of (insert stated purpose) for a (state reason/position) : we will protect it from unauthorized disclosure. The collection, maintenance, and disclosure of background information is governed by the Privacy Act. The information on this form, and information we collect during an investigation may be disclosed without your consent as permitted by the Privacy Act (5 USC (b)).

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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File # 198A-MP-66145

On (date) 3/25/05

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(Name) [redacted] - BIA

(Street Address) [redacted]

(City) [redacted]

Description of Item(s): HP Pavilion 522W S/N MX22428257

Received From: [redacted]

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To: Minneapolis

From: Minneapolis
Squad 8/Cyber
Contact: SS [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By:

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Contact: SSA [redacted]

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Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 01/23/2006

To: Minneapolis **Attn:** SSA [redacted] b6 b7C
CDC Kyle Loven

From: Minneapolis
Squad 6/Bemidji RA
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 198A-MP-66145-LEGAL ~~(Pending)~~

Title: Legal Correspondence Received re 3/21/2005 Red Lake Shootings

Synopsis: Request to open subfile to capture legal correspondence associated with civil claims related to main file.

Details: Request this subfile be opened and all correspondence, prior to filing, be reviewed by Division CDC.

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Lubov & Associates, LLC
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

William L. H. Lubov *◇
Alex Brusilovsky
Karen Terese Kugler

* Civil Trial Specialist, Certified by the MSBA
◇ Also Licensed in Wisconsin

January 9, 2006

ATTN: Records Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
111 Washington Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Re: Jeffrey James Weise
Date of Birth: August 8, 1988
Date of Death: March 21, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

Our firm represents the estate of Jeffrey James Weise. Enclosed you will find a copy of Order for Appointment of Trustee, naming [redacted] as trustee for the next of kin of Jeffrey James Weise. Also enclosed you will find an authorization for the release of information and an authorization for release of medical information signed by [redacted]

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It is my understanding that original homebound instruction records for Jeff Weise were seized by the FBI and that a psychological report from Indian Health Services may have been part of the school records seized by the FBI. Please provide our office with a copy of these records.

Please bill us for your services or advise if you require a prepayment. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

LUBOV & ASSOCIATES, LLC

[redacted]

Enclosure
pc: [redacted] (w/out enclosure)

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820 North Lilac Drive, Suite 210
Golden Valley, MN 55422
Telephone (763) 529-4200
FAX (763) 529-4222
E-mail wlubov@attglobal.net

AUTHORIZATION TO USE AND/OR DISCLOSE MEDICAL RECORDS

RE: Jeffrey James Weise DOB: August 8, 1988

SSN: _____

I authorize Federal Bureau of Investigation to use and/or disclose a copy of the specific health and medical information identified below to **Lubov & Associates, LLC, 820 North Lilac Drive, #210, Golden Valley, MN 55422** or their representatives or agents, for the purpose of litigation.

I specifically authorize the use and/or disclosure of records:

His entire medical records including, but not limited to **nursing records, progress notes, x-rays, CT scans, MRI films, transcribed hospital reports, clinician office chart notes, emergency and urgent care records, dental records, pharmacy records, laboratory reports, pathology reports, diagnostic imaging reports and billing statements.**

- This authorization also includes:

  - HIV/AIDS related information and/or records
  - Mental health information and/or records
  - Neuropsychiatric information testing and/or records
  - Genetic testing information and/or records
  - Drug/alcohol diagnosis, treatment or referral information (Federal regulations require a description of how much and what kind of information is to be disclosed.) Describe: All records

I understand that if the person or entity receiving the information is not a health care provider or health plan covered by federal privacy regulations, the information described above may be redisclosed and no longer protected by these regulations. However, the recipient may be prohibited from disclosing substance abuse information under the Federal Substance Abuse Confidentiality Requirements.

I also understand that the person I am authorizing to use and/or disclose the information may receive compensation for providing this information.

I further understand that I may refuse to sign this authorization and that my refusal to sign will not affect my eligibility for benefits. I may inspect or copy any information to be used and/or disclosed under this authorization.

I understand that I may revoke this authorization in writing at any time, provided that I do so in writing, except to the extent that action [redacted]tion. Unless revoked earlier, this authorization will expire 180 days from date of signing.

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Date

Jeffrey James Weise
Print Patient's Name

[redacted]

Print Name of Legal Representative (if applicable)

[redacted]

Relationship to Patient

A PHOTOCOPY OF THIS AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS VALID AS THE ORIGINAL

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION

RE: Jeffrey James Weise DOB August 8, 1988

SSN: _____

I authorize Federal Bureau of Investigation to use and/or disclose a copy of the specific records and information identified below to **Lubov & Associates, LLC, 820 North Lilac Drive, #210, Golden Valley, MN 55422** or their representatives or agents, for the purpose of litigation.

A. Employment records, including (but not limited to) personnel records, payroll records, medical exam and medical insurance claims information

B. Police reports and/or incident records

C. School records, including (but not limited to) academic, social work, counseling and disciplinary records

A PHOTOCOPY OF THIS AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS VALID AS THE ORIGINAL.

This authorization specifically includes records prepared prior to the date of this authorization and records prepared after the date of this authorization during the pendency of this proceeding (including claims and potential claims).

I understand that the person I am authorizing to use and/or disclose the information may receive compensation for doing so.

I further understand that I may refuse to sign this authorization and that my refusal to sign will not affect my eligibility for benefits. I may inspect or copy any information to be used and/or disclosed under this authorization.

Finally, I understand that I may revoke this authorization in writing at any time, provided that I do so in writing, except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance upon this authorization. Unless revoked earlier, this authorization will [redacted] igning.

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[redacted] 01/06/06

Date

Jeffrey James Weise

Print Client's Name

[redacted]

Print Name of Legal Representative (if applicable)

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Relationship to Client

(A copy of this signed form will be provided to the Client)



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In Re Certain Property Seized From Independent School District 38 (March 21, 2005 Incident - Red Lake Senior High School),

Petitioner,

v.

United States of America,

Respondent.

Miscellaneous No. 05-48 (DWF/RLE)

PROTECTIVE ORDER

Shamus P. O'Meara, Esq., and Mark R. Azman, Esq., Johnson & Condon, PA, counsel for Petitioner.

Perry F. Sekus, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, counsel for Respondent.

Independent School District 38, the Red Lake School District ("District") moved this Court for access to its property seized by various Federal Government agencies ("Government") relative to the criminal investigation into the March 21, 2005, shooting incident at Red Lake Senior High School. The United States Attorney's Office recently advised the School District's counsel that the Government takes no position concerning the District's Motion.

WHEREAS, the Government's investigation into the March 21, 2005 shooting incident included seizure of various property owned by the District;

WHEREAS, the property seized by the Government includes computers, security footage and equipment, student records and other materials.

WHEREAS, The District has a substantial need for access to the seized property in order to continue the evaluation of its security and crisis management policies and procedures;

WHEREAS, the District has a substantial need for access to the seized property to properly defend itself against claims from the March 21, 2005 incident;

WHEREAS, the Government has indicated the seized property will be returned to the District;

AND WHEREAS, a Protective Order over certain seized property is necessary and appropriate to protect the rights of all interested parties during the pendency of any civil claims against the District from the March 21, 2005, incident.

The Court makes the following:

ORDER

1. With regard to any videotape, computer disk, or other seized property containing any contemporaneous recording of the March 21, 2005, incident ("Incident Property"), the Government shall promptly return the Incident Property to counsel for the School District, Shamus O'Meara, Johnson & Condon, P.A., 7401 Metro Boulevard, Suite 600, Minneapolis, MN 55439-3034.

2. Shamus O'Meara may further disclose the Incident Property to Johnson & Condon, P.A., employees and experts retained by Johnson & Condon, P.A., or the District relative to the March 21, 2005, incident, Stuart Desjarlait, Superintendent, Independent School District 38, Chris Dunshee, Principal, Red Lake Senior High Schools, and Mary Kay Klein, Klein Law Firm, Ltd., corporate counsel to the District, who shall then be bound by the provisions of this Order.

3. No duplication of any Incident Property shall be permitted except in the course of conducting the District's security and crisis management review and for the District's defense against claims from the March 21, 2005, incident.

4. There shall be no dissemination of any Incident Property that is the subject of this Order to any individual or entity not referenced in this Order.

5. Any Incident Property provided to Mary Kay Klein for the purposes set forth above may be retained by Ms. Klein who shall safeguard the documents in accordance with the terms of this Order.

6. Copies of any Incident Property provided to persons and entities other than those referenced in paragraph 5 shall be returned to the School District's legal counsel upon completion of the use of the Incident Property who shall then safeguard the documents in accordance with the terms of this Order.

7. Continued possession of the property and documents shall be subject to the provisions of this Order until further order of the Court.

8. Upon written request to the School District's legal counsel, the immediate family members of Derrick Brun and Neva Rogers, their counsel, and any experts retained by their counsel, shall be allowed access to the Incident Property governed by this Order, who shall then be bound by the provisions of this Order. There shall be no dissemination of Incident Property to any other person or entity not governed by this Order.

9. Any other individual or entity seeking access to Incident Property governed by this Order shall apply to the Court by submitting: (1) a stipulation signed by the School District and each

individual or entity seeking access to Incident Property; or (2) a motion under appropriate Federal Rules requesting access to Incident Property upon 60 days written notice to the School District's counsel of their intent to request such access.

Dated: December 22, 2005

s/Donovan W. Frank
DONOVAN W. FRANK
Judge of United States District Court

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

111 Washington Avenue South
Suite 1100
Minneapolis, MN 55401
April 10, 2006

Ms. [redacted]
Crime Victims Reparations Board
445 Minnesota Street Suite 2300
St. Paul, MN 55101

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Re: [redacted]

Dear Ms. [redacted]

Enclosed with this letter is the Law Enforcement Verification form for [redacted] We understand that you need this report in order to make a decision on the compensation claim filed by [redacted]

Should you need any further assistance, please feel free to call [redacted] the Victim Specialist, at [redacted].

Sincerely,

Michael Tabman
Special Agent in Charge

By:
Kyle A. Loven
Chief Division Counsel

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VERIFICATION OF CRIME VICTIM AND OFFENSE INFORMATION

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The victim has indicated that the crime was reported to the FBI. Therefore, we request that a representative of the appropriate FBI field office investigating this incident complete the Request for Verification of Incident which contains questions concerning this incident and answers based on available information. **The information provided will be used for official use only and will not be disclosed without prior authorization from the FBI.**

Attached is a signed, notarized Authorization to Release Information form from the victim which permits our agency to obtain the requested information. The following information is provided to assist in fulfilling this request.

PART I. VICTIM & CLAIMANT INFORMATION:

Name of Victim:
Victim's Social Security Number:
Victim's Date of Birth:
Name of Claimant: Same as above
Claimant's Social Security Number:
Claimant's Date of Birth:

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PART II. OFFENSE INFORMATION:

Date of Offense: 03/21/2005
Time of Offense:
Date Reported: 03/21/2005
Time Reported:
Name of Suspect(s): Jeffery Weise
Type of Offense: School Shooting
Location of the Offense: Beltrami County

PART III. REQUESTING OFFICIAL INFORMATION:

Signature and Title:

Date: 03/23/2006 Telephone Number:

REQUEST FOR FBI VERIFICATION OF INCIDENT
(Information Requested Will Be Used For Official Use Only)

PART I. **LAW ENFORCEMENT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

A. FBI Office Investigating the Crime: **Bemidji Resident Agency, Minneapolis Division**

B. Address: **PO Box 1461**
Bemidji, Minnesota 56619-1461

Telephone Number: **(218) 751-0610**

PART II. **CRIME VERIFICATION INFORMATION:**

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A. What injuries, if any, were identified? [redacted] **did not report any injuries at the time of her interview with law enforcement.**

B. What injuries were reported by the victim? [redacted] **did not report any injuries at the time of her interview.**

C. Apparent cause of injury or death, if known:

D. To the best of your knowledge, at this time, is there reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged victim committed a criminal act in connection with the offense?
NO x **YES** _____

E. Provide a brief summary of the incident or a copy of the investigative summary:
[redacted] reported that she is a [redacted] teacher for grades 10 -12 at the high school and has been there for [redacted] reported that on the day of the shooting, she was in a part of the building that was furthest from the activity. She did not hear anything until the fire alarms went off, and she left out the back door. Another teacher came through her classroom, and told her there was a shooting and helped her leave.

F. Has the subject or suspect been identified ? No _____ Yes x

G. Have charges been filed in the case involving the alleged victim? No x Yes _____
If yes, identify the charges: (See **E** above)

PART III. **AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION:**

Completed by: [redacted]
Title: Victim Witness Specialist

Location: Minneapolis Division
Telephone Number: [redacted]
Date Completed: 4/10/2006
Signature of person who completed this form in the FBI field office:

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As required, Signature of Authorizing Official at FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C. :

Title: Chief Division Counsel **Date:** 4/10/06

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FAX Cover Sheet

Date: March 23, 2006

From: [redacted]

To: [redacted] Victim Specialist Fax: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Subject: Verification Form for Claim

Pages sent (including this page): 3

Comments:

As I mentioned over the phone, we are looking for verification that this claimant was in the Red Lake High School at the time of the shooting. Thank you.

anxiety, panic attacks

[loss of income]

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ATTACHMENT B

VERIFICATION OF CRIME VICTIM AND OFFENSE INFORMATION

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PART I. VICTIM AND CLAIMANT INFORMATION:

Name of Victim: [redacted]
Victim's Social Security Number [redacted]
Victim's Date of Birth [redacted]
Name of Claimant: [redacted]
Claimant's Social Security Number [redacted]
Claimant's Relationship to Victim: Claimant was a teacher at the Red Lake High School. b6 b7C

PART II. OFFENSE INFORMATION:

Date of Offense: 03/21/2005 Time of Offense: ____:____ a.m. ____:____ p.m.
Date Reported: 03/21/2005 Time Reported: ____:____ a.m. ____:____ p.m.
Name of the Suspect: Jeffery Weise
Type of Offense: School shooting.
Location of the Offense: Beltrami County

PART III. REQUESTING OFFICIAL INFORMATION:

Signature and Title: [redacted]
Date: 3/23/06 Area Code and Telephone Number: [redacted]

ATTACHMENT C

REQUEST FOR FBI VERIFICATION OF INCIDENT (INFORMATION REQUESTED WILL BE USED FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

PART I. LAW ENFORCEMENT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

A. FBI Office Investigating the Crime: _____

B. Address, Telephone and Area Code: _____

PART II. CRIME VERIFICATION INFORMATION

A. What injuries, if any, were identified? _____

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B. What injuries were reported by the victim? _____

_____

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C. Apparent cause of injury or death, if known: _____

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D. To the best of your knowledge, at this time, is there reasonable cause to suspect that the alleged victim committed a criminal act in connection with this offense?

No _____ Yes _____

E. Provide a brief summary of the incident or a copy of the investigative summary:

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F. Has the subject or suspect been identified? No _____ Yes _____

G. Have charges been filed in the case involving the alleged victim?

No _____ Yes _____ If yes, identify the charges:

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PART III. AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION

Signature of person who completed this form in the FBI field office:

_____

Title: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____

As required, Signature of Authorizing Official at FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C.:

_____

Title: _____ Date: _____

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL.

Section 11. Assignment of Subrogation Rights

I agree that the Board is subrogated to the extent of reparations awarded, and to all my rights to recover benefits for economic loss from another source. I assign such rights to the Board so that they may protect their subrogation interest. I agree to inform the Board in writing if I pursue a civil suit or receive any restitution moneys related to the crime.

Section 12. Informed Consent to Release Information

[redacted] Date of Birt[redacted] consent to the release of all patient health care records, including reports of alcohol or drug abuse and psychiatric treatment to the Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations Board from the following providers of medical and mental health treatment services: b6 b7C

[redacted]	[redacted]	3.
4.	5.	6.

- For the time period : 3-21-05 to _____.
- The purpose of this Consent to Release Information is to obtain medical and mental health treatment information to determine the victims' eligibility for benefits under the MN Crime Victims Reparations Act and the continued right to receive benefits.

I authorize any law enforcement agency, employer, insurance company, social service agency, victim advocacy program, county, state or federal prosecutor's office, or any other federal, state or local government agency to release all records and information that the Board determines will help in deciding my eligibility or level of benefits in this claim. I specifically authorize the Minnesota Department of Revenue to release a copy of my tax returns to the Board for the purpose of determining my lost wages.

I authorize the Minnesota Crime Victims Board to release private and confidential data about my claim to the court administrator, prosecutor, any officers of the court and probation & parole officials for the purpose of assessing the economic impact of the crime upon me and for determining the amount of restitution to be paid by the offender.

I also authorize the Board to release private and confidential data about my claim to a local Emergency Fund administrator for the purpose of coordinating benefits.

I also authorize the Minnesota Crime Victims Board to release private and confidential data about my claim to the persons listed below (parent, spouse, friend, attorney or any person that you authorize to check the status of your claim for you).

Contact Name: Relationship to you:	Contact Name: Relationship to you:

- I agree that any reparations awarded may be paid directly to the provider of the service on my behalf.
- I understand that authorizing the disclosure of health information is voluntary. I can refuse to sign this authorization. I need not sign this form in order to assure treatment by a health provider. I understand that my refusal to provide information or not allow access to information needed to analyze my claim may result in the denial of reparations.
- I understand that any disclosure of information carries with it the potential for an unauthorized redisclosure and the information may not be protected by federal confidentiality rules.
- This consent will remain in effect for one year from the date of my signature. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time by submitting a written notification to the Board. This revocation will not apply to information that has already been released in response to this authorization.
- **A photocopy of this consent form may be accepted as the original.**

I have read and understand the statements in sections 11 and 12 above. The information I have given on this claim form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

[redacted]	Date Signed: 11-2-05
Printed Name: [redacted]	Relationship to the victim (Parent, spouse, sibling, etc.):

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January 23, 2007

VIA MAIL AND FAX @ 218-751-1535

Mr. [redacted] b6 b7C
FBI – Bemidji Resident Agency
Box 1461
Bemidji, MN 56619-1461

Re: Red Lake Cases
Our File No.: 123859-0000

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Thank you for taking a few minutes to talk with me about the return of personal effects to the victims of the Red Lake shooting and their families. As we discussed, we would appreciate the opportunity to inform our clients of developments surrounding the return of personal property, and to help coordinate the return of these items to our clients. We believe that this will simplify the process for us, for our clients, and for you.

This request applies not only to the clothing and jewelry that you mentioned is being returned at this time, but also to any other items that are to be returned to any of our clients in the future. I understand from our conversation that you agree that it makes good sense to coordinate communications and return of property going forward.

In addition, please refrain from destroying any of the property currently in your possession without first notifying us. I will be in contact with you soon to discuss our clients' wishes regarding the disposition of those personal items.

As promised, our clients are listed below:

1. [redacted] (personal injury)
2. Derrick Brun (wrongful death)
3. [redacted] (personal injury) b3 b6 b7C
4. DeWayne M. Lewis, Jr. (wrongful death)
5. Chase Lussier (wrongful death)
6. Chanelle Rosebear (wrongful death)

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7. Michelle Sigana (wrongful death)
8. Thurlene Stillday (wrongful death)
9. [redacted] (personal injury)
10. Alicia Alberta White (wrongful death)
11. [redacted] (personal injury)

Thank you again for your assistance with this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, or if you need further information.

Sincerely,

ROBINS, KAPLAN, MILLER & CIRESI L.L.P.

[redacted]

PS/rmo
c: Kyle Loven, FBI - Minneapolis

U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
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111 Washington Avenue South
Suite 1100
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401
August 2, 2007

Hon. Rachel K. Paulose
United States Attorney
300 South Fourth Street
Room 600
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Attention: [redacted]
Assistant United States Attorney

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RE: Jeffrey James Weise (Deceased)

Dear Ms. Paulose:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Final Autopsy Protocol regarding the forensic examination of the body of Jeffrey James Weise by the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office on March 22, 2005.

A copy of this document was requested by Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] in a phone conversation with Special Agent (SA) [redacted] on July 23, 2007 for use by the Civil Division of your office in connection with a tort claim against the United States government. Per the authorization of Chief Division Counsel Kyle A. Loven, this document is being provided to Civil Division Chief [redacted].

Sincerely,

Ralph S. Boelter
Special Agent in Charge

By: [redacted]
Supervisory Special Agent

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Title: Weise, Jeffrey, James (Deceased);
Mass Homicide,
Red Lake Indian Reservation, MN;
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IC-Homicide;

Synopsis: To request six sub files be open to allow for the placement of chat logs and computer documents for specific subjects/associates.

Details: For information of the SAC, it is requested that six sub-files be opened regarding computer data/logs/documents related to the following individuals:

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RED LAKE SHOOTINGS

Son of chairman faces two charges

Judge orders records, heavily edited, unsealed

BY DAVID HANNERS
Pioneer Press

The teenage son of Red Lake tribal Chairman Floyd Jourdain Jr. faces two unnamed federal charges in connection with the deadly shootings at the reservation's high school, according to records a judge ordered unsealed Tuesday.

A heavily blacked-out copy of the docket sheet in the case shows that the attorney for Louis Jourdain has also tried without success to get his client released from federal custody.



Louis Jourdain

Jourdain has been the only person charged in connection with the March 21 shootings at Red Lake Senior High School and a private residence, which were carried out by his cousin, Jeff Weise, 16. Weise, described by some as a creative but depressed loner, killed nine people and then himself.

Some of Weise's family members have theorized that the youth was angered over being banned from school, and that action — coupled with mood changes brought on by a doubling of his daily dose of the antidepressant Prozac — drove him to carry out the killings.

Jourdain, 16, was arrested a week after the shootings. Sources with knowledge of the federal investigation have said Jourdain and Weise exchanged e-mails in which they planned the shooting spree, and that there may have been additional targets besides the school.

Floyd Jourdain Jr., chairman of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, has said his son is "naïve" and "real green," but is innocent of the charges.

A federal grand jury has met at least once in Minneapolis to hear testimony in the case. Witnesses have included other youths from the reservation, attorneys for some of the witnesses said. Federal officials have said they have interviewed more than 400 people and seized 117 computers as part of their investigation.

Two charges

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Because Louis Jourdain is a juvenile, the details of his case are not considered public, as they would be in a case involving an adult. U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger could prosecute Jourdain under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Protection Act, where the proceedings would remain secret, or he could ask a judge to transfer the case to a district court. There, Jourdain would be treated as if he were an adult.

After reporters were excluded from initial court hearings for the youth in Duluth, attorneys for the Pioneer Press and its sister paper, the Duluth News Tribune, filed motions to open the court proceedings and unseal the records.

The newspapers argued that while juvenile cases are normally private, the newsworthiness of this case made it unique. "It's not a run-of-the-mill juvenile case," said Joseph J. Roby Jr., the Duluth attorney who represented the papers.

In sealed court orders handed down in April, U.S. Magistrate Judge Raymond Erickson said he'd consider releasing redacted copies of the case's docket sheet, which shows the procedural history of the case. He asked federal prosecutors and Jourdain's lawyer, Jon Hopeman of Minneapolis, to suggest what information should be withheld.

Eric Riensche, an associate of Hopeman, said, "Since we're representing a juvenile here, we're not going to comment, other than to say that we represent a juvenile who's involved in the events at Red Lake, and that's all we can say."

Erickson came up with a blacked-out copy of the docket sheet he felt could be made public. Hopeman objected to the magistrate's redacted version, though, so the case went before U.S. District Judge Donovan Frank.

In his order Tuesday, Frank agreed that the redacted version of the docket sheet would not reveal any information about Louis Jourdain, who is referred to only as "One Juvenile."

The first entries on the docket sheet are from March 28, the day a bench warrant was issued for Jourdain's arrest. He was taken into custody and had his initial appearance before a magistrate, who ordered him detained.

One of the docket entries from that day refers to the juvenile as facing "count(s) 1 & 2," but it doesn't say what those charges are.

In all, there are 40 entries on the docket sheet between March 28 and April 15. Each entry has something blacked out, ranging from a single word to nearly the entire entry. Sixteen entries are completely blacked out, including the dates on which they occurred.

The docket entries showed that Hopeman tried to free his client at a March 29 detention hearing, and that Erickson later denied the request.

David Hanners can be reached at dhanners@pioneerpress.com or 651-228-5551.

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Many heard of Weise's plans to kill

● As U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger told Red Lake family members Monday that the case was closed, he said Jeff Weise's plans were known beforehand.

By TERRY COLLINS and PAM LOUWAGIE
Star Tribune staff writers

BEMIDJI, MINN. — As many as 39 people heard about Jeff Weise's plans for a shooting spree at Red Lake High School before it happened, according to several victims' family members who attended a closed-door meeting Monday with U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger in Bemidji.

Some of those people knew of plans for violence as early as 2003, Francis (Chunky) Brun, father of slain school guard Derrick Brun, said after the meeting. Weise initially looked at a bomb-making website, Brun said.

Later, as shooting plans emerged, as many as six to eight people knew some details. Weise wanted to kill more than the 13 who died in the Columbine school shootings in Colorado, Brun said he learned.

Mourn continues: Weise's steps retraced. **A5** ►



RICHARD TSONG-TAATARII • Star Tribune
Elbert White, father of shooting victim Thurlene Stillday, and his girlfriend, Lisa Lyons, talked about the families' meeting with U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger.

Families:

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Heffelfinger later told reporters that the investigation into the shootings is complete.

"For the last 10 months [families have] been guided by rumor and speculation and I wanted to bring that to an end," he said, adding later, "but I knew and I still know that there was no way that I was going to solve the horror that these people have experienced."

Heffelfinger said he and other federal authorities gave an overview of the investigation and a step-by-step account of the day Weise, 16, killed his grandfather and the grandfather's girlfriend before killing seven at the school and turning the gun on himself.

Learning that so many others had heard about plans for a shooting infuriated many family members. As they walked out of the meeting at a hotel, many wondered aloud why others weren't prosecuted.

"It's really sad because the killer is dead and nothing can be done to him," said Trudi Kingbird, mother of shooting survivor Ryan Auginash.

Family members said Heffelfinger told them that knowing about of a potential crime is not a crime itself.

'A waste of my time'

The meeting, held in a hotel in Bemidji, was infused with grief and anger, and some of that anger was directed at Heffelfinger, family members said.

Many came away frustrated by unanswered questions.

"He said he couldn't answer no questions," yelled Jan Crowe, mother of shooting survivor Lance Crowe. "That makes me so mad. Why can't he tell us? This was a total waste of my time."

Victoria Brun, Derrick Brun's sister, said she told Heffelfinger at the end of the meeting that "he could go to hell."

One meeting attendee said she felt sorry for Heffelfinger.

"He was being ganged up on," said Lisa Lyons, whose boyfriend, Elbert White, lost his daughter Thurlene Stillday in the shooting spree. "He's not God. How is he supposed to provide all the answers?"

Lyons said federal authorities explained the shootings in detail using a diagram of what happened and it rekindled people's pain. Authorities interviewed nearly 400 people in a month, some of them more than once, Brun said authorities told him.

"They wanted more people to be accountable for what happened instead of just one man," Lyons said. "That school has never been the same. ... We don't know if it's ever going to be a situation where they're ever going to feel safe in that school ever again"

Weise, "hurt us. That's what I keep saying over and over," said Rose Kingbird, the grandmother of Chanelle Rosebear, one of the students killed March 21. "I always say, 'Why didn't they tell somebody?' All of them might be around if they

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If 39 people knew Weise's plans, why didn't anyone speak up?

only told somebody."

Only one arrest

The only person arrested in connection with the shootings was Louis Jourdain, 17, son of Red Lake Tribal Chairman Floyd (Buck) Jourdain. In November, the teenager pleaded guilty to sending threatening messages, a count that U.S. District Judge Donovan Frank found was not related to the shootings. Two other charges, including conspiracy to commit murder, were dropped.

Jourdain was sentenced to up to a year at a private juvenile rehabilitation and treatment facility, according to sources familiar with the case. After that, he will be on probation until he's 21 and could be sent to other types of facilities as a condition of his probation, a source said.

Heffelfinger called Monday's meeting in a letter sent to families offering to discuss the investigation that was conducted by the FBI, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. attorney's office and other agencies. The letter warned there would be "legal limitations" on what he could say.

The meeting wasn't held earlier because the investigation lasted 10 months, Heffelfinger said, and a case was pending in court. He said he hoped the meeting would help in the healing process, but he recognized that the healing probably wouldn't be immediate.

Heffelfinger said he understood the meeting made some people upset, but they were given information that had never been made public.

Lewellyn (Sacky) Thunder, father of shooting survivor Steven Cobenais, said Monday's meeting probably won't help the victims families get peace of mind.

"There's never going to be any closure," he said. "We should have all stayed home because it's hard to get any closure. It's hard. It's disgusting, that's what it is."

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Jeff Weise, 16

What happened: On March 21, Jeff Weise shot and killed nine people: his grandfather, a security guard, a teacher, five students and his grandfather's partner. Weise then killed himself.



Daryl Lussier Sr., 58



Derrick Brun, 28



Neva Winnecoup-Rogers, 62

39 knew of Red

Family members say federal officials told them

BY JIM RAGSDALE
Pioneer Press

BEMIDJI, Minn. — Facts intended to heal may have instead reopened the wounds of those suffering from the Red Lake school shooting.

Parents of those who fell, as well as a survivor of the shooting, heard federal officials say Monday that 39 people had some knowledge of Jeff Weise's plan to assault Red Lake High School before he carried it out March 21.

They said they were told that he had been discussing it since 2003 and that a smaller "Elephant group" — perhaps six to eight — regularly watched the school-shooting movie "Elephant," including shortly before the northern Minnesota attacks that killed 10 people and left five students seriously wounded.

And they were told that none of those people could be charged, because it is not against the law to know that a crime might be committed and do nothing about it.

"Everybody's angry," said Barbara Brun, mother of Derrick Brun, the security guard who died confronting Weise at the school's entrance. "I haven't been this angry for a long time."

The revelations were reported by families who attended a private meeting with Tom Heffelfinger, the U.S. attorney for Minnesota, and other federal officials. Heffelfinger invited the families of those who were killed, along with those who were wounded, to a hotel conference room 35 miles south of the Red Lake Indian Reservation to hear the results of his 10-month investigation into the nation's second-worst school shooting.

About 40 people attended, including Steven Cobenais, recovering from severe facial wounds, and his family. Most appeared distressed and left quickly. Heffelfinger would not say what he told the families, leaving it to a few family representatives to give their versions of what happened.

All agreed it was an emotional 2½-hour session.

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Dewayne Lewis, 15



Chase Lussier, 15



Chanelle Rosebear, 15



Thurlene Stillday, 15



Alicia White, 14

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that Weise had discussed school shooting since 2003

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"I knew going in I was going to be dealing with high levels of emotion, anger and volatility — it was that," Heffelfinger said.

"Things were getting out of hand in there," said Lisa Lyons, partner of Elbert White, who lost a daughter, Thurlene Stillday, in the shooting. "People were starting to get all haywire."

According to several family members, the federal officials, who included representatives from the FBI and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, reported that 39 people had some information that Weise was considering or planning the attack. Weise was a depressed and suicidal 16-year-old student who discussed his violent fantasies in e-mails and over the Internet.

"Thirty-nine people knew about this," Barbara Brun said. "He (Heffelfinger) said 39 people knew. He said he couldn't give us any names. We assumed it was juveniles." She said some might have heard the story only secondhand while a smaller group may have had more direct knowledge.

It is not the first time the subject of broader knowledge of Weise's plans has been raised.

Less than two weeks after the shooting, tribal police Capt. DeWayne Dow told a school board meeting that up to 20 young people might have known of the planned assault, and he urged officials to keep the schools temporarily closed. When schools reopened April 12, however, officials said all students were welcome back.

According to Barbara Brun, her husband, Francis, and their daughter Kathy, the federal officials told the gathering that Weise had been musing about an assault on the school since 2003.

"He has been thinking that way, Jeff Weise, since 2003, and nobody gave him any help," Barbara Brun said. "Nobody took him out of society and put him where he belongs. And now it's too late."

Francis Brun said families also were told by federal officials that there was a smaller group called the "Elephant people" or the "Elephant group" because they regularly watched a movie titled "Elephant." The film includes a school-shooting depiction that is similar to the nation's worst assault, on Columbine High School near Denver in 1999.

"Just the weekend before he went to the school and committed the murders, they watched it at some house in Redby," Francis Brun said. Redby is located a few miles from the high school.

"He watched this movie over and over and over again," said Barbara Brun. "And he tried to be like the shooters that did that in Colorado. He dressed like them, he acted like them."

Lisa Lyons said she got the impression from the officials' presentation that Weise "and a group of eight or nine other people had been fascinated with the idea of, you know, making this come to pass."

Kathy Brun said in addition to the "Elephant group," there were three or four of Weise's friends who "communicated daily with him on the Internet."

Heffelfinger refused to either confirm or deny the report of his presentation given by family members, even when it was



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Laura Sumner from Red Lake cleans out the eyes of her 20-month-old daughter Arieyanana White, as they wait while the child's father, Rodney White, attends the meeting in a Bemidji hotel. Rodney White is the father of Alicia White, a freshman at the school, who was shot and killed in the shooting at the Red Lake Indian Reservation in March.



"Everybody's angry," said Barbara Brun, mother of Derrick Brun, the security guard who died trying to confront Weise at the school's entrance. "I haven't been this angry for a long time," she said during a break from a Bemidji, Minn., meeting with federal authorities Monday afternoon. At the meeting, federal authorities explained their investigation to the families directly affected.



An unhappy Francis "Chunky" Brun leaves a meeting of federal officials and family members directly affected by the Red Lake shooting at a hotel in Bemidji, Minn., on Monday afternoon. He was especially disturbed that 39 people were said to have knowledge of the Red Lake shooting plan prior to the March event.

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pointed out that family members were releasing potentially explosive information. He did say that he discussed a 2002 federal report about school shootings, which listed the common elements in each case, all of which, he said, applied to Red Lake.

"And one of those key points is that in most school shooting situations, other people knew about the shooter's idea or plan," Heffelfinger said. "That was one of the points I discussed with them."

Heffelfinger added: "It is not a crime to be aware that a crime is going to be committed, and do nothing."

But families learning that hard fact on Monday could only imagine what might have happened if someone had spoken up.

On the afternoon of March 21, Weise exploded. He shot and killed his grandfather, who was a tribal police officer, and his grandfather's female partner at their home, where he occasionally lived. Then he took his grandfather's three guns, bulletproof vest and patrol vehicle and stormed the high school. In a nine-minute assault, Weise crashed through the front door, roamed through the hallways and stormed into a classroom, firing 45 shots.

Eight more died at the school — beginning with unarmed security guard Derrick Brun, who confronted Weise at the front door, and ending with Weise himself, who is believed to have shot himself after he was wounded by a tribal policeman. Five other students and a teacher died. Seven were injured, five seriously.

A week after the shooting, Louis Jourdain, then 16, a cousin of Weise's and the son of the top tribal leader, Floyd "Buck" Jourdain Jr., was arrested. He was originally charged with conspiracy in the murders but pleaded guilty to one count of making a threatening communication. He is believed to have been sentenced to one year in a treatment facility.

Because he was dealt with as a juvenile, details about his case, including his communications with Weise, remain private under federal law, and Heffelfinger could not even mention his name at the meeting or discuss his dealings with Weise, which further angered some families.

"That's when I got up and walked out," said Barbara Brun, who later rejoined the meeting.

She said she was also angry that Heffelfinger focused on bullying as a motive in school shootings, despite the fact that Weise was a large youth who killed mostly smaller, younger students.

She said her daughter told the gathering that her son, one of Weise's victims, was bullied when he was a student, and so were some of her grandchildren.

"They didn't go home and try to find a gun to go back and kill people with," she said.

Heffelfinger will conduct a similar meeting today with representatives of the Tribal Council — whose chairman is Floyd Jourdain — and school district officials. He agreed that Monday's meeting had been emotional and difficult, but said it was also critically important.

"I came up here realizing that I was dealing with ... people who had suffered a horrible loss in a very violent and nasty crime," Heffelfinger said. "It was my job," he said. "I felt strongly about it. ... I felt I had an ethical obligation to come up and share with them what we knew."

He said he hopes the information "gets them focused on moving forward" and "stops the flow of rumors about what happened on March 21st."

Because the shooting occurred on an Indian reservation, the federal government — not local police and Beltrami County prosecutors — were responsible for investigating the crime and determining if anyone else was involved. They have said little about their investigation since it began.

Heffelfinger said federal law seals juvenile cases like Louis Jourdain's, including what is believed to be a long history of e-mail communications between Jourdain and Weise. That prohibition made the meeting less satisfying to some family members.

"They wanted more people to be accountable for what happened, instead of just one man," said Lisa Lyons. "That's what they were searching for."

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Red Lake leaders ponder where to go from here

- Tribal leader says the grieving process has been on hold, awaiting the outcome of the investigation.

By PAM LOUWAGIE
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RED LAKE, MINN. – Red Lake Tribal Chairman Floyd (Buck) Jourdain said a Tuesday meeting in which federal authorities discussed details about last spring's school shootings was "a start" to moving the community forward.

But the shock and grief remain, he said. "It's just like this happened a month ago."

Tribal and school leaders met for the first time with all three agencies that investigated the shootings — the U.S. Attorney's office, the FBI and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The group met for 3½ hours behind closed doors, focusing on learning from what happened, leaders said.

It came a day after federal authorities met with survivors and families of the shooting victims and revealed that 39 people had heard about plans for violence at the school before Jeff Weise killed 10 including himself on March 21.

That news stung and shocked many in the community.

"I guess anytime you hear that maybe there were that many that had some knowledge, you have a tendency to ... say 'Wow! I wonder why somebody didn't come forward,'" said Red Lake High School Principal Chris Dunshee. But, he said, authorities noted that people had varying levels of knowledge and nobody knew of a shooting planned for that specific day.

Jourdain said that for many, the grieving process had been on hold because of court proceedings and an ongoing investigation.

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WHY WOULDN'T SOMEONE SPEAK UP?
A five-year federal study of school attacks found that some people usually knew a plan was in the works, and there are many vague reasons why they didn't act to stop it. **B7**

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Learning new information and talking about prevention measures is a start in moving forward, Jourdain said.

Jourdain's 17-year-old son Louis Jourdain was the only person arrested in connection with the shootings. In a closed court process, Louis Jourdain, a juvenile, pleaded guilty to sending threatening communications, a count that a federal judge found was not related to the shootings. He was sentenced to spend up to a year in a juvenile rehabilitation and treatment facility with the possibility of going to other facilities as part of his probation until he's 21, a source said.

The tribal chairman said his son's case was not discussed in Tuesday's meeting with prosecutors and investigators, and he declined to comment on his son's status.

'Where we go from here'

Jourdain said he learned a lot at the meeting, but didn't give details.

"We're going to digest the information that we received today and figure out where we go from here to answer some of the questions that the community might have," the elder Jourdain said. He said he didn't know whether those answers might be delivered in written form or at a public meeting.

Kathryn (Jody) Beaulieu, a school board member who was at Tuesday's meeting, said she was disappointed that federal authorities didn't have more new information to share after a 10-month investigation.

"It's a setback," she said. "It just brought us back to 3/21 all over again."

Range of knowledge broad

U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger said meetings with tribal leaders and families weren't possible before because a juvenile case and the investigation were ongoing. At Tuesday's meeting, he said, tribal and school leaders were given a "fairly detailed description" of what happened in the high school March 21, along with an overview of the investigation.

It's typical in school shootings for others to know in advance that something might be happening, Heffelfinger said, adding that the range of prior knowledge in Red Lake was broad.

"It went from hearsay information to a smaller group with actual knowledge of the idea that Weise had, although in all cases even those people weren't sure they believed it."

He said knowing of a potential crime isn't against the law, but taking action to further it is.

Sky Grant, who said he was one of Jeff Weise's closest friends, said federal authorities questioned him repeatedly after the shootings.

"They asked me if I knew anything beforehand about the shooting and I told them no," Grant said. "Nothing's changed."

Heffelfinger said Tuesday's meeting was positive. Although he would not discuss the specifics of their conversation, he said tribal and school leaders are trying to learn from the tragedy and make Red Lake safer. Measures other schools have taken include anonymous phone lines and drop boxes, he added.

Both he and the tribal chairman said the meeting did not include discussions of juveniles involved in the case.

Heffelfinger said he and Jourdain continue to have a "good working relationship."

The tribal chairman, asked if he felt better about his son's status after learning there were 39 with some prior knowledge, said "there are no silver linings and nobody wins in this situation."

At Red Lake High School, there wasn't much discussion about the meetings. Most students were more concerned about a pivotal boys basketball game against neighboring Clearbrook.

"I didn't hear anything about it [the meeting]," said player Dallas Crowe, 17, a senior and cousin of shooting victim Lance Crowe.

Dallas Crowe said he doesn't believe, though, that as many as 39 people knew about Weise's intentions before the shootings.

Fellow senior Preston Graves, however, thinks more knew.

"I do, but they took it lightly," said Graves, 17. "Who's going to believe that someone is going to come in and shoot up a school?

Weise "did it to be remembered," Graves said. "And now we have to live with the consequences."

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Jourdain calls allegations of interference 'ludicrous'

● The Red Lake tribal chairman also said a police investigator's firing had nothing to do with drug cases on the reservation.

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Red Lake Tribal Chairman Floyd Jourdain Jr. reacted angrily Monday to published assertions by a former tribal law enforcement officer that Jourdain thwarted investigations into drug activities on the northern Minnesota reservation.



Floyd Jourdain

The allegations are "ludicrous ... character assassination and slander by a disgruntled former employee" trying to influence tribal elections in May, said Jourdain, who said he will seek another term as chairman.

Clifford Martell, a former police investigator at Red Lake, accused Jourdain of hampering investigations of relatives, friends and political associates, according to a New York Times report Sunday on burgeoning drug trafficking on American Indian reservations.

Martell told the Times he was fired for clashing with tribal authorities over investigations. He could not be reached for comment Monday.

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No evidence for ludicrous allegations, Jourdain says

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Martell and two other former officers told the newspaper that their anti-drug activities also had been hindered by fellow cops and court officials.

"The statements by this ex-cop Martell are absolutely absurd," Jourdain said. "I challenge anyone to come forward with any evidence they have that I hindered law enforcement in any way on this reservation. I've encouraged a more aggressive and effective police force. When I was elected [in 2004], I encouraged that."

Martell was fired in July 2005 while he was a member of a joint task force involving the FBI, Red Lake and two other reservations, area sheriff's offices and other agencies. Red Lake has since pulled out of the arrangement, with Jourdain maintaining that the tribe's involvement threatened Red Lake's sovereignty.

In an incident that led to his firing on the same day, Martell "was found to be enforcing state law" on the closed reservation, Jourdain said. Federal authorities have jurisdiction over felony crimes at Red Lake but state law does not apply.

"He was accompanying an FBI agent out of Bemidji attempting to execute a state court order" in a custody matter, the chairman said. "They were both out of their jurisdiction. ... It had absolutely nothing to do with drugs."

'We want to deal with crime'

Drug use is a serious and growing problem on the reservation, Jourdain said. "Like other reservations, we've been hit by this phenomenon of methamphetamines" as well as crack cocaine and marijuana.

Tribal attorneys are working on a new task force agreement that would not impinge on Red Lake's sovereignty, he said.

"We want to deal with crime on the reservation," Jourdain said. "It will require a certain amount of cooperation with other agencies and tribes, and we're open to that. We don't want to be an island left alone.

"Also, we don't want to give anyone the notion that Red Lake is a haven for drug dealers, because it definitely will not be."

The reservation's main hindrance to fighting drugs is not official interference but lack of funding, Jourdain said.

"We already have a good working relationship with surrounding communities, and there's nothing stopping the FBI from investigating felony activity on this reservation," he said. "If this type of drug activity is going on, they have an obligation to deal with it. But there have been funding cuts. We don't have the resources."

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Turmoil thwarts drug probes at Red Lake

- The reservation's police force is facing suspected corruption in the department as it tries to stop a drug trade linked to the Twin Cities.

By TONY KENNEDY and DAVID SHAFFER
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RED LAKE, MINN. – Tribal police fighting drug trafficking on the Red Lake Reservation have been undermined by weak leadership, poor training, sloppy procedures, suspected corruption and leaks of sting operations, according to former employees and federal auditors who studied the department.

The reservation's recently fired police director, Tim Savior, said that last year he turned over three cases of suspected corruption in the department to federal authorities. In one case, he said, a police safe with at least $13,000 in cash went missing. Federal officials declined to say whether they are investigating.

Red Lake police also have suspected for at least two years that one or more people in the department or tribal court may be disclosing confidential information to drug traffickers, according to two former police investigators.

The turmoil and suspicions are unfolding as federal officials are launching an offensive across northern Minnesota's Indian country against a violent, bustling drug trade with links to the Twin Cities.

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Turmoil thwarting drug probes

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But to the dismay of Tom Heffelfinger, the U.S. attorney for Minnesota, Red Lake pulled out of the FBI-led investigative task force last year. Tribal Chairman Floyd Jourdain Jr. said he withdrew to protect tribal sovereignty.

The reservation, home to 9,500 members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa, is burdened by violence, alcoholism and illegal drug use. Last March, it gained national attention when a teenager shot and killed nine people, most of them in the reservation high school, and then killed himself.

The broadest criticism of the Red Lake Police Department is contained in a Bureau of Indian Affairs audit that was issued two years ago and stamped "for official use only." The report, reviewed last week by the Star Tribune, found an array of problems in the then 36-person department: missing investigative files, negligent handling of evidence, poor training and a lack of leadership.

Last month, in the latest sign of upheaval, Savior was fired after three months on the job. He had replaced a police director fired in August. Savior was not accused of wrongdoing, but he lost the support of tribal council members.

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Helping the criminals?

Two former tribal police investigators said last week that their drug enforcement work at Red Lake was at times compromised by internal leaks to suspects under investigation.

Clifford Martell, a former investigator who was fired in July, said that in late 2003 and 2004 approximately five planned drug buys using informants on the reservation were ruined by that problem.

"We would have everything set up and we would go out to do the buys and all the drug dealers are gone," Martell said.

When investigators checked the department's outgoing telephone records, he said, they discovered that someone had called the suspects in advance.

Investigators stopped holding pre-operation meetings at the department and told only trusted officers of their plans, Martell added.

Another former Red Lake police investigator, Russ Thomas, said that some court-approved searches were foiled because suspects had been tipped from tribal offices. Thomas resigned from the department in October. He said that the leaks were reported to former Police Director Pat Mills, but that no one was dismissed.

The investigators said cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamine are flowing into reservations, mainly from Minneapolis.

A scathing report

The BIA audited the department in 2004 at the request of the newly elected Jourdain. Auditors concluded its four investigators were unsupervised, insufficiently trained and ineffective.

The auditors couldn't find 85 of 250 investigative files the department opened in 2003. Their report also found that drug contraband was being kept in an evidence room without being inventoried. And confiscated cash, once stored in a gun cabinet, was put in a safe purchased at the urging of BIA auditors. Later, the safe disappeared.

The report also said the department was at odds with the community. "There is an obvious lack of effective leadership and management in police operations and investigations," it concluded.

police continue to work with the FBI and other law enforcement agencies.

"The last thing we want to do is turn Red Lake into a drug haven," Jourdain said.

The task force controversy erupted while Jourdain's 17-year-old son, Louis, was facing federal charges after the school shooting. Louis Jourdain later pleaded guilty to sending threatening communications, a count that a federal judge found was not related to the shootings.

Heffelfinger, who leaves office this week, said task force investigations involving other tribal police departments have led to 34 arrests from November through January, including 13 for methamphetamine.

"It is working very well," he said. "The only effective way to reduce the drug problem in Indian country is through these task forces."

Dispute over dismissal

Martell, the former investigator, asserted in a New York Times story last week that Jourdain fired him to thwart investigations of drug dealers with ties to the chairman.

When asked about that allegation by the Star Tribune, Martell offered no specific evidence but said that Jourdain repeatedly threatened his job over drug investigations.

Jourdain adamantly denies threatening Martell or having any ties to drug traffickers. He said he wants to improve policing while protecting the tribe's sovereignty.

Unlike most Minnesota reservations, Red Lake is not policed by county sheriffs. Crimes are not prosecuted in state courts. The reservation has its own police and tribal court, and the FBI investigates major crimes, which are prosecuted in federal court.

Jourdain said he fired Martell for helping a police officer from another jurisdiction with a child-custody case on the reservation. He said that because state laws do not apply to the reservation, Martell's assist breached sovereignty.

Martell contends that he was helping the FBI on a legitimate felony warrant.

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Federal officials said they had hoped the Red Lake Police Department would be a participant in the drug trafficking task force they created last year.

It includes investigators from the FBI, the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, three northern Minnesota sheriff's offices and tribal police from the White Earth and Leech Lake reservations. Mills, who did not return telephone calls, enlisted Red Lake tribal police in the task force last April.

Jourdain said in an interview that when tribal leaders learned of the arrangement, they felt it compromised the tribe's status as a sovereign nation. Red Lake investigators were withdrawn from the task force. One of the investigators who had been on it was fired in July. Mills was ousted in August.

Jourdain said the reservation isn't an equal player in the task force. He said Red Lake would consider rejoining if that and other issues can be resolved. Meanwhile, Red Lake

How much crime?

Investigators say they believe that Red Lake's struggle with drugs is getting worse, but no one knows for sure because crime statistics are not available in Indian country.

A gang known as the Native Mob has been linked to drug trafficking in Minneapolis and on reservations, investigators say. One alleged member of that gang, Gordon D. Reese of Minneapolis, is on trial in Minneapolis on firearms, drugs and other charges, including an alleged assault in July of a man in Red Lake.

The movement of drugs and gangs between cities and reservations requires better communication among police departments, said Minneapolis police Sgt. Bill Blake, a member of the Red Lake Nation. He is working to expand communication with tribal departments and improve reservation crime data collection.

"We have to do our job," Blake said, "and we are not."

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Officials pledge to focus on safety

Vow follows reports of knowledge of plan

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RED LAKE, Minn. — Red Lake officials, hearing a report that more than three dozen young people heard about threats before their high school was assaulted, vowed Tuesday to focus on safety and encourage students to come forward.


Jeff Weise

"We want to find out how we can prevent this type of thing from ever happening again," Tribal Chairman Floyd "Buck" Jourdain Jr. said after hearing a briefing on the March 21 school shooting from U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger and other federal officials.

A key finding of the investigation, according to family members who attended an earlier meeting, is that 39 people had some knowledge of what the assailant, Jeff Weise, was planning.

Mary Kay Klein, a lawyer for the Red Lake School District who attended Tuesday's meeting, said it is important for students to know they can come forward.

The district is making a point to examine every rumor and threat, officials said. And staff members have discussed anonymous notification programs so students could feel comfortable reporting potential threats.

"It's almost a given that other students will have heard that something might come down," she said, noting the same experience in other school shootings across the United States. "The sad thing is that those students either feel they don't dare to say anything, or

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they can't say anything to anybody else.

"The word needs to get out that if students hear these kinds of rumors, they need to tell somebody to prevent another tragedy like this occurring."

Heffelfinger and officials from the FBI and the Bureau of Indian Affairs privately briefed victims' families in Bemidji on Monday and tribal and school officials on the Red Lake Indian Reservation on Tuesday.

The federal officials led the probe after 16-year-old Weise, a student who suffered from depression and had been suicidal, killed his grandfather and his grandfather's female partner at their home and then assaulted Red Lake High School. Five students, a teacher and a security guard were slain at the northern Minnesota school, where Weise also fatally shot himself.



Tom Heffelfinger

Only one youth was charged — Louis Jourdain, then 16, a cousin and friend of Weise's and the son of Floyd Jourdain. Louis Jourdain pleaded guilty to making a threatening communication and is believed to have been sentenced to a year in a treatment center. Tried as a juvenile, his case has remained secret.

LEVELS OF KNOWLEDGE

Heffelfinger did not name any of the students or friends with advance knowledge of Weise's plan. Family members said they were told there was a core group of few young people who had more direct knowledge. None has been charged or prevented from returning to the school.

"There were people who knew, kids who knew, in advance of ... March 21st," Heffelfinger said after Tuesday's meeting. He added that the range of knowledge "went from hearsay information to a smaller group with actual knowledge of the idea that Weise had, although in all cases, even those people weren't sure they believed it."

He added, "It ran the gamut from, 'I heard something was going to happen,' to, 'I had a conversation and I was told something was going to happen.'... Like all human interaction, there was a shading of levels of knowledge. And it ran from fairly limited knowledge to fairly detailed knowledge."

School officials said this was news to them.

"I guess any time you hear there were that many that had some knowledge, you have a tendency to take a step back and say, 'Wow, I wonder why somebody didn't come forward?' " said Chris Dunshee, the principal of Red Lake High, who attended Tuesday's briefing. But he noted that many people had very sketchy information.

"One of the things I heard in today's meeting, no one had any knowledge that there was going to be a shooting on that specific day," Dunshee said.

Heffelfinger said the federal officials and the tribal and school group tried to look forward to protecting the school and the reservation in the future. The group discussed anonymous notification programs. Such efforts are used by other schools to enable students to report such threats.

Jourdain attended the meeting, and said that his son's case was not brought up. He would not discuss his son's case Tuesday but did talk about the mood on the reservation.

"Overall, I think it's a start for us," Jourdain said of the meeting. He acknowledged that the community will never be satisfied that they know all the facts, but he said the tribe has to "begin the work, lay down the groundwork for preventing anything like this."

"This is all brand new to us," he said. "It's like it just happened a month ago. Those feelings are still there — that hurt, that grief, that shock."

Dunshee said the school recently has been subjected to a series of bomb threats, which have been investigated. He said the school's attendance is down, at about 70 percent. And, he said, any rumors or threats are examined.

"We make every effort to act on those things, to see if there's any credibility," he said. He added that students and teachers have a "higher sensitivity" now to such threats.



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Red Lake Tribal Chairman Floyd "Buck" Jourdain Jr. speaks with reporters Tuesday after a closed-door meeting with federal officials to discuss the March 21 school shooting on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Jourdain described the mood on the reservation but would not discuss the matter of his teenage son, Louis, who was charged in the case and later pleaded guilty to making a threatening communication.

STUDENT DOUBTS

Two students reached Tuesday said they have a hard time believing that such a large group in such a small, tight-knit community could have known of Weise's plans.

Ashley Lajeunesse, 15, a 10th-grader who lost her best friend, Alicia White, in the shooting, said students who are suspected of having knowledge of the shooting also were victimized.

"I know some of those kids — they have friends that were lost, too," she said. "They wanted to do everything they could have ... I don't think that many people knew about it."

Whitney Spears, 15, also a 10th-grader, agreed that it is unlikely so many students knew what was being planned.

"I think the school is still sad about what happened," she said.

Heffelfinger said during the course of the investigation, the federal government seized computers from the school and from homes, apparently to study e-mail and instant-message communications between Weise and others. But school officials said they believe the incriminating messages did not come from school computers.

"We have a number of things to prevent that type of thing," Dunshee said. "We have filters on our computers. We are constantly vigilant. ... If people on their home computers were as vigilant as we are at school, we may not have had the bigger problem."

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Red Lake teen sentenced for threats

• The 15-year-old boy will spend at least four months in treatment and will be on probation until he is 21.

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DULUTH – A Red Lake ninth-grader detained in connection with threats this spring at Red Lake High School was sentenced Monday to up to a year in a juvenile treatment facility with the possibility of release after he finishes a four-month program, according to people familiar with the case.

The teenager will remain on probation until he's 21, an uncle said.

The 15-year-old boy, whose name was not made public because he is a juvenile, was charged in connection with threats that came to light in mid-April. Parents and guardians were notified by letter that a "group of students were threatening to form some sort of an assault on the Red Lake High School."

The boy, who admitted late last month to a delinquent act of making terroristic threats, will go to a program at Woodland Hills, a juvenile rehabilitation home in Duluth, according to the boy's uncle, who was at the sentencing hearing Monday. The boy will be enrolled in a four-month program at an unlocked facility and may be released when he successfully completes the program, according to a source familiar with the case.

Teen continues: The boy was 14 when first questioned by the FBI. **B5** ►

RED LAKE CASES

Recent case: A ninth-grade student arrested in threats of an assault on the Red Lake High School in April was sentenced Monday to up to a year at a juvenile treatment facility.

Previous case: Louis Jourdain, who pleaded guilty to sending threatening messages, got up to a year at a juvenile rehabilitation and treatment facility.

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The uncle, whom the Star Tribune is not naming to protect the identity of the juvenile, was upset with the outcome as he left the closed courtroom. He said authorities used unfair tactics to interview his nephew at the high school in March.

"They violated this kid's civil rights," the uncle said. "They had this kid in a room from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. ... They didn't give him [a] Miranda warning ... They didn't have [any] guardian ... [any] lawyer."

The uncle said his nephew was pulled out of class in late March and interviewed in a room by two FBI agents. Other students were also interviewed, the uncle said.

He said the threats to shoot at the school were just boys talking tough.

The boy was 14 at the time of the FBI interview, the uncle said.

... they weren't listening to us," the uncle said.

The boy's defender, Minneapolis attorney Andrea George, said she couldn't comment on the case except to say that "the juvenile's mother and grandmother have been a part of, and agreed with, every decision the defense made in this case."

Threats, lockdown

The threats came to light after a student told a staff member about them. Interim Principal Brent Colligan sent a letter notifying parents and guardians and the school was locked down. The FBI later confirmed that a juvenile had been detained and said it believed any alleged threat to the school had been neutralized.

During the investigation, staff members and students learned of a hit list that contained dozens of names, mostly students and a few staff members, sources have said. The threats apparently began as a dispute between rival gang members.

A lengthy hearing

An FBI spokesman, Special Agent Paul McCabe, said he can't comment on juvenile matters, but said in all cases the defense is allowed to present to the judge any evidence or testimony about allegations of wrongdoing by law enforcement.

Jeanne Cooney, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office, declined to comment on the case because it's a juvenile matter.

A source familiar with the case said there was a lengthy hearing on the allegations in the Red Lake teen's case, but the parties reached an agreement before a ruling was made.

Monday's court session in Duluth was conducted in front of U.S. District Judge Ann Montgomery..

The uncle said the boy was assigned a federal defender because his family couldn't afford a private attorney. He said he believes the family would have liked to continue fighting the questioning tactics, but felt the boy had no choice but to enter a plea.

"Everybody kind of didn't want to go to court anymore.

Sources have said the juvenile wasn't a boy who regularly caused problems. A fellow student described him earlier this year as "the least likeliest I would suspect" of being involved.

The school was already on edge when the threats surfaced, a little more than a year after the Red Lake Indian Reservation in far northern Minnesota suffered the nation's second-deadliest school shooting.

On March 21, 2005, Jeff Weise, 16, killed his grandfather and grandfather's girlfriend at their home, then drove to the school and opened fire, killing seven others before taking his own life.

In January, 17-year-old Louis Jourdain, the son of tribal leader Floyd (Buck) Jourdain, was sentenced to up to a year at a juvenile treatment facility after pleading guilty to sending threatening messages in connection to the Weise shootings.

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