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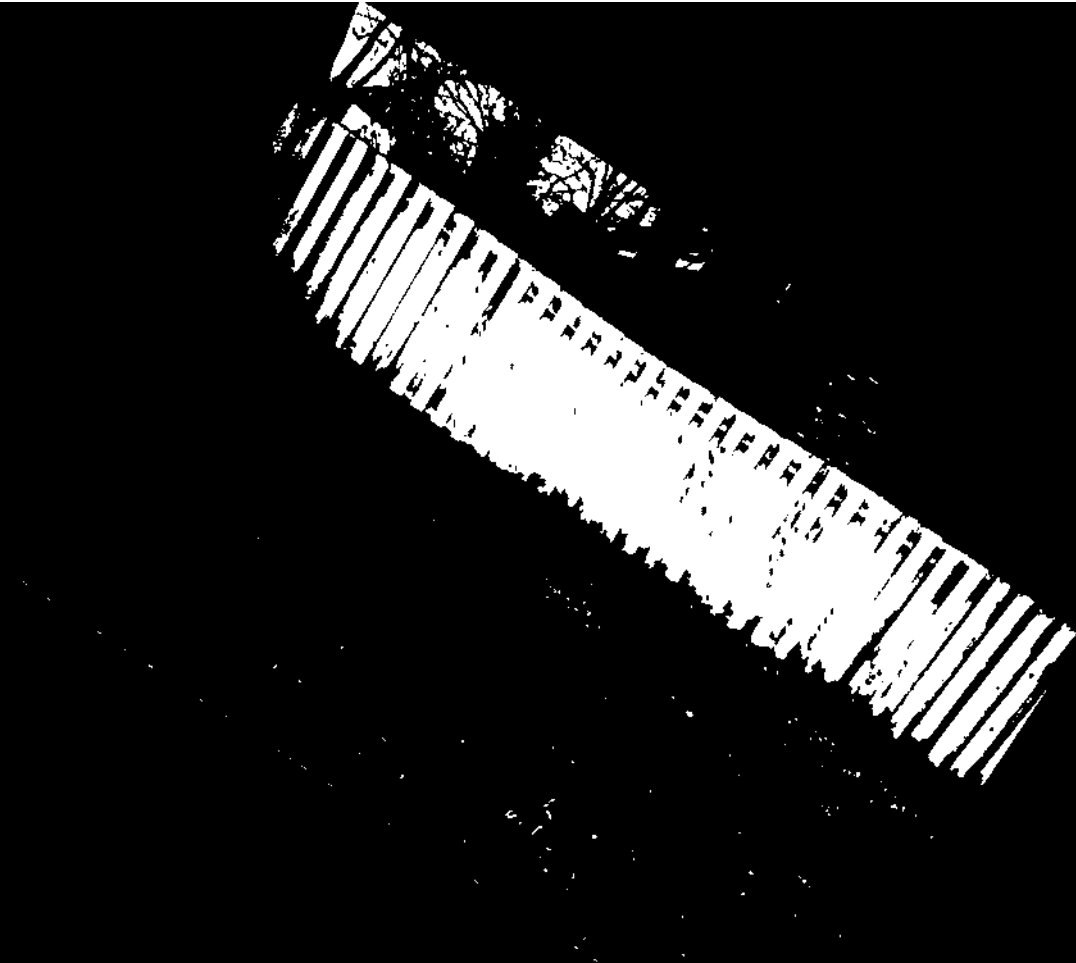
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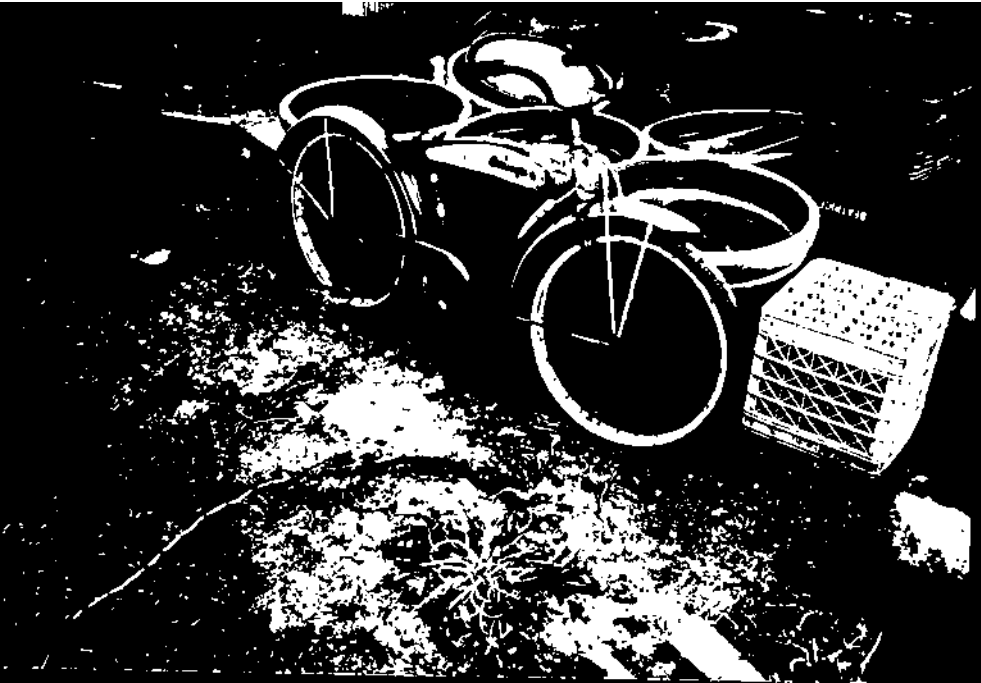
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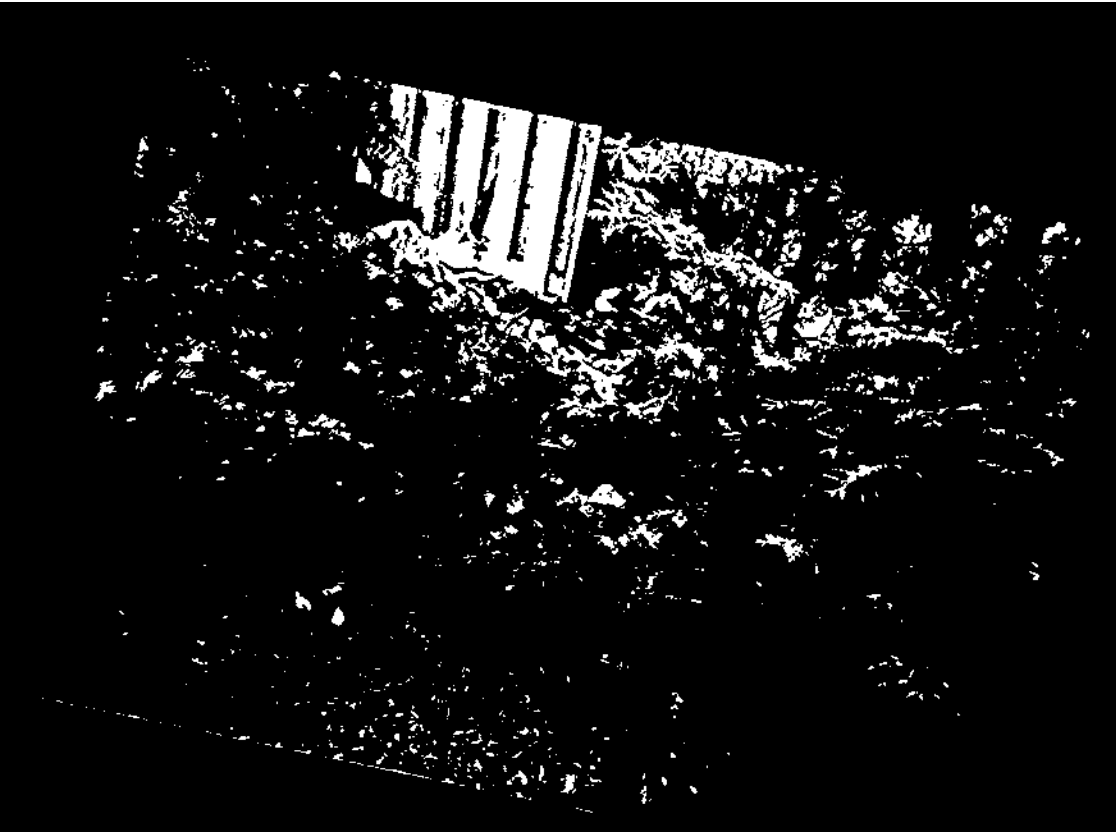
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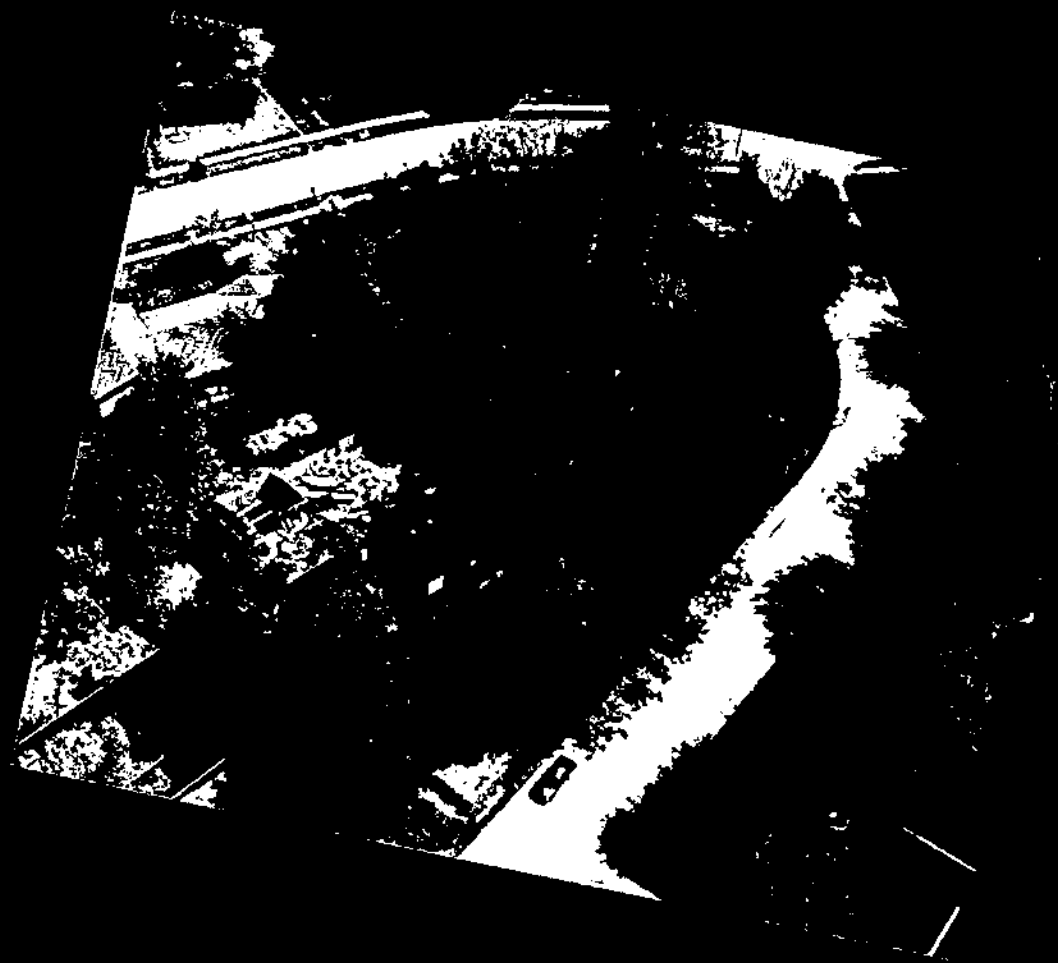
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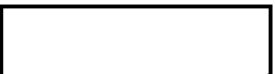


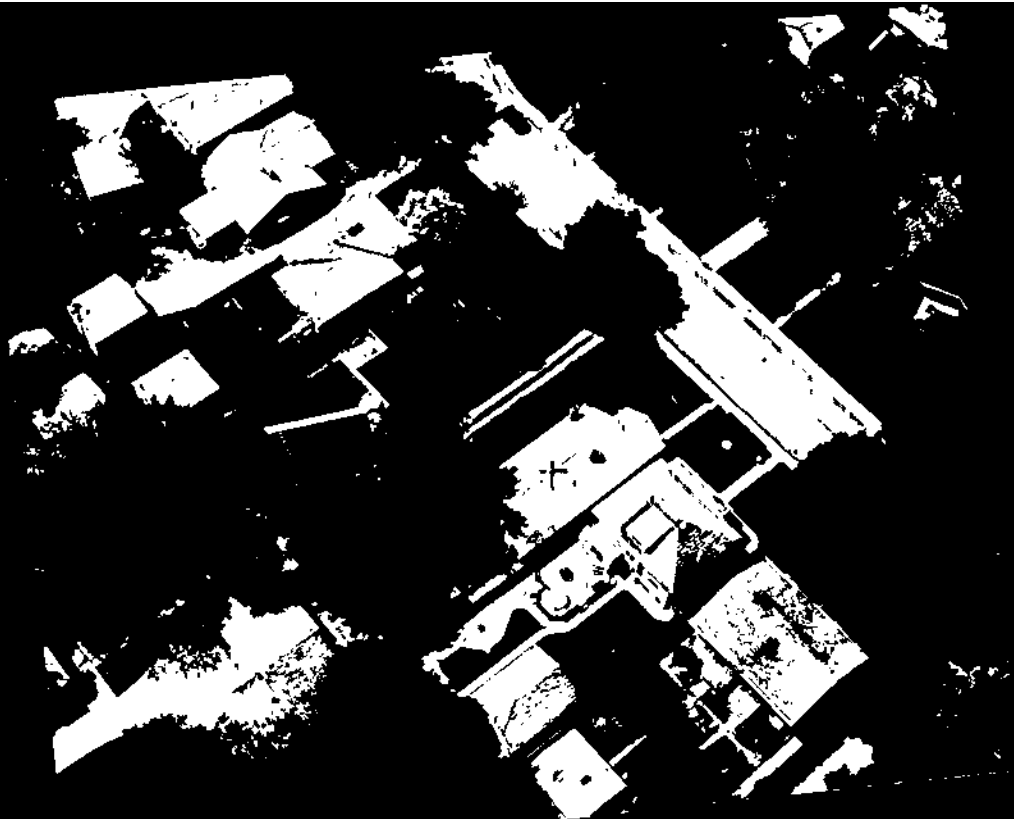


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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/29/1997

To: Indianapolis

From: SA [REDACTED]
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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED] slma0229.210

Case ID #: 62D-IP-NEW (Pending)
252B-HQ-1113775 (Pending)

Title: HERBERT BAUMEISTER (DECEASED)
SERIAL KILLER;
INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA;
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

Synopsis: Contact with SAC, Indianapolis.

Details: Reference telcall between SA [REDACTED] and SAC Wayne R. Alford dated 07/15/1997.

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Attached to this communication is a request letter from [REDACTED] Indianapolis Police Department, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 06/11/1997.

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The purpose of this communication is to open a Domestic Police Cooperation case to capture any and all paperwork relating to the cooperation of SA [REDACTED] and the FBI cadaver dog "Alex" as regards to the searches listed in attached letter. At the time of the telephone call between SAC Alford and SA [REDACTED] SAC Alford advised that he had reservations regarding the request of SA [REDACTED] of the Charlotte Division due to expenses that will be incurred by the Indianapolis Division.

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Inquiries were made to [REDACTED] of the Engineering Research Facility (ERF), Quantico, Virginia, regarding the possibility of the ERF as regards to payment of expenses out of that unit for travel expenses for SA [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that no expenses were available for payment of those travel expenses at this time.

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As such, efforts have gotten underway by SA [REDACTED] to locate another cadaver dog in this region that can assist in the cadaver searches which have been planned for the week of 08/04/1997. A preliminary viewing of the sites to be searched will be done on 07/24/1997, by SA [REDACTED] and Detective [REDACTED].

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To: Indianapolis From: SA [REDACTED]
Re: 62D-IP-NEW, 07/29/1997

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It is requested that a 62D matter be opened to capture all paperwork resulting from the cooperation with the Indianapolis Police Department in captioned matter.

CC: 1 - SAC
1 - ASAC

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FBI FACSIMILE
COVERSHEET

PRECEDENCE

- ☐ Immediate
☒ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION

- ☐ Top Secret
☐ Secret
☐ Confidential
☐ Sensitive
☐ Unclassified

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b7CJUNE 11, 1997Special Handling Instructions: pls hand carryOriginator's Name: FBI - IPTelephone: b6
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Michael H. Zunk, Chief of Police
50 North Alabama Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

Stephen Goldsmith, Mayor

"Police and Community - Partners in Crime Prevention"

Wayne R. Alford
SAIC FBI
P.O. BOX 1186
Indianapolis, IN 46206

June 11, 1997

Dear SAIC Alford,

In reference to a telephone conversation of June 10, 1997, with SA [redacted] of the Merrillville Office, I am writing to request the assistance of SA [redacted] and her cadaver dog, Alex. Additionally I am requesting the assistance of SA [redacted] of the Charlotte, NC Office and his cadaver dog. There are three sites in Marion County which I suspect may hold human remains. This pertains to my investigation of Herbert Baumeister (FBI Case #3528-HQ-1113775) whose Hamilton County property yielded the remains of eight humans. The sites are as follows:

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5356 E. 72nd St.-residence he and his family have had sole control of. (145'x90'x147'x118')

[redacted] residence (50'x144')

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[redacted] residence (3.3 wooded acres)

For each site permission of the owner has been given. A formal request through SA [redacted] has been made by me to your Technical Programs Unit for an exam by Ground Penetrating Radar. [redacted] Special Search Techniques Program Manager, requested that two or three teams of cadaver dogs run through the sites prior to their scheduling the GPR Search.

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I appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to the possibility of working with your specialists.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Investigative Management Division
MISSING PERSONS

FAX (317) 327-0020

180 Missing Persons

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

2451 North Keystone Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46218

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FBI - Indianapolis

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Date of transcription 8/8/97

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This search was initiated at approximately 7:00 a.m. 8/7/97 and the summary of the cadaver dog's search is set forth on "Activity Report" number 97-0071, which is also attached hereto.

Investigation on 8/7/97 at Indianapolis, Indiana

File # 62D-IP-83245

Date dictated 8/8/97

by SA [redacted]:sls10208.220

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PERMISSION TO SEARCH
(Not In Custody)

Place

Date

Time

[Redacted]

8-7-97

6:00 AM

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I, [Redacted] residing at [Redacted]

[Redacted], Marion County, Indiana, do
knowingly authorize officers of the INDIANAPOLIS Police (Sheriff) Department, and the FBI
to search the following described residence (motor vehicles) (premises) over which I have
control, to wit: the property surrounding my residence
[Redacted] located at [Redacted]
Marion County, Indiana.

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I further knowingly and voluntarily authorize said officers to SEIZE any article that they
may deem as evidence or pertinent to their investigation.

THIS PERMISSION IS GIVEN KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY UPON FULL KNOW-
LEDGE OF MY RIGHT TO REFUSE SUCH PERMISSION.

Signed

Age:

[Redacted]

Witnessed:

[Redacted]

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☐ TRAINING RECORD
☒ ACTUAL CASE RECORD

REPORT #: 97-0071
DATE: 8-7-91
TIME: 7:00 AM

ALEX'S ACTIVITY REPORT

EXERCISE TYPE: ☐ OBEDIENCE ☒ CADAVER SEARCH ☐ LIVE FIND
☐ KNOWN PROBLEM ☐ KNOWN PROBLEM
☐ BLIND ☐ BLIND

WEATHER: ☒ CLEAR ☐ LIGHT
☐ RAIN ☐ MODERATE
☐ FOG ☐ HEAVY
☐ SNOW ☐ HEAVY
☐ CLOUDY

WIND AT 3 KNOTS ☒ MPH
FROM: land DEGREES "calm"
TEMPERATURE: 61 ° ☐ F ☐ C
WIND CHILL: _____ ° ☐ F ☐ C

ZIP
Address
Reading

SURFACE CONDITIONS: ☒ DRY ☒ FLAT ☒ GRASS ☒ SHORT
☐ WET ☐ HILLY ☐ UNDERBRUSH ☐ MEDIUM
☐ SNOW ☐ WOODS ☐ CONCRETE ☐ TALL
☐ ICY ☐ RAVINES ☐ OTHER: _____ ☐ HEAVY
☐ FROZEN ☐ WATER

AREA TYPE: ☐ RURAL ☒ RESIDENTIAL ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ STREAM ☐ RIVER ☐ LAKE ☐ BUILDING

N/A SCENT SOURCE LAYED: _____ at _____ BY: _____

LOCATION OF SCENT SOURCE:

N/A

☐ SURFACE ☐ UNCOVERED
☐ BURIED ☐ COVERED WITH _____
☐ UNDERWATER ☐ DEPTH _____
☐ HANGING ☐ HEIGHT _____
☐ ELEVATED

LIST DISTRACTIONS:

N/A

WITNESSES:

NAME AGENCY IPD TX
NAME AGENCY IPD TX
NAME AGENCY ISEMA TX

Name

Vermilion County
Emergency Response

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REPORT#: 97-0071

CASE NARRATIVE: THIS CASE INVOLVES THE SEARCH FOR CLAUDESTINE GRAVES/HUMAN REMAINS RESULTING FROM THE SERIAL MURDERS PERPETRATED BY HERBERT BAUMEISTER. SEARCH CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO A CONSENT TO SEARCH.

PROBLEM NARRATIVE: THIS SEARCH SITE CONSISTED OF THE AREA LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RESIDENCE AT [REDACTED]

ALEX WAS GIVEN HIS COMMAND AND WORKED INTO THE SEARCH AREA, EXPLORING THE FENCE LINE BORDERING THE IMMEDIATE BACKYARD. HE THEN CIRCLED AROUND A LARGE TREE IN THE SEARCH AREA AND HEADED WEST ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HOUSE. AFTER DEFECATING IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY, ALEX WORKED EAST UP THE ALLEY DRIVE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HOUSE. ALEX ALERTED AT POINT 1 (SEE ATTACHED SKETCH) WITH A SCRATCH. POINT 1 IS LOCATED DIRECTLY UNDER A WOODEN SPLIT RAIL FENCE BORDERING THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY. A SOIL "PLUG" HAD BEEN PULLED AT THIS LOCATION.

ALEX THEN RETURNED TO THE LARGE TREE

HANDLER'S RATING OF DOG'S PERFORMANCE:

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ VERY GOOD

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ POOR

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REPORT#: 97-0071

CONTINUED: (Pt 2 on the sketch), jumped up
AGAINST IT, THEN ALERTED WITH MULTIPLE
SCRATCHES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE TREE
RIGHT AT THE BASE.

ALEX THEN MOVED INTO THE
PROBLEM NARRATIVE: MIDDLE OF THE SOUTH EAST
SECTION OF THIS AREA AND GAVE A THIRD
HARD ALERT WITH MULTIPLE ENTHUSIASTIC
SCRATCHES (PT 3).

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TWO
OTHER CEDAR DOGS ALERTED IN THESE
IMMEDIATE AREAS OF POINTS 1, 2 & 3.
INDICATIONS OF THESE ALERT POINTS HAVE
BEEN MADE DIRECTLY ON CASE PHOTOS.

HANDLER'S RATING OF DOG'S PERFORMANCE:

☒ EXCELLENT

☐ VERY GOOD

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ POOR

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This search was initiated at approximately 8:00 a.m. 8/7/97 and the summary of the cadaver dog's search is set forth on "Activity Report" number 97-0072, which is also attached hereto.

Investigation on 8/7/97 at Indianapolis, IndianaFile # 62D-IP-83245Date dictated 8/8/97by SA [redacted] :sls10308.220b6
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PERMISSION TO SEARCH
(Not In Custody)

Place 5356 E. 72ND ST.
Date 08-07-97
Time 8:00AM

I, , residing at 5356 E. 72ND ST.

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_____, Marion County, Indiana, do
knowingly authorize officers of the INDIANAPOLIS Police (Sheriff) Department and the FBI
to search the following described residence (motor vehicles) (premises) over which I have
control, to wit: the residence and lot surrounding it
_____ located at 5356 E. 72ND ST.

Marion County, Indiana.

I further knowingly and voluntarily authorize said officers to SEIZE any article that they
may deem as evidence or pertinent to their investigation.

THIS PERMISSION IS GIVEN KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY UPON FULL KNOW-
LEDGE OF MY RIGHT TO REFUSE SUCH PERMISSION.

Signature

Age

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Witnessed:

☐ TRAINING RECORD
☒ ACTUAL CASE RECORD

REPORT #: 97-0072
DATE: 8-7-97
TIME: 800am

ALEX'S ACTIVITY REPORT

EXERCISE TYPE: ☐ OBEDIENCE ☒ CADAVER SEARCH ☐ LIVE FIND
☐ KNOWN PROBLEM ☐ KNOWN PROBLEM
☐ BLIND ☐ BLIND

WEATHER: ☒ CLEAR ☐ LIGHT ☐ RAIN ☐ MODERATE ☐ FOG ☐ HEAVY ☐ SNOW ☐ HEAVY ☐ CLOUDY
WIND AT _____ KNOTS/MPH "CALM"
FROM: _____ DEGREES
TEMPERATURE: 65 °F or C
WIND CHILL: N/A °F or C

SURFACE CONDITIONS: ☒ DRY ☒ FLAT ☒ GRASS ☒ SHORT
☐ WET ☐ HILLY ☐ UNDERBRUSH ☐ MEDIUM
☐ SNOW ☐ WOODS ☐ CONCRETE ☐ TALL
☐ ICY ☐ RAVINES ☐ OTHER: _____ ☐ HEAVY
☐ FROZEN ☐ WATER

AREA TYPE: ☐ RURAL ☒ RESIDENTIAL ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ STREAM ☐ RIVER ☐ LAKE ☐ BUILDING

N/A SCENT SOURCE LAYED: _____ at _____ BY: _____

N/A LOCATION OF SCENT SOURCE:

☐ SURFACE ☐ UNCOVERED
☐ BURIED ☐ COVERED WITH _____
☐ UNDERWATER ☐ DEPTH _____
☐ HANGING ☐ HEIGHT _____
☐ ELEVATED

LIST DISTRACTIONS:

_____ N/A _____

WITNESSES:

NAME	_____	AGENCY	<u>IPD</u>	TX
NAME	_____	AGENCY	<u>IPD</u>	TX
NAME	_____	AGENCY	<u>ISEMA</u>	TX

Name: _____

Vermilion County
EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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REPORT#: 91-0072

CASE NARRATIVE: THIS CASE INVOLVES THE SEARCH FOR CLANDESTINE GRAVES/HUMAN REMAINS RESULTING FROM THE SERIAL MURDERS PERPETRATED BY HERBERT BAUMEISTER. SEARCH CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO A CONSENT TO SEARCH.

PROBLEM NARRATIVE: THIS SEARCH SITE CONSISTED OF THE ENTIRE PROPERTY SURROUNDING THE RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 5356 E. 72ND STREET. ALEX SEARCHED THIS ENTIRE AREA WITH NO ALERTS GIVEN WHATSOEVER. ALEX INDICATED INTEREST (EXCESSIVE SNIFFING, LAYING DOWN, ATTEMPTS TO GET UNDER THE FENCE) IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF THE WOODEN FENCING. FURTHER INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT A MANDOLE WAS LOCATED JUST OPPOSITE THE FENCE. THIS SEARCH WAS NEGATIVE FOR ANY ALERTS BY ALEX.

HANDLER'S RATING OF DOG'S PERFORMANCE:

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ VERY GOOD

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ POOR

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Date of transcription 8/8/97

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This search was initiated at approximately 9:00 a.m. 8/7/97 and the summary of the cadaver dog's search is set forth on "Activity Report" number 97-0073, which is also attached hereto.

Investigation on 8/7/97 at Indianapolis, IndianaFile # 62D-IP-83245 Date dictated 8/8/97by SA [redacted] :sls10308.220b6
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☐ TRAINING RECORD
☒ ACTUAL CASE RECORD

REPORT #: 97-0073
DATE: 8-2-97
TIME: 900am

ALEX'S ACTIVITY REPORT

EXERCISE TYPE: ☐ OBEDIENCE ☒ CADAVER SEARCH ☐ LIVE FIND
☐ KNOWN PROBLEM ☐ KNOWN PROBLEM
☐ BLIND ☐ BLIND

WEATHER: ☐ CLEAR ☐ LIGHT ☐ WIND AT _____ KNOTS/MPH
☐ RAIN ☐ MODERATE ☐ FROM: _____ DEGREES
☐ FOG ☐ HEAVY
☐ SNOW ☐ HEAVY
☐ CLOUDY
TEMPERATURE: _____ F or C
WIND CHILL: _____ F or C

SURFACE CONDITIONS: ☐ DRY ☐ FLAT ☐ GRASS ☐ SHORT
☐ WET ☐ HILLY ☐ UNDERBRUSH ☐ MEDIUM
☐ SNOW ☐ WOODS ☐ CONCRETE ☐ TALL
☐ ICY ☐ RAVINES ☐ OTHER: _____ ☐ HEAVY
☐ FROZEN ☐ WATER

AREA TYPE: ☐ RURAL ☐ RESIDENTIAL ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ STREAM ☐ RIVER ☐ LAKE ☒ BUILDING

SCENT SOURCE LAYED: _____ BY: _____

LOCATION OF SCENT SOURCE:

☐ SURFACE ☐ UNCOVERED
☐ BURIED ☐ COVERED WITH _____
☐ UNDERWATER ☐ DEPTH _____
☐ HANGING ☐ HEIGHT _____
☐ ELEVATED

LIST DISTRACTIONS:

WITNESSES:

NAME AGENCY ISEMA TX
NAME _____ AGENCY _____ TX()
NAME _____ AGENCY _____ TX()

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REPORT #: 97-0073

CASE NARRATIVE: THIS CASE INVOLVES THE SEARCH
FOR CLANDESTINE GRAVES/HUMAN REMAINS
RESULTING FROM THE SERIAL MURDERS PERPETRATED
BY HERBERT BAUMEISTER. SEARCH CONDUCTED
PURSUANT TO A CONSENT TO SEARCH

PROBLEM NARRATIVE: THE BASEMENT OF 5356 E. 72ND ST
WAS SEARCHED BY ALEX. ALEX MADE REPEATED
EYE CONTACT WITH ME AT THE NORTH WEST
CORNER OF THE BASEMENT, BUT GAVE NO
ALERT. ALEX SHOWED NO MARKED INTEREST
ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE BASEMENT.

THIS SEARCH WAS NEGATIVE FOR
ANY ALERTS.

HANDLER'S RATING OF DOG'S PERFORMANCE:

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ VERY GOOD

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ POOR

Criminal Investigations Division
MISSING PERSONS

[Redacted] Fax: (317) 327-5620

**INDIANAPOLIS
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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[Redacted]
Detective



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Indianapolis, Indiana 46218

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50 North Alabama Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204



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Wayne R. Alford
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigations
P.O. Box 1186
Indianapolis, In 46206

August 12, 1997

Dear SPIC Alford,

I am writing to thank you for authorizing Special Agent [] and her cadaver dog Alex to assist me in my investigation of Herbert Baumeister. I learned a lot from talking to [] and from watching her and Alex work. The information gained from their search will direct me in the next step of my investigation. I am grateful for your willingness to share your agency's expertise to assist us. Special Agent [] assistance was an excellent example of law enforcement working together for a common goal.

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Sincerely,

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IPD Missing Persons

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More digging at estate yields bones, teeth, ring

■ When investigators resumed digging at the site where remains were found, they uncovered more clues, questions:

By Diane Frederick
STAFF WRITER

WESTFIELD, Ind. — A silver ring and about 65 small bones and teeth were found in four days of scooping and sifting dirt in a dry creek bed at Fox Hollow Farm this week.

That brings to more than 6,000 the number of human bones, bone fragments and teeth found at the former home of Herbert Baumeister.

Baumeister, 49, committed suicide less than two weeks after the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department launched its investigation June 24 into the grisly discovery.

So far, the Sheriff's Department confirms the remains of seven males have been found. Four have been identified.

"Since we don't know the cause of death, this is still termed a death investigation," sheriff's Sgt. Eddie Moore said Friday.

Sheriff's investigators also have refrained from calling Baumeister a suspect.

Dr. Stephen Nawrocki, the University of Indianapolis forensic anthropologist who has headed the excavation, looks at the mystery from a different perspective.

"We agree on seven bodies and four identifications," Nawrocki said. "The seven is the absolute minimum we can prove beyond a shadow of a doubt. But my gut feeling is there are more (bodies) than those. That has to do with the distribution of the remains and my general experience of looking at remains."

Nawrocki said, "This is what I've been training for my whole professional career."

But his 10 years of experience couldn't prepare him for the challenge at Fox Hollow Farm.

Moore said this week's search focused on a drainage ditch on the west side of the 18.5-acre property at 1111 E. 156th Street. Nawrocki said it is dry at times, but, after heavy rains, the water can run as deep as a foot, he said.

"The bodies were not cut up or deliberately distributed by humans," Nawrocki said. "The distribution was due entirely to water running downhill through drainage ditches. There is no evidence of dismemberment. They weren't deliberately buried."

He said investigators were convinced there were more bones to be found when digging was suspended last summer. The initial excavation was aimed at getting the most information as quickly as possible.

Nawrocki and about a dozen of his staff and students and about six sheriff's deputies returned to the farm Monday.

Moore said about 15 bones a day were turned

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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday — the largest being two ribs found Wednesday.

On Thursday, 20 small bones, fragments and teeth and the ring were found. The ring was plain and silver-colored, Moore said.

Nawrocki said he didn't know if the ribs were from the same per-

son. "We do know we have the remains of a couple different individuals mixed together," he said.

Although the dig has been suspended for now, Nawrocki said, "People could be out there 100 years from now and still find a bone or bone fragment that was missed."

The four men whose remains have been identified are Richard D. Hamilton, 20, Steven S. Hale, 26, and Roger A. Goodlet, 33, all

of Indianapolis, and Manuel M. Resendez, 31, of Lafayette. Hamilton and Resendez had been missing since 1993. Hale and Goodlet were reported missing in 1994.

"The biggest reason" the excavation resumed this week, Moore said, "is we do have three bodies unidentified. We want to put some closure to this for those families. We still have no cause of death or any evidence as to how these people ended up out at this farm dead."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/08/1997

To: Indianapolis

From: SA [REDACTED]

7-Mera

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]:slsl0108.220

Case ID #: 62D-IP-83245 (Pending)

Title: HERBERT BAUMEISTER (DECEASED)
SERIAL KILLER;
INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT (IPD)
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA;
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

Synopsis: Cadaver Searches conducted in Indianapolis, 8/7/97

Details: Attached to this communication is a copy of an FD-302, a Cadaver Search report and copies of two Consent to Search forms.

On the morning of 8/7/96, SA [REDACTED] with FBI cadaver dog "Alex", [REDACTED] of the Indiana State Emergency Management Agency (ISEMA) with his cadaver dog, "Max" and [REDACTED] of the Vermilion County Emergency Response team with his cadaver dog "Tas", executed searches for clandestine graves and/or human remains at two addresses in the Indianapolis Area. IPD Detectives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present during these two searches.

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These searches were conducted pursuant to a request by [REDACTED] of the FBI's Engineering Research Facility (ERF), Quantico, Virginia, that several cadaver dogs be run through these two locations prior to the utilization of Ground Penetrating Radar equipment by the FBI-ERF during the week of 8/11/97.

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The first search was executed at approximately 7:00 a.m. at the home of [REDACTED] Indianapolis, Indiana. The dogs searched a section of this property where it was known that two large cement vaults were buried. These vaults supposedly house the corpses of two Saint Bernard dogs. One vault was placed in the ground in 1988. The second was placed in the ground in 1995. The IPD suspected

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that these vaults may also house some human remains as captioned subject took part in digging the large holes for these vaults. Captioned subject killed at least seven gay males whose remains he disposed of on a large estate he owned in Hamilton County, Indiana.

"Max", the ISEMA cadaver dog credited with 46 finds to date, searched this area first and alerted in a section of the search area directly over the burial site for the tombs. "Alex" searched the area second and alerted in three areas, one of which was exactly where "Max" alerted, the other two alert points were in the same immediate area. "Tas" went last and also alerted in the same place that "Alex" alerted. It should be noted that all attempts to train cadaver dogs not to alert on animal remains are made during training and none of the three dogs utilized during this search has a habit of alerting on animal remains.

IPD will be utilizing the GPR capabilities of the FBI-ERF during the week of 8/11/97. The results of the K-9 cadaver searches may well serve to provide part of the probable cause necessary for IPD to obtain a warrant, if needed, for the excavation and the subsequent search of the vaults and the surrounding pits for human remains. Detective [redacted] has advised that she will inform SA [redacted] of the GPR results when they are completed as well as the results of any excavation efforts at that site.

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The second site searched was at the location of a residence owned by captioned subject. Baumeister's [redacted] is still an occupant at this location and is very cooperative with current law enforcement efforts. While all three dogs displayed interest in one section of the yard, no alerts were indicated. It was later determined that there was a manhole near that area and it is likely that the dogs were indicating interest in the scent of sewage emanating from that manhole, a normal reaction for cadaver dogs. The basement of this house was also searched. "Max" and "Tas" either alerted or showed interest in a corner of this basement. "Alex" gave no alerts at this location. IPD Detectives believe that this location may have been used by captioned subject to kill his victims and then he would subsequently bury them elsewhere. IPD discussed the possibility of using luminol to process this residence although the value of such investigation may have decreased due to the amount of time that has passed since Baumeister's death.

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Three sites were originally set for search. However, the 3.3 acre site belonging to captioned subject's [redacted] was not

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searched due to the fact that the [redacted] withdrew her consent to search prior to 8/7/97. It should be noted that it is highly likely that Baumeister buried other victims at this location because the layout of the land is so similar to his estate in Hamilton County, Indiana and because he had unlimited access to this land. IPD is discussing the possibility of either re-approaching [redacted] for consent to search that land or obtaining a search warrant for the site. However, it does not currently appear that there is sufficient probable cause to obtain a search warrant for that property.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/16/1997

To: CIRG

Attn: CASKU

SA [REDACTED]

From: Indianapolis

7-Mera

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: Alford Wayne R.

Drafted By: [REDACTED]:slsl1116.259

Case ID #: 252B-HQ-1113775 (Closed)
62D-IP-83245 (Closed)

Title: HERBERT BAUMEISTER;
SERIAL KILLER
INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Synopsis: Request for Indianapolis Division to provide
CIRG/CASKU with copies of all information contained in
62D-IP-83245.

Enclosures: Enclosed for CASKU are two copies each of: an EC
dated 7/29/97, an Indianapolis Star newspaper article dated
5/3/97, an EC with attachments dated 8/8/97, and a letter
addressed to Wayne Alford, SAC Indianapolis, from Detective [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Indianapolis Police Department, which is dated August 12,
1997.

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Details: Reference SA [REDACTED] telcall to SA [REDACTED] FBI-
Mera, dated 9/16/97.

SA [REDACTED] requested that copies of all serials in
Indianapolis Domestic Police Cooperation case (62D-IP-83245) be
forwarded to the corresponding CIRG/CASKU case 252B-HQ-1113775 so
as to complete CIRG's file with all available information on
captioned matter. The enclosed material does not represent all
of the serials in 62D-IP-83245, however, it does represent all of
the information captured by the Indianapolis file.

There are several FD-302's (which are attached to the
EC dated 8/8/97) which were also entered into the file as
separate serials. The individual FD-302's are therefore not
enclosed due to their duplicative nature.

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To: CIRG From: Indianapolis
Re: 252B-HQ-1113775, 09/16/1997

62D-IP-83245 has been closed in as much as the cadaver search and related reports have been completed by SA [redacted] and her K-9, "Alex".

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/16/1997

To: Indianapolis

From: SA [redacted]

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Case ID #: 62D-IP-83245 (Closed)

Title: HERBERT BAUMEISTER (DECEASED);
SERIAL KILLER;
INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
DOMESTIC POLICE COOPERATION

Synopsis: Change in case status

Details: Per instructions by Acting Supervisory Special Agent [redacted] this case is being closed in as much as the requested cadaver search and resulting reports have been completed. Any and all forthcoming updates will be forwarded to this case while in the closed status.

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ROGER ALLAN GOODLET W/M, 7/30/60 DEC'D
RICHARD DOUGLAS HAMILTON W/M, 5/5/73 DEC'D

SYNOPSIS: (V)'S SKELETAL REMAINS WERE ALL FOUND TOGETHER ON
(S) BAUMIESTER'S PROPERTY. (S) BAUMIESTER COMMITTED
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PREBLE COUNTY PROSECUTORS OFFICE
COURTHOUSE
EATON, OHIO 45320

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Fax: 837-458-3841

WHILE JULIE WAS AWAY

Family man Herb Baumeister led a secret life. Was he Indiana's worst serial murderer?

INDIANA STATE POLICE DEPT. PHOTO



"Herb [in 1985] was meticulous," says Julie Baumeister (right, in 1965). "He wanted everything to be perfect." Fearful of retribution for the killings, she declined to be photographed for this article.

► Some of the seven sets of human bones police found last summer at Fox Hollow Farm were in the woods, no more than 25 yards behind Herb Baumeister's house.



JULIE BAUMEISTER WAS TROUBLED that day in the fall of 1994 when Erich, her 13-year-old, brought home a human skull. He'd found it in the woods of Fox Hollow Farm, the family's \$1 million estate in the Indianapolis suburb of Westfield. Julie was even more unsettled when Erich led her to the site of his ghoulish discovery. There, among the fallen leaves, lay a cluster of bones.

That night, Herb Baumeister, Julie's husband of 23 years, dispelled her anxiety: The bones, he said, were from a medical school skeleton once owned by his late father, an anesthesiologist.

What they were doing in the backyard Herb didn't say; days later Julie noticed they had vanished, carried off by an animal, she assumed. She quickly forgot the episode. "It wasn't like I was sitting at home with nothing else to think about," she says.

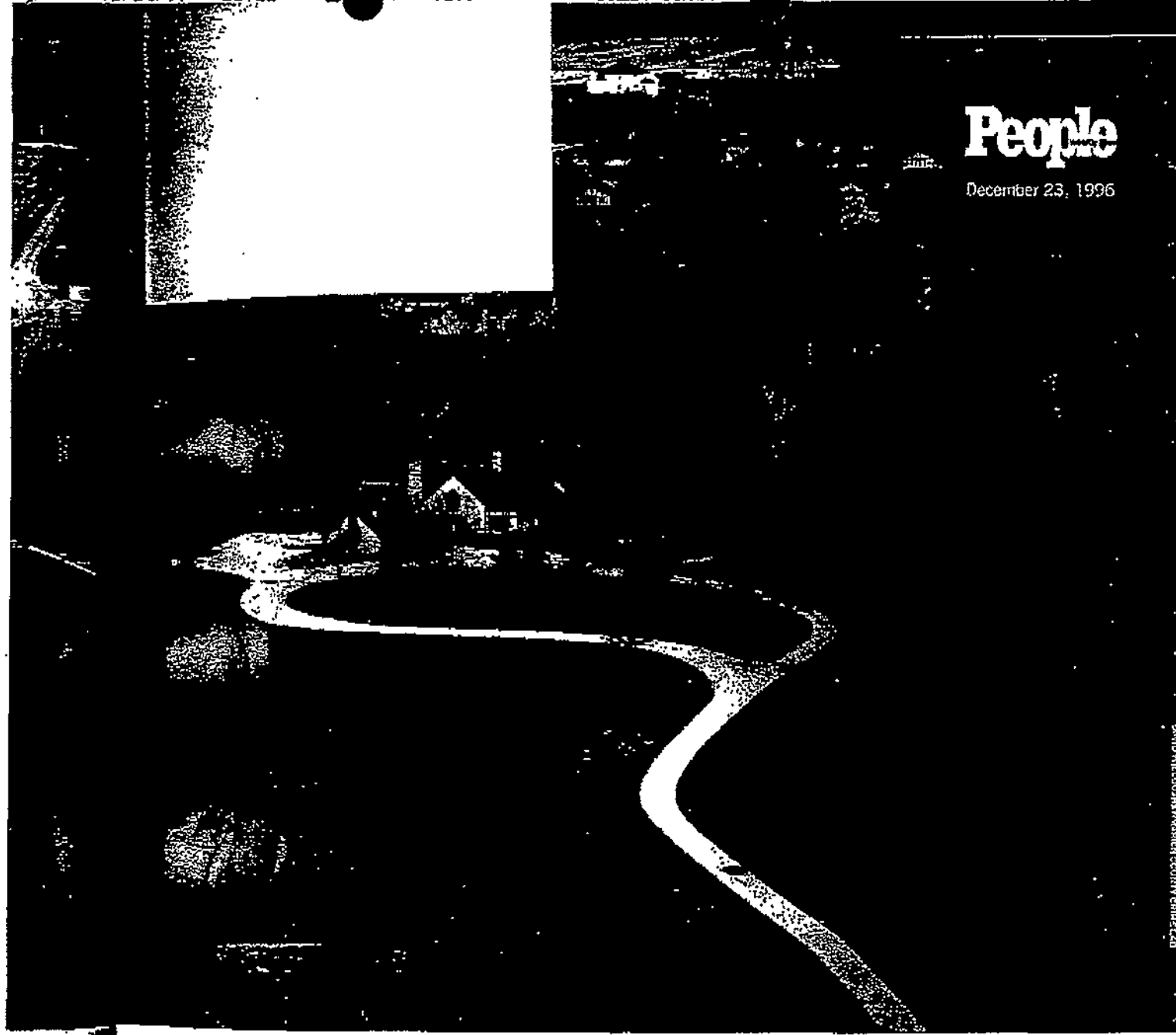
In fact there was much Julie Baumeister, now 45, didn't know about Herb. Every summer, Julie usually left town for part of each month, taking Erich, now 15, and daughters Marne, 17, and Emily, 12, to stay at a lakeside condo 100 miles to the north, owned by Herb's mother, Elizabeth. Herb stayed home during the workweek. By

day he would mind the couple's business, a chain of local thrift stores called Sav-A-Lot. By night, Julie later learned, he would cruise the gay bars of Indianapolis.

Herb's other secrets, police believe, were chilling and deadly. Last June, while he was visiting the condo, officers found hundreds of bones at Fox Hollow Farm, adding up to the remains of seven people. Four have been identified: Roger Alan Goodlet, 33, Steven Hale, 26, and Richard Hamilton, 20, all of Indianapolis, and Manuel Resendez, 31, of Lafayette, Ind. All frequented the same bars that Baumeister did—and all went missing on

People

December 23, 1996



days, when his wife and kids were away. For now, says Sgt. Ken Whisman of the Hamilton County (Ind.) sheriff's department, Baumeister is merely a prime suspect "in the disappearance" of the four identified men, who won't be ruled homicide victims until forensic specialists determine a cause of death. But officials believe that when the bodies are vetted (six Indianapolis men who fit the profile of the victims are missing), Herb Baumeister may emerge as the most prolific serial killer in Indiana history.

If so, he is beyond earthly justice. The day after police began searching his property, the 49-year-old Baumeis-



« Sgt. Ken Whisman of the Hamilton County sheriff's dept. says Julia and her children "did whatever they could to help us" during the search for bodies on their estate, "even though their lives were coming down in shambles around them."

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ter disappeared. He had been missing for eight days when campers discovered his body last July 3, lying beside his car in Ontario's Pinery Provincial Park, shot through the forehead with a .357 Magnum. He left behind a rambling, three-page suicide note, apologizing for his family's financial woes (the business was nearly bankrupt) but not mentioning the hideous crimes he is now thought to have committed. His widow was stunned. True, she and Herb had grown apart and were contemplating divorce. But Julie had blamed the tensions on their precarious finances. "The police came to me and said, 'We are investigating your husband in relation to homosexual homicide.'" Julie says, recalling her first contact with detectives. "I remember saying to them, 'Can you tell me what homosexual homicide is?'"

For Julie Baumeister the shock was all the more jarring because of the close-knit, even cloistered, family life she and Herb had tried to build at Fox Hollow Farm. The Baumeisters, who had few friends, showered their attention on their children. Herb, Julie recalls, was a dedicated parent, involved in all aspects of their children's upbringing, whether it was choosing their preschool, buying their Christmas toys or making their peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches.

Perhaps he was trying to re-create what had seemed to be his own happy childhood. Julie says Herb grew up in a Beaver Cleaver kind of home in Indianapolis, the eldest child of Herbert and Elizabeth Baumeister. He entered Indiana University in 1965 but left after one semester. For a time he worked as a copy boy for the *Indianapolis Star*. Garry Donna, then an ad representative at the paper, recalls him as eager to please but eccentric. For one thing, he and a friend co-owned a secondhand hearse. "I remember [friends] saying, 'What's the deal with this guy?'" Donna says. "I just said, 'Well, Herb's just Herb.'"

Herb returned to IU in the fall of 1967 and met Julie, also a student there. "He was nice, fun to be with and good-looking," she recalls. "We both liked cars, and we were both Young Republicans." They married in 1971 and soon bought a house in Indianapolis. Herb began clerking at the State Bureau of Motor Vehicles, where he would work his way up to supervi-



A Brain-damaged victim Roger Goodlet was trusting.



A Steven Hale had a record as a burglar and prostitute.



A His sister recalls Richard Hamilton as a "wanderer."



A Manuel Resendez had worked at a children's home.



sor, Julie taught high school English. "We did everything together," she says. "He would push the mower, and I would trim the bushes." But in the early '70s Herb became so depressed that his physician father had him committed for over a month to a psychiatric hospital. Julie did not dispute the decision. He was "hurting and needed help," she says now. In fact, ex-colleagues at the motor vehicle agency say he was a perfectionist given to sudden, unprovoked rages.

After Herb left his job in 1985, he worked at a local thrift store. The experience inspired him to pursue what Julie calls their "joint vision." In 1989, after borrowing \$350,000 in seed money from Herb's mother, they opened the first of three Sav-A-Lots, where they sold used clothing, giving some \$50,000 of their profits annually to a charity benefiting neglected children. Attorney John Egloff, who represented their business, says both partners were intelligent and "socially conscious," though Herb was domineering. "Julie deferred to Herb," he says, "but wasn't very happy about it." Oddly, Sav-A-Lot employees note, Baumeister would of-

ten disappear during the workday, sometimes for hours at a time.

After initial success, the Baumeisters' business began to fail—as did their marriage. As Julie tells it, the long hours they put in at the stores, the pressures of parenting and, later, the financial strain, led to a kind of burnout. Herb moved out in February 1991 and filed for divorce. The couple soon reconciled, though, and that November, in spite of their business problems, bought Fox Hollow Farm. Purchased with a small down payment, the estate boasted a four-bedroom house and an indoor pool. Julie says they saw it as a "utopia" where their children "could Rollerblade without having to worry about cars coming around the corner."

Though she didn't know it, by then Herb was also involved—perhaps uneasily—in the gay nightlife scene. "Some people, when they come into a gay bar, act like they're afraid of being here," says Jim Brown, owner of the upscale Metropolitan Restaurant and Nightclub, which caters to gay professionals. "He didn't seem like he was comfortable."



“I don't know if I want to know how he died,” Catherine Araujo says of her son Roger Gaudet.

Y Club owner Jim Brown says Baumeister seemed uncomfortable among his gay clientele.



I asked them,’ Julie says of the police inquiry, ‘Can you tell me what homosexual homicide is?’

It was in May 1993 that gay men began disappearing in the area—10 would vanish in a little over two years. Police scoured gay Indianapolis, interviewing bar-goers and posting flyers. But leads were scarce. Then, in the fall of 1994, a man told them of a strange tryst he had had that summer with someone named Brian: They had gone to Brian’s sprawling estate and, at Brian’s behest, had engaged in autoerotic asphyxia, a sexual practice involving suffocation, often to the brink of death. The informant remained shaken by the encounter. In the fall of 1995, he had spotted Brian again and,

aware of the rash of disappearances, had taken down his license-plate number. It turned out to be the missing link: Brian was Herb Baumeister.

In November, detectives showed up at Fox Hollow Farm asking to search the estate. When Herb refused, police, lacking sufficient evidence for a warrant, went to work on Julie. Approaching her at a Sav-A-Lot, they told her about Herb’s cruising—and that he was a suspect in the disappearances. “I was angry,” Julie says. “I said, ‘You’re wrong. That can’t be true.’” When she confronted Herb with the charges, he dismissed them; Julie pressed no further.

With nothing to go on but one man’s brief and bizarre encounter, police made little headway for five months. When they approached Julie a second time, she rebuffed them again. Still, her apparent loyalty to Herb belied their escalating marital problems—by June, the couple were no longer speaking. Moreover, Julie, now haunted by the skull Erich had found, had become increasingly suspicious. “What if the police are right and I’m wrong?” she recalls thinking. On June 24, when Herb was away, she finally allowed police to inspect the

property. Remembering the two-week search that followed, she says she clung to her children as if “huddling all my puppies together.” Herb’s eight-day disappearance before his suicide added to the agony. “I kept saying, ‘Where is he?’” Julie recalls. “But no one knew.”

The months since Herb’s death have been particularly wrenching for Marne, Erich and Emily, who, Julie says, idolized a father now portrayed by police and local media as a monster. Still, she insists, “nothing can take away the love these kids had for their dad.” Late last summer she and the children moved from Fox Hollow Farm back to the house in Indianapolis where she had begun her life with Herb nearly 25 years ago. “Our biggest question now is how he could have loved us and done this,” she says of Herb’s alleged atrocities. “Happiness as we knew it is never going to return.”

■ RICHARD JEROME

■ KENNETH WEINSTEIN in Indiana

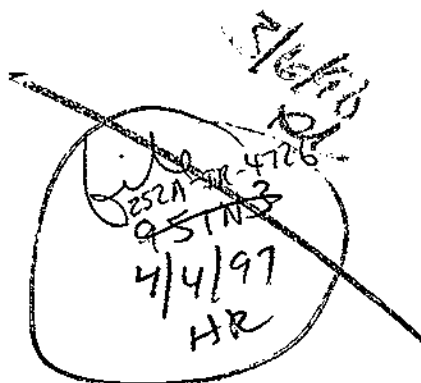
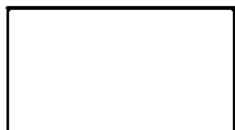
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Date: 03/25/1997

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Case ID #: 252B-HQ-1113775 (Pending) - 10

Title: HERBERT E. BAUMEISTER, aka Brian Staats;
RICHARD DOUGLAS HAMILTON - Victim (Deceased); ✓
STEVEN SPURLIN HALE - Victim (Deceased); ✓
MANUEL RESENDEZ - Victim (Deceased); ✓
ROGER ALLAN GOODLET - Victim (Deceased); ✓
MICHAEL KEIRN - Victim (Deceased); ✓
JOHNNY LEE BAYER - Victim (Missing);
JEFFREY ALAN JONES - Victim (Missing);
[REDACTED] - Victim (Missing);
ALLEN WAYNE BROUSSARD - Victim (Missing);
Indianapolis Police Department,
Indianapolis, Indiana;
05/28/1993 - 07/22/1994
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Synopsis: Change of Title - IO; advise receiving offices of determination of identification of four (4) skeletal remains. Three (3) of the identified remains are those of captioned victims and their missing status have been changed to reflect deceased. The fourth victim's identity has been added to the title. A fifth victim's identity, Michael Keirn, DOB: 09/09/61, has been added to the title, in that the victim's clothing had been recovered from the captioned subject's residence.

Previous Title: UNSUB(s);
JOHNNY LEE BAYER - Victim (Missing);
JEFFREY ALAN JONES - Victim (Missing);
RICHARD DOUGLAS HAMILTON - Victim (Missing);
[REDACTED];
STEVEN SPURLIN HALE - Victim (Missing);
ROGER ALLAN GOODLET - Victim (Missing);
Indianapolis, Indiana,
05/28/1993 - 07/22/1994;
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Reference: 252B-HQ-1113775 Serial 7

Administrative: Reference 03/12/1997 telcall between Indianapolis detective [REDACTED] and SSA [REDACTED] CASKU, and 03/12/1997 voicemail message to SA [REDACTED] Indianapolis, from SSA [REDACTED]

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Details: On 03/12/1997, Detective [REDACTED] Indianapolis Police Department (IPD), Missing Persons Unit, Indianapolis, Indiana, telephone [REDACTED] advised CASKU of the recent results of the examination of seven (7) skeletal remains recovered from the captioned subject's property in June, 1996. Three (3) of the identified remains are those of captioned

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victims. The fourth identified remains are those of a homosexual hispanic male, Manuel Resendez, residing in the Lafayette, Indiana, area and last seen in the Indianapolis, Indiana, downtown area at a gay bar on 08/06/1993. Victim Resendez's disappearance was not investigated by IPD due to his Lafayette, Indiana, residency. Lafayette is a community of about 44,000 population, home of the Purdue University Boilermakers and about 66 miles northeast of Indianapolis.

A fifth victim, Michael Keirn, white male, homosexual, DOB: 02/25/1949, was last seen on 04/01/1995, at a gay bar in the Indianapolis, Indiana, downtown area. A jacket believed to be his was recovered from Baumeister's residence. To date, it is unknown if any of the three (3) remaining unidentified skeletal remains are his. His missing status has been changed to homicide and related case closed by local authorities.

CASKU is attempting to develop background on Baumeister from IPD detective [redacted]. Detective [redacted] advised there is an interest in attempting to determine whether Baumeister is responsible for a series of unsolved homicides involving homosexual males last seen in the downtown Indianapolis, Indiana, area and recovered in the Preble County, Ohio, area (incidents are further referenced in previous Serial #7).

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Detective [redacted] stated she has been coordinating her investigation with [redacted] detective, Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Noblesville, Indiana, telephone [redacted] and [redacted] Investigator, Preble County Sheriff's Department, Eaton, Ohio, telephone [redacted]. These officials would be logical contacts for both Indianapolis and Cincinnati's NCAVC Coordinators (in addition to other local officials both coordinators have already established).

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CASKU requests Indianapolis and Cincinnati's NCAVC Coordinators to contact their respective local law enforcement officials who were involved with the homicide investigations of homosexual males between 1989 - 1991 (252B-IP-72746 and 252B-CI-56934) and inquire whether there is still an active interest in reviewing these unsolved homicides in relation to the current solved homicides involving Baumeister. If a positive response is obtained, CASKU will gladly assist Indianapolis and Cincinnati in coordinating such a conference.

For the information of Indianapolis, IPD detective [redacted] is considering conducting a search of Baumeister's former residence for evidence of other homicides (4421, East 75th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana). Since the recovery of the skeletal remains from his current residence (1111 East 156th Street, Westfield, Indiana) and subsequent to his homicide, [redacted] has relocated to the Indianapolis address [redacted]. Presently, [redacted] [redacted] detective [redacted] inquired as to any non-evasive techniques to locate bodies.

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Several techniques were discussed to include first using a cadaver canine and then the use of the FBI's Engineering Research Facility (ERF) services (ground penetrating radar, magnetometer, etc). An ERF questionnaire was transmitted to IPD via facsimile which outlined the procedures to request their services. Indianapolis' Technically Trained Agent [redacted] will be the point of contact for processing this request to ERF personnel. It is requested that Indianapolis NCAVC Coordinator, SA [redacted] maintain contact with IPD detective [redacted] and coordinate efforts between SA [redacted], ERF and IPD re: the

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search of Baumeister's property. Detective [redacted] advised she will first attempt to obtain [redacted] consent to search, but there is enough probable cause to obtain a search warrant if necessary.

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CASKU will continue to support Indianapolis with the captioned matters and is available for on-site assistance if needed regarding the search of property and any conference to review Baumeister's possible involvement in the series of unsolved homicides of homosexual males.

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VIC. 1	BAYER. J	THUR. 05/28/93 0800	INDIANAPOLIS	PROSTITUTION	20YOA, W/M, 5'5	
	95-IN-6		PUBLIC STREET		135LBS, LT RED HAIR	
VIC. 2	JONES. J	TUE. 07/06/93 0730	INDIANAPOLIS		31YOA, W/M, 5'11	
	95-IN-4		DOWNTOWN		185LBS, BROWN HAIR	
VIC. 3	HAMILTON. R	SUN 07/31/93 0200	INDIANAPOLIS	PROSTITUTION	20YOA, W/M, 6'3	
	93-IN-20		APARTMENT		150LBS, BROWN HAIR	
VIC. 4						
VIC. 5	BROUSSARD. A	TUE. 06/07/94 0120	INDIANAPOLIS	PROSTITUTION	28YOA, W/M, 5'7	
	95-IN-2		GAY BAR/OUR PLACE		140LBS, BROWN HAIR	
VIC. 6	HALE. S	WED. 07/13/94	INDIANAPOLIS	PROSTITUTION	26YOA, W/M, 6'	
	95-in-8				150LBS, BROWN HAIR	
VIC. 7	GOODLET. R	FRI. 07/22/94 0315	INDIANAPOLIS	PROSTITUTION	33YOA, W/M, 5'11	
	95-IN-3				150LBS, BROWN HAIR	POSS UNSUB
						W/M, BLUE VEH, POSS. OH PLATE

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CAVALIER, IN DOWNTOWN INDIANAPOLIS IN AN AREA OF PROSTITUTION. GOODLET HAS*****
ALCOHOL ABUSE PROBLEMS. HE LIVED AT HOME W/ HIS MOTHER & STEP-FATHER. HE WAS***
CLOSE TO HIS FAMILY. HE HAD AN EASY GOING NATURE. HIS MODE OF TRANSPORTATION**
WAS BY BUS, WALKING, BUMMING RIDES W/ FRIENDS. THIS CASE IS SIMILAR TO THE*****
ABOVE STATED CASES INVOLVING HOMOSEXUAL AND/OR GAY MEN. GOODLET WORE A MUSTACHE
HE FREQUENTED GAY BARS IN THE DOWNTOWN INDPLS AREA. HE HAD NO PIERCED EAR:*****
SEE 95IN2~95IN6 & 8 & 93IN20. [REDACTED]*****

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18 CASE TYPE: KIDNAPPING*****
19 REPEAT OFFENDER: ***
20 DRUG RELATED: NO*
21 DATE OF REPORT: 09 / 08 / 1994
DATE TIME EXACT APPROX.
22 VICTIM LAST SEEN: 07 / 22 / 1994 0315 (*) (X)
23 DEATH/MAJOR ASSAULT: ** / ** / **** **** (*) (*)
24 VICTIM FOUND: ** / ** / **** **** (*) (*)
25 THIS IS VICTIM 1 OF 1** VICTIM(S)
26 VICTIM STATUS: MISSING*****
27 NAME: GOODLET***** , ROGER***** ALLAN*****
SUFFIX: *****
28 ALIAS: GOODLET***** , ALLAN***** *****
RESIDENCE:
29 CITY: INDIANAPOLIS***** 30 STATE: IN 31 ZIP: ***** - *****
PROVINCE: ***** COUNTRY: **
32 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: 311 - 70 - 3921
33 FBI NUMBER: *****
34 SEX: MALE*****
35 RACE: CAUCASIAN*****
36 DATE OF BIRTH: 07 / 30 / 1960
37 AGE: 33 AGE FACTOR +/-: **
38 HEIGHT: 5 FEET, 11 INCHES
39 WEIGHT: 150 POUNDS WEIGHT FACTOR +/-: ***
40 BUILD: SMALL*****
41 HAIR LENGTH: SHORT*****
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OFFICER'S NARRATIVE

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7/22/94 VICTIM LAST SEEN. MR. GOODLET HAS NUMEROUS ARRESTS FOR PROSTITUTION.***
HE WAS LAST SEEN GETTING INTO A 1978-80 BLUE CHEVROLET, POSSIBLY IMPALA OR*****

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 07/18/1996

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From: SAC, CIRG
Child Abduction & Serial Killer Unit
Contact: SSA [REDACTED] (540) 720-4718

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Case ID #: 252B-HQ-1112775 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB(S);

JOHNNY LEE BAYER - VICTIM (MISSING); 951N6
JEFFREY ALAN JONES - VICTIM (MISSING); 951N4
RICHARD DOUGLAS HAMILTON - VICTIM (MISSING); 951N20

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[REDACTED] 951N25
ALLEN WAYNE BROUSSARD - VICTIM (MISSING); 951N28
STEVEN SPURLIN HALE - VICTIM (MISSING); 951N3
ROGER ALLAN GOODLET - VICTIM (MISSING); 951N3
INDIANAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT,
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
5/28/93 - 7/22/94,
CASKU - SERIES OF MISSING PERSONS

Synopsis: Discovery of human bones in Westfield, IN and subsequent suicide of property owner.

Reference: 252B-HQ-1113775, serial 6.

Administrative: Reference 07/17/1996 telcal between SA [REDACTED] IP Division and SSA [REDACTED] CIRG; 07/17/1996 telcal between Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) detective [REDACTED] and SSA [REDACTED] CIRG.

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Re: 252B-HQ-1112775 July 18, 1996

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Details: On 06/25/1996, local law enforcement officials consensually searched the property of Herbert E. Baumeister for possible human bones based upon a previous find of a human bone by [REDACTED]. Law enforcement officials were accompanied by a forensic anthropologist from a local university. Early on in the search numerous human bones were located, to include parts of arms, legs, and skulls. A search warrant was then obtained and a more extensive search was conducted of this 18 acre property located at 1111 E. 156th Street, Westfield, IN (Hamilton County - a suburb of Indianapolis, IN).

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To date, bones have been recovered from an estimated five (5) separate bodies. Two (2) hyoid bones have been recovered and determined to be fractured. One (1) was ruled as having been fractured prior to death. Skulls pieces have been recovered but no ruling as to whether any trauma is related to these pieces. Numerous loose teeth and a partial jaw bone with some teeth intact have been recovered. Many of the bones that have been recovered had been burned. At this time it is unknown whether the bones had been burned premortem or postmortem. The forensic anthropologist is currently processing the recovered bones and will attempt to determine the identities of the victims, stating that it will be a time-consuming process.

Baumeister owned this property and resided on it with [REDACTED] until recently. Baumeister was in the process of a divorce at the time of this incident and was residing at an Indianapolis address (4421 E. 75th Street). Baumeister denied any involvement with the recovered bones and refused to cooperate with authorities. On 07/03/1996, Baumeister committed suicide near Toronto, Canada. Baumeister left a suicide note but the content was more of a fantasy as to what he wanted to do with his life. It did not yield any information as to the nature of the recovered bones or the identities of the victims.

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[REDACTED] gave consent to authorities to search the property [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] She informed authorities that [REDACTED] had recovered a complete skull sometime in December, 1994. She searched the area where the skull was found and located an almost complete human skeleton. This area was one where they (Baumeister family) continuously burned yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, bushes). She concluded that the

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skeleton could not have been there very long due to the ongoing burning process. When she confronted Baumeister with this finding he told her that the skeleton was a medical model provided to him by his father who is a physician (anesthesiologist). She discarded the skull in the trash and did not further discuss this with Baumeister.

IPD and Hamilton County Sheriff detectives continue to develop further background information regarding Baumeister. It has been determined that Baumeister was involved with gay men and was not open about his homosexual activities. It has also been alleged that Baumeister was seen with captioned victim Roger Goodlet about two (2) weeks prior to Goodlet's reported disappearance. Baumeister sometimes used an alias when meeting gay men and gave information to lead these men to believe that he was from or associated with the Dayton, OH area. Baumeister was employed at one time with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and had in his possession an Indiana driver's license listing a fictitious date of birth. It is unknown at this time if he possessed any additional identification with fictitious names or descriptive data.

Detective [] IPD is currently working with the Preble, OH County Sheriff's Department to determine if there is any association between Baumeister and a series of unsolved murders of gay males (252A-IR-2572, 252A-D2-3088, 252B-IP-72746, 252B-IP-73539 and 252B-CI-56934). Some of these victims were male prostitutes from the Indianapolis area and found dead in Preble County, Ohio. Preble County borders the Ohio/Indiana state line and is between Richmond, IN and Dayton, OH., traversed east/west by Interstate 70.

It is unknown whether any of the recovered bones from Baumeister's property are those of the missing captioned victims. As previously listed above, it has been alleged that Baumeister was seen in the company of captioned victim Goodlet, prior to Goodlet's disappearance. It is unknown at this time if any of the other captioned victims had any associations with Baumeister. IPD continues to develop background information on Baumeister which may yield further lead information.

VICAP's services for an NCIC off-line search were offered to IPD of Baumeister and any vehicles he drove or had access to. Detective [] will consult with Hamilton County

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officials to determine what NCIC off-line requests they may have already initiated. Bureau forensic and laboratory services were offered if the local resources already employed by IPD should need assistance. If not already done, it was recommended that known blood, hair and fingerprint specimens should be collected from Baumeister's body for possible comparison to any trace evidence collected from the crime scenes of the above listed Ohio/Indiana murders.

CASKU will continue to offer assistance as requested.

Descriptive Data:

Main Subject

Name -	
Last:	Baumeister
First:	Herbert
Middle:	E.
Alias:	Brian Staats
Race:	W
Sex:	M
DOB:	04/07/1947 (true)
DOB:	04/07/1952
Address -	
House #:	1111
Street Name:	E. 156th
City:	Westfield
State:	IN
Address -	
House #:	4421
Street Name:	E. 75th
City:	Indianapolis
State:	IN

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Recent human remains found in woods

Resident unearths bone behind Westfield farmstead

By LAURA MUSALL
and EVELYN ELLISON
Ledger staff writers

WESTFIELD — Human remains have been found in the woods behind an upscale Westfield farmstead.

Anthropologists and investigators will return to the home at 1111 E.

156th St. today, said Eddie Moore, a Hamilton County Sheriff's employee.

The farmstead is located about a mile west of U.S. 31 on 156th Street.

Moore said this morning investigators found what they believe to be at least the remains of one adult.

are also in Westfield as investigators try to match the remains with missing persons reports from Indianapolis, said Hamilton County Prosecutor Sonia Leekamp.

Preliminary tests show the remains have been there six months to a year, Leekamp said.

A resident of the farmstead's home found a bone in the woods, Moore said. The bones were on the ground in the woods, he said. Inves-

tigators would not release the name of the resident.

Investigators do not have any information on the cause of death, Moore said.

Herbert E. Baumeister, who owns the home, said he had not been contacted by police.

"I don't know anything about that," said Baumeister, who lives at 4421 E. 75th St. in Indianapolis.

Baumeister said he normally rents

the home, but that he believes it's currently vacant.

The Hamilton County Assessor's office lists Richard Russell as the owner of the 18.25 acres, which includes several small barns and a swimming pool.

Russell said he bought the property in 1988 and sold it to Baumeister in 1992.

Russell said he knows nothing about the police investigation. The property has a \$364,500 tax

value, according to the Hamilton County Assessor's office.

The home includes a horse barn called Fox Hollow Farm. A large house set back from the road is surrounded by rolling hills and soccer woods.

"It'll likely take investigators rest of this week to comb the property," the prosecutor said.

Ledger reporter Michelle Al contributed to this article.

At least 3 bodies in remains

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By LAURA MUSALL

Ledger city editor

WESTFIELD — Anthropologists have found the remains of at least three people — and possibly more — in the woods behind an upscale Westfield horse farm.

Hamilton County Coroner Joe Roberts said this morning anthropologists have determined most of the remains found in the woods are human.

Several large bones — the largest about 12-inches long — have been found, but most of the bones discovered have been fragments, police said.

Anthropologists have also uncovered some teeth, Roberts said.

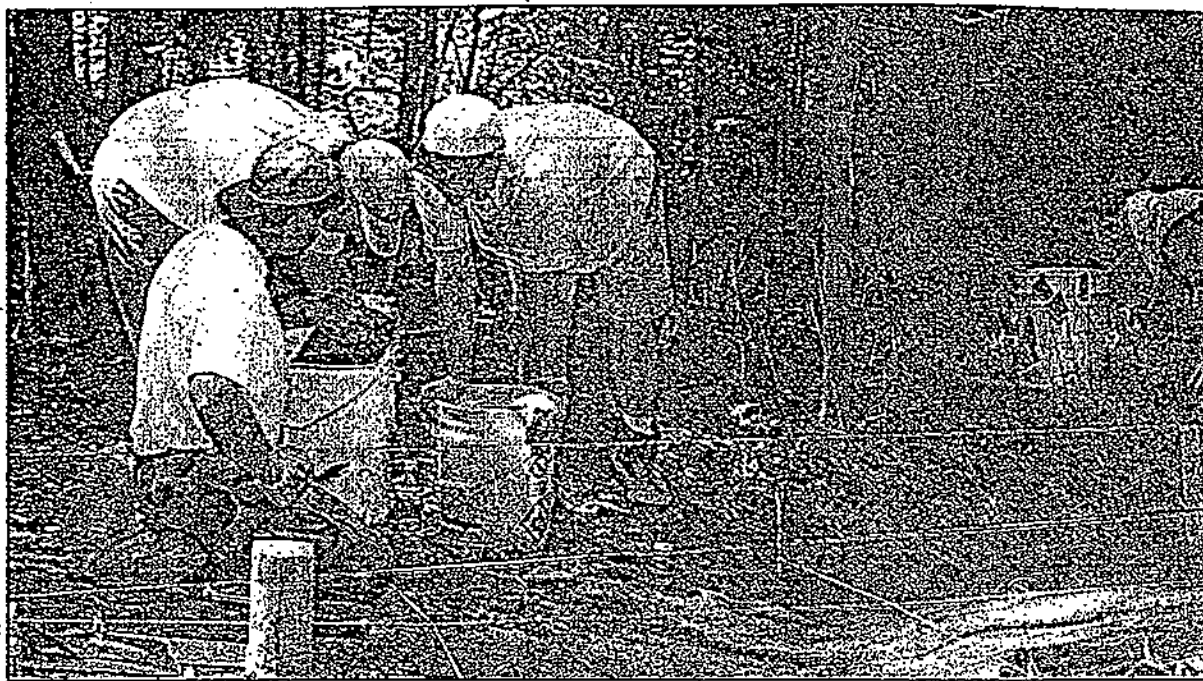
Dr. Stephen P. Nawrocki, a forensic anthropologist from the University of Indianapolis, is leading the search.

It could take four to five more days before a team of anthropologists has finished combing the half acres of woods, said Hamilton County Sheriff Joe Cook.

As soon as Norma Melton learned the remains of bodies had been found here thoughts went immediately to her daughter, Dorothea "Dot" Crain who has been missing since October 1994.

She was last seen at the Carmel Motel on U.S. 31, about two miles from the farm.

"It's upsetting," Melton said from her home Wednesday in Columbus.



Kelly J. Huff / Daily I

University of Indianapolis anthropologists sift through dirt Wednesday in a wooded area near a home at 1111 E. 156th St. in W field. Bones found in the area are believed to be those of three human adults.

"Anyway you go, it's upsetting."

There have been no new developments in her daughter's case.

Anthropologists are working now investigators said.

To collect the bones and then will Preliminary reports revealed that begin to try to identify the bodies, bones had been there less than a year

Identities may not be known
But the cause of death or even identities may never be known

Remains: 3 human bodies

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coroner said.

Anthropologists and police investigators arrived at the upscale 18-acre horse farm — called Fox Valley Estates — Tuesday afternoon. It is located on 156th Street about a mile west of U.S. 31.

A resident at the home found a bone in the woods about 60 yards from the house on Tuesday. That person called police.

The bones were found on the surface on a hill in the dense woods. The bones have been scattered either by animals or from erosion, said Hamilton County Sheriff's Sgt. Eddie Moore.

Anthropologists used orange flags to mark spots where possible bone fragments were found. About 24 hours later 50 flags dotted a clearing.

Police have also used cadaver dogs to help identify areas where there may be possible remains.

Indiana University Professor Richard Ward said the first question anthropologists ask when remains are found is whether they are human. That's relatively easy to determine, he said.

The next question is whether they are historic, said Ward of Fishers.

At six months flesh would likely remain on the bones, Ward said.

Investigators this morning said no flesh was on the bones and no other identification such as clothing or jewelry had been found.

Identifying the age is fairly easy, too for someone with some experience, Ward said.

Depending on the number of bones found, the height, weight and sex of the body may also be determined, Ward said.

Finding teeth is like having a billfold, he said. Teeth can be matched with dental records to identify a body, he said.

"It's amazing what you can do with pieces," he said.

Anthropologists Wednesday dug out layers of dirt with hand trowels and placed fragments into 5-gallon buckets. They then used a sifter to shake loose the dirt.

There's a utility shed northwest of the site also believed to contain bones, police said.

Coroner: Human bones show signs of burning

Anthropologists may finish work today in woods behind Westfield horse farm



By RON BROWNING and LAURA MUSALL
Lodge and writer

WESTFIELD — Investigators have found three left wrists, teeth and possibly a piece of cloth in a woods behind an 18-acre horse farm.

Some of the human bones had been burned, said Hamilton County Coroner Joe Roberts. It's unknown whether the bodies were burned or whether the bones had been burned when residents at the home burned trash.

University of Indianapolis forensic

anthropologists were not sure that they put the bones under a microscope. Roberts said.

With a naked eye, anthropologists did determine some of the bones had been burned worse than others, Roberts said.

Anthropologists and forensic investigators will likely wrap up their work today on the farm on 156th Street west of U.S. 31.

Then the person of bones he found. They put the bones under a microscope. Roberts said.

Work began Tuesday (excavating about a half an acre of woods about 60 yards behind the upscale home. A resident found a bone on Tuesday and called police.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Scott Leerkamp said a small piece of cloth may have been found with the remains.

Until anthropologists study the cloth, it is hard to determine whether it is from one of the bodies or just a rag in the yard, Leerkamp said.

Other than that, no clothing or jewelry has been found.

Police are interviewing people who have lived at the farm in the past as well as the family that has lived there now. They've lived on Fox Hollow Farm since See CORONER Page A2

Coroner: Some bones found on surface of small hill

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last five years. Investigators have not released their names.

Police will try to match the remains to any missing persons reports from around central Indiana, said Hamilton County Sheriff's Maj. Dan Nickel.

Leerkamp said it is too early for her office to take an active role in the investigation, but she and an investigator from her office have been at the site.

"We're trying to make sure we're

kept abreast of whatever they're doing out there," Leerkamp said. "I don't know for certain what kind of investigation will result, but if whatever they find out there should result in criminal charges, we must be able to present information from all phases of the investigation, including these preliminary stages."

Most of the bones were found on the surface of a small hill in the dense woods. The coroner said he could see small pieces of bone that would look like small stones to an untrained eye.

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Site may contain as many as 5 bodies

Investigation shows human remains may be of young adults

By LAURA MUSALL

Ledger city editor
WESTFIELD — Investigators continue to unravel a bizarre mystery that has turned up the remains of as many as five people.

The biggest find came Friday when someone happened across even more bones about 50 yards northwest of the house. Archeologists found a jaw with teeth intact and several other bone fragments, said Hamilton County Coroner Joe Roberts.

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department said the bones could be the remains of as many as five people.

Roberts said the bones looks to be of older teens or young adults. Identifications have not been made.

Investigators thought they were wrapping up the excavation of the woods in the back of the 18-acre horse farm Friday. It was near a creek where the bones were found Friday.

"They were surprised," Roberts said. "It was a bigger find than all the other."

Investigators suspect foul play because no clothing, watches rings or personal belongings have been found.

They did turn up a piece of cloth thought to be part of an undergarment, Roberts said. It was near the bones, but it's unknown whether its connected to the bodies.

After four days of searching the woods and now the creek area archeologists have turned up jaw bones, teeth, a pelvic, femur, three left wrists and tiny pieces of human bone scattered beneath the brush and no more than an inch under the surface.

The volunteers Friday arrived on a bright yellow school bus and went immediately to work.

They walked shoulder-to-shoulder and removed brush.

Friday's find will mean three to five

more days of digging on the farm less than a mile from busy U.S. 31 off 156th Street.

Hollow Valley Farm it's called.

It's there the mystery began Tuesday when a resident found a bone in the dense woods behind the house.

The resident — whom police have declined to identify — called police.

That has led to a four-day search of the 18-acre spread in an area of Hamilton County scattered with large horse farms.

The bones could be the remains of as many as five people, Hamilton County Prosecutor Sonia Leerkamp said. Initial investigation shows the bodies could be of young adults or people in their late teens. The bones have been there nine months to a year, she said.

When archeologists finished work on the farm, they will try to piece together the skeletons to identify the bodies and determine how they died.

The bodies were not buried. All the bones have been on the surface or about an inch under the surface, inves-

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"They were surprised. It was a bigger find than all the other."

— Joe Roberts,
Hamilton County coroner

tigators said.

The first bones were found on a hill and bones were scattered in that area.

Police believe animals may have carried away some of the bones. Rain has washed other bones farther from the hill where the largest concentration was found.

Hamilton County Sheriff Joe Cook said it could be 30 days before forensic archeologists are able to piece together the skeletons and complete their report.

Archeologists found burn marks on some of the bones indicating someone may have tried to destroy evidence, Leerkamp said.

Investigators have not identified the

cause of death.

"We can't rule out anything," Sheriff Cook said. "We'll leave every avenue open."

Investigators will try to match the remains with reports of missing persons not only in central Indiana, but around the country, Cook said.

That would most easily be accomplished by dental records.

While archeologists do the tedious excavation, residents of the home continue to stay there.

They have been interviewed and so has the home owner who lives out of town.

The house is at the end of a long winding driveway. Pastures fill the front part of the estate. The back of the estate, however, is bordered with thick woods. The only direct access to the woods is down the lane leading to the house.

Archeologists will return Monday morning. A sheriff's deputy stands post at the entrance of the estate around the clock. Everyone who enters or leaves the premises signs in or out.

Search continues for human remains

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WESTFIELD — Investigators have returned to a Westfield horse farm this morning to look for more human remains.

Investigators and the Hamilton County Highway Department were working on a plan to clear underbrush from the creek bed, said Hamilton County Prosecutor Sonia Leerkamp.

Archeologists worked over the weekend setting up their lab at the University of Indianapolis, said Hamilton County Detective Tom Anderson.

None of the bodies has been identified, and police do not know how they died.

Investigators Friday said there were bones of as many as five people

found in a woods and near a creek. Anderson this morning said only three bodies were confirmed. That was discovered last week when three left wrists were found.

Police have estimated it will take three to five more days to search the 18-acre horse farm on 156th Street.

University of Indianapolis archeologists have led the search for

human bones after a resident of the home found a bone in the woods at the back of the estate.

Archeologists finished their search of about a half acre of woods Friday when more bones were discovered by a creek.

Investigators will begin a more thorough search of the creek bed this morning.

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By ANTHONY JEWELL

Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -- The mystery began when a child stumbled upon human bones buried on an 18-acre farm, and deepened when police found the remains of five adults, handcuffs and shotgun shells on the property.

On Thursday, the case grew even stranger when the estate's owner shot himself to death in Canada, leaving many unanswered questions.

Herbert R. Baumeister was "a suspect big-time" in the investigation of the bones believed to be buried for nine to 18 months on his farm, an unidentified source close to the investigation told The Indianapolis Star.

Police near Toronto found Baumeister's body and Hamilton County Sheriff Joe Cook in Indiana told the newspaper that Baumeister, 48, killed himself.

Police had been trying to question Baumeister about the bones found last month on his Fox Hollow Farm estate in Westfield, 20 miles north of Indianapolis. Baumeister did not appear earlier this week at a divorce hearing, although he was not officially reported missing, his lawyer said.

Baumeister's son found the bones June 24 while playing in a wooded area. The remains of five adults -- including a jaw bone, several teeth and three left wrists -- remnants of 12-gauge shotgun shells and a pair of handcuffs have been found in subsequent searches of three locations on the property. Some of the bones were charred. Police planned to finish the search today.

Indianapolis forensic anthropologist Stephen Nawrocki said it could take more than a month to figure out the identities of the dead. Authorities are studying missing persons records to try to match the remains.

Baumeister and his estranged wife, Juliana, who owned two thrift stores in Indianapolis, moved onto the property five years ago.

Baumeister has lived in Indianapolis since he and his wife began divorce proceedings in January. Mrs. Baumeister and their three children -- ages 16, 14 and 11 -- have remained at the estate.

William Wendling, Mrs. Baumeister's divorce lawyer, said Baumeister's suicide could explain the five deaths.

"We can only hope that there will be something that he may have left, said, written, whatever that would help sort out this situation on their property," he said. "It isn't too great a leap to think that something is there."

Mrs. Baumeister had obtained a protective order against her

husband and was granted emergency custody of her children.

Wendling said she obtained the order because she was worried about how her husband would react to the investigation.

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Synopsis: Discovery of human bones in Westfield, IN and subsequent suicide of property owner.

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Details: On 06/25/1996, local law enforcement officials consensually searched the property of Herbert E. Baumeister for possible human bones based upon a previous find of a human bone by [redacted]. Law enforcement officials were accompanied by a forensic anthropologist from a local university. Early on in the search numerous human bones were located, to include parts of arms, legs, and skulls. A search warrant was then obtained and a more extensive search was conducted of this 18 acre property located at 1111 E. 156th Street, Westfield, IN (Hamilton County - a suburb of Indianapolis, IN).

To date, bones have been recovered from an estimated five (5) separate bodies. Two (2) hyoid bones have been recovered and determined to be fractured. One (1) was ruled as having been fractured prior to death. Skull pieces have been recovered but no ruling as to whether any trauma is related to these pieces. Numerous loose teeth and a partial jaw bone with some teeth intact have been recovered. Many of the bones that have been recovered had been burned. At this time it is unknown whether the bones had been burned antemortem or postmortem. The forensic anthropologist is currently processing the recovered bones and will attempt to determine the identities of the victims, stating that it will be a time-consuming process.

Baumeister owned this property and resided on it with [redacted] until recently. Baumeister was in the process of a divorce at the time of this incident and was residing at an Indianapolis address (4421 E. 75th Street). Baumeister denied any involvement with the recovered bones and

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refused to cooperate with authorities. On 07/03/1996, Baumeister committed suicide near Toronto, Canada. Baumeister left a suicide note but the content was more of a fantasy as to what he wanted to do with his life. It did not yield any information as to the nature of the recovered bones or the identities of the victims.

[redacted] gave consent to authorities to search the property [redacted]. She informed authorities that [redacted] had recovered a complete skull sometime in December, 1994. She searched the area where the skull was found and located an almost complete human skeleton. This area was one where they (Baumeister family) continuously burned yard waste (leaves, grass clippings, bushes). She concluded that the skeleton could not have been there very long due to the ongoing burning process. When she confronted Baumeister with this finding he told her that the skeleton was a medical model provided to him by his father who is a physician (anesthesiologist). She discarded the skull in the trash and did not further discuss this with Baumeister.

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IPD and Hamilton County Sheriff detectives continue to develop further background information regarding Baumeister. It has been determined that Baumeister was involved with gay men and was not open about his homosexual activities. It has also been alleged that Baumeister was seen with captioned victim Roger Goodlet about two (2) weeks prior to Goodlet's reported disappearance. Baumeister sometimes used an alias when meeting gay men and gave information to lead these men to believe that he was from or associated with the Dayton, Ohio area. Baumeister was employed at one time with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and had in his possession an Indiana driver's license listing a fictitious date of birth. It is unknown at this time if he possessed any additional identification with fictitious names or descriptive data.

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Re: 252B-HQ-11 **FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Detective [] IPD, is currently working with the Preble, Ohio County Sheriff's Department to determine if there is any association between Baumeister and a series of unsolved murders of gay males (252A-IR-2572, 252A-D2-3088, 252B-IP-72746, 252B-IP-73539 and 252B-CI-56934). Some of these victims were male prostitutes from the Indianapolis area and found dead in Preble County, Ohio. Preble County borders the Ohio/Indiana state line and is between Richmond, Indiana and Dayton, Ohio, traversed east/west by Interstate 70.

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It is unknown whether any of the recovered bones from Baumeister's property are those of the missing captioned victims. As previously listed above, it has been alleged that Baumeister was seen in the company of captioned victim Goodlet, prior to Goodlet's disappearance. It is unknown at this time if any of the other captioned victims had any associations with Baumeister. IPD continues to develop background information on Baumeister which may yield further lead information.

VICAP's services for an NCIC off-line search were offered to IPD of Baumeister and any vehicles he drove or had access to. Detective [] will consult with Hamilton County officials to determine what NCIC off-line requests they may have already initiated. Bureau forensic and laboratory services were offered if the local resources already employed by IPD should need assistance. If not already done, it was recommended that known blood, hair, and fingerprint specimens should be collected from Baumeister's body for possible comparison to any trace evidence collected from the crime scenes of the above-listed Ohio/Indiana murders.

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CASKU will continue to offer assistance as requested.

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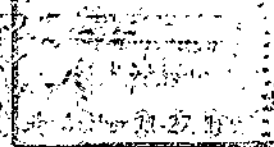
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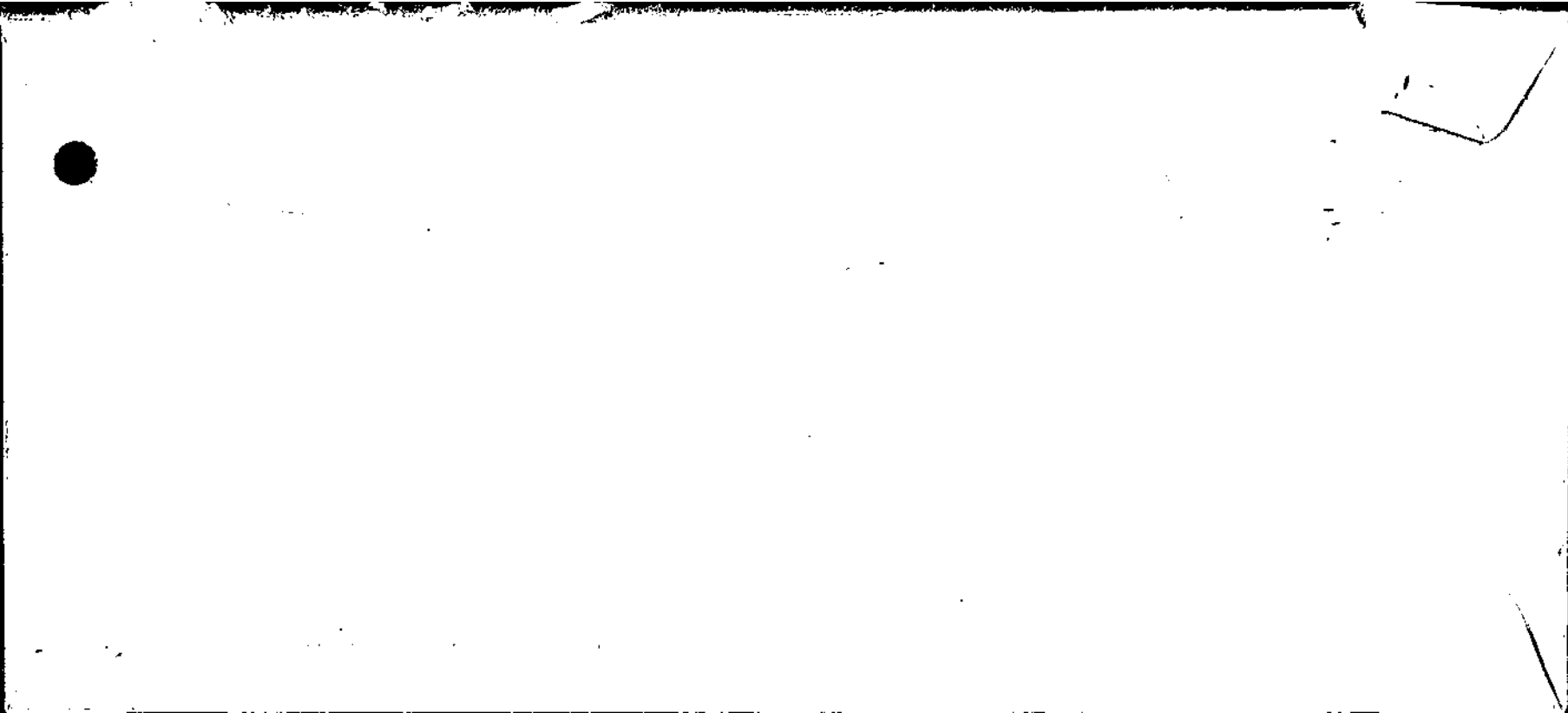
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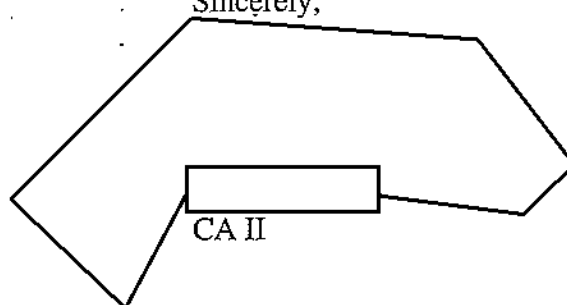
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Several years ago some members of the FBI came to the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and conducted a briefing on what they identified as a serial killer.

I thought you might be interested in the outcome of that investigation. It appears that the local authorities have closed their investigation and attributed the killings to a Herbert R. Baumeister.

Just for your information.

Sincerely,


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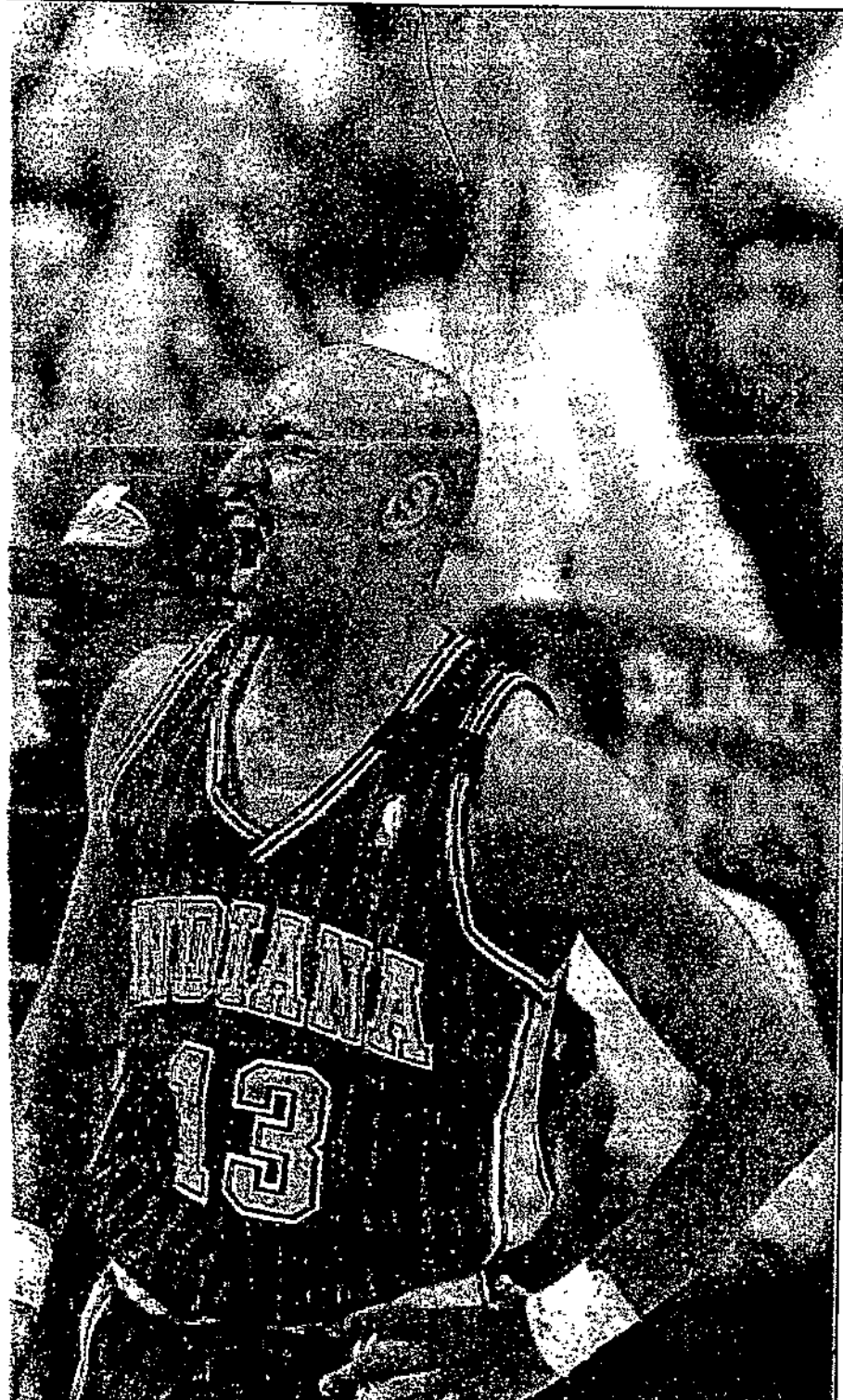
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Police complete inquiry of 9 deaths

■ Cause of death, men's ties to gay community link Herbert Baumeister to cases, Indiana, Ohio officials say.

By Rob Schneider
STAFF WRITER

GREENFIELD, Ind. — The partially clothed bodies of nine young, white males, dumped into shallow streams across central Indiana and western Ohio over the course of a decade, was an image that has haunted investigators.

Monday, some of those investigators laid the deaths at the feet of Herbert R. Baumeister, a man whose name raises other macabre images.

Baumeister committed suicide in July 1996, less than two weeks after the discovery of human bones on his 18-acre Fox Hollow Farm in Hamilton County. Authorities say they have unearthed the remains of seven to 10 individuals there.



Baumeister

Baumeister now is a suspect in at least 16 deaths.

At a news conference held by investigators from Hancock, Shelby and Hamilton counties, Hancock County Sheriff James Bradbury said investigators believe Baumeister was responsible for the killings between 1980 and 1990.

The men ranged in age between 15 and 29 and their bodies were found in Hamilton, Hancock and Shelby counties as well as in Preble and Darke counties just across the Indiana line in Ohio.

Bradbury said the strongest link between Baumeister and the nine deaths was the slaying of Mi-



NEWS CONFERENCE: Sheriff Jim Bradbury of Hancock County (left), Sheriff C. Michael Herndon of Shelby County and Captain David E. Wischmeyer of Shelby County spoke at a news conference Monday at the Hancock County Jail.

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DEATHS

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Michael A. Riley. Riley was last seen leaving the Vogue Theater in Indianapolis in May 1983.

His partially clothed body was found in a small stream in Hancock County. He was neither the first nor the last, but he had something in common with the other victims, Bradbury explained.

"They were all found in a small body of water. They were all dumped over a concrete culvert out in rural parts of the county that just wasn't your everyday traveled parts of the county. All were partially nude. All were white males. They all had ties to the gay community in one way or another." Where the condition of the body allowed investigators to determine a cause of death, it was the same — strangulation.

The Riley homicide had one thing the other eight cases didn't — a witness. On the night Riley disappeared, the witness saw him leave the Vogue with another person.

Until the Baumeister case exploded, though, investigators didn't have a suspect.

This February, Bradbury took a picture of Baumeister to the witness.

Before seeing the picture, the witness had recalled the man leav-

ing with Riley was wearing a watch with a leather band with a silvery lining on the outside.

The picture wasn't a help. Trying to think back to five minutes of his life 15 years ago, the witness was unable to identify Baumeister. But then, Bradbury found another picture of Baumeister, taken 30 days before Riley disappeared. That's the man, the witness said.

In the second picture, Baumeister was wearing a watch with a dark band with a stainless steel edge.

Investigators determined other facts that pointed toward Baumeister.

He was known to hang out at the Vogue during the time Riley disappeared.

He was known to visit the area of Ohio where the bodies were found.

He was known to wear the type of clothing the witness recalled — a pressed button-down shirt.

Given that, Bradbury said he thought that there was enough evidence to obtain a conviction in the Riley case.

All along, investigators have assumed the same person committed the homicides, he noted. "Until someone comes up with some evidence to prove it's different, we'll continue to think that all the cases were done by the same person."

Hamilton County investigators have taken a similar stance, Sgt.

Kenneth Whisman said.

Two of the nine bodies were found in Hamilton County, and Whisman said his department will consider those cases closed unless something comes up. "That decision is based on the common theme and method," he said.

As for the bodies at the Baumeister property, Whisman said there was evidence from the recovered bones that the victims could have been strangled.

However, it couldn't be determined if this occurred before or after death, he added.

One of the bodies was found in Shelby County, and Sheriff C. Michael Herndon reached a similar conclusion about Baumeister.

"We think we have enough to convince a reasonable person," the sheriff said, alluding to other ties among the cases.

One was the time of year when the victims disappeared. It was always between May and October. That also coincided with pattern of disappearance for those whose remains were found on the Baumeister property, at least for those victims whose identities have been established.

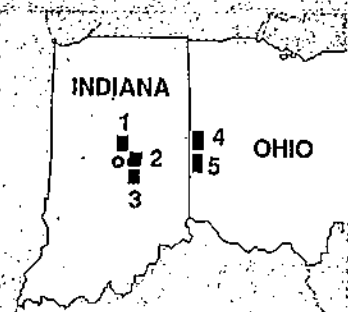
Nearly all the victims disappeared off the streets of Indianapolis.

Herndon said Shelby County officials don't plan to do any more work on their case unless something new develops.

A Preble County investigator has

Killings linked to Baumeister

Police in several Indiana and Ohio counties say they are convinced that Herb Baumeister strangled the nine men whose bodies were found dumped in Indiana and Ohio during the 1980s.



1. Hamilton County

Michael S. Petrie, 15, found in a ditch June 16, 1980.

Maurice A. Taylor, 22, found July 21, 1982, in the northeastern part of the county.

2. Hancock County

Michael Andrew Riley, 22, found partially submerged in a ditch June 5, 1983.

3. Shelby County

James B. Robbins, 21, found in a remote area near Gwynneville, Oct. 17, 1987.

4. Darke County, Ohio

Thomas R. Clevenger Jr., 19, found Sept. 12, 1990, on an abandoned railroad bed.

5. Preble County, Ohio

Eric Allen Roetiger, 17, found in a creek bed May 9, 1985.

Michael Allen Glenn, 29, found in a creek bed Aug. 17, 1986.

Steven L. Elliott, 26, found in a creek bed Aug. 12, 1989.

Clay Russell Boatman, 32, found near a bridge Aug. 14, 1990.

Source: Police agencies

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told Bradbury that Ohio authorities agree with the Indiana investigators' position.

Investigators had told some victims' families of their decision.

One family appeared to be disappointed the suspect was dead. Another family was told police hoped the information would bring closure to the incident.

The information didn't seem to help, though.

"There will never be closure," was their response.