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Date 5/30/86

DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTENTION: TRAINING DIVISION: NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE  
 ANALYSIS OF VIOLENT CRIME (NCAVC/VI-CAP)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (252A-New) (P)

LARRY GENE BELL;  
 SHARON FAYE SMITH, aka  
 Shari Smith - VICTIM (DECEASED);  
 DEBRA MAE HELMICK - VICTIM (DECEASED);  
 SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (SLED),  
 COLUMBIA SOUTH CAROLINA  
 5/31/85  
 NCAVC/VI-CAP - HOMICIDE (CRIME REPORT)

Submitted under separate cover are VI-CAP crime report forms Parts I, II and III including black and white and color photographs of the crime scene area regarding victim number one, SHARON FAYE SMITH.

Also submitted is VI-CAP crime report Part I only regarding victim number two DEBRA MAE HELMICK. There are no crime photographs submitted regarding HELMICK.

The VI-CAP has already done an on-sight profile regarding this matter and no profiling is being requested at this time.

LARRY GENE BELL, FBI Number 888884N6 was arrested, tried, and convicted concerning the kidnap murder of SHARON FAYE SMITH. BELL received the death sentence concerning that crime. He is awaiting trial regarding the kidnap murder of DEBRA MAE HELMICK.

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DATE: 9/30/86

Re:

LARRY GENE BELL - SUBJECT;  
DEBRA MAE HELMICK - VICTIM;  
HOMICIDE

TO: Mr. J. P. Strom  
Chief

South Carolina Law Enforcement  
Division

~~Post Office Box 21396~~ 4400 Broad River Rd  
Columbia, South Carolina 29221

Attention: Special Agent

Chemistry Laboratory

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Description of Contents:

Q20 - Q23

95-273062

FBI File # 60602072 S RI

Case #

105-3718

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## SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

4400 Broad River Road (J.P. Strom Boulevard) • Mail: P. O. Box 21398  
Columbia, South Carolina 29221-1398 • Phone: 803/758-6000

May 28, 1986

The Honorable William H. Webster  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20535

RE: L85-3718  
VICTIM: Debra Mae Helmick  
SUBJECT: Larry Gene Bell  
COUNTY: Richland  
OFFENSE: Murder

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Dear Mr. Webster:

Please find the items listed below for submission to your agency for  
determination of analyses requested:

#12 - A,B,C Three (3) envelopes of hair from victim.

#13 One (1) bag of hair from victim.

We would like to know if there is any type of adhesive polymers on any parts  
of the hair in items #12 and #13.

Please return a copy of the report to [redacted] SC Law Enforcement Division,  
Chemistry Laboratory, PO Box 21398, Columbia, SC 29221-1398. Please notify  
us when the analyses has been completed, and we will make arrangements to have  
the evidence returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. Strom, Chief  
S. C. Law Enforcement Division

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Enclosures

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RICHARD W. RILEY  
Governor

J.P. STROM  
Chief

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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To: Mr. J. P. Strom  
Chief  
South Carolina Law Enforcement  
Division  
Post Office Box 21398  
Columbia, South Carolina 29221

LOCAL &amp; STATE

September 30, 1986

FBI FILE NO. 95-273062

LAB. NO. 60602072 S RI

Re: Attention: Special Agent  
[redacted]  
Chemistry Laboratory

YOUR NO. L85-3718

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LARRY GENE BELL - SUBJECT;  
DEBRA MAE HELMICK - VICTIM;  
HOMICIDE

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter dated May 28, 1986

Examination requested: Materials Analysis

Specimens personally delivered by Special Agent [redacted] on  
June 2, 1986:

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Q20 Hair [redacted] (A)

Q21 Hair [redacted] (B)

Q22 Hair [redacted] (C)

Q23 Bag of hair from victim (#13)

Result of examination:

This report supplements and confirms the information  
telephonically furnished to Special Agent [redacted]  
of your department on September 29, 1986, by Special  
Agent [redacted], FBI Laboratory.

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This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

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Microscopic, microchemical and instrumental analyses of the Q20 through Q23 hair samples and the debris associated with these specimens failed to disclose any adhesive, plastic or any other polymeric compound which may be identified as having originated from duct tape or any other synthetic substance which may have been in contact with the victim's head.

Unless advised to the contrary, the submitted evidence will be returned to you by Federal Express.

FINAL REPORT

ROUGH DRAFT

> 60602072 SRI

Steno: Take all pertinent information directly from my attached worksheet. All necessary corrections and additions have been made.

Enclosures - None

Evidence will be returned to contributor under separate cover by registered mail so prepare the necessary invoices and a gummed label.

(FEDERAL EXPRESS)

Results:

This report supplements and confirms the information telephonically furnished to Special Agent [redacted] of your department on September 29, 1986, by Special Agent [redacted] [redacted], FBI Laboratory.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE6/2/86  
[redacted]

## Laboratory Work Sheet

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To: Mr. J. P. Strom  
Chief  
South Carolina Law Enforcement  
Division  
Post Office Box 21398  
Columbia, South Carolina 29221

FBI FILE NO.

95-273062-2

LAB. NO.

60602072 S RI

Re: Attention: Special Agent  
[redacted]  
Chemistry Laboratory

YOUR NO.

L85-3718

Examination by:

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LARRY GENE BELL - SUBJECT;  
DEBRA MAE HELMICK - VICTIM;  
HOMICIDE

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter dated May 28, 1986

Examination requested: Materials Analysis

Specimens received:

Specimens personally delivered by Special Agent [redacted] on  
June 2, 1986:

- ✓ Q20 Hair [redacted] (A)  
✓ Q21 Hair [redacted] (B)  
✓ Q22 Hair [redacted] (C)  
✓ Q23 Bag of hair from victim (#13)

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with results 9/29/86

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (95-273062)

EXAMINATION PROCEDURE : SPECIMENS Q20, Q21, Q22 . . . . .

1. MAJOR PORTION OF HAIR SAMPLE REMOVED FROM ENVELOPE (BUSINESS LETTER SIZE, WHITE) TO LRG. PLASTIC PILLBOX.
2. ENVELOPE [REDACTED] PLACED IN 5" b6  
ZIPLOK BAG ALONG WITH LARGE PILLBOX. b7C
3. HAIR SAMPLE EXAMINED UNDER MICROSCOPE WITH TWEEZERS & SCALPEL.  
[REDACTED]  
COLLECTED IN A 1" PILLBOX FOR MICROCHEMICAL EXAM ( $\text{CHCl}_3$ , TOLUENE).
4. PYRO-GC/MS OF POSSIBLE ADHESIVE PARTICLES AND SUBSEQUENT DATA SYSTEM SEARCH OF "FBI GLUE/ADHESIVE PYROGRAM FILE"

Q23

PLASTIC (HEAT SEALED) BAG ENCLOSES A FOLDED PIECE OF WHITE, CONSTRUCTION PAPER WHICH CONTAINS [REDACTED] BLOND-COLORED HAIR.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A PORTION WAS CUT APART WITH SCISSORS IN ORDER TO EXAMINE AN INTERIOR SURFACE WHICH SHOWED NO APPARENT FOREIGN MATERIAL SUCH AS ADHESIVE RESIDUE. b6  
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— IF TAPE HAD BEEN WOUND AROUND THE VICTIM'S HAIR AND HEAD, THEN DIRT/DEBRIS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO HAVE ACCUMULATED IN A PATTERN OR AT LEAST IN LOCALIZED AREAS (FROM TRACES OF ADHESIVE) — BUT NO SUCH DEPOSITS OF DIRT/DEBRIS WERE OBSERVED.

— RETAINED IN A LRG. PBOX FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION WAS A SMALL / PORTION OF THE HAIR MASS WHICH HAS TRACES OF A BROWNISH SUBSTANCE b6  
ADHERING TO IT. b7C

[REDACTED] Nothing present which could be identified as adhesive or any other polymeric-type substance. [REDACTED] b6  
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# SEARCH SLIP

Violation(s): HOM  
 Violation date:  
 Violation location:  
 Victim:  
 HELMICK, DEBRA MAE

Lab No: 60602072 S  
 City: COLUMBIA, SC DLE  
 Form: LT 05-28-86  
 Bufile No: 95-213062-2  
 Contributors No: L853718

Subject:  
 BELL, LARRY GENE

Remarks:

Status 1 Status 2 Status 3 Category: 2  
 Trial Importance Doc/SP Complex Volume Await Evid Buded: 06-30-86  
 Ack Type: 7- Principal Unit: FAU SFO UC

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Q Q20 → Q23 K Items Evidence ret:  
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 Call when ready? EXT  
 Latent? YES NO Q tabs? YES NO Print Assignment Card(s)

NO PREVIOUS SUBMISSIONS FOUND

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worksheets please

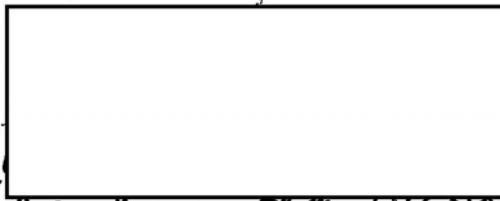
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EXAMINER

Subj in Lab # 50731003-S-QX bufile # 7-19729  
 # 60205054-E-Q2

Specimens:

Q20 Hair  
 Q21 Hair  
 Q22 Hair  
 Q23 Bag



(A)  
 (B)  
 (C)

Parcel Method and No: PD  
 Received In ECC: 06-02-86  
 01-Bass

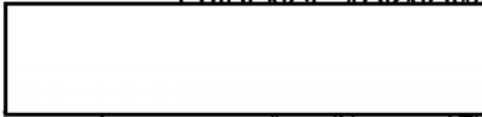
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FBI LABORATORY  
Washington, D. C.
 Date 6/2/86  
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## EVIDENCE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Received from



(Name and Title)

Special Agent

of the

SLEDState Law Enforcement DivSC

(Department or Agency)

P.O. Box 21398Columbia SC 29221

(Address)

(Phone Number)

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 of sealed evidence for examination in connection with case number L853718  
 entitled Homicide

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This evidence will remain in the custody of the FBI Laboratory while the examinations are being conducted. Following completion of the examinations, a report containing the results of the examinations and the disposition of the evidence will be forwarded to your department. If evidence is picked up personally, your representative should identify it with the Laboratory case number(s) assigned in the FBI Laboratory report.

 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

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