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HEWITT, TEXAS 76643

CONTINUATION REPORT

76 O. R. NO.

08-86-3049

#139520-9324

CODE SECTION	76 CRIME STRUCTURE FIRE/ACCIDENTAL DEATHS	76 CLASSIFICATION			
COMP'S NAME	LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE (FIRM IF BUS.) WATTS, L. C.	76 ADDRESS HPD	RES <input type="checkbox"/>	BUS <input type="checkbox"/>	76 PHONE 666-6272

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At 1:45PM this date, D.A.'s Office Felony Prosecutor Pat Murphy and D.A.'s Office Investigator J. C. Rapp came to our Department to discuss this Case. In addition to Murphy and Rapp, Myself, Officer Colwell, Chief Caswell, Lt. Wachtendorf, Sgt. Watts, Fire Marshall Jimmy Clark and Deputy Fire Chiefs Tom Lucenay and Curtis McLemore were present. Murphy and Rapp explained that four(4) times or more over the past "several days" people had come by their office both volunteering "information" and making inquiries concerning possible improprieties in the case. Murphy further stated that what concerned them was information they had received that Ed Graf had recently taken out \$25,000.00 Life Insurance Policies on the dead boys, that Graf had attended an Arson Course sponsored by the company he works for, that his wife Clare Gerdes Graf had left him this very morning, that Graf had been fired from two(2) previous jobs at Community State Bank and at Providence Hospital for stealing money, that Graf had told his wife to go ahead and work late at the school where she teaches that day, and various other statements indicating Graf might have mistreated the boys and been having marital and financial problems. Rapp provided us eighteen(18) legal-size pages of Xeroxcopies of statements written out by some of the informants who included DEL GERDES, and CAROL SCHAFFER. GERDES being related to Mrs. Graf and SCHAFFER a close personal friend of Mrs. Graf. Murphy stated further that the information concerned the D.A.'s Office to the point that he had instructed Rapp to issue Grand Jury Subpoenas to T.V. Stations 6, 10 and 25 impounding all the video footage each had taken at the scene the day of the fire. He said he wanted to make our Department aware of this information and the possibility that the deaths may not have been accidental. Chief Caswell then briefed Murphy and Rapp on our investigation and Lucenay and Clark gave them a briefing on the actual fire and their findings. The 35mm photos we had were reviewed and Chief Caswell had each member of the Police Department there give Murphy and Rapp a detailed account of the case and what

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had been investigated to date. Murphy and Rapp, at that point, seemed very satisfied in that our investigation had been thorough and proceeded well past what they had or what they had apparently anticipated. A general discussion of all aspects of the case was held. Rapp stated he would get us copies of the Media's video and find out Mrs. Graf's current location so we could contact her. Murphy stated he was satisfied that we continue our investigation as primary agency and that Rapp would keep us informed of any developments they found out about. Murphy said the D.A.'s office would cooperate fully and provide us any assistance we might need and gave us his home address and phone at his residence in Hewitt - 229 Del Rio, 666-1172. Murphy suggested priorities might include: Copies of all Insurance Policies on the boys and all information appertaining thereto; statements from Fire Department personnel at the scene (which Lucenay stated he would take care of for us at their Wednesday night meeting); where Graf got the \$70,000.00 used to make restitution to Community State Bank; checking on the possibility of obtaining the services of an experienced outside Arson Investigator for consultation; checking with D.P.S. Laboratory people on the possibility of evidence still on-scene and viability of core-samples; interviews and written statements from people known or believed to have pertinent information on the fire and/or the Graf's personal life; blowing up all our photos; the part played in the case -present and future- of the boy's natural father JERRY DON McGAUGHY; and other things. Our Department and the D.A.'s Office agreed to keep each other informed of developments.

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