

# CITY OF HEWITT POLICE DEPT

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## HEWITT, TEXAS 76643

### CONTINUATION REPORT

75 O. R. NO.

08-86-3049

#139528-0324

CODE SECTION	75 CRIME STRUCTURE FIRE/ACCIDENTAL DEATHS	75 CLASSIFICATION		
COMP'S NAME	LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE WATTS, L. C.	(FIRM IF BUS.)	75 ADDRESS HPD	75 PHONE 666-6272

**DETAILS**  
At 11:57AM, this date, Deputy State Fire Marshal Joey Porter, Phone 512-837-1428/512-837-3375,

7902 Cameron Road, Building 2, Austin, Texas, Radio Unit 1201.C. arrived at our Department.

Present were MYSELF, PROTER, LT. WACHTENDORF and CHIEF CASWELL. Porter reviewed the case briefly with our Deputy Fire Chief Tom Lucenay, who was present, also, at the first part of the meeting. We initially reviewed the photographs, then news video tape footage of the fire and discussed them. Porter indicated he wanted to view these first to attempt to evaluate the basic fire before we went into the rest of the case. Ranger Smith and Officer Colwell arrived soon thereafter. Porter did remark his office had received numerous calls from our local media inquiring about the case, and asking various questions about the case implying possible improprieties. (Tom Lucenay had stopped by to bring us statements from all Fire Personnel at the fire that day for our files.) Based on the photos, video tape, interview with Lucenay and reviewing his scene diagram, Porter offered the following preliminary comments:

It was no absolutely necessity to view the actual scene since the photos, statements, video tapes, etc., were sufficient enough not only to allow him to evaluate them but also to use them to testify by in Court if necessary. Secondly, Porter stated the "face-up" position of the bodies disturbed him. He said in about only one of one hundred fire casualty cased is a body lying face-up, and, the odds against two(2) fatalities in the same building - both lying face-up - was astronomical. Thirdly, all confirmed statements/reports indicated there was fire and smoke, then a muffled explosion, heard two(2) blocks away. He stated such an intense fire coupled with muffled explosion(s) heard so far away surely would have not only been heard by Graf in his house just feet away from the shed, but

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produced a concussion effect that would have rattled/vibrated the windows in Graf's house. Also, it was obviously a "flash fire" since it totally consumed both bodies burning them evenly all over. In addition, from the time the fire was first seen and reported, until it was extinguished was 20 minutes at most. Under "normal" conditions, wood, a 2 x 4 for example, burns at 1"(inch) every 45 minutes. This fire was so intense it burned completely through 2 x 6 wood floor joists in less than 20 minutes. Also, smoke reports (white puffs, then heavy black with flames, then muffled explosion(s)) are indicative of what would occur if, for example, the shed floor was doused with gasoline then set off. He and Chief Caswell went out to Graf's house and got Graf's consent to search and remove soil samples from the shed area, which will be taken to D.P.S.' Waco Laboratory as were the clothing items from the fire and clothing items and piece of a rag or towel from the autopsy. In a preliminary remark, Porter said he felt the shed floor had been soaked with somethin like gasoline and some type spark was involved which ignited the totally enclosed, then highly flammable shed. Porter was then given an oral review of various other aspects involved in the case. Porter stated he felt it was not necessary to still have the fire scene intact to investigate this case. He indicated several aspects of the fire, it's burn on the shed, position of the bodies, along with other aspects of the case certainly warranted further and immediate investigation and offered to assist us in the investigation.-----

Porter asked me to find out where Ed usually bought his car's gasoline, and Mrs. Graf told me he used the Texaco Station next to Sonic Drive-In on 200 Hewitt Drive. He normally used his

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Texaco Credit Card #730320406447001. Ed has access to three(3) cars: A Blue/Gray Suburban;  
a White Courier; and a Metallic-Brownish/Gold Grand Prix.-----  
-----Porter said he'd return either Friday or Monday.-----

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