

CASE NUMBER: A9905014

FULL NAME:	Gabriela Urbina	RACE:	Hispanic
AGE:	13	HAIR COLOUR:	Light Brown
BIRTH DATE:	8/8/1968	EYE COLOUR:	Brown
SEX:	Female	ADDRESS:	1469 Huron Street, Grapevine, 75216

BRIEF:

Possible runaway or (alt. theory) parental involvement in homicide. Complete lack of evidence to either line of inquiry though such a thorough cover-up would support parental involvement or dishonesty during interviews. Profiling & extensive questioning were inconclusive with recommendations from assessing expert that parents are not lying. Physical evidence also has no indication of foul play.

Case retired as of October, 1983 due to lack of leads. Case has been recorded with DPS & pertinent information made public to assist in recovery of missing person.

INITIAL REPORT (6/5/81):

Officer Lieberman responded to missing persons report at 11am 6/4/81 to collect information. Arriving at home of missing person, Lieberman questioned mother (Julietta Urbina) & collected a statement. A picture of missing person was also provided & an examination of the immediate area carried out. Due to ~16 hours having passed & heavy rains the night before no evidence of the missing person - who was said to have departed on foot - was found. Leiberman noted suspicion about the account provided by Julietta (that Gabriela 'vanished' when she looked away) coupled with the suggestion of a falling out between the mother & missing person. Case was assigned to Det. Trench & Det. Steele.

STATEMENT:

NAME: Julietta Urbina

DATE TAKEN: 6/4/81

TAKEN BY: Ofc. R. Lieberman

DETAILS:

Gabriela arrived home late (19.25 on the 6th - R. L.) breaking curfew (grounded for bad behaviour - R. L.) & was caught sneaking into the house. She would not tell me where she had been so I was scolding her for making me worry. We argued about her grades & I told her I was stopping her allowance. Her sister (Diana Urbina - R. L.) asked something from behind me on the stairs & I looked back. I heard Gabriela scream & when I turned to look she was gone. We looked around until it began to rain but found no sign - our neighbours said they heard nothing.

STATEMENT:

NAME: Frederico Gonzales

DATE TAKEN: 6/6/81

TAKEN BY: Det. J. Steele

DETAILS:

I (Frederico - J. S.) was standing on my balcony smoking & I could hear an argument. I have heard them argue before - a lot recently. The mother (Julieta Urbina - J.S.) was shouting in Spanish that the kid (Gabriela Urbina - J.S.) was home late, she was wasting her life, she was going to end up a moroso ('delinquent' - J.S.). She was really laying it on, but the daughter was shouting back. I decide to go in here because it can go on for ages - but then I hear another scream, like someone in pain: so I lean out over the balcony & the mother is there alone looking manic. I didn't want to get involved so I went back inside. I didn't hear sirens so I guessed everything was fine.

FORENSIC ANALYSIS OF SCENE (B. TRENCH):

Immediate surroundings sodden following rainstorm previous night (approx. between 10:30pm & 2am) leading to some flooding of the forecourt & verges of housing estate. Investigation around the door to the family home showed no sign of violence, even in areas potentially shielded from the worst of rain.

Interior of the home was orderly & well maintained: no sign of struggle nor recent cleaning. Room of the missing person was in a state that aligns with Gabriela having left the day of their disappearance: school belongings (workbooks, backpack, stationary, etc.) absent, bed unmade, etc. All of Gabriela's money, however, was missing: Julieta stated that Gabriela was 'wasting' it on films, pinball & arcade machines.

Closer inspection of the missing person's room revealed a loose floorboard & a cache of a few dollars (Two 1\$ notes & a 5\$ note) & blister packs of Tylenol & Midol (approx. a dozen tablets in total). Julieta asserted that she was not aware of these items.

Examples of hair & fingerprints were collected from a used cup & hairbrush. These have been turned over to Forensics for further use.

CASE REPORT (6/9/81):

Initial investigation sought to establish a timeline & possible lines of inquiry that would either verify or invalidate the working theory that the missing person had run away of their own volition. This uncovered the following:

On the morning of the 3rd Gabriela left for school at approximately 7:30am (ascertained by speaking with her sister, Diana Urbina - Julieta works the

morning shift at a nearby laundromat which begins at 4am). Diana left Gabriela when her bus arrived at the stop at around 7:45am. At this point Gabriela's movements become uncertain: Richardson North High reported Gabriela absent

at roll-call, but were unable to reach her next of kin (Julieta) due to her being at work. No second attempt was made. Gabriela's absence was recorded for each period of the school day.

A possible sighting along E. Dallas Rd. by a used car salesman (Dan Ackroyd) was recorded at (very roughly) 8:30am. Ackroyd reported seeing a girl walking alone along the sidewalk outside their lot, heading east. A similar, but uncertain, report was called in on the missing person's helpline from an anonymous source that placed a 'blonde haired' girl at the junction of Texan Trail & N. Airfield Drv. heading east at around '9 or 10am'. At this point first hand accounts run cold. Gabriela is unaccounted for until the argument with her mother at ~19:30, corroborated by others living on the housing block.

Searches of an area radiating out from these areas have turned up no evidence. CCTV footage from public spaces within walking distances is being examined under the assumption that Gabriela was heading somewhere to socialise & the Lake Hills Mall & Grapevine Walk fall within the radius being considered.

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DATE: 6/10/81

REPORTING OFFICER: Det. B. Trench

Arranged meetings with J. & B. ALEXANDER, E. RODRIGUEZ with guardians in attendance. RODRIGUEZ confirmed he was playing hooky on the 3rd & spent part of the day with G. URBINA at Campground Arcade, Grapevine Walk. RODRIGUEZ left at 1pm complaining of headaches. ALEXANDER siblings state they have played with G at the arcade extensively. J. ALEXANDER independently mentioned suffering from headaches during their interview. Guardian corroborated this, stating she believed it was making J sick. B. ALEXANDER also plays at the arcade - all are crazy for an 'asteroids' game they play with other local kids.



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JOHNNY ODINE is owner & proprietor of Campground Arcade. Recognized G. URBINA as regular customer when shown photograph but did not know other details. Believed to have seen her associating with other young teens on the 3rd. Said he does not turn out kids skipping school because it is 'safer' inside. No CCTV present in building. Members of staff working that day (J. PETERSON & G. PHILLIPS) revealed typical cabinets haunted by this group. Ofc. Charles assigned to observe for a few days for anything suspicious.

CASE REPORT (6/11/81):

Coordinated searches involving volunteers have yielded no results so far. Nothing has been found to support nor disprove the theory that the missing person ran away. Unreliable reports of children being heard or spotted at a distance continue to be reported in the Grapevine area & the hotline is being scaled down in response.

Following evaluation of CCTV footage from Grapevine Walk & the nearby Racetrac filling station shows that Georgina passed by on foot at 10:12am. They are seen entering Grapevine Walk at 10:40am (a time consistent with direct travel on foot). Coverage at the mall is poor, covering entrances & the main thoroughfare - Gabriela is not seen again until 5pm when she departs quickly. She can be seen walking at speed past Racetrac at 5:31pm. She is then not observed again.

Additional canvassing has not revealed any other sightings along the route. Interviews at Campground Arcade, operating on the theory of coerced abduction by a stranger, has yielded a person of interest: 5'11" caucasian male with 'piercing' blue eyes, black hair, dressed in 'possibly grey' suit. Unusual accent. POI reported as loitering around cabinets frequented by Gabriela: Proclus, Defender, Donkey Kong.

Det. Smith believes the case is linked to similar abductions in the area involving immigrant hispanics under investigation for trafficking their children: PABLO TORRES, MARIA MORALES & CATARINA RAMOS are three currently open missing persons/possible homicide cases of possible interest.

CASE REPORT (6/15/81):

Limited new leads in the last week - widening the search area has found no physical evidence & no new information has been found to piece together Gabriela's movements before or after their disappearance. Under the direction of Chief White attention is being shifted to questioning Gabriela's immediate & extended family for patterns of abuse.

Observation at Campground Arcade is ongoing: Ofc. Charles has reported several unusual activities surrounding the establishment's owner & has corroborated information taken from Jenny & Brian Alexander about the clique of adolescents that frequent the location. Otherwise, activity there has not been suspicious.

Collaboration with Det. Smith has identified a pattern of commonalities between the Urbina case & those in nearby cities from the last year or so: sudden, inexplicable disappearances, obsession with video gaming & frequenting the same arcades. Search warrants are being acquired for the Campground Arcade & two others in Smith's jurisdiction to ascertain the nature of this connection.

The closure of the hotline for information has reduced spurious sightings, though prank calls to the station continue - with one being traced to Jenny Alexander; though this call stated that Jenny had received a phone call from Gabriela, others are more explicitly hoaxes: the missing person appearing in mirrors or the reflections of TV sets in local stores & the like.



The Dallas Tribune

Friday, January 11, 1980.

Latest Child Missing 'Treated as Familial Homicide'

DALLAS COUNTY - Sheriff has not ruled out 'familial homicide' as being behind the third in a recent slew of child disappearances that have been plaguing the north-west metropolitan area.

During a brief press conference on Thursday, Sheriff Cartwright allayed fears from community leaders across the D-FW area of a mounting problem of 'runaways' from primarily Hispanic,

African-American and other marginal neighborhoods across the county.

Cartwright dismissed allegations of complacency by local PDs and the county office, outlining that current evidence "does not support foul-play in a majority of these cases" but that "every angle was being considered" - including violence and trafficking by family members.

"These communities

have a lot of problems" Cartwright continued, "and it appears that in one or two cases these have resulted in children being moved against their will - or otherwise disappeared". These comments come after the report of 14 year old Catarina Ramos from the grounds of Addison High last week. Local and county police have been canvassing for witnesses and combing the local area after the girl vanished during recess. The Ramos family have thus far not commented on the disappearance but a neighbor described the family as "having difficulties recently".



DETAIL CARD:

DATE: 6/16/81

REPORTING OFFICER: Ofc. K. Charles

At approximately 4:30pm during usual observations a patron suffered a medical emergency. Intervening & calling for medical assistance, I identified the patient as JENNY ALEXANDER & assessed that she was suffering a seizure. Applying initial first aid, I cleared the immediate area until the ambulance had arrived.

Unfortunately, due to use of my badge, this has impacted my ability to continue observations unnoticed.

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REPORTING OFFICER: Det. B. Trench

Responding to a call that an associated party in the URBINA case had been injured, I relieved Ofc. Charles at Campground Arcade for debrief & reassignment.

Witnesses to J. ALEXANDER's seizure reported that J was suffering from a headache when they arrived which seemed to worsen as they played. Other children at the cabinet were watching them play when they suddenly became unresponsive & started fitting.

Interviewing J's parents via telephone revealed that they were unaware of her presence at Campground Arcade & their growing obsession with a game called 'Proclus'.

CASE REPORT 6/22/81:

Resources have gradually been reassigned to other cases. The case team is currently B. TRENCH, J. STEELE & a rotating support staff of two officers.

There has been no further breaks in any of the missing persons cases tentatively associated with the URBINA case. Extensive interrogation & aggressive searching of the missing individuals' loved ones & homes have thrown up nothing except evidence of troubled social lives. The line of inquiry seeking to establish foul play from the family has been shelved & investigation is transitioning to a cold case.

Observation of arcades & other gathering spots common to the missing individuals have been reduced to a rotating schedule of a small subset. These are scheduled to end at the end of the month due to costs.

Tangentially related, JOHNNY ODINE has been charged with possession (with intent to supply) of morphine. Bail has been posted & narcotics will be sharing any pertinent evidence turned up by their investigation.

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The Dallas Morning News

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25th June 1981

ONE DEAD IN ARCADE INFERNO

GRAPEVINE, one fatality has been confirmed in a devastating fire that tore through the Grapevine Walk entertainment district last night.

Emergency services were called to 231 Wine View at midnight, responding to a call about smoke and a growing inferno. First responders included Fire Chief Stewart Devalis: "The fire was out of control and had spread to several businesses before we could begin tackling it."



It is currently understood that the fire began in the Campground proprietor - Jonathan 'Johnny' Arcade - a popular venue for the Odine: a Vietnam veteran and local youth to spend their troubled allowances.

"It totally sucks - it was the only place worth going to" lamented one teen, while another suggested that this was no simple accident: "I was there just before closing time yesterday and the guy behind the counter was just giving stuff away - giving free plays out like it was nothing."

The 'man behind the counter' is believed to be the establishment's fire began in the Campground proprietor - Jonathan 'Johnny' Arcade - a popular venue for the Odine: a Vietnam veteran and local youth to spend their troubled allowances. A contact for the Morning News has revealed that Jonathan had recently been taken in on drug offences.

In a tragic turn it was also announced by police attending the scene that a body, believed to be of Mr. Odine, had been extracted from the wreckage.

Detectives at the scene declined to comment except that the investigation is ongoing.

"It is 1997.
Manhattan Island is a maximum security prison...John Carpenter is offering this summer's movie goers a rare opportunity to escape from the air-conditioned torpor of ordinary entertainment... trip worth taking."



DETAIL CARD:

DATE: 6/27/81

REPORTING OFFICER: Ofc. R. McMurphy

During scheduled observation of FunCo one of the machines under primary observation ('Proclus') was recovered by workmen in unmarked uniforms. Minor disturbance as shift manager argued with workers about the cabinet being 'recalled' before the rental contract was complete. A scuffle over the coins in the machine resulted in the manager being floored by palm strike. Did not intervene. Van had Texas licence plate: LH-8181, marked with 'STEINER' logo.

No pursuit was attempted.

Jack,

Drove to each arcade on the list - all the
Proclus cabinets are gone.

Had words with Jack Burl at Game World -
apparently the company leasing it has folded

not much to go on but i got the card of the rep
selling the cabinet

-B.

