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Donna Ann Lass - 5'4" tall, wt. 135[#]
Blue eyes & br.-blond frosted hair. She
has pierced ears & had a fungus inf.
on one finger which was being treated
but left a rough nail. No birthmarks,
no operations, teeth very pearly white
& in perfect condition. No fillings &
never had x-rays of teeth. She was
highly allergic to Aspirin & even the
smallest amt. would make her break out
in hives.

Donna is a Registered Nurse graduating
in June '65 from St. Joseph's School of
Nursing, Sioux City, Ia. She worked as
a Registered Nurse in the 1st Aid Room of
the Sahara Tahoe until her disappearance
Sept. 6th. (early a.m.) She worked the 5th
& last wrote in her book Sun. Sept. 6th
Her shift was from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. five days
a week. She started June 11th & originally took
the job only as a summer job. Previously
she worked at Littman Gen. Hosp. San Francisco,
Calif. After being offered a raise in
pay & enjoying skiing she decided to stay
on.

We filed a missing persons report at the
South Lake Tahoe police when we were informed on

the 18th of Sept. that she had not been to work since Sun. Sept. the 6th. & should have ended her shift at 2 a.m.

We flew out & the report was filled out in person on the 19th of Sept. Her car was locked by her new Apt. #609 Monte Verde Apts which she had stayed at only 1 night. The apt. was not disturbed. Her cosmetics & clothing were intact. Even the case to her contact lens was left behind. A blue slack suit with white stitching is missing. Cost \$46⁰⁰. Bought @ the Outdoorsman around the middle of June. Suit supposedly made in N. Carolina. Also missing a blue ~~purse~~ purse & blue shoes. & a rust colored rain coat.

She left a car, (1968 Camaro convertible) red w/ black top, paid for, a \$500⁰⁰ savings account. No checks or credit cards have been used since the 5th of Sept. She used her Bank Americard at the Outdoorsman @ on Sept. 5th for a little over \$3⁰⁰. She owed no outstanding bill. She is very reliable & dependable. She was never late for work nor left early. She called in sick only once & never took advantage of her job.

A male voice made a phone call to the Sahara on the 8th which informed them of an "Emergency in Nevada for Donna Lass." No one knows of any emergency. They all deny this phone call but Vic told us definitely it was the 8th because then they ~~still~~ didn't worry about Donna. Petrovich didn't take Mr. Davis's phone call until the ~~8th~~ 11th of Sept. Vic also tailed two of Donna's friends (Jo Ann) who came up to spend Labor Day evening & night with her. Jo Ann had socially met Vic before & yet he wouldn't tell her Donna wasn't at work. She kept looking for her till 4 a.m. & left because she didn't know the new apt. address. The night we arrived in town & Officer Tucker questioned Vic he just said, "Donna was a square because he couldn't get to first base with her." On Sun. night he reported to work drunk which had never happened before & they sent him home. In the 10 days ~~we~~ we were out there he moved twice. He left Tahoe the last week of Nov. returning to Canada as he is a Canadian Nationalist.

I definitely feel he knew more than he told at this time but the police promised to question him again.

2 pages were missing from her desk calendar in the 1st aid room.

Sun. Sept. 6th. These were the only pages gone. Calendar in police custody. We were informed her 1st aid room was searched but when we entered it her uniform, with name tag, slip, & nurses shoes were found there. We know she on occasion, chgd her clothes after work when she planned to do something but was known to always bring the nurses uniform & shoes home plus any personal letters she might be writing. That night an unfinished letter was also left. Her ^{last} ledger in her log book was not signed & for R.N.'s that just isn't done. She ended her entry with "which to nurses means "complains of" & no nurse would end a statement this way. Her handwriting is deranged & not at all like the rest. (Like she was under the influence of something.) This was t the ^{other} ~~other~~

She definitely ~~definitely~~ didn't leave work
in the usual manner. She was fine
with last pt. Joan Bentley but the
handwriting is completely different.

Johnny Schatt said he searched room
& ~~stuff~~ didn't notice any of the things
we did. Seems unbelievable he
wouldn't notice a dirty grocery bag (lg.)
on top of clean nurses' equipment.

Donna rented a new apt. the 1st of
Sept. but stayed with the ~~Lewis~~ Lewis'
until Fri. night. Larry used her car
Fri. night as he had a battery go
dead & was leaving on vacation the
next a.m. (4:30 a.m. Sat.) He went down
at 11:30 p.m. with Granny & said good-bye.
Donna was to pick up Lewis' mail &
forward it to them. The envelope was
made out & 2 pieces of mail were in
it.

My sister & brother-in-law & myself
flew to San Fran. & Jo Ann met us &
drove us to Tahoe arriving at 4:30 a.m.
A heavy officer greeted ~~us~~ us & knew
nothing of missing persons report.
Nice, slight-gray haired officer came
in & was very helpful. We were then

assisted to her new apt. Place very
neat & orderly.

The complete apathy of police dept.
appalled us. She was tried, convicted, &
sentenced in their book without them so
much as knowing any of the plain
facts. Each time we reported in we
gave our name in detail & asked about
Donna the new shift never so much
as even had a report because they
~~figured~~ figured she was a runaway.
We were told many times by them
that she was free, white & 25 & could
do as she pleased. Each time we
reinformed them she was a conscientious,
considerate, reliable, friendly person
who probably met with foul play they
whole heartedly laughed at because they
experience many cases like this &
90% always return!

She was offered a \$50. per month
raise to stay on and another \$50. was
pending. Since she was planning to
go to Europe in Jan. she thought it
best to keep the same job until then.
She was to meet Ron. (M.D.) who was
in the service (in Germany) after 1st of year

About some of the people she knew. Toney, a Keeno writer at Sahara, sm. frame, nice looking. couldn't account for all his time. Dave - worked at Summers Chevron Station on Hwy. right across state line. This young man had a college degree & was very nervous. Lived in the hills & camped out even when we were there in Sept. It was cold & real nippy already. Janie - she was a school teacher & lived in house with 3 males & 3 females. Dwight & Vic lived there. Big mansion up in hills \$750. per month rent & asked Donna to live with her.

Donna stayed in her new Apt. only 1 night. Fri. Sept. 4th after work or a.m. of Sat the 5th. She was known to walk to her other apt. but this new one she did drive home on Sat. a.m. I'm sure she wouldn't walk to this new one as the road was real dark. The other one was well lit until she got right to the Apt.

Murray was to come up to see her some week end. He had no definite plans for Labor Day week end. Really liked Donna & seems funny family hasn't heard from him. Would have chance

to obtain drugs). Donna dated him in San Francisco & saw him at different times during summer.

I feel someone at the Casino definitely knows more than they have said. A young guard named Rasmussen came up on his own and asked if the lake was searched. Also when some friends of my sisters were there this winter a bell hop came up to them and made the statement that people in S. Dak. didn't have enough money to find out what happened to this girl.

Vic claims to be the 1st one to notice Donna wasn't at work Sun. night but in the record book he did not take the 1st pt. book. This notation is signed by another guard.

~~We have been in contact with police but~~ We have been in contact with police but have no new leads since we were there.

They said Incline Village was searched after the Zodiac postcard & is supposed to be searched again but have heard nothing of this search now that the snow is gone. Paul Avery, Sas. Fran. Chronicle handled story.

We have contacted Gov. Reagan's office & were assured by Mr. Turner of complete investigation. Others contacted - Criminal Investigation, Attorney Generals, Sen. Carl Mundt, Sen. George McGovern, FBI Director J. E. Hoover.

We were told not to come out and search as it would be of no avail by the South Tahoe Police. At the time we were there Acting Chief Lt. Crom said he was ~~full~~ prejudiced against us for coming out and entering his case and to pack her things and leave town. They would handle the case. Even the Zodiac card isn't considered real evidence).