

Donna Ann Lass – 5' 4" tall, wt. 135#

Blue eyes and br.-blond frosted hair. She has pierced ears and had a fungus inf. On one finger which was being treated but left a rough nail. No birthmarks, no operations, teeth very pearly white and in perfect condition. No flings and never had x-rays of teeth. She was highly allergic to Aspirin and 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 and last wrote in her book Sun. Sept. 6th. Her shift was from 6p.m. to 2a.m. five days a week. She started June 11th and originally took the job only as a summer job.

Previously she worked at Letterman Gen. Hosp. San Francisco, Calif. After being offered a raise in pay and 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 and should have ended her shift at 2 am.

We flew out and the report was filled out in person on the 19th of Sept. her car was locked by her new Apt. #6 @ Monte Verdi Apts which she had stayed at only 1 night. The apt. was not disturbed. Her cosmetics and clothing were intact. Even the case to her contact lens was left behind. A blue slack suit with white stitching is missing cost \$46.00. bought @ the Outdoorsman around the middle of June. Suit supposedly made in N. Carolina. Also missing a blue purse and blue shoes and a rust colored rain coat. She left a car, (1968 Camaro convertible) red with black top, paid for, a \$500.00 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 \$3.00. She owed no outstanding bill. She is very reliable and dependable. She was never late for work nor left early. She called in sick only once a 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 didn't worry about Donna. Petrovich didn't take Mr. Davis's phone call until the 11th of Sept. Vic also tailed two of Donna's friends (Jo Ann) who came up to spend Labor Day evening and night with her. Jo Ann had socially met Vic before and yet he wouldn't tell her Donna wasn't at work. She kept looking for her till 4 am and left because she didn't know the new Apt. address. The night we arrived in town and Officer Tucher 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

and they sent him home. In the 10 days 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, and nurses shoes were found there. We know she on occasion, chg'd her clothes after work when she planned to do something but was known to always bring the nurses uniforms and 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 and for R.N.'s that just isn't done. she ended her entry with c/o which to nurses means "Complains of" and no nurse would end a statement this way. Her handwriting is deranged and not at all like the rest. (Like she was under the influence of something).

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

My sister and brother-in-law and myself flew to San Fran. And Jo Ann met us and drove us to Tahoe arriving at 4:30am. A heavy officer greeted us and knew nothing of missing persons report. Nice, slight-gray haired officer came in and was very helpful. We were then assisted to her new apt. Place very neat and orderly.

The complete apathy of police dept. appalled us. She was tried, convicted, and 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 and asked about Donna the new shift never so much as even had a report because they figured she was a runaway. We were told many times by them that she was free, white and 25 and could do as she pleased. Each time we reformed 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 and 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. Tony, a Keeno writer at Sahara, sm. Frame, nice looking, couldn't account for all his time. Dave – worked at Summers Chevron Station on Hyw right across state line. This young man had a college degree and was very nervous. Lived in the hills and camped out even when we were there in Sept. It was cold and real nippy already. Janie – she was a school teacher and lived in house with 3 males and 3 females. Dwight and Vic lived there. Big mansion up in hills \$750 per month rent and 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 weekend. He had no definite plans for Labor Day weekend. Really liked Donna and seems funny family hasn't heard from him. Would have chance to obtain drugs. Donna dated him in San Francisco and 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. back. This notation is signed by another guard. 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 and is supposed to be searched again but have heard nothing of this search now that the snow is gone. Paul Avery, San. Fran. Chronicle handled story.

We have contacted Gov. Reagan's office and 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. Crow said he was prejudice 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.