**CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT  
12th DISTRICT – SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES TASK FORCE  
OFFICIAL REPORT**

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**CASE NO: 25-CHN-0417-VAN  
FILE DATE: 04/17/2025  
CATEGORY: Mass Disappearance  
ASSIGNED TO: Sgt. Emilia Navarro**

## Incident Description:

At approximately 21:41 CST during peak activity at the Chinatown Night Market, multiple witnesses reported a sudden 'black mist' rising along the central promenade, accompanied by auditory distortions (described variously as 'humming' or 'whispering').  
  
Approximately 14 market stalls and an estimated 37 individuals disappeared within a 15-second window. No debris, personal items, or bodies were found at the scene.  
  
The affected area exhibited:  
- Rapid temperature drop (recorded -7°F localized for 90 seconds).  
- Minor electromagnetic anomalies (personal electronics malfunctioned).  
- Residual ionization patterns detected by city engineers.  
- No CCTV footage during event window due to blackouts across 4 camera arrays.

## Witness Statements (Summary):

Vendor 1 (Liang Chao, 47 years old): 'Fog rolled in...I heard a ringing like bells. Then everyone near the lantern arches just...vanished. No screams, no struggle.'  
  
Tourist 1 (Grace Whitmore, 29 years old, UK national): 'I blinked and the entire market center was gone. It was like they were \*snuffed out.\*'  
  
Vendor 2 (Chen Wei, 63 years old): 'Saw shadows move. I thought it was just performers until they melted away.'

## Evidence Collected:

- Sample 001: Soil scraping from epicenter (contains unknown organic residue, pending lab results).  
- Sample 002: Air particulate sample (high sulfurous and ozone concentrations).  
- Sample 003: Lantern fragments fused into glass-like texture.

## Actions Taken:

- Immediate perimeter lockdown by CPD units.  
- No suspects apprehended.  
- CDC contacted regarding potential biological anomaly (standard procedure).  
- Special Circumstances Task Force informed (Code Black - Unknown Phenomenon).  
- Magical Consultant [Redacted] discreetly activated per Standing Orders.

## Classification:

Current Status: OPEN INVESTIGATION  
Primary Classification: Mass Disappearance / Paranormal Event  
Secondary Classification: Potential Nevernever Incursion (CONFIDENTIAL)

## Notes:

- Night Market temporarily closed under cover story of 'industrial chemical spill and electrical hazard.'  
- Discrete monitoring of Chinatown neighborhoods ongoing.  
- Warden Liaison [Redacted] advised extreme caution: 'If they took this many, it's not over yet.'

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