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# Son of Sam killer: 'I wasn't alone'

## Berkowitz ends 16-year silence

BY BRIAN KATES  
*New York Daily News*

NEW YORK — Claiming he was part of a satanic cult of killers, David Berkowitz admits he was present for each of the six Son of Sam slayings but now insists: "I did not pull the trigger at every single one."

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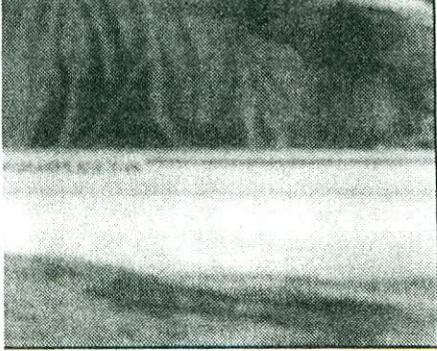
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The broad outline of the clandestine U.S. policy toward Saddam is well known, but the book says that Bush played a more central role than was previously disclosed in the attempted concealment of embarrassing documents.

Earlier accounts have described how a group of senior officials in the White House met many times in 1991 and 1992 in strict congressional committees' access documents describing the Iraq policy. Notes those meetings indicated that Bush was about the attempt.

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John Carr (whose father, Sam Carr, owned the dog Berkowitz said commanded him to kill) was shot dead in a girlfriend's North Dakota apartment in 1978. Michael was killed in a car crash on the West Side Highway in New York City less than two years later.

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After months of demonic prayer, animal sacrifices and participation in several ritual arsons in Yonkers and the Bronx, Berkowitz was formally initiated into the cult.

Not long afterward, on June 12, 1976, a little more than a month before the first Son of Sam killing, Berkowitz, on a visit to Houston, obtained a .44-caliber Charter Arms Bulldog revolver.

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# Police keep eye on occult

By LARRY BACON  
*The Register-Guard*

There was a time when spray-painted devil figures or satanic street graffiti like the number "666" would be dismissed by most law enforcement officers as inconsequential malicious mischief.

Carcasses of mutilated animals would be regarded as the work of a few twisted kooks. Discoveries of strange makeshift altars in the woods would be a matter of curiosity rather than concern. And rumors of human sacrifices would be looked on as outlandish.

But now such indicators of occult or satanic activity that periodically turn up around Oregon are beginning to prompt more than a second look

by law enforcement agencies, counselors and social service workers.

Authorities have learned from sometimes tragic experience that a growing fascination by young people with satanism and the occult can lead to violence or suicide.

And more and more reports are beginning to surface across the country of long-standing secretive cults of satanists that have been killing and abusing children and adults for generations. Some law enforcement officers believe many such crimes have gone undetected in Oregon.

"Let's be blunt about it," says state police Detective Ovid Pinckert of Albany. "It's murder. It's been going on for a long time, and it will continue to do so."

Many Oregon law enforcement agencies now have provided special training for one or more officers and instructed them to look for satanic implications in local criminal activity. Called "cult cops" in law enforcement circles, these officers answer questions from others within their departments and keep in touch with their counterparts in neighboring jurisdictions about occult activity.

Deputies Lisa Wampole and Bob Moore have been acting as the "occult and witchcraft liaison" (OWL) officers for the Coos County sheriff's office

for 10 months. During that time they have charted seven cases of animal mutilation and some other minor Coos County crimes believed related to the occult. They've also been watching more than a dozen groups in Coos and neighboring counties suspected of involvement in occult crimes such as animal sacrifices.

"I don't know if this is an increase in the problem or we just weren't aware of it before," Wampole says.

Police, educators, social workers and others who deal with young people in trouble say that fascination with the occult is apparently fueled by popular rock music, videos and books with satanic and occult themes.

Such observers add that dabbling in the occult goes hand in hand with drug abuse. Tom Favreau, a counselor and community relations officer at the Oregon Trail Adolescent Treatment Center in Eugene, says for the past 1½ years he has noticed significant increases in the number of young people coming in for drug treatment who are caught up with the occult.

**I**N SPRINGFIELD, the killing of 19-year-old Melissa Ann Meyer last year underscored the consequences of youthful involvement in the occult. Her convicted killers, 21-year-old Jason Rose and 19-year-old John Ray Jones, confessed that they strangled Meyer as a human sacrifice to Arioch, an occult god of chaos and evil.

Testimony during the Rose trial revealed that Rose relished the taste of blood and often talked about ritualistic mutilation of animals.

Satanists believe that the drinking of blood or eating of human or animal body parts increases their power or sexual prowess, according to law enforcement officials familiar with satanic doctrine.

Adrian Greek, a Portland counselor who specializes in helping survivors of cult abuse, characterized Rose as a "self-styled kind of dabbler" in the occult who became so caught up in it that his actions were no longer governed by normal standards of behavior and morality.

"It's like an addictive type of fantasy life," Greek says.

Other than the Meyer killing, law enforcement officers say they have encountered little in the way of occult activity in Lane County.

Detective Larry Jones of the Lane County Sheriff's Office said there have been reports of occult rituals being held in cemeteries, but they were never substantiated.

"We have absolutely nothing going on right now in terms of any type of information regarding cults in Eugene," said Sgt. Rick Gilliam of the Eugene Police Department.

He said the most recent activity investigated by Eugene police was a year ago, when some photos and paintings of scenes from apparent occult rituals were found along the Willamette River. However, the source of the material was not found.

In spite of the lack of occult activity in this area, Jones and Gilliam say a number of local law enforcement officers have attended seminars and received special training on how to recognize and investigate occult crimes.

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**P**OICE AND SOCIAL workers in Oregon say they often encounter young offenders who wear satanic jewelry or tattoos. Some affect such trappings as inverted pentagrams or up-side-down earring crosses just for their shock value.

But others are using the occult to style their own "what's-yours-is-mine and what's-wrong-is-right" philosophy, says Detective Trudy Reynolds of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Reynolds says she made it a point to learn something about the occult just to understand the "mind-set" of the criminals she encounters. She says that through their occult-based rationalizations they find it easy to commit burglaries, robberies and other crimes with no remorse.

"There just isn't any conscience," she says.

Obsessions with the occult can also lead to problems for "good" kids who might not otherwise be in trouble with the law. Earlier this year in Roseburg, a task group of parents and other community leaders was formed after police found a group of about a dozen young people using drugs and participating in an occult ritual organized by a 19-year-old school dropout.

Further investigation showed that as many as 30 Roseburg youngsters had been involved in some kind of occult activities, says Dave Ohm, a high school vice principal.

Ohm says the self-styled cult leader became convinced that one of the female students turned the group in to police, and he threw a potion on her that he claimed would lead to her death.

"This little gal was so concerned that she came to school with this huge hunting knife in her purse," Ohm says. "She believed she had to kill the person who put a spell on her or take her own life."

The girl was finally convinced otherwise, and the furor over the occult has died down in Roseburg. But the task force remains to help parents and children who face problems with the occult.

**P**ARENTS WHO have tried to deal with such problems have sometimes encountered frustrations, anger and disappointment. A Roseburg father who asked not to be named said in a recent interview that he and his wife went through two years of torment and thousands of dollars in counseling and psychiatric treatment trying to straighten their daughter out after she became obsessed with the occult.

He said the girl, once shy and reclusive, became like a different person after falling in with a group that participated in occult rituals at a youth summer camp when she was 14.

The father said the girl became fascinated with words from rock music glorifying death and Satan, indulged in self-mutilation and conducted her own private occult rituals.

She constantly ran away, and about a year ago she ran for good. Her parents believe she is now heavily involved with drugs.

"We didn't meet her needs, and she found a way to meet them," the father said. "By the time we started to realize it, it was too late."

In a coastal Oregon community, a mother who experienced similar prob-

lems with her 14-year-old son ended up saving his life with cardio-pulmonary resuscitation after he hung himself in his bedroom.

Under the chair he used in the hanging, the dictionary was open with the word Satan underlined in red. His

parents later found satanic pictures he had drawn and candles he apparently used to conduct his private occult rituals.

The boy is living with relatives in another community now. But the mother says his involvement with the occult continues. She doubts whether she would be able to control him if he came home.

"I'm afraid to bring him home," she says.

Parents of both young people say they encountered lack of understanding and expertise when seeking professional help to deal with their children's obsessions. Favreau acknowledged most counselors are unprepared to deal with the occult, but warns they need to become prepared.

"This stuff really does lead to destruction," he says. "Kids are dying out there, and we're going to see more and more of it."

**I**N OTHER PARTS of the country, killings, child sexual abuse and suicides, all with occult motivations, have been documented.

Perhaps the most shocking murder case was in Matamoros, Mexico, where earlier this year investigators discovered that a devil-worshipping narcotics ring had apparently committed 15 ritual killings.

The still-pending McMartin Pre-School case in California called national attention to the issue of ritual child abuse after teachers at the school were charged in 1985 with more than 200 counts of child molestation. Some of the children's stories hinted at satanic-type rituals.

A Virginia expert on the occult who testified at the Jason Rose trial said her interest in the subject was triggered when her 18-year-old son killed himself in a self-sacrifice seven years ago.

Such occurrences are why many law enforcement agencies in Oregon and other states are providing special training to help their officers recognize and investigate occult crimes.

"But we're still in the wake-up stages," says Larry Jones, a Boise cult crime expert who provides consulting services for law enforcement agencies throughout the country.

Jones believes "deep-core" satanists in the Pacific Northwest and other parts of the country have been getting away with ritualistic murder and sex crimes for years.

Detective Pinckert of Albany, the Oregon State Police occult crimes specialist, says he has no doubt that such crimes have occurred in Oregon. But proving it is difficult, he says.

Police agencies in other areas of Oregon also have found only periodic evidence of illegal occult activity. Representatives of several police agencies interviewed by The Register-Guard say that because no one keeps track of such crimes, there is no way to tell if they are increasing.

However, the greatest fear of Coos County's Wampole and other Oregon "cult cops" is that the growing fascination of young people with the occult will lead to more serious crimes.

Wampole said satanic doctrine teaches that a child is the ultimate sacrifice to Satan. One of the circumstances that fostered the OWL team in Coos County was reports that children had or were to be sacrificed. Most of the reports were unfounded, but one is still under investigation.

Pinckert is investigating an occult case involving a number of children in which rape, drug use and "at least one murder" may have been committed.

Michael Miller, chief of the small Butte Falls Police Department in Jackson County, has heard similar tales of sacrifices in his county. No murders have been proven. But he still worries.

"If a person is serious (about satanism), he would eventually be involved in homicide," Miller says. "That's how the program is set up."

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**Cult tie to deaths?**

BATTLE CREEK — Police, responding to street talk, say they are investigating the possibility a Satanic cult may have been involved in the killing of two 17-year-old girls.

The girls' partly clad bodies were found within five weeks of each other this spring in wooded areas 12 miles apart. Both victims, Patricia Rosansky of Battle Creek and Karry Evans of Bellevue, had been missing about two months. Police said it was unclear whether they had been sexually assaulted.

Al Tolf, a detective on the Battle Creek police force, described one of the suspects in the Rosansky case as "a self-proclaimed Satanist."

In the other case, Tolf said, Evans had written some odd letters telling friends about "Satanic beliefs," and had been seen in a red jacket emblazoned with "666" — a cult designation for the devil.



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# Cult theory emerges in killings

By Don Baird  
*Dispatch Staff Reporter*

**L**OOGAN, Ohio — Satanists murdered Annette Cooper and Todd Schultz, an uncalled defense witness in the trial of Dale N. Johnston theorizes. Jeff F. Hilson III, a student of the occult, made that claim after contacting *The Dispatch* on Sunday.

Johnston, who was convicted Saturday, could be sentenced to death in the slayings of his 18-year-old stepdaughter and her 19-year-old fiance.

Hilson bases his opinion of the Cooper-Schultz murders, in part, upon his examination of autopsy photographs and reports completed by the Franklin County coroner's office.

**J**OHNSTON'S attorneys, Thomas Tyack and Bob Suhr, had subpoenaed Hilson as a defense witness in Johnston's trial but Tyack never called Hilson to the stand.

Hilson, who has not testified before as an expert witness, said he has been asked to go to Chicago to advise police there as to whether Satanism is involved in the killing.

Tyack said he would have told the judges that Hilson has made an extensive study of occult worship as part of his interest in forensic history. He said Hilson has a doctoral degree in

history from Ohio State University.

Hilson said he is a specialist in forensic history, the study of criminal activities which have set historical trends. He teaches history at South High School in Columbus and has written more than 30 articles on forensic history for magazines and other periodicals.

**T**YACK SAID he did not call Hilson to the stand because he did not think Hilson's testimony was needed to prove Johnston not guilty. Tyack said he thought Johnston "had come across well on the witness stand."

The Logan teen-agers disappeared on Oct. 4, 1982. Their torsos were found in the Hocking River on Oct. 14, and their heads and limbs were found buried in a nearby cornfield on Oct. 16.

Hilson said he believes a Satan worshipper shot the teenagers to death, left their bodies in the cornfield and went to gather other cult members for a midnight ceremony in worship of Lucifer.

"This beyond question was an operation carried out by five or more dedicated, totally perverse Satanists," Hilson said he would have told the three trial judges in a report intended for submission into evidence.

"TODD AND Annette were in the cornfield at approximately 5 or 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 4," Hilson said in an interview.

"They were lying closely together on the ground. They were discovered by one of the cult members, who probably saw them and followed them into the cornfield," Hilson believes.

"They probably had nothing on because it is in testimony (during Johnston's trial) that the bullets that entered the bodies had no clothing adhering," Hilson said.

Asked if he believes Johnston committed the murders, Hilson replied, "Not at all. Not in the slightest."

**I**NVESTIGATORS found a small amount of blood near the body parts buried in the cornfield. They said they believed the relatively small amount of blood meant the bodies had been dismembered elsewhere.

But Hilson said he believes Satanic worshippers drank the missing blood as part of a ritual.

Hilson said his first hint that the murders may have been part of a human sacrifice came when he read the autopsy report on

Schultz. He noted that Schultz suffered a 17-inch wound across his chest.

The chest wound probably was the first made in Schultz's

corpse, Hilson said. The killer then plunged a second cutting instrument through that wound into Schultz's heart, Hilson theorized.

Referring to the 17-inch wound, Hilson said, "This wasn't a knife. This was a sword. This was a sword hack. The bone was severed like nothing. I've ever seen before. It was just like a zipper had opened."

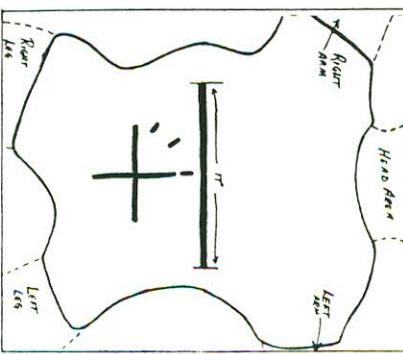
**H**ILSON NOTED that Schultz's torso had a cross-shaped wound roughly 8-by-8 inches on the abdomen.

Hilson, in his five-page report, said, "Satanists make the cross symbol over the victim's gut or genital area."

The autopsy report made note of smaller cuts, which Hilson said were intended by the slayers as "rays" emanating from the cross. He said the rays correspond to stations of the Satanic cross dedicated to the Satanic trinity of Lucifer, Beelzebub and Baal.

"It was obvious to me," Hilson said. "This was a Satanic killing."

Hilson said the sexual organs missing from the victims' torsos probably are in use by the killers as amulets.



Jeff Hilson's sketch of Todd Schultz's torso, showing long gash and cross-shaped wound

split open. Hilson said the autopsy report showed that seven fingernails were missing from Cooper's body. Hilson theorizes that the fingernails also are in use as amulets.

He said the victim's severed heads were buried face up, with the tops of the heads facing east and the faces blackened with a substance which, in his view, could have been excrement.

The slayings, Hilson said, occurred during the midnight of a new moon, an important cultist requirement.

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## 2 teens arrested in slaying described as satanic ritual

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (AP) — Two Long Island youths were ordered held without bail Friday in what authorities called the satanic ritual murder of a 17-year-old boy.

"They took a living and breathing 17-year-old boy as a sacrificial animal, slaughtered and mutilated him," said Assistant District Attorney William Keahon.

RICHARD KASSO, 17, of Northport, and James Troiano, 18, of East Northport, were charged with second-degree murder in the death of Gary Lauwers, of East Northport, whose remains were found Wednesday in a wooded area.

Kasso and Troiano were arrested Thursday. "They decided to kill the boy, we allege, because of something to do with drugs," perhaps the sale of PCP, said Lt. Robert Dunn, head of the Suffolk County homicide division.

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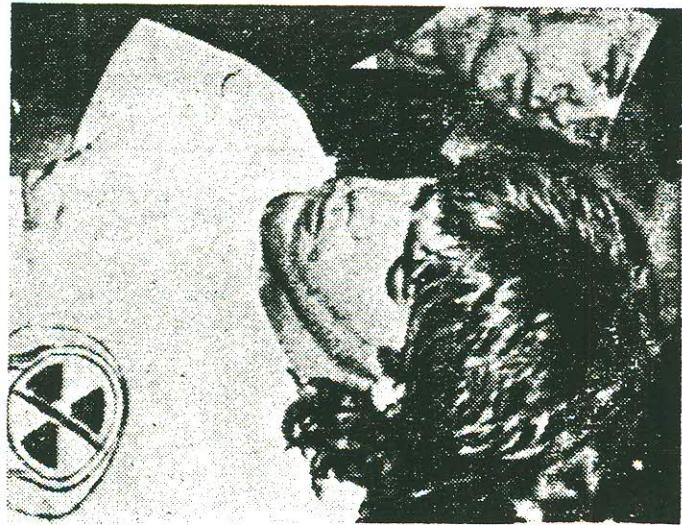
worshippers," said Dunn. "This was a sacrificial killing. . . . They built a roaring fire in a field near the woods. . . . It's pure satanism.

Just before they killed him, they forced him to say, 'I love Satan,'" Dunn said.

NEWSDAY REPORTED that the boy was stabbed numerous times and his eyes were cut out. The newspaper quoted a police source as saying that a crow had cawed, and Kasso took it as an order from the devil to kill Lauwers. At one point during the assault, the victim sat up and cried, "I love you, Mom," said the source.

At least two other youths watched the killing, and a dozen youths were sought by

A police dog found Lauwers' skeleton in a shallow grave. He had last been seen June



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Murder suspect James Troiano

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AP photo

Richard Kasso after arrest

## Devil worshipper held in death found hanged

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. (AP) — A 17-year-old youth caught in a swirl of drugs and devil worship was found hanged with a bedsheet in his jail cell Saturday, a day after he was arraigned for the ritualistic murder of another youth, authorities said.

Richard Kasso, of Northport, apparently took his own life, said Sgt. Ronald Brooks, a Suffolk County sheriff's spokesman. An autopsy was planned.

**POLICE AND** neighbors said Kasso's life had been marred by a descent into drugs, erratic behavior and satanic worship, which culminated with the ritualistic slaying of Gary Lauwers, 17, of East Northport, who was forced to say, "I love Satan" before he died.

Police said they were investigating the involvement of at least a dozen other Long Island teen-agers in the "Knights of the Black Circle" satanic cult.

Kasso had been arrested with James Troiano, 18, of East Northport, who was put under 24-hour observation following Kasso's death, Brooks said. The two were charged with second-degree murder.

A guard who made a routine cell check at 1 a.m. found Kasso hanging by bedsheets attached to the topmost cross bars of his cell at the Suffolk County Jail, said Brooks.

A man who answered the telephone at the Kasso home in Northport said the family

would have no comment on the case or the youth's death.

**BUT A NEIGHBOR**, who said she had known "Rickie" since he was a little boy, said she had witnessed his decline as a teenager and his parents' agony as they sought to help.

She said Kasso's father is a high school football coach, and the youth's three younger sisters are "beautiful girls."

Police said they believed the motive for Lauwers' slaying may have been the theft of 10 bags of "angel dust," a hallucinogenic drug, from Kasso.

The killing took place in a field near a woods where police said they believe Kasso and members of the cult had been living out of cars. The date of the killing has not been established.

**POLICE SAID** cult members burned Lauwers' socks and shirt sleeves while chanting around a fire. Then Kasso allegedly stabbed the victim several times and dragged him about 15 yards, believing he was dead.

Lauwers then reportedly sat up and said, "I love you, Mom," prompting Kasso to gouge out his eyes. Kasso then heard a crow screech, "an indication to him . . . that the devil had ordered him to kill Lauwers," said police Lt. Larry Springsteen.

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# Teens' cult leaves sinister scar on city

By MARGOT FARNBLOWER

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NORTHPORT, N.Y. — The sun sparkles over the harbor in this idyllic Long Island suburb. Sailboats glide in the breeze. Quaint boutiques are open for business. Except on the playground the scenery belies the crisis: Spray-painted giant red letters on the wooden Jungle Gym is the word "Satan."

The playground at the foot of Main Street was a hangout for Richard Kasso, 17, and his devil-worshipping friends who formed a cult they called The Knights of the Black Circle.

On the Jungle Gym and on a nearby gazebo, they left their marks: upside-down crucifixes in blue spray paint, a sign of the anti-Christ: a 2-foot pentagram, an inverted star

symbolizing the devil; and the name of their favorite rock stars — Black Sabbath and Ozzy Osbourne, who sing of satanic possession and once bit off a bat's head during a performance.

Kasso and James Troiano, 18, were arraigned Friday on charges of murder in the death of Gary Lauwers, 17, in what police are calling a "satanic ritual." Police said Kasso gave a statement in the case and that Lauwers was stabbed repeatedly and forced to say "I love Satan." His eyes were gouged, police said.

Early Saturday morning, Kasso was found hanged with a sheet in

the Suffolk County Jail. The sheriff's department ruled his death a suicide.

The savage killing has shocked this quiet, affluent community of

7,200 with its tree-lined streets and neat colonial-style homes an hour's drive from New York City.

Suffolk County police and prosecutors say the loose satanic cult of which Kasso was a member is at least 3 years old. More than 20 teenagers are believed to have participated in its rituals, while using mescaline, LSD, "angel dust" and other drugs that were freely available in the playground in the evening.

Police said Kasso told them that he killed Lauwers — while Troiano held the victim down and a fourth youth looked on — because Lauwers had stolen from him 10 bags of angel dust, a street name for the hallucinogen PCP. Rumors began to circulate among town teenagers after Lauwers' disappearance June 15. Police said his body was found three

weeks later, on Wednesday, in a shallow grave in the woods.

At the time of his arrest, Kasso was facing charges of violating public health laws by digging up a grave in April. Police said he was seeking bones to use in a satanic ritual.

In a 20-foot-wide clearing in the woods, about a hundred yards off a gravel road, is a circle of charred wood and earth surrounded by a tangle of poison ivy. Here, Keahon said, Kasso and Troiano tore the sleeves from Lauwers' shirt and tossed them into a bonfire with his socks.

Police said Kasso told them that after stabbing Lauwers repeatedly, Kasso started to leave when Lauwers suddenly sat up and cried, "I love you, Mom."

## Did the devil make a teen take his life?

NORTHPORT, N.Y. (AP) — At 12, Richard Kasso Jr. was an athlete, getting up at dawn to play football with friends. Then his life took an abrupt turn into drugs, and at age 17 he committed suicide in a jail cell, charged with a satanic ritual killing.

"He wanted to die," said his father, Richard Sr. "He was 40 pounds underweight, had slurred speech, no short memory, and all he thought about was drugs and rock music."

"About a year ago, we realized that whatever we had once in our son, we were never going to get it back," Kasso said in an interview Friday. "There was no light at the end of the tunnel."

Ricky frequently talked about suicide, his father said. Last summer, he told a relative: "I think suicide would be the ultimate high — then I would be at total peace."

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Ricky hanged himself with a bedsheets in a jail cell on July 6, one day after he was arrested and charged with killing 17-year-old Gary Lauwers.

Gary was tortured for three hours last month, stabbed 17 times and forced to say "I love you Satan" before his eyes were gouged out next to a bonfire. Police said he was killed because \$100 worth of PCP, the drug called angel dust, had been stolen from young Kasso.

Ricky's friend James Troiano, 18, of East Northport, was charged with second-degree murder, accused of holding Lauwers while he was being stabbed.

Over the last three years, police in this

seaside town of 7,500 on Long Island have found the remains of charred or tortured animals, apparent victims of ritual sacrificial slaughter. Some graves had been dug up.

"We thought they were isolated incidents," said William Keahon, chief of the major offense bureau for the Suffolk County District Attorney. "We now suspect that it is a group of young kids in the area, loosely organized under the name Knights of the Black Circle, who is responsible."

Kasso, a teacher and football coach at Cold Spring Harbor High School, said he and his wife could be characterized as "over-achievers," but that as parents they were "not hard-nosed."

The Kassos said they tried to help their son, and tried to admit him to a mental hospital. The hospital refused, saying he was not a serious danger to himself or society.

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# Lucas says he was member of cult

United Press International

GEORGETOWN — Henry Lee Lucas, convicted on a Friday the 13th for a Halloween murder, now claims he killed some of his 360 victims as a member of a cult performing human sacrifice in an attempt to call forth the devil.

In an interview published in Sunday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the 47-year-old drifter said the organization — called "The Hands of Death" — has hundreds of members roaming the country.

"I belonged to a cult," Lucas said. "It was a devil's organization. For initiation you would have to go out and kill a person."

Lucas was condemned to death April 13 for the Halloween 1979 rape and murder of an unidentified woman whose body was discovered along Interstate 35 near this central Texas city.

In confessions to Williamson County Sheriff Jim Boutwell, Lucas claimed to have killed 360 victims, some by crucifixion, while criss-crossing the country between 1975 and 1983.

He said the cult killed on contract and performed ritual crucifixions of animals and humans.

"They were supposed to bring the devil back to life," Lucas said.

Lucas said he was first approached by the cult in Shreveport, La., after learning that a "companion" already belonged, and later joined the cult after a failed attempt to reunite with his family.

Lucas did not name his com-

panion, but said he "participated in it worse than I did. He would eat human flesh and drink human blood."

However, Lucas was known to have traveled with Otis Edward Toole, who is scheduled to go on trial Monday in Jacksonville, Fla., on homicide charges, and who investigators said has also mentioned a cult.

Boutwell said Toole has told authorities of eating human flesh on more than one occasion.

And a Catholic lay worker, who asked not to be named, said she had heard from two prisoners in Williamson County Jail about the Hands of Death cult before she met Lucas.

She said in both cases, the prisoners told her they could not convert to Christianity because they feared reprisals from the cult.

Texas Ranger Sgt. Bob Prince, who is involved in the Lucas investigation, said authorities were skeptical of the cult claims, but were investigating nonetheless.

Lucas said he did not always kill on the cult's behalf. He said he killed a few times to fulfill a taste for sex with dead women, but "the biggest majority were killed out of hate."

Lucas was convicted in 1960 of murdering his mother, and has been convicted of three murders in Texas. He is charged with 10 slayings in six states, and authorities have said his confessions have cleared more than 100 unsolved homicides.

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## Child-slay suspect arrested

By The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — A 21-year-old man described by neighbors as a knife-carrying troublemaker was arrested Tuesday in the killings of two young boys, police said.

Police arrested William Sarmento without incident after someone called police with the tip that he was hiding in the cellar of a house, Providence Police Chief Anthony Mancuso said.

A police source who spoke on condition of anonymity said Sarmento's girlfriend apparently helped police locate him.

Mancuso announced earlier Tuesday a nationwide manhunt for Sarmento in the slayings of Frankie Barnes, 9, and Jason Wolf, 6.

Mancuso said Sarmento gave police damaging statements about both slayings. He also said Sarmento wrote a note Mancuso received Saturday.

The Providence Journal and WJAR-TV reported over the weekend that police received a note saying Satan ordered the note's author to kill the two boys.

"I hope you will kill me, cops, because I don't know why I killed



**William Sarmento**  
Letter's clues led to arrest

the children," the note said. "Keep boys and kids away from me."

Frankie's body was found Saturday in Tongue Pond in Cranston, about a half mile from his home in Providence's west end, while Jason's body was discovered Dec. 21 near Mashapaug Pond in Providence.

"The first real break in this case arrived in the form of a letter addressed to myself on Dec. 26, 1987," Mancuso said.

Mancuso wouldn't divulge the note's contents, other than to say it led police to Frankie's body and provided clues that led them to Jason.

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## 3 youths held after body of girl found in Douglas

By John Brady  
*Staff Writer*

Three teenage suspects have been charged in the slaying of a 15-year-old girl whose body was found in a shallow grave in Douglas County, a Sheriff's Department spokesman said Thursday.

Investigators believe the slaying could have stemmed from devil worship and witchcraft, said the spokesman, who asked not to be identified. He declined to cite any evidence to support the theory.

He said he could not elaborate on the group's activities, but said that the victim and the suspects apparently were acquainted. The victim, whose name was not available Thursday night, appeared to have been dead for about 10 days when the grave was discovered Wednesday, the spokesman said. He added that the body was sent to the State

Crime Lab for an autopsy to determine the time and cause of death.

Both the victim and a 17-year-old girl arrested in the case were runaways from a state-run group home for young people in the county, the spokesman said. He identified the suspect as Melissa Ernest, believed to be a Cobb County native.

Two male juveniles also were arrested and charged with murder, the spokesman said. State law forbids naming juvenile suspects.

All three suspects were being held in the Douglas County Jail without bond Thursday night.

The girl's body was found off Mason Creek Road about four miles south of Douglasville in a grave about a foot and a half deep, the spokesman said. The body had been covered with rocks, dirt and debris, he added.

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# 3 youths held in slaying of teen; satanism cited

By Kathy Scruggs

Staff Writer

Terry Chapman Belcher, one of three teenagers charged in the slaying of a 15-year-old Douglas County girl this week, had told friends he was a devil worshiper, according to the lead investigator on the case. "Terry talked about how good

the devil was and how good hell was and that he was going there,"

Douglas County Sheriff's Department Capt. Phil Miller said Belcher's friends told him.

Satanism is not thought to be the sole motive behind the strangulation of Teresa Simmons, but Miller, who has been researching the phenomenon among Douglas County teenagers, said that devil wor-

ship contributed to an attitude that made killing her easier.

Miller said he has observed an

increase in the practice among ju-

venile arrested for running away,

burglary and vandalism during the

past six months.

"Anything they do in the name of the devil, they don't consider a crime," Miller said. "It makes them clean for the devil. I believe this

played a part in the attitude while they were committing the crime."

The body of Miss Simmons, a runaway from a Lithia Springs fos-

ter home, was found Wednesday

under six inches of dirt, rocks and

debris near Belcher's grandmoth-

er's house, he said.

She is believed to have been

strangled with a leather bootstrap

shortly after dawn on Jan. 17. A

verbal satanic ritual was said over her grave, Miller said he was told. "The motivation for the mur-

der, in my opinion, is drugs, sex

and this rock music that relates to

satanic worshiping, devil worship-

ping and witchcraft," Douglas Coun-

ty Sheriff Earl Lee said.

Charged with murder are

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Belcher, 15, of 1901 East County Line Road in Lithia Springs; Robert McIntyre, 16, of 2340 Ambassador Drive in Douglasville; and Belcher's girlfriend, Malisa Earnest, 17, who lived with the victim in the foster home on Donagal Circle, Miller said.

Belcher and Miss Earnest have practiced satanism and have given detectives statements implicating themselves in the slaying, Miller said.

Miss Earnest's father, George Earnest, 38, is being held in the Cobb County Jail on unrelated charges of pandering, incest and cruelty to children, said assistant Cobb County District Attorney Sandra Clay. The pandering and incest charges stem from allegations that Ernest prostituted Malisa between

May 1987 and Nov. 1987.

Miller said he was told by Cobb officials that Earnest is also involved in devil worship.

The three teenagers were picked up in Gonzales, La., on Tuesday after it was found that they were driving a stolen vehicle.

Burglary charges also are pending against the teenagers. Guns and other property believed stolen in burglaries in Douglas County and Gainesville, Fla., were found in the van, Miller said. The three suspects are being held without bond in the Douglas County Jail and will be tried as adults, Miller said.

Jealousy among the teenage girls might also have been a factor in the slaying, Miller said.

Miss Simmons and Miss Earnest, who were wards of the state, ran away from the foster home Jan. 11 and hitchhiked to Belcher's house, Miller said.

Later that night, Belcher and

McIntyre took the girls to Belcher's grandmother's house at 4500 Mason Creek Road in Douglasville, where

they stayed nearly a week along with several elderly occupants of the house, Miller said.

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# Teens face charges in 'satanic' killing

By Chris Laney Watkins  
and Joe Baggett  
*Neighbors Staff Writers*

FRONT PAGE

Three Douglas County teenagers face murder charges in what authorities describe as the satanic killing of a 15-year-old runaway girl.

The buried body of Theresa Marie Simmons was discovered by the Douglas County Sheriff's Department early Thursday morning in a wooded area off Mason Creek Road south of Douglasville.

The three suspects being held in the Douglas County Jail are 17-year-old Malisa Lynn Earnest, who lists her grandparents' home in Powder Springs as her address but was living in the same group home as Ms. Simmons, 16-year-old Robert McIntyre and 15-year-old Terry Belcher.

McIntyre and Belcher are sophomores at Lithia Springs High School.

The three appeared before Superior Court Judge Robert Noland Thursday morning. Noland appointed Bill Tinsley as attorney for Ms. Earnest and Don Howe as attorney for Belcher. McIntyre has hired attorney Ken Kronz.

The trio will be tried as adults, said Assistant District Attorney David McDade. Bond was not applied for at the hearing.

The victim ran away for unknown reasons from a group home in Douglas County Jan. 11, said Sheriff Earl Lee. She was the daughter of David and Theresa Simmons of Powder Springs. Mrs. Simmons is in the Cobb County Jail on unrelated charges, Lee said.

The father had been given custody of the girl before Cobb County authorities took her into protective custody and placed her in a foster home in Douglas County.

Lee led a group of officers to Mason Creek Road after midnight Jan. 28 to unearth the body, which had been wrapped in a blanket and buried in the woods for over a week. She was apparently killed by strangulation with a leather boot lace Jan. 16 or 17, Lee said.

Lee said the suspects' alleged motives in the killing involved sex, satanic devil-worship and witchcraft.

"To a certain extent, I know they are involved in (devil worship). There's a good possibility that a portion of the motives has to do with sex, and additionally the motive has to do with devil-worshipping and witchcraft."

Lee said the suspects, who apparently fled to Louisiana late last month, had been under watch by his officers as suspects in other crimes.

"We were looking at them for local crimes having to do with burglaries and theft



Staff photo by Ray T. Drumm

**GRISLY WORK:** Lt. Phil Miller of the Douglas County Sheriff's Department uncovers the body of a 15-year-old Douglasville slaying victim in woods off Mason Creek Road. Law enforcement officials believe 'devil worship' may have been a motive in the killing.

of a vehicle here," Lee said. "Through that investigation here and with Louisiana authorities we obtained some information about the deceased. After that we started the investigation here."

The suspects were arrested in Louisiana on charges of vehicle theft and were flown back to face murder charges in Douglas County Wednesday before the body was unearthed.

"I had lawful information as to the whereabouts of the body from another office in another state," said Lee. "We went to that location (earlier last week) and there was a freshly dug grave with some logs and limbs over the grave."

"Since that time, to further the investigation, we have learned the identity of the victim and the people involved in her death," said Lee.

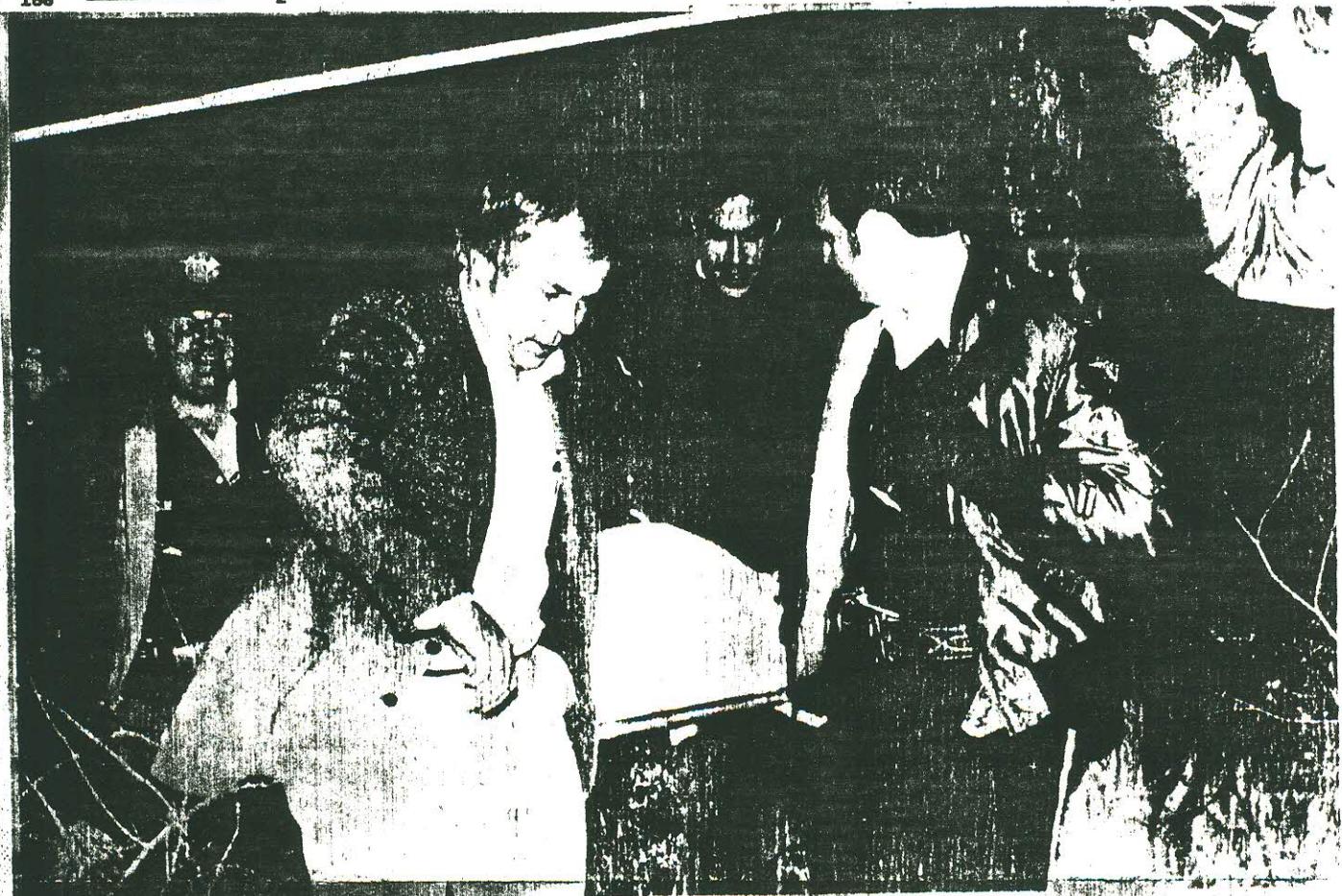
Lee said the burial site was near the home of the grandparents of one of the defendants.

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**REMOVED** Douglas County sheriff's deputy Billy Lashley and State Sen. Wayne Garner remove the body of 15-year-old Marie Simmons from a shallow grave in south Douglas County early last Thursday morning.

## Cobb teen charged in 'ritual murder'

By Watkins  
Joe Baggett  
Special Writers

A Powder Springs teenager has been charged with murder along with two other Cobb County teens in what police are calling the slaying of a 15-year-old girl.

The body of Theresa Simmons was discovered by sheriff's deputies early Thursday morning in a wooded area off Mason Creek Road four miles south of Marietta.

John Ernest, 17, who gave his parents' home in Marietta as her address, and Theresa Simmons and another teen were charged in the killing of Robert McInroy, 15, of Marietta.

McInroy was found dead in a wooded area off Cobb County Highway 101, which runs east to west through Marietta.

Billy McIntyre has

hired attorney Ken Kronz.

Douglas County Schools Superintendent Kathryn Shehane said both McIntyre and Belcher were ninth-grade students at Lithia Springs High School.

The three teens were ordered held without bond and will be tried as adults, said Douglas prosecutor David McDade.

The victim ran away from a state-operated group home in Douglas County Jan. 11, said Sheriff Earl Lee. She was the daughter of David and Theresa Simmons of Powder Springs. Mrs. Simmons is in Cobb County Jail on unrelated charges, Lee said.

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Lee led a group of officers to the site of the shallow grave early last Thursday morning to unearth the body, which had been wrapped in a blanket and buried in the woods for more than a week.

State Sen. Wayne Garner, whose

Douglas County funeral home provides emergency ambulance service, assisted in removal of the body.

Simmons was apparently strangled Jan. 16 or 17, Lee said.

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Lee also linked rock music to the slaying.

At a press conference last Thursday Lee said the teens "had been listening to Ozzy Osborne tapes. They had his music and played it a lot."

Lee said the suspects, who apparently fled to Louisiana last Tuesday, had been targeted by his office as suspects in other crimes.

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local crimes having to do with burglaries and theft of a vehicle here," Lee said. "Through that investigation here and with Louisiana authorities we obtained some information about the deceased. After that we started the investigation here."

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# Father of teen faces charges

## Daughter to be tried for murder

By Luke Johnson

Marietta Daily Journal Staff Writer

The father of a Cobb teen-age girl charged in Douglas County with what police call a Satanic ritual slaying of a 15-year-old Cobb girl has been ordered by a Cobb magistrate to stand trial on charges he committed incest with his daughter and forced her into prostitution.

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No trial has been set for Earnest, who is charged with having sexual intercourse on several occasions between May and November 1987 with his daughter, Malisa Earnest. He also is charged with forcing her into prostitution.

Miss Earnest, 16-year-old Robert McIntyre and 15-year-old Terry Belcher are charged with the murder of 15-year-old Theresa Marie Simmons of Powder Springs, whose body was found Jan. 28 buried in a shallow grave in a rural area south of Douglasville.

A third charge of cruelty to children stems from accusations Earnest beat his son with his fists, a belt and other objects.

Earnest was in Cobb County jail on \$3,000 bond today.

Court records indicate all the charges against Earnest originated through the Douglas County Juvenile Court but were transferred to Cobb because the alleged incidents occurred here, Bodiford said.

Douglas County Family and Children's Services case worker Kathy Bitterman referred all calls on the case to Jewel Norman, assistant director of the state Department of Human Resources. Norman refused to confirm the charges had been filed and would not discuss details of the case.

Miss Earnest, who lists her grandparents' residence in Powder Springs as her home address, was in a state-operated youth home in Douglas County with Simmons, who ran away from the facility Jan. 11, said Douglas County Sheriff Earl Lee.

Miss Simmons was the daughter of David and Theresa Simmons of Powder Springs.

McIntyre and Belcher were both ninth-grade students at Lithia Springs High School, Douglas school officials said.

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## Killing suspect's father indicted on incest, cruelty to children charges

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**[Teen pleads not guilty  
in alleged satanic slaying]**

One of three teen-agers charged with an alleged satanic murder of a 15-year-old Cobb girl pleaded not guilty in Douglas County Superior Court Wednesday.

Robert McIntyre, 16, is charged along with 17-year-old Malisa Earnest of Cobb and 15-year-old Terry Belcher in the slaying of 15-year-old Theresa Simmons of Powder Springs.

Belcher has already entered a not guilty plea and the attorney for Miss Earnest is awaiting the outcome of a psychiatric exam before entering a plea in the case.

McIntyre and Belcher were both students at Lithia Springs High School, said Douglas County investigators who contend the three teens strangled Miss Simmons

with a bootlace and performed a simple satanic ritual while they buried her in a shallow grave about four miles south of Douglasville.

The hearing was marked by a dispute between Douglas prosecutor David McDade and noted defense attorney Bobby Lee Cook.

Cook represented Kenneth Krontz, defense attorney for McIntyre. Cook was fighting a motion by McDade to disqualify Krontz because of a possible conflict of interest.

— Luke Johnson

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## Possible satanist crime link probed in Douglas

By Charles Walston  
*Staff Writer*

Douglas County authorities, who have alleged that satanic rituals were involved in the slaying of a 15-year-old girl this year, are investigating possible cult involvement in other crimes.

"There is a task force set up to investigate crimes that relate to cruelty to animals, drugs, thefts and burglaries," Sheriff Earl Lee said Wednesday. "And, yes, it came about as a result of the concerns that may relate to cults or satanic worship of the devil."

Three teenagers have been charged with murder in the slaying of Theresa Simmons, who was found buried in a shallow grave on Jan. 27. Lee previously has said that the suspects were involved in satanic activity, but declined Wednesday to cite any specific evidence in the case, which is scheduled for trial on June 6.

Lee also declined to comment

Wednesday on evidence of other satanic crimes in the county.

Sheriff's Department Lt. Bob Starrett, Deputy Chip Singleton and evidence analyst Elaine Trout will gather information about satanism as it might relate to various crimes, and will help educate other members of the department about cult tendencies, according to Lee. "The only thing we're trying to do is be a preventive tool," he said.

While the worship of Satan is not illegal, certain occult rituals involve crimes such as cruelty to animals and the use of drugs, according to Douglas County District Attorney Frank Winn.

Although Winn said he has been aware of satanism in Douglas County for almost 10 years, he does not expect that the task force will discover an abnormal level of cult activity.

"I would be surprised if there is any more in Douglas County than anywhere else," he said.

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## Satanic link explored in Tinsley murder

By LARRY CZAJA

Police investigating the death of April Tinsley, the 8-year-old girl abducted near her Fort Wayne home on Good Friday, are now considering the possibility that the girl was killed as part of a satanic ritual.

Sergeant Steve Butz, a public information officer with the Fort Wayne Police Department, said this morning that while there is no hard evidence to prove such an allegation, the satanic link is being included in the whole scope of the investigation.

"When you see Shull (Everett Dwayne Shull Jr., 34, a suspect in the case) walking around with a picture of a human skull on the back of his jacket, you have to wonder if that indicates a link with the occult," said Butz.

Butz confirmed a reported statement by Mike McAlexander, Allen County Chief Deputy Prosecutor, that some of the people police have questioned in the case have expressed interest in the occult.

Reportedly, those people are among the five whose body fluid samples were sent to a Maryland laboratory for DNA cross-matching.

Whether it's coincidence or something more that Tinsley was abducted on Good Friday and killed on Easter weekend is still uncertain. Satanic rituals often take place on holy days to mock Christian convictions.

Abandoned homes in Fort Wayne have been searched and items from those homes have been confiscated. Empty homes are said to be used in the performance of satanic rituals.

Tinsley's body was found in a ditch in rural southeastern DeKalb County April 4. Police have not yet charged anyone in connection with the abduction and murder.

Butz would not say whether the police have considered consulting with an expert in occult matters to determine if there is a definite possibility of the Tinsley girl being offered as a sacrifice to the devil.

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# Possible Satanic link probed

By Frank Green  
Times-Dispatch staff writer

More than four years after the abduction and death of Jessica Hatch, area authorities appear divided over whether a satanic cult was involved in the crimes.

Sources in Hanover and Henrico counties believe there is a strong possibility that the 12-year-old girl died accidentally or deliberately, during a satanic ceremony.

Law enforcement authorities in the counties said there was evidence suggesting the involvement of such a cult. Both Hanover and Henrico, as well as Goochland County, were at

various times involved in the investigation.

Some Richmond authorities disagree.

One, Sgt. Robert Walker, said Thursday, "I can say that there is no evidence of any cult activity involved. If it were, it would be part of the case and I could not comment" on it.

While the case is being doggedly investigated, much of what happened to the girl remains a mystery.

In a crime that tugged at the heartstrings of the entire area, Jessica disappeared on the evening of Feb. 5, 1984, while walking to her grand-

mother's house nine blocks away.

The remains of the quiet, petite girl with long blond hair were found in a remote area of eastern Hanover more than two months later.

She was identified by comparing X-rays taken before and after her death. At the time, police said the remains were too decomposed to establish a cause of death.

The suspicion of cult activity arose later that year after authorities took into custody two girls, believed to have been 7 and 5 years old at the time.

They had allegedly been sexually abused by their mother and her boyfriend. "The mother in that case . . .

was into Satanism," said a Richmond law enforcement official.

"Jessica is a friend of hers. They lived in the same neighborhood," the official said. "This kid [now in state custody] . . . she and her sister both are victims of sexual abuse as part of ritualism."

"She [the older girl] says she witnessed the murder [of Jessica Hatch]. She tells us in such a way that you don't know if she's fantasizing. "She talks about brutality and she talks about how they murdered Jesus. We don't know what's true and what's not."

The girl said that her mother and friend. "The mother in that case . . .

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# Possible Satanic link is probed in Hatch death

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others made her eat what they said were human entrails. "Maybe they were chicken guts. Who knows? We were never able to verify anything," said the source.

"The 5-year-old started out telling us stuff and then we couldn't work with her anymore [because] the mental health people felt that she" was not capable of testifying in court.

As it turned out, neither girl was capable of testifying in the sexual-abuse case and the charges against the mother and her boyfriend were dismissed.

County law enforcement authorities said a prime suspect in the Hatch case from the beginning was a friend of the mother's boyfriend and that he

was also participating in the cult.

The mother, who lived in a Richmond apartment nine or 10 blocks from Jessica's home at the time of her disappearance, moved to Henrico in July 1984, according to an affidavit filed by a Richmond investigator who obtained a search warrant for the

Henrico address.

The warrant was obtained in December 1984 in connection with the allegations of sexual abuse.

"Based on the fact that I have found evidence at [the Richmond apartment] corroborating the informant's statements that satanic rituals have occurred at that address, it is highly probable that similar evidence of satanic rituals now exists" at the Henrico address, the investigator wrote.



appeared to be candle wax drippings next to the burn marks."

"The circle," wrote Randell, "was approximately 9 feet in diameter. There were two lines inside the circle which converged into a V shape

**Hatch**

"In one of the rooms, I found a circle of burn marks on the floor and what

ing seven chalices, three red robes and one black one, a ceramic witch, a picture of Jesus and a satanic painting.

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**Staff writer Ed Briggs contributed to this story.**

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# Satanic cult link probed after killing

CLARKSVILLE — Noone is in custody yet but Johnson County authorities are checking out several suspects and following leads in the murder of a Clarksville girl whose body was found Saturday afternoon in the root cellar of an abandoned house north of Coal Hill.

A spokesman for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office said this morning that Sheriff Eddie King and Chief Deputy Jerry Dorney are in Little Rock at the state medical examiner's office where an autopsy of the girl's body was scheduled to take place today.

Devil worship may be linked to the death of Brandi Dawn Hutchins, 14, daughter of Jerry Hutchins of Clarksville. A hunter found the girl's fully clothed body stuffed in the root cellar of an abandoned farm house on Whipporwill Road in the Center Point Community about four miles north of Coal Hill. The sheriff's office spokesman said the house had been abandoned for a number of years and probably was a century old.

The hunter was not identified. In the house, King said, authorities found markings often identified with satanic worship on the wall. Drawn was a pentagram, the number "666," the initials "KKK," and the word "murder" spelled backward.

The teenage victim had last been seen alive on Thursday night. The sheriff said it appear she was killed, "execution style," with a point-blank

gunshot to the head. However, the sheriff said he couldn't be sure until after the autopsy.

Asked if he suspected devil worship in the death, King said, "At this time, I wouldn't rule out anything. I wouldn't say that it is, but I wouldn't rule out anything. Within the last month, I would say I've probably gotten at least 20 calls from the public about kids being involved in this."

King said a hunter who happened upon the house Saturday "looked through the opening of the root cellar and he saw a shoe. When he went down in there, he could see a leg too, so he went ahead and called us."

The sheriff said there have been other murders and suicides in Johnson County that may have been related to devil worship, but that he has not been able to get enough evidence together to prove it. He said there are suspects in the death of Miss Hutchins, but that no arrests have been made.

A pentagram is a five-pointed, star-shaped figure used as an occult symbol by magicians. The number "666" is the mark of the beast and the mark put on the forehead of those who worship Satan, the Christian symbol of opposition to God, according to the last chapter of the New Testament. KKK is the acronym for the Ku Klux Klan, an organization active in parts of the United States and the energies of which are directed against blacks, Catholics, Jews and the foreign-born.

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**MURDER SCENE — Above is the old Emery house, site of last week's murder.**  
(Spectator Photo)

## Murder is believed linked to satanism

Authorities are continuing their investigation into the death of 14-year-old Brandy Dawn Hutchins of Clarksville, found murdered Saturday in the Whippoorwill community, north of Coal Hill near the Franklin-Johnson County line.

Based on evidence found at the scene, the death may be linked to satanic worship, according to Johnson County Sheriff Eddie King, who said the girl was the victim of an "execution-type" slaying.

He said that suicide had been ruled out in the death, following an autopsy in Little Rock. King also said Tuesday that the state medical examiner's officer had determined that Brandy Dawn was not pregnant at the time of her death, as had been believed.

### Hunters discover body

Deer hunters Bill Meeler and Junior Bartlett found the body Saturday afternoon in the root cellar of the abandoned John Emery house on county road 6, two miles west of Highway 164.

King said the hunters, who were looking for their dogs, found some personal items outside the abandoned house. Inside the root cellar, they found a shoe and then the girl's body, the sheriff said.

He said a place had been dug out for the body, which was partially covered by wood.

### Satanic symbols found

King said authorities found several satanic symbols drawn in chalk in the house, including a pentagram - a five-star symbol used in satanic rituals - and the number 666, the biblical mark of the beast, along with the initials "KKK" and the word "murder" spelled backward.

Officers believe a rope and wires hanging from rafters of the house were used in animal sacrifice.

King earlier said police found papers indicating Hutchins had taken a pregnancy test that was positive and that she had told her

father.

The Arkansas Democrat reported Tuesday that the girl's stepfather, Jerry Hutchins, 44, of Clarksville, said he drove his daughter to the house about 3 p.m. Thursday.

He said she told him that she had never been at the house before and that there was going to be a birthday party for her and her boyfriend's sister. His daughter was 14 on Nov. 5.

Hutchins reportedly said his daughter told him about a week ago that she was pregnant and that she planned to tell her 17-year-old boyfriend at the party.

She also told him, according to the report, that she and her boyfriend were going to drive to Ottumwa, Iowa, to get her mother, Mary Calvert, to sign papers so the two could get married. "I told her I wasn't going to sign until she was 18 years old," Hutchins reportedly said.

### 10 to 16 questioned

Sheriff King said prosecuting attorney John Bynum questioned between 10 and 16 people Wednesday in connection with the murder. Some were witnesses, and some may be suspects, he said.

King said that while some of the people being questioned may be involved in satanic practices, he did not know whether the girl's murder was related to those practices.

King said Brandy had been in and out of several foster homes.

Clarksville Junior High School principal Tom Richardson said Sunday the girl was supposed to have started the seventh grade at his school last fall but that she was instead sentenced in juvenile court to undergo a period of rehabilitation for behavior problems. According to The Democrat, she was living with her father and his two brothers at the Burgess Trailer Park on Highway 64 in Clarksville.

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# Information sought in girl's death

By Cyd Tabyan  
SWTR Staff Writer

The death of a 14-year-old girl, whom officials said had behavioral problems, may be cult-related, according to Johnson County Sheriff Eddie King.

King said the hunters were looking for some hunting dogs when they found some personal items — possibly Hutchins' — outside the abandoned house. Inside the root cellar, the hunt-spelled backward — were King continued his investigation Sunday in the death of girl's body, King said. He said a place had been dug out for the girl's body and that the body had been covered with not ruling it out as a possibility.

King said satanic symbols

County Road 6, four to five miles north of Coal Hill.

King said the house may link the girl's

Examiner's Office to deter-

mine the cause of death. King said indications are that Hutchins was shot in the head.

Johnson County deputy coroner Kathleen Nichols estimated

King said Saturday to the state Medical Examiner's Office to deter-

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periencing "problems in all

phases of her life."

Sheriff King held a press

conference Sunday at the

county's juvenile referee, Ben

Swindell, ordered the girl at

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**SATANIC SIGNS?** — Johnson County sheriff's deputy Wes Kendrick examines the doorway of an abandoned house where a girl's body was found Saturday afternoon. The signs include the numbers "666," the letters "KKK" and a pentagram. The girl was shot between the eyes at close range.

## Police: Execution of girl may be linked to satanism

BY MARK CARNOPSIS  
AND JOBETH BRITON  
Democrat Staff Writers

CLARKSVILLE — A 15-year-old Clarksville girl whose death may be linked to satanic worship was the victim of an "execution-type" slaying, Johnson County Sheriff Eddie King said Monday.

King said state medical examiner Dr. Fahmy Malak said in a preliminary autopsy report that Brandy Dawn Hutchins died from a single small-caliber gunshot wound between the eyes fired at close range.

Brandy's body was found by hunters Saturday afternoon in the root cellar of an abandoned house located about eight miles west of Clarksville. Her body was covered by wood and there was blood on her and on top of the wood pile.

King said authorities found several satanic symbols drawn in chalk in the house, including a pentagram — a five-star symbol used in satanic rituals — and the number 666, the biblical mark of the beast. There was also the word "murder" spelled backward and the letters "KKK" on the front door.

King said he could not rule out a connection between the death and satanic activity. He said "there's fear in the community" and that he has contacted a satanist to learn more about devil worship.

He said he had heard there was a group of local youths who performed satanic rituals, but didn't know if any had occurred at the house.

"The more information we get, the more evidence that it could be involved," King said. "We're not going to rule it out at this time."

He said there have been other suspicious murders and suicides in the county that could be linked to devil worship, but has not been able to gather enough evidence to prove it.

Jerry Hutchins, 44, of Clarksville, Brandy's stepfather and legal guardian, said

he drove his daughter to the house about 5 p.m. Thursday.

She told him that she had never been at the house before and that there was going to be a birthday party for her and her boyfriend's sister, Brandy, turned 15 on Nov. 5.

Hutchins said his daughter told him about a week ago that she was pregnant and that she planned to tell her 17-year-old boyfriend at the party.

She also told him that she and her boyfriend were going to drive to Ottumwa, Iowa, to get her mother, Mary Calvert, to sign papers so the two could get married.

"I told her I wasn't going to sign until she was 18 years old," Hutchins said.

King said toxicology tests on Brandy had not been completed. He said there was no sign of a struggle or evidence that she had been raped.

The sheriff said he has talked to the boyfriend and that he is considered a suspect, along with several other people. "I feel very close to an arrest," he said.

Calvert could not be reached for comment at her home in Iowa. A reporter for

### Satanic murder?

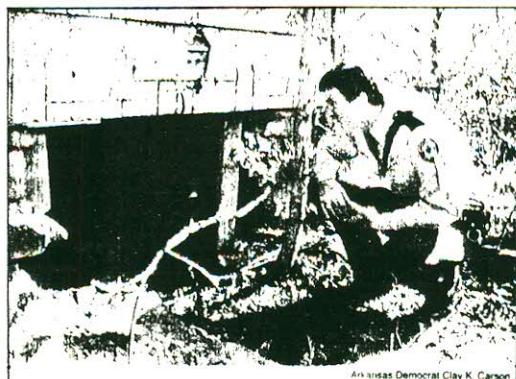


the Ottumwa Courier newspaper said she told him Monday morning she was coming to Arkansas.

Brandy lived with her step-father and his two brothers at the Burgess Trailer Park on U.S. 64 in Clarksville. Lulu Bell Burgess, co-owner of the park, described Brandy's family life as "weird."

"None of the kids would have anything to do with her (Brandy)," she said. "They treated her like she was trash. I guess it was because she had no upbringing."

King said Brandy had been in and out of several foster homes.



WHERE THE BODY WAS FOUND — Johnson County sheriff's deputy Wes Kendrick on Monday looks at a hole underneath an abandoned house that leads to the spot where a girl's body was found.

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Johnson County Graphic

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# Clarksville Girl Found Slain In Rural Abandoned House

by Sharon Wofford

A 14-year-old Clarksville girl was found slain in an old abandoned house on Whippoorwill Road (County Road 6, about four miles north of Coal Hill)

Saturday around 2 p.m., according to Johnson County Sheriff Eddie King.

King stated two hunters found the body of Brandy Dawn Hutchins in a

root cellar of the house known as the old John Emery house. The hunters were looking for their dogs when they saw the shoe and then the leg of Hutchins in a root cellar of the house. The hunters immediately called the Sheriff's Office before investigating the scene.

According to King, Hutchins' body was found in a shallow grave covered with wood. The time of Hutchins' death has not been established and, according to King, it is hard to place the time of death because the body



Brandy Hutchins

was found in a low, cool place. King continued that Hutchins called her aunt about 11 p.m. Thursday from Coal Hill and was allegedly with a friend.

King stated a preliminary autopsy report shows Hutchins was shot in the forehead with a .22 caliber gun and she did not die instantly, but was probably paralyzed on the left side since the bullet was removed from the right side of her brain. King said state medical examiner Fahmy Malak had not completed toxicology tests on Hutchins, but said the murder was not a rape type situation and Hutchins was found fully clothed.

A complete autopsy report from

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Malak had not been received at the Sheriff's Office as of Tuesday afternoon.

"We have absolutely ruled out suicide unless she was helped," King said. He continued to explain that suicide had been ruled out because no trace metal was found on her hands. Hutchins had been living in Bud's Trailer Park with her father, Jerry D. Hutchins, and according to Sharon Ralph, Johnson County Juvenile Officer, Hutchins was not attending school at this time, but was on the waiting list of Habberton House in Washington County, an in-patient treatment center with a school for emotionally or mentally disturbed adolescents and young children.

Ralph stated Hutchins had been ordered to seek residential treatment before she could re-enter the Clarksville School system.

Hutchins' mother, Mary Hutchins Calvert, is living in Ottumwa, Iowa, according to King.

Sheriff's Office has found no evidence of such sacrifices.

Clarksville Police Chief Kyn Wilson and State Police Captain Ari Green have both stated their agencies have not received any calls reporting any satanic cult activities in the county. Both men also stated to their knowledge there is no such cult in Johnson County.

Arkansas State Police criminal investigators are assisting in the investigation, according to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Bruce Wilson. Wilson also stated the investigation is continuing with several suspects being interviewed at this time, but no arrests have been made.

Hutchins is survived by her father, Jerry D. Hutchins, of Clarksville, her mother and stepfather, Mary and James Calvert of Ottumwa, Iowa, and grandmother Mrs. William Marvin (Lola) Fox of Lamar.

She is also survived by seven aunts, nine uncles and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Roller-

Cox Chapel with Rev. Steve Maczko officiating, with burial in the Minnow Creek Cemetery under the direction of Roller-Cox Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are Mike Gayl, Steve Seekins, Jerry Cowell, James Bean and Clarence Cowell.

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# 10 questioned in girl's death

By Dave Hughes  
SWTR Staff Writer

CLARKSVILLE — The prosecuting attorney for Johnson County began interviewing witnesses and suspects Tuesday in an attempt to determine who killed Brandy Dawn Hutchins. Johnson County Sheriff Eddie King said prosecutor John Bynum questioned between 10 and 16 people Tuesday. Some were witnesses; some may be suspects, King said.

No arrests were made Tuesday, King said. He said the people interviewed Tuesday had been talked to in the past. He also said some people still were being sought for questioning.

"There are discrepancies in some of the stories," King said. "We're trying to figure out who's lying to us and who's not."

The body of Hutchins, 14, was discovered Saturday covered by boards in the cellar of an abandoned house near Coal Hill. She had been shot once in the forehead with a small-

caliber weapon. King said no weapon has been recovered.

There had been some evidence and much speculation that Hutchins may have been pregnant but King said otherwise Tuesday.

"There's been a whole lot of talk. She was not pregnant," he said.

King said that while some people being questioned may be involved in satanic practices, he did not know whether Hutchins' murder was related to those practices.

Experts in satanic groups with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Office have been brought in to help in the investigation, King said.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office also has been assisted by the Arkansas State Police.

King said witnesses' statements will be examined and compared to try to find the guilty parties. The decision on whether there is enough evidence to warrant charges will be left up to Bynum, King said.

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# Psychic: Symbols wrong

## Chalk drawings by 'self-styled satanists'

BY JOBETH BRITON  
Democrat Staff Writer

Johnson County law authorities think symbols scrawled in chalk on an abandoned house where the body of a Clarksville girl was found Saturday were made by "self-styled satanists."

Chief Deputy Jerry Dorney said they have called in four law officers who are experts in occult and satanic matters and one "former satanist" to review the symbols and phrases, which Sheriff Eddie King said were apparently associated with satanism.

Authorities still have not established a link between the apparent murder of Brandy Dawn Hutchins, 14, and satanic activities that may have taken place at the isolated Johnson County house where the girl's body was found Saturday.

A hunter found the body in a root cellar under the three-room house, which is located on Whippoorwill Road about eight miles west of Clarksville.

Carol Pate, an Arkansas psychic called in on nationwide police investigations involving

occult elements, also said the satanic symbols and phrases appeared to have been done by "self-styled satanists - people who aren't very knowledgeable" about satanic lore.

One of the symbols at the house that authorities called a pentagram - a five-sided star within a circle denoting the power of evil over good - was actually a symbol for God over Satan, Pate said.

"That's the Seal of Solomon. If you turn it upside down it has the opposite meaning. Satanism is based on reversing everything in Christianity. I don't approve of it," said Pate.

The psychic, who once worked with Anton La Vey, founder of the Church of Satan, has not seen the Clarksville evidence. She saw the seal, or pentagram, in an *Arkansas Democrat* photograph.

She said people who dabble in elements of satanism often will adopt signs of other rebellious groups, such as the racist Ku Klux Klan. One of the symbols at the Johnson County house was KKK.

Dorney said it was possible that a satanic party was held at the house Thursday night, Nov. 10. But he said he did not know if other such parties were held there or if there have been other satanic activities in the area.

In his 12 years with the Arkansas State Police, Investigator Randy Welch said he has not seen any link between crimes and possible satanic activities.

"I've seen a little voodoo around Magnolia and there is witchcraft all over Northwest Arkansas, but they're really naturalists, people who worship the powers of nature. That's separate from satanism," Welch said.

Dr. Brent Knutson, a philosophy professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, said he finds it "incredible and highly unlikely that large numbers of groups dedicated to crime and murder exist, yet there are no indictments. We have all these (alleged) atrocities, and nobody ever gets arrested. I find that very suspicious, very odd," he said.

## Sheriff believes death not satanic

BY MAX PARKER  
Democrat State Desk

CLARKSVILLE - The recent death of a Clarksville teen-ager was probably not a satanic killing but may have been committed by "dabblers," Johnson County Sheriff Eddie King said Wednesday.

King said he has contacted several experts in satanic worship for information in the investigation of the death of Brandy Dawn Hutchins. She was buried Wednesday.

"I hope to make an arrest soon," King said, adding he hoped it would be before the end of the week. "A lot of people are scared."

Brandy's fully clothed body was found by hunters Saturday in the root cellar of an abandoned house eight miles west of Clarksville near Coal Hill.

A preliminary autopsy revealed she died from a single gunshot wound between the

shot was fired from a .22-caliber weapon. The autopsy also revealed the girl was not pregnant as she had claimed.

(Previous articles in the *Arkansas Democrat* incorrectly listed the girl's age. She was 14 years old.)

Jerry Hutchins, Brandy's stepfather and legal guardian, said Tuesday his daughter told him she was pregnant by her 17-year-old boyfriend. He said she planned to tell him about her pregnancy at a party held at the house last week.

King said he didn't know whether Brandy ever told her boyfriend she was pregnant. He told The Associated Press that a drugstore pregnancy test in Brandy's purse was positive and that her belief of being pregnant may have contributed to her death.

Authorities have not ruled out a connection between sa-

death because of several satanic symbols drawn in chalk in the house.

King said the symbols were not near where Brandy's body was shot and found.

He said a satanist in Texas told him if the incident was satanic, "it was done by dabblers, people who don't know how to do it right."

"Several experts have said this does not sound like a satanic killing," King said.

Nearly six years ago, King - who was then a deputy - said he received reports of cult activity in some abandoned houses.

King said he found "birds that were hung, one opossum that was hung and cut up and a make-shift altar where blood was running in jars." He said that home was not located in the same area as the dwelling

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# ① Brandy's Murder Story Sensationalized, Says Sheriff King

by Roger Smith

EXPRESS Editor

CLARKSVILLE--Brandy Dawn Hutchins, 14, whose body was found Saturday in the cellar of an abandoned house near the small Johnson County town of Coal Hill, was not pregnant, as has been widely reported.

Sheriff Eddie King told the Express in an exclusive interview Tuesday night that much of the information which has been reported about the murder has been roman-

ticized and sensationalized by state

and regional media.

"To begin with, I'm a long way

this side of being convinced this was

any kind of ritual killing," said King.

"We have some evidence that the

girl and a lot of the kids who knew

her may have dabbled a little bit in

some fringe satanism, but a lot of

kids have done and are doing that,

and there is no real hard evidence

that this was a ritual-type killing.

Whoever did it may have thought it

was not," continued King. "I have

that straight from the state Medical

pick up from television. The 'murder' spelled backwards is right out of a Jack Nicholson movie called 'The Shining'. (Editor's note: '666' is from the Book of Revelations and is supposed to be the 'Number of the Beast'.) It has been, lately, the subject of a science fiction book by Robert A. Heinlein and it was also used in the Damien movies, the 'Omen' series.)

"About her being pregnant, she was not pregnant." The Sheriff said the murder weapon has not been found, but it was a .22 caliber and further ballistic tests will reveal whether it was a pistol or rifle.

"I never have thought this was a true, dyed-in-the-wool ritual killing," continued King. "It just has been using the same house." Nevertheless, King has a list of suspects that were identified from evidence found at the old house, but he expects no quick and easy answers. The Arkansas State Police

even then these signs may not have

been done by the same people who

killed the girl, nor even at the same

time. Any abandoned house in the

country can become a hangout for

kids and they'll use it for doing dope

or sex until someone runs them off

or they find a new place: in fact,

several different bunches could have

been using the same house."

Nevertheless, King has a list of

suspects that were identified from

evidence found at the old house, but

he expects no quick and easy

answers. The Arkansas State Police

are assisting in the investigation

and, as King says, "we have a way

to go."

The girl's body was found Satur-

day by some hunters and it has been

established that she was killed bet-

ween last Thursday and early Satur-

day.

There was no evidence of sexual

assault. Death was inflicted by a

single gunshot wound to the head.

There was no mutilation or

disfigurement to support the

satanistic ritual theory.

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The house, south of I-40, is an old and dilapidated structure of boards and battens with a tin roof and a dug root cellar, really just a large dogtrot, under it. It is the kind of house once common in bottomland farming areas for small farmers and sharecroppers. There are many of them just like it all over Arkansas.

What is largely being missed in this case is the sad story of a short life of hard luck and not much love.

Brandy Hutchins described herself as the product of a broken home, with an alcoholic father and a mother who left her. Only her mother's first name, Mary, is known to authorities.

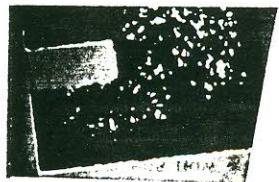
She was an almost-pretty girl who weighed too much for her size and had no one, apparently, willing to provide her with a home, security and discipline.

She had been living with a woman named Jamie Hamrick, according to the Tuesday Arkansas Gazette, who has a 16 year old son with whom Brandy had slept. The Hamrick home is about an eighth of a mile from the house where Brandy's body was found.

The Hamrick woman is quoted as saying she didn't particularly like the girl, but felt sorry for her and let her live there because she wanted her "to be around some stable people".

An aunt was reportedly the last person Brandy talked to before her

death, on the telephone about 11 p.m. last Thursday. The aunt told police that the girl sounded "giggly" and unnatural.



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Lawton Police Department detective Dennis Harris ponders a question from prosecutor Fred Smith as he testifies about an intelligence report he compiled about the occult and satanic worship in Lawton. Harris was a defense witness.

## Defense begins calling witnesses

By JOHN GREEN/Staff writer

A 16-year-old Tomlinson Junior High student testified Monday she believes she was sexually assaulted by Joseph Mack Ferrante when she visited his home in 1987.

The girl was the fourth defense witness called in the first-degree murder trial of Steven Anthony Kemp. The state rested its case about 11 a.m. Monday.

Others testifying Monday included Ferrante's ex-wife, who testified Ferrante left the Church of Satan in 1974.

two women who said they believed Ferrante was still involved in satanic worship as late as 1987 — including one who said he was involved in a homosexual relationship — and a Lawton detective who drafted a police intelligence report on the occult in Lawton.

The junior high student said she had been to Ferrante's house four times during December 1987, and on the last two occasions they smoked marijuana. She said she and Ferrante were the only ones present when she was there.

She said after discussing her future and consulting

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# Defense begins calling witnesses

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Tarot cards, Ferrante performed a ritual, previously described by a number of witnesses, involving incense and imaginary pentagrams.

The girl said Ferrante then forced her to the floor and began kissing her. She passed out. She said when she awoke her pants were pulled down and Ferrante was nowhere around.

She testified she was unsure whether she had been raped, but assumed she was because her pants were down. She did not go to a doctor and told no one about the incident until talking with Zelbst Saturday.

Another teen-age witness called by the defense Monday testified she had been over to the Ferrante home at least 40 times and had never seen marijuana or any other drug.

The girl testified she was within Ferrante's "circle," which included participation in rituals, but she left the group after Ferrante attempted to kiss her.

A number of other witnesses have previously testified Ferrante never had marijuana or drugs in his home, although he sometimes offered 3.2 percent beer or wine coolers to his teen-age visitors.

Brenda Harris, Cache, testified she met Ferrante in 1969 when her husband and Ferrante were in the same National Guard unit. She said in 1970 Ferrante invited her to attend a seance, but she and her husband left almost upon arrival.

She said she saw Ferrante daily during 1974 and 1975 because they worked in buildings next door to each other. She said Ferrante told her he was renting a building for a meeting place and was "in the first stages of priesthood in the Church of Satan." She said she was invited to attend "his church," but declined.

Harris testified Ferrante once told her "he liked to start with kids 12 and up. He said if he could get them at age 12 he could have complete control of them within 18 months."

Lorna Bolongia, Lawton, testified she was involved in an occult group known as the BOT A which she joined through the mail in 1978. She said she was provided Ferrante's name as a member by the organization.

Bolongia said she and her husband met with Ferrante several times beginning in 1979 to discuss the organization and its rituals. She said they never performed rituals together, only talked.

She testified she believed, after participating in the group for a time, that advancement in the organization led to satanic worship and she dropped out in the early 1980s. She has since joined a Christian church.

Bolongia testified Ferrante told her that when he was involved in satanic worship in the early 1970s he had a homosexual relationship with a high priest.

She testified although she never saw Ferrante invoke Satan's name or worship him, she believed he was involved in satanic worship until his death.

She said Ferrante several times accused her of attempting to kill him and put hexes on him, but she never did. She said he once threatened her, stating she could bleed to death, and her next regular menstrual period continued for four weeks. She said the bleeding stopped only after she told her mother-in-law, who prayed for her.

Lawton police detective Dennis Harris testified he conducted a seven-month investigation into "the occult, Satanism, paganism and witchcraft" in 1988. The "Ferrante group" was included in that investigation.

Harris testified he believed the report, which alleged sexual molestation and drug abuse, was "90 percent accurate," although it was based completely on hearsay and was mostly unsubstantiated.

Asked whether he had talked to a single person who actually saw Ferrante take, sell or buy drugs, sexually molest anyone, or participate in any rituals in which he invoked the name of Satan, Harris said no.

Paragraphs from four pages of the report were allowed released by the court in January and the rest of the intelligence report was sealed. Included in the released portion is the statement that information provided by Kemp's attorney "is confirmation of deep spiritual commitment to the worship of Satanism, with a little witchcraft thrown in for good measure."

Harris also testified he visited Star Winds, a book store in north Oklahoma City, and saw human body parts stored in a secret room.

Three other people have testified about visiting the store — including Kemp's mother and the senior police investigator in the case — and none saw body parts, human or otherwise.

Testimony has shown Ferrante often visited the

store, taking various teen-agers with him, including Kemp.

Final state testimony Monday was from a state medical examiner, who testified any one of three gunshot wounds could have killed Ferrante.

Dr. Larry Balding of the Oklahoma Medical Examiner's Office testified that there were no defensive wounds on Ferrante's body and the shots were not fired at close range.

Balding testified Ferrante was shot four times, with a possible fifth graze wound to his neck. Two of the shots struck Ferrante in the head, both bullets traveling in a downward direction. One shot struck Ferrante above the left ear, slightly from the back. The second shot struck him above the left eye, traveling toward the right and back of the skull, Balding testified.

A third shot entered through Ferrante's lower back, piercing a lung as it traveled upward and then lodging in the flesh near a nipple. The fourth shot struck Ferrante on the inside of his thigh, striking bone and glancing downward.

Defensive wounds would be injuries to Ferrante's hands or arms he suffered while struggling with an assailant or defending himself against attack, Balding testified. A lack of such wounds does not indicate there was no struggle, he said.

Balding said Ferrante was dead before his body was set on fire, as determined by a lack of carbon monoxide in the blood. Either the head wounds or the chest wound could have been fatal.

"He would have been instantly incapacitated" from either head wound and death would have been "in a matter of seconds," Balding testified.

Another expert witness, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation criminalist Ron Jones, testified three of the bullets taken from Ferrante's body matched to the .32-caliber handgun found at Melissa Braden's home and tied to Kemp by nearly a half dozen witnesses.

Assistant Lawton Fire Marshal Larry Odom was recalled Monday, testifying he re-examined a pair of black jeans he cut from Ferrante's body and found the zipper and top button on the pants were both closed. An enlarged photograph of the zipper area, taken at the homicide scene, was introduced by the state into evidence.

# Fairfield teen accused of killing linked to Satanism

By JOHN BACHMAN

Reporter Staff Writer

A 17-year-old Fairfield youth dabbled in Satanism in the months preceding the December fatal stabbing of another teenager, according to testimony Thursday in Solano County Superior Court.

"This is one scary kid," stated a probation report read

in court by prosecutor Derrill Sinic. "He could probably hurt someone and (it would) not bother him. I think he's the leader of a Satanic cult. I think we will see this kid again."

The hearing ended Thursday afternoon without a ruling from a Solano County juvenile court magistrate on whether Brent St. Sauver should be tried as an

adult in connection with the stabbing death of a 15-year-old Dec. 16 during a fight in a field adjacent to the Solano Mall in Fairfield.

The acting magistrate, Paul Ligda, must consider St. Sauver's criminal sophistication, amenability to rehabilitation and the events surrounding the slaying in deciding whether the

teen should be tried in adult court.

According to Thursday's testimony, St. Sauver and five friends were walking across a field toward the mall about midnight when they crossed paths with three other youths, including the victim, Gary Brammer.

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~~Brammer~~ and the defendant got into a fight and witnesses said the victim grabbed St. Sauver's jacket and began punching him.

During the struggle, St. Sauver allegedly pulled a 12-inch survival knife he had strapped to his leg, thrusting it into Brammer's chest, piercing his heart and lung. The victim was rushed to NorthBay Medical Center, where he died.

After the stabbing St. Sauver ran away. Defense attorney James Lang argued the killing was manslaughter because Brammer was bigger and heavier than St. Sauver.

When police later arrived at the suspect's house to ask him about the killing, St. Sauver denied being involved. "You know what you know. I know what I know," he told investigators.

Much of the hearing involved St. Sauver's criminal sophistication and the alleged link to Satanism.

Sinic said that St. Sauver put Satanic symbols on school papers, and had to be told by both teachers and the principal to stop.

The youngster told the principal he "prefers the Satanic way of belief," the prosecutor said.

A defense-hired psychologist, Carlton Purviance, said St. Sauver had a "passing interest" in Satanism, and that "there was little or no sophistication in-

volved in his criminal activity."

"Brent is a bright youngster," said Purviance, who interviewed St. Sauver for three hours and talked with his parents for two.

"He has read material that most people his age have not encountered," he said, estimating the teenager's IQ at between 110 and 120.

"There perhaps has not been enough structure (in St. Sauver's life) as there should have been. He does not harbor anti-social anger or anti-establishment attitudes."

The psychiatrist added, "He has all the pieces and parts to be very productive and make a substantial contribution" to society. "Compared to the population as a whole he would be brighter than most people."

Some of the unusual reading material included the "Satanic Bible," said Purviance, claiming the teenager had a "transient interest" in the occult and "in the context of a wide range of interests."

One of St. Sauver's friends with him the night of the stabbing, Brian Hagen, 20, was asked by the defense attorney if St. Sauver participated in Satanic rituals — such as animal sacrifices — or held Satanic beliefs.

"No way," he replied incredulously. *F.58*

The hearing is expected to continue today with Ligda ruling on whether St. Sauver should be tried as an adult or as a juvenile.

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B Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

If so, finding ways to block delivery to the brain may help in fighting Alzheimer's disease, he reported today.

But he said it is too early to know if such an approach would be useful. And another scientist said the research provides only suggestive evidence for the idea that the protein deposits come from a blood-borne source.

BOSTON (AP) People who sleep wearing contact lenses face 10-15 times the usual risk of potentially blinding eye ulcers, researchers warned today.

But many eye doctors already discourage patients from routinely wearing their lenses to bed. "You significantly increase the risk of complications when you wear any contact lens overnight, and the more nights you wear it in a row, the greater the risk," said Dr. Ronald E. Smith of the University of Southern California.

So-called extended-wear lenses are designed to be kept in the eye for several days at a time. When approved in 1980, they were recommended for use up to one month. But because of concern about complications, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reduced the limit last May to one week.

WASHINGTON (AP) A "very upset" auto industry predicts many more recalls will result from the swift collapse of a Bush administration plan to let carmakers meet pollution targets by averaging vehicle emissions.

A House subcommittee removed the averaging plan from the president's clean air bill Wednesday, in a unanimous voice vote that shocked a standing-room crowd that expected a closely divided tally.

The vote means the Bush bill would require each car sold in this country to pass anti-pollution requirements for hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide. Current law has the car-by-car requirement, but the Bush plan would make the standards tougher to meet.

Tim McCarthy, of the auto industry's Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association, said the new standards would be too tough for each car to meet after they're driven for several years.

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SIEM REAP, Cambodia (AP) Thousands of Cambodians threw Vietnamese troops flowers today as Hanoi began a pledged final withdrawal from an 11-year war against resistance forces its superior firepower could not suppress.

In the government-organized ceremony, vehicles carrying thousands of soldiers bearing rifles rumbled out of this northwestern province after a band played pop music. A commander waved flowers in the lead.

Vietnam says it is conducting a six-day withdrawal of its last 26,000 troops from Siem Reap and several other areas of the country. But opposing guerrilla forces charge that Vietnam is faking the troop movement and actually hiding and disguising its troops.

Vietnam invaded Cambodia on Christmas Day 1978 and within two weeks toppled the fanatical Communist Khmer Rouge regime, installing a pro-Hanoi government in the capital of Phnom Penh.

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Richard Ramirez was found guilty of multiple murder counts toda from a list of 43 verdicts returned by jurors who agreed Ramirez was the devil worshipping "Night Stalker" who terrorized Southern California during the summer of 1985.

Readings of the verdicts were delayed when Ramirez asked to be excused. He was led from the courtroom to a cell one floor (cont. next page)

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below, where he reportedly listened to the rulings via remote loudspeaker.

Ramirez, a 29-year-old drifter from El Paso, Texas, is accused of 13 murders and a series of assaults that terrified Los Angeles in the summer of 1985.

The prosecution claimed Ramirez is the "Night Stalker" who left symbols of demon worship at some murder scenes and gouged out one victim's eyes.

The defense claimed that Ramirez was a victim of mistaken identity.

Superior Court Judge Michael Tynan agreed at the outset of deliberations to give attorney Daniel Hernandez six hours to fly from his home for the verdict.

The jury, which considered 13 murder and 30 felony charges, had to restart deliberations twice once when a juror was dismissed for napping, and again when a member of the panel was slain by her boyfriend.

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The verdicts came four years after the killings terrified many Californians and more than a year after the trial began. When Ramirez was caught, it was by angry residents who ran him down and beat him.

Ramirez, of El Paso, Texas, listened to the verdicts on a speaker in a nearby cell.

As he was taken from the courthouse while wearing sunglasses, Ramirez flashed photographers a "devil sign," extending his index and little finger.

Asked what he thought about the verdicts, the 29-year-old Ramirez said only:

"Evil."

The trial's finale came despite a juror's slaying, which had threatened to halt the case during deliberations.

In a silent courtroom, Superior Court Judge Michael Tynan and Clerk Josephine Williams spent more than a half hour reading the jury's thick book of verdicts. The word "guilty" echoed again and again.

Ramirez was convicted of all charges, including rape, sodomy, oral copulation, burglary and attempted murder. In addition, the jurors found 18 special circumstances existed, making it possible to impose the death penalty.

In one of the murders, the panel reduced a charge of first-degree murder to second degree, a decision the prosecutor praised as "sophisticated." The victim in that murder, Tsai-Lian Yu, was dragged from her car on a street and shot to death, indicating a lack of premeditation.

Ramirez still faces an attempted murder charge in Orange County and a murder charge in San Francisco. His status in those cases will be decided after sentencing in the Los Angeles case.

Tynan scheduled the penalty phase of the trial to begin Sept. 27. The same jury will decide the sentence. The judge forbade the jurors from talking about the case.

"We're going to try to save his life," defense attorney Ray Clark said of the penalty proceeding. "We will try to convince the jury that he should not be executed."

The defense had argued Ramirez was a victim of mistaken identity, that the victims were too traumatized to remember their assailant's face.

Clark characterized Ramirez' reaction to the verdicts as "kind of stoic."

Clark said he would appeal, citing the juror's slaying as one reason for overturning the conviction.

On Aug. 14, juror Phyllis Singletary was found beaten and shot to death. Her live-in boyfriend confessed to the killing in a note written before he committed suicide.

The slaying was not related to the case, but defense lawyers unsuccessfully asked for a mistrial, arguing that the killing had made the other jurors prejudiced against Ramirez.

Relatives of three "Night Stalker" victims were in the packed courtroom and listened somberly to the verdicts.

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Outside court, Deputy District Attorney P. Phillip Halpin said, "I'm satisfied that certainly the jury considered the evidence very carefully and rendered appropriate verdicts."

But he added, "I'm not going to be relieved until its over, and it's not over yet."

He said he would urge jurors to impose the death penalty.

Clark conceded that the most powerful evidence against Ramirez came from attack survivors who wept and sometimes shouted at the defendant as they recalled their ghastly ordeals from the witness stand.

"You son of a bitch, why did you kill him?" cried one woman who witnessed her husband's slaughter. "I gave you everything you wanted. . . . What's wrong with you? . . . He was such a nice man."

Through it all, Ramirez sat slumped in a chair, occasionally smirking and once laughing as a foreign-born witness struggled to describe her rape.

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A spurned lover charged with killing his dancer-girlfriend and reducing her body to boiled, peeled bones called himself the anti-Christ and advocated the overthrow of the government, newspapers reported today.

"I say that I'm the new Lord," the New York Post quoted Daniel Rakowitz as saying in an interview two months ago with a free-lance writer.

"And I will take leadership of the satanic cultists to make sure they do everything that has to be done to destroy all those people who do disagree with my church."

Rakowitz, 28, was arrested Monday before a bucket of bones was found at a bus terminal. He remained jailed today in the slaying of Monika Beerle.

Neighbors said Rakowitz carried a live rooster on the street. In the interview, Rakowitz said New Yorkers should smoke marijuana, kill cocaine and heroin dealers and overthrow the government.

A free-lance videographer and writer, Clayton Patterson, had interviewed Rakowitz after he took part in a melee with

police last year in a park. Patterson said Rakowitz had shouted during the riot, "Kill the pigs and feed them to the hogs!"

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In addition, the jurors found 18 special circumstances existed, making Ramirez eligible for the death penalty.

The defendant, convicted on all counts against him, demanded to be absent from court when the 63 separate verdict forms were read by Superior Court Judge Michael Tynan.

The judge granted his request, saying a recent appeals court decision gave him no choice. Ramirez, who left the courtroom with shackles rattling around his ankles, heard the (cont. next page)

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verdicts from loudspeaker in a nearby holding cell.

His attorney said later that Ramirez had no reaction while listening to the verdict. As he was taken from the courthouse, Ramirez flashed a two-finger "devil sign" to photographers.

Asked what he thought about the verdicts, the 29-year-old El Paso native said only: "Evil."

The jurors found that Ramirez was the demonic killer who committed crimes of rape, sodomy, oral copulation, burglary and attempted murder in addition to murder.

They found that 12 of the murders were first-degree, but decided the killing of Tsai-Lian Yu was murder in the second-degree. She was dragged from her car and killed as she screamed for help on March 17, 1985.

In the packed courtroom, relatives of three of the victims sat with their heads bowed as the verdicts were read. Tynan said the penalty phase of the trial would begin Sept. 27.

The trial lasted more than a year and it took more than a month for the jury to reach its verdicts after bizarre interruptions including the murder of a juror required them to restart their deliberations twice.

"My personal feeling is the jury could no longer be objective after the death of the juror," defense attorney Daniel Hernandez said after the verdicts were delivered. "And the media was so overwhelmingly decided of his guilt that no one could give him a fair trial."

The jurors spent 22 days in their second set of talks after the slaying.

The juror's murder was a likely basis for the defense appeal of Ramirez, conviction. It came on the heels of the dismissal of another juror for sleeping during deliberations.

The jury was then 13 days into its talks. A day after deliberations restarted with an alternate replacing the sleepy juror, the panel was joined again.

Juror Phyllis Singletary wept when they learned of the tragedy, and Tynan was found beaten and shot to death at the home she shared with her boyfriend. The next day, the man committed suicide and left a note saying he killed her in an argument.

Jurors faced with his most trying legal challenge. Lawyers said there were no legal precedents for the situation.

Defense attorneys argued that the jurors were too distraught to resume their talks and noted that Ms. Singletary's murder was similar to the gruesome attacks attributed to the "Night Stalker."

Tynan decided to move forward. "We must get on with the task life has given us," he told jurors, ordering them to begin deliberations with an alternate replacing the dead juror. The defense motion for a mistrial was denied.

The verdicts came four years after Southern California's searing summer of terror. In 1985, residents slept behind locked doors and windows fearing a demonic killer who struck in the night, often leaving a husband dead and a wife raped and beaten.

The news media dubbed the assailant the "Night Stalker."

Some of the crimes were grisly beyond imagining: A woman's eyes were gouged out after she was slain. A man was murdered in his bed and his wife was raped beside the dead body. The killer beat a small child and attempted to sodomize him.

There were signs of devil worship a pentagram drawn on the wall at one murder scene and survivors' accounts of being ordered to "swear to Satan."

The first killing was in 1984, but 12 of the murders attributed to the same killer happened between March and August of 1985. There were other murders in Orange County and San Francisco. By July, the killer was striking only a few days apart. On some days, he struck twice.

On July 21, police released a drawing of the "Night Stalker" suspect, a man with dark curly hair and bad teeth.

But it was not until Aug. 30 that authorities linked a fingerprint found at one murder scene to Richard Ramirez. His photo was published in newspapers and shown on TV.

Soon, police were inundated with reports that the suspect had been sighted in East Los Angeles and they launched an air and ground search.

On Aug. 31, citizens captured Ramirez after he pulled a woman from her car and tried to grab her keys. She screamed, "It's the killer, the killer!"

Neighbors grabbed metal pipes and sticks and began chasing the man.

"We ran after him halfway down the street," said a man who joined the chase. "We just all gang tackled him and we just held him down."

Law enforcement officers who arrested Ramirez formed a human chain of 50 officers to protect him from a crowd shouting, "Kill him! Kill him!"

With Ramirez' capture, the case moved into the courts with (cont. next page)

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lawyers vying to represent the famous defendant. Ramirez chose a pair of relatively inexperienced attorneys from San Jose.

Daniel and Arturo Hernandez, not related, frustrated judges and the prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney P. Philip Halpin, with repeated maneuvers for delay. More experienced counsel were appointed to assist them.

Ramirez' court appearances drew crowds. The lanky, shaggy-haired defendant rarely stood still, rattling shackles around his ankles as he danced in place to imagined music only he could hear.

At one court session, Ramirez shouted, "Hail, Satan!" and displayed a pentagram drawn on the palm of his hand.

In 1986, a preliminary hearing disclosed for the first time the ghastly details of each victim's ordeal, and Ramirez was ordered to stand trial. Various judges came and went from the case until it was finally assigned to Superior Court Judge Michael Tynan, who pushed for a speedy trial.

Jury selection began in July, 1988, and took six months. Testimony opened in January. By then, Ramirez was a subdued figure slumped in his chair at the counsel table as witness after witness identified him as the "Night Stalker."

"I know it's him because I'll never forget his face, even today," said a woman who had been raped and beaten by the assailant who killed her husband.

Ramirez laughed as a tiny, foreign-born woman struggled to describe her rape.

A woman who had seen her husband slaughtered lashed out at Ramirez from the witness stand.

"You son of a bitch, why did you kill him?" she shouted. "I gave you everything you wanted. ... What's wrong with you? ... He was such a nice man."

Ramirez' defense was mistaken identity. Attorney Ray Clark, who assisted Daniel Hernandez after the lawyer said he was ill from stress, said that witnesses were too traumatized to make accurate identifications.

Defense witnesses included Ramirez' father, who claimed his son was in El Paso, Texas, for a family gathering when two murders occurred.

Clark argued that there was reasonable doubt of his guilt. Halpin urged conviction on all counts.

"These were murders of men in their sleep, rapes and sodomy of women after their husbands were dead," said Halpin. "These were consummate acts of cowardice."

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**Pschiatrists and psychologists at Hartgrove Hospital bristle at being called modern-day exorcists, but they're creating one of the nation's first treatment programs to wean teen-agers from Satanism.**

"In no way are we comparable to the old exorcists," says Michael Weiss, an adolescent psychologist at the North Side hospital, which plans to begin offering the program this month.

"The kids who will be admitted will be primarily because of their behavioral and emotional problems. No one will be hospitalized for strange beliefs or unusual values that we would disagree with," Weiss said Wednesday.

"I don't think there is any doubt Satanism is a growing problem," said social worker Dale Trahan, who has been researching satanic beliefs for three years and was contracted to organize the program for Hartgrove's new Center for the Treatment of Ritualistic Deviance.

"We don't know the percentages because so much is secretive, but we do know ... it is beginning to show up throughout the country," Trahan said.

More such programs will be needed as police, teachers and parents learn to recognize involvement, said Jerry Simandl, a Chicago police youth officer and expert on satanic cults, who has helped train Hartgrove staff.

"That's been the problem. There aren't places to take the kids," Simandl said.

In the program, teen-agers will spend four to eight weeks as in-patients and undergo individual and group counseling. Most of the youths will be admitted voluntarily.

Hartgrove's facility to be staffed by specially trained psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and nurses should receive its first patients in two to four weeks, and initially will take as many as six patients at a time, Weiss said. A similar program exists at Denver's Bethesda PsychHealth.

The new program will seek to undermine Satanism's  
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## Md. Slayer's 'Identities' Described

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shooting death of Sandra Wright and attempted first-degree murder of Johnny Dinkins, 27. He faces two life terms in prison for the convictions.

Defense attorney Alan C. Drew said Proctor was not criminally responsible for the slaying and attempted murder because he suffers from multiple personality disorder. If the jury believes Proctor was mentally deficient at the time of the shooting, he would be committed to a state mental hospital for treatment.

Prosecutor John McCarthy attacked Epstein's diagnosis of Proctor's multiple personality disorder, saying the defendant feigned the illness to escape punishment.

But Epstein staunchly defended his claims, saying Proctor began developing the alter personalities at age 10 to cope with an abusive step-father and the death of a grandmother.

Epstein said the most dominant alter personality was Clarence, an aggressive, "wild-looking" man who told Epstein during one interview, "Michael is dying. I'm draining him of his energy. I worship the devil."

The most frightening multiple was the demon-like dog, Tufu, said Epstein. Tufu had "blaring, hate-filled eyes. I didn't want to be alone with him. I felt he was the murderer."

On cross-examination yesterday, McCarthy asked Epstein if he could show the jurors Tufu's "demonic eyes" in a color videotape of an 90-minute interview on Nov. 9 with Proctor.

"There it is," Epstein shouted as the tape showed a picture of the defendant in a prison uniform. "Look at that. It's a real dirty look," Epstein said as the defendant grimaced and raised his eyebrows.

Several jurors shook their heads and smiled as spectators and lawyers gathered around the television set. Proctor remained at the defense table, his head resting on the palm of his hand.

After several minutes, McCarthy asked Epstein, "Was that our murderer we just saw on the videotape?" Responded Epstein, "That was the eyes of the murderer I saw and sat with."

## Psychiatrist Describes Slayer's 'Personalities'

### Demonic Dog, Devil-Worshipper Said Responsible for Md. Murder

By Veronica T. Jennings  
Washington Post Staff Writer

A Bethesda psychiatrist testified yesterday in Montgomery County Circuit Court that two alter-personalities of a convicted killer—a demonic dog and a devil-worshipper—were responsible for the April 1989 slaying of a 24-year-old woman and the attempted murder of her lover.

"I know with a 99 percent probability who shot the victim," Richard S. Epstein told a jury yesterday at the trial of Michael D. Proctor, a former medical student at Howard University.

"Clarence and Tufu in concert fired the gun," Epstein said. "Tufu was the hatchet man for Clarence."

According to Epstein, Clarence, a Satan follower, and Tufu, a Pekingese dog with demonic eyes who demanded blood sacrifices, were two of six personalities of Proctor, 28, of Silver Spring.

Epstein, during five hours of testimony yesterday, said he had seen each of the personalities during 25 hours of interviews with Proctor over 10 months.

Along with Clarence and Tufu, Epstein said the other personalities were "Abdul," a Muslim; "Rick," a light-hearted teenager who loved to race cars; "Vic," a 25-year-old man who enjoys cooking; and "Thriller," a personality who emerged in 1982 while Proctor was pledging a fraternity at a Mississippi university.

Epstein was the key defense witness during the insanity phase of Proctor's trial. On Monday, the jury found Proctor guilty of first-degree murder in the

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# Insanity in Md. Murder

By Veronica T. Jennings  
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A Montgomery County Circuit Court jury yesterday rejected the insanity defense of a convicted killer who, according to a psychiatrist, had six alternate personalities, one of which was a demonic dog named Tufu.

The jury returned its verdict on the insanity plea after about two hours of deliberations in the trial of Michael D. Proctor, a former medical student. On Monday, in the first stage of the trial, the same jury found Proctor guilty of the April 17, 1989, slaying of an ex-girlfriend and the attempted murder of her boyfriend.

In the insanity phase, defense attorney Alan C. Drew sought to prove his client was not criminally responsible for the crimes because he suffered from a multiple personality disorder.

But the jury did not believe the claim. Juror Kip Shapiro of Silver Spring said the jury believed Proctor, 28, was a "troubled man," but the panel "was not satisfied" he had a multiple personality disorder.

Shapiro said an edited version of a videotape shown to the jury Tuesday to demonstrate the "demonic eyes" of Tufu had little bearing on the verdict.

Judge J. James McKenna set a March 7 sentencing for Proctor, who faces two life terms on the first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder convictions. If the jury had accepted the insanity defense, Proctor would have been committed to a mental institution for treatment. He is being held without bond in the county jail.

In an emotional closing statement yesterday, Drew asked the jury to seriously consider the multiple personality diagnosis of Bethesda psychiatrist Richard S. Epstein. "Do not allow yourself to be ridiculed into abandoning the defendant," Drew said. "There is this idea that this is made up. It's hokey. But it's not."

On Tuesday, Epstein testified he believed two of Proctor's alternate personalities—Tufu, a Pekingese dog, and Clarence, a Satanic follower—had committed the crimes. "Clarence and Tufu in concert fired the gun," Epstein said. "Tufu was the hatchet man for Clarence."

Proctor has never admitted guilt in the killing of Sandra Wright, 24, and the attempted murder of Johnny Dinkins, 27, who was shot three times in the head.

In closing statements, Prosecutor John McCarthy said Proctor was a "con man" who had feigned multiple personalities to escape punishment. McCarthy said Proctor had told a former cellmate of his plans and had read books and watched a television show on the subject.

McCarthy said rage and jealousy motivated Proctor to shoot his victims. "He was enraged about what was happening. That's not a mental illness. That's a human emotion."

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Washington Post

# The Washington Post : Noriega, Black Magic and Murder

Jack Colhoun

William Branigin's "Bewitching the General" (*Washington Post*, February 19, 1990), is destined for a prominent place in the Disinformation Hall of Fame. Branigin's musings on the possible links between deposed Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega; a Brazilian "witch"; Palo Mayombe, a Brazilian religious practice; and the murder of Dr. Hugo Spadafora is a classic exercise in disinformation. Sensational speculation, courtesy of U.S. Army Psychological Operations, is substituted for serious investigative journalism.

Branigin, a veteran reporter, devotes an entire feature story to the significance of the diary of a young Brazilian woman, Rosileide dos Gracias Oliveira, who the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID) has concluded was Noriega's Brazilian witch. Oliveira's diary, discovered by the U.S. forces when they ousted Noriega last December, is being analyzed by CID agent James Dibble, an Army expert on the occult. Branigin notes the CID is examining the diary "for insights into the complex psyche" of Noriega. Oliveira had been on the U.S. "most wanted list" of Noriega associates, but she managed to get out of Panama undetected by U.S. authorities after the invasion.

"Dibble said he had hoped that Oliveira could shed more light on Noriega's black-magic practices and possibly on the sadistic 1985 murder of Panamanian opposition leader Hugo Spadafora," Branigin writes. "Because of evidence of occult practices found after Noriega was overthrown, questions now have been raised about whether the Spadafora murder was a ritual killing." Spadafora's decapitated body was found in Costa Rica September 14, 1985, near the border with Panama.

Branigin continues, "Most puzzling, he [Dibble] said, was the discovery of two items associated with Palo Mayombe, a cult that requires the use of human bones and body parts, especially skulls and brains.... Dibble, who advises U.S. law enforcement agencies on 'cults and deviant movements,' ... said many Latin American drug traffickers adhere to the sect." Branigin adds, "Among the objects found at Noriega's 'witch house' was a rock covered with Palo Mayombe markings. Under it was a list of two dozen enemies including the 'Spadafora family.'"

At the end of the story, Branigin offers a modified caveat: "So far, however, the indications that Noriega may have followed Palo Mayombe, in addition to his other religious and cult practices, are considered inconclusive. Some day, Dibble said, perhaps Oliveira can resolve the mystery."

But the murder of Dr. Hugo Spadafora is hardly a mystery.

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Evidence shows that Noriega did, indeed, have Spadafora killed, but not because of what Branigin terms black magic. Spadafora was assassinated because he was on his way to Panama City to hold a news conference at which he planned to blow the whistle on Noriega's involvement with Colombian gun and drug-running operations in support of the Nicaraguan *contras*. Other evidence indicates the CIA took part in a disinformation project designed to help cover up Noriega's role in the Spadafora murder and the clandestine *contra* drugs and weapons operation.

Col. Roberto Díaz Herrera, former chief of staff of the Panamanian military, charged Noriega with the murder of Spadafora (as well as that of Gen. Omar Torrijos) in a Panama City news conference on June 8, 1987. News of the Díaz Herrera charges were carried in an AP report published in the *New York Times* June 10, 1987 (see Ellen Ray, "Noriega, Torrijos, and the CIA," *LOOT*, February 1990, p. 9).

In a December 4, 1987, deposition before the Senate subcommittee on Terrorism, Narcotics, and International Communications chaired by Sen. John Kerry (Dem.-Mass.), Floyd Carlton, a former Noriega associate and pilot for the Medellín cartel, confirmed that Noriega had Spadafora killed. Carlton told the panel that after Spadafora was captured by the Panamanian military, a Panamanian officer telephoned Noriega, who was in Europe at the time. The officer told Noriega, "We caught the dog and he has rabies." According to Carlton, who is now in prison in the U.S. on drug trafficking charges, Noriega responded, "What do you do when a dog has rabies? Well, you cut his head off and you take it to the university to examine him."

Carlton, who was also a friend of Spadafora, testified that Spadafora had told him he had gathered details of Noriega's ties to the cocaine-trafficking and gun-running operations in support of the *contra* Southern Front based in Costa Rica. Carlton had supplied Spadafora information about his own involvement in flying the *contra* arms/cocaine flights in and out of *contra* airstrips in Costa Rica. "This little book [in which Spadafora jotted down details of the gun and drug-running] is going to make a revolution in the world some day," Spadafora told Carlton.

Spadafora also obtained information about the *contra* support operation from a Costa Rican intelligence source, according to Carlton. That source alerted the Panamanian intelligence that Spadafora was on his way to Panama to reveal his information to the press. "The intelligence authorities from Costa Rica called Panama, called the G-2 [military intelligence], and told them what Hugo was bringing, and why Hugo was coming," Carlton stated. "I'm saying intelligence in – the intelligence in Costa Rica, is directed by Noriega." Carlton added that Noriega's control of Costa Rican intelligence allowed him to use Costa Rica for illegal gun and drug trafficking operations.

Finally, Branigin's "Bewitching the General" serves as a platform for the U.S. Army's sensationalism about Noriega and "black magic," disinformation designed to titillate *Post* readers, as a tabloid might, and divert attention from what is already known publicly about the Spadafora murder. Branigin continues, intentionally or not, the CIA's initial cover-up of the who, what, and why of the Spadafora murder and ignores the *contra*-cocaine connection. The lid is kept on a potentially politically explosive chapter in the clandestine *contra* enterprise. ●

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## 'Night Stalker' gives chilling court speech

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The devil-worshiping "Night Stalker" who murdered 13 people during a summer-long rampage that terrorized California told the judge who sentenced him to death that Satan will avenge his execution.

Richard Ramirez, wearing his trademark black sunglasses, delivered a chilling recitation before Superior Court Judge Michael Tynan ordered death in the gas chamber at San Quentin.

"You don't understand me," the 29-year-old Ramirez told the crowded courtroom yesterday. "You are not expected to. . . I am beyond your experience. I am beyond good and evil. . . I will be avenged. Lucifer dwells within us all."

A jury on Sept. 20 convicted him of 13 murders and 30 other felonies in the 1985 attacks. The panel later recommended the death sentence.

Defense attorney Ray Clark said appeals courts would face a novel issue in the case: determining the impact of the slaying of one juror during deliberations. A juror was shot to death in August by her boyfriend, who then took his own life.

Ramirez burglarized homes late at night, often murdering men in their beds before attacking women and children. Satanic symbols were left at crime scenes and surviving victim testified of being forced to swear to Satan.

In one murder, a victim's eyes were gouged out. In another, a woman testified during the trial she was raped beside the body of her murdered husband.

Ramirez, a drifter from El Paso, Texas, was captured by an East Los Angeles mob on Aug. 31, 1985, a day after his picture appeared in newspapers and on television and he was identified as a suspect in the



Richard Ramirez smiles as he enters van after being sentenced to death.

crime spree.

As the horrific case was brought to a close, Ramirez caused some spectators to gasp as he delivered a rambling statement.

"I don't believe in the hypocritical, moralistic dogma of this so-called civilized society," he said. "I need not look beyond this room to see all the liars, the haters, the killers, the crooks, the paranoid cowards. Truly the trematodes of the earth (a parasitic worm) . . .

"You maggots make me sick, hypocrites one and all."

Deputy District Attorney P. Philip Halpin dismissed Ramirez's words as "more baloney."

"I certainly wouldn't want anyone to listen to what he has to say because he is a pathetic human being who is grasping at some structure in his life," Halpin said.

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# Alleged Killer of Prostitutes Haunted By 'Irresistible Impulse,' Analyst Says

*'Hallucination' Theory Backs Insanity Defense for Va. Suspect*

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A clinical psychologist retained by defense attorneys for Chander "Bobby" Matta concluded that Matta was suffering from a mental disease when he allegedly killed three Washington-area prostitutes during the Memorial Day weekend.

The psychologist, R. Bronson Levin of Alexandria, wrote in a report filed yesterday in Arlington County Circuit Court that Matta, 22, "had an irresistible impulse to obey command hallucinations" at the time of the killings.

In his report, Levin also concluded that Matta's "highly religious and sexually repressive" upbringing in a home "where the role of women was a source of perpetual parental argument" contributed to those impulses and to Matta's sexual repression.

"Mr. Matta equated his own sexual impulses with sinfulness . . . Haunting guilt followed sexual acts," Levin wrote. "This otherwise law-abiding man was driven to express these conflicts."

Matta "understood the nature and the wrongfulness of the acts, but was not in willful control over his actions" at the time of the slayings, Levin wrote.

The finding supports the claim by defense attorney William B. Moffitt that Matta was insane at the time the killings occurred.

The prosecution has argued that Matta's behavior was calculated,



CHANDER "BOBBY" MATTIA  
... said to have had mental disease

and not the behavior of a man suffering from a mental defect.

Matta is charged in the slayings of Jody Marie Phillips, 16, Sandra Rene Johnson, 20, and Sherry K. Larman, 26. The women were asphyxiated within a 36-hour period. Matta described in a statement to police how he used a lethal choke hold on each woman after having sex with them.

Levin met with Matta four times after he was arrested and charged in the slayings on June 10. He also

has met once with Matta's girlfriend and is scheduled to meet with Matta once more before his first trial, which will be for the Phillips slaying. The trial is scheduled for Jan. 22.

Levin wrote that the weekend Matta allegedly killed the women was the first time he had been left alone in the family's South Arlington home. Matta's parents and a younger brother were away at a Sikh religious retreat during the holiday weekend.

Levin wrote that among the factors that caused Matta to lose "the internal controls over his thought processes and actions" were his lack of success at college and his girlfriend's rejection.

Matta broke up with a longtime girlfriend and withdrew from college after receiving poor grades shortly before the slayings occurred.

Levin did not return telephone calls yesterday.

Thomas C. Goldman, a Washington psychiatrist specializing in forensic psychology, said yesterday that evidence that a defendant is suffering from command hallucinations is "one of the strongest findings that a psychiatrist can make in an insanity defense."

Those who suffer from auditory hallucinations, Goldman said, literally hear voices shouting, "Do this, or do that," he said.

But, he said, "it's also the easiest thing to fake. Everyone knows that crazy people hear voices and there's no objective way to verify it."