

ORIGINAL INCIDENT
REPORT

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WITNESSES:

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INTERVIEW

On 04-15-96 at 2:45 p.m., Trooper KOLHONEN and I initiated an interview with [redacted] at her residence. I advised her of the nature of our investigation, specifically that we had information that supposedly came from her husband that their neighbor JIM ARDU'S and his wife may have been involved in some cult activity and the murder of a young boy in the Houghton area.

[redacted] said from the onset that this is news to her. She said she did recently make a complaint against JIM ARDU'S who she described as weird and said she suspected him of being involved in some window peeping approximately eight years. Within the last two months, she made a complaint after seeing ARDU'S leave the home of an elderly neighbor for whom she and her husband are caretakers.

[redacted] contacted the neighbor and discovered that ARDU'S, who is unemployed and not known to work, had been trying to get the neighbor to give him money. She then called ARDU'S and told him to have no further contact with the elderly people. Following this, she received a threat to the effect that he was going to shoot her and reported it to the State Police.

[redacted] said she has never heard any information to the effect that ARDU'S and his wife were involved in any cult-type activity or in the murder of a young boy. [redacted] said her husband is away on business but she will have him call me when he returns in the event he may have information.

INTERVIEW

At approximately 3:30 p.m. on 04-15-96, I received a telephone call from [redacted] who had returned home and had spoken with his wife [redacted]. [redacted] appeared to be very cooperative in giving information.

[redacted] said they have had problems with JIM ARDU'S over the years. He personally feels ARDU'S is a little weird but did not necessarily consider him dangerous until he recently threatened his wife over the phone.

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said he has never received any information to the effect that ARDI S and his wife were involved in cult activity or in the murder of a young boy in the Houghton area. I then told him this information had come from [redacted] and his wife [redacted] acknowledged knowing [redacted] and his wife [redacted] and said he has talked with him but never mentioned anything that could be even remotely construed as an allegation they were involved in cult activity or murder [redacted] said he simply does not know where [redacted] received the information.

REMARKS:

[redacted] of the [redacted] is known to me. He was involved with a family in Orionagon over the last couple of years whose daughter disappeared and has never been located [redacted] contacted the family claiming to have psychic powers and subsequently obtained several hundred dollars in cash from the family for services in helping them locate their daughter. The ultimate result was that [redacted] provided no useful information to the family of the missing woman but continued trying to obtain more money from them to provide further services. His credibility at best is questionable.

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