

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF HOUGHTON

In the Matter of the Estate of: )  
 )  
 KARL LORENCE HEIKELL, ) File No. 18168  
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 a disappeared person )  
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PETITION TO DETERMINE  
CAUSE AND DATE OF DEATH IN DISASTER

Now comes Patricia Heikell, mother of Karl Lorence Heikell, and states:

- 1) That she is the mother of Karl Lorence Heikell.
- 2) That Karl Lorence Heikell was born on September 7, 1970 in Laurium, Michigan.
- 3) That on October 31, 1981, Karl Lorence Heikell was a resident of 239 2nd Street, Centennial Heights, Calumet, MI.
- 4) That on October 31, 1981 at approximately 4:00 PM, Karl Lorence Heikell told his father that he was going to go for a walk, at which time Karl Lorence Heikell left the residence. Karl Lorence Heikell did not return from that walk, and on November 1, 1981, was reported missing by his mother to the Michigan State Police, Calumet Post #90. An intensive investigation was initiated which included ground searches with volunteers and tracking dogs, air searches, and numerous interviews with subjects reference possible sightings of the missing Karl Heikell, all to no avail.
- 5) That on October 2, 1982, while hunting in a wooded area near Centennial Heights, Roger Perreault of 110 Mine Street, Centennial, Michigan, came across several pieces of torn clothing and, taking some of the pieces with him, immediately reported his find to the State Police at the Calumet Post. A search was made of the scene and several articles of clothing (blue jeans, remnants of a plaid shirt, socks, undershorts, jacket) were found, as were tufts of human hair, several fingernails, and sections of bone. The clothing was identified by Patricia and Larry Heikell as that worn by their son when he left their residence on October

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31, 1981. An analysis on the bone fragments was conducted at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan, under the supervision of Marla Buckmaster, Ph.D. Professor. Their analysis confirm the bones to be human, a right humerus and a left femur, and based on the length and condition of the bones, estimate them to have been from an adolescent individual between the ages of ten to 15 years. No determination could be made as to sex with the available osteological data.

6) That Karl Lorence Heikell has not been seen since the afternoon of October 31, 1981.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to MCLA 326.8a, petitioner prays that the Court fix the time and place of a hearing on this petition, and that upon said hearing, the Court determine that a disaster occurred in which Karl Lorence Heikell met his death, and that the time of said disaster was 5 p.m., October 31, 1981, and the place was Calumet Township, Houghton County, Michigan.

Upon such determination it is further requested that an order be entered to that effect and the Court cause a certified copy thereof to be served upon the appropriate person for issuance of a death certificate.

  
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PATRICIA HEIKELL