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Police report given by Richard and Betty Knitter about a bushy-haired man they observed the morning of July 4, 1954

Sergeant Jay Hubach
Bay Village Police Department

Patrolman Fred Drenkhan
Bay Village Police Department

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SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT
BAY POLICE DEPT.

Offense Homicide Serial No. 54-194

Complainant _____

Address _____

Additional Details of Offense, Progress of Investigation, etc.

July 14, 1954 - Richard and Betty Knitter of 785 Kenilworth, Sheffield Lake, Ohio came in to report that on the early morning of July 4th they were returning to their home from Loews State theatre in Cleveland they saw man in vicinity of cemetery.

They state that upon leaving the movie at 2:30 A.M. they walked to their car and drove out to Bearden's Drive In where they stopped for a sandwich. They estimate the time to be between 3:30 & 4:00 A.M. when they went past the cemetery and they noticed a man on the North side of Lake Road walking East toward Cleveland. This man was white, between 32-42 years of age, wearing dark blue trousers, light colored short sleeved shirt. Wide nose, bushy crew cut hair light auburn in color, bushy eyebrows, long sideburns.

At this time Lakewood Police Dept. contacted in regards to someone drawing sketch of this description.

Pat. Larry Adler came out and made such sketch. This is on file.

This offense is declared:

Unfounded Signed JHHubach, Sgt FFDrenkhan, Pat. Date 7/14/54
Cleared by arrest Investigating Officer
Exceptionally cleared Signed _____ Date _____
Inactive (not cleared) Chief or Commanding Officer

This form is used by officer assigned to a case to report progress after three and seven days and weekly thereafter, also to report significant developments.