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Miscellaneous Report, August 3, 1954, Lorain Police Department

Detective Hunker

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Form F
POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF LORAIN, OHIO
—MISCELLANEOUS REPORT—

Agency Detective Bureau Copy for _____
Subject MISCELLANEOUS INVESTIGATION
Name of Party SHEPPARD MURDER CASE Address Bay Village, O.

I respectfully report that on, or about 2 Aug 1954 at 4:00 P m.

Two Bay Village Officers contacted this department and wanted to question one ROY STUDER Jr. and LAWRENCE TAYLOR relative to this Murder Case as these two men had been incarcerated in our jail on charges of Disorderly Conduct and Intoxication. These men were employees of the ED JOHNSON Tree Service Company who had recently left Bay Village and the thought was that one might answer the description of the "Bushy haired man" mentioned in this case. It was found that both of these men had been paid out of jail and a check at the HERBERT Hotel revealed that they had also checked out there for parts unknown. They had used alias at this hotel. This knowledge is in possession of the Bay Village officers.

Subsequent investigation revealed that one CARL EUGENE FREEMAN, Rte. # 4, Box 43, LITTLE ROCK, ARK. had been incarcerated on the same two charges. He was interviewed and states that he knew TAYLOR and STUDER but not intimately nor did he run around with them, consequently he knew nothing of their movements or their back ground. FREEMAN states that neither one has shown up for work since they were arrested and feels that they have departed for home which he thinks is OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Headquarters for the ED JOHNSON TREE SERVICE is in KANSAS CITY MO. FREEMAN joined the outfit in FORT MADISON, IOWA. The local unit is being managed by one ALLEN JOHNSON, a son of the owner who is presently staying at a motel west of the city. FREEMAN states that he thinks the outfit is due to leave LORAIN in about a week but does not know their future destination.

Reported by Detective Hunker
Report sent to Headquarters 5:15 P m. Date 3 Aug 1954 19__