

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
SUPPLEMENTARY CASE/INCIDENT RECORD

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ORGANIZATION (PARK) NAME Great Smoky Mountains National Park		CASE/INCIDENT NUMBER 7 6 2 5 9 0	
LOCATION OF INCIDENT Andrews Bald Trail		DATE OF INCIDENT MO DA YR 0 3 2 3 7 7	
NATURE OF INCIDENT Lost/Missing girl			
COMPLAINANT'S NAME Trenny Gibson		COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS 1427 Whitower Road Knoxville, Tennessee	

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Clothes of Miss Trenny Gibson utilized as scent material for search dogs was returned to Mr. & Mrs. Gibson (Robert) on March 23, 1977. Material was sent, return receipt requested, certified No. 112679.

SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) John D. <i>John D. Linahan</i> Linahan	APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>Richard A. Moeller</i> Richard A. Moeller 3/23
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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION
April 18, 1977, search resumed for missing Trenny Gibson, missing since October 8, 1976.

April 18 0745 Personnel for search begin arriving at Dome Parking Area.
0830 Briefing of crews as to area they will cover.
0840 Two (2) crews begin search of Andrews Bald Trail Area from Clingmans Dome Parking Area to Andrews Bald and back on both sides of the trail.
1000 Mr. Gibson at Dome Parking Area. Talked with Jack Linahan. Left at 1300.
1500 Mr. Steve Hart from Attorney Lee's office in Knoxville to discuss searches #1 and #2 with Jack Linahan and George West.
1545 Search terminated for the day due to bad weather.

Personell: National Park Service: 9
Rescue Squads: 3 Jackson County N.C.
V.I.P.'s: 1
TOTAL: 13

April 19 0745 Personnel for search begin to arrive at Dome Parking Area. Begin to brief men as to area they will be searching since there will only be one (1) crew,
0800 Crew begins first search pattern.
1300 Completed search along Andrews Bald Trail from Bald back to Dome Parking Area.
1315 Began search along upperside of Dome Trail and area just above Dome Parking Area.
1530 Search terminated for day.
Personnel: National Park Service: 11

April 20 0800 All search crew personnel arrived at Dome Parking Area.
0815 All personnel on one crew on search pattern above Dome Parking Area and on the south side of the Appalachian Trail.
1300 Search terminated for the day because of rain.
Personnel: National Park Service: 10
Rescue Squads: 2 Morristown, TN.
TOTAL: 12

April 21 No search today because of extremely bad weather (Cold and rain)

April 22 0800 Search personnel arrive at Dome Parking Area.
0815 Search continued from termination line 4/20/77 between Dome Road and Appalachian Tail to Collins Gap. A portion of the area on the Tennessee side of the Appalachian Trail also gotten.
1130 Search terminated for the day because of fog and rain.
Personnel: National Park Service: 7

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

April 23 ~~8~~ No search today because of extreme cold, fog and rain.

April 24 0730 Search personnel begin arriving at Dome Parking Area.
 0815 Begin briefings of all personell and assigning to crews
 0830 Began putting four (4) crews out on search.
 - 2 crews will search between Appalachian Trail and Forney Creek Trail.
 - 1 crew will search between Trail to Dome and lower trail to the Appalachian Trail
 - 1 crew will cover the Tennessee side of the Appalachian Trail from Dome Trail Junction to Collins Gap below the area covered 4/22/77.

1115 Crew 2 completed its search of area between Appalachian Trail and Forney Creek Trail and released because of very cold weather.

1500 All assigned search patterns completed and all search activities terminated for the day.

Personnel: National Park Service: 10
 Rescue Squads: 5 Jackson County N.C.
 5 Macon County N.C.
 7 Lineville Fire Dept. N.C.
 6 Newport TN.
 6 Sevier County TN.
 2 Blount County TN.
 8 Knox County TN.
 3 Morristown TN.

V.I.P.'s: 6
 TOTAL: 60

April 25 0800 Search Personnel arrive at Dome Parking Area.
 0815 Crew begins search pattern from clingmans Dome Trail Junction with the Appalachian Trail to Collins Gap north of area completed 4/24/77.
 1330 Search area assigned completed. Search terminated for the day.
 Personnel: National Park Service: 8

April 26 0730 Searchers begin arriving at Dome Parking Area.
 0800 Searchers briefed on area to be covered. This will be between the lower trail out to Appalachian trail and search area completed 4/24/77.
 1415 Search terminated due to cold weather.
 Personnel: National Park Service: 11

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

April 27 0730 Search personnel begin arriving at Dome Parking Area.
 0800 Searches begin search. Continue area below where they terminated on 4/26/77
 1530 Search terminated for the day.
 Personnel: National Park Service: 11

April 28 0730 Search personnel arrive at Dome Parking Area.
 0800 Begin search. Continue area not completed yesterday down to Forney Creek Trail and begin searchin area between Forney Creek Trail and Forney Ridge Trail.
 1545 Search Terminated for the day.
 Personnel: National Park Service: 10

April 29 0840 Search spersonnel begin arriving Dome Parking Area.
 0915 Three (3) crews ou on assigned search patterns.
 - One crew down Forney Creek Trail to Fontana Lake.
 - One crew down Forney Ridge Trail to Fontana Lake.
 - One crew down Noland Creek Trail to Fontana Lake.
 1830 Last Crew out at Fontana Lake. All crews have to be picked up by boat (Mike Dennis and Lenford Cable) transported back across the lake and then back to their vehicles at Clingmans Dome Parking area.
 2030 Search terminated for the day with last crew to vehicles and home.
 Personnel: National Park Service: 13

April 30 0730 Search Personnel begin arriving at Dome Parking Area.
 0800 Buck Branan and Ronnie Click beging marking lower terminus * of search area crews will cover next few days.
 1000 Two (2) search crews out. Search crews will concentrate on an area east of the Andrews Bald Trail from area covered 4/18 & 19/77 and below the Clingmans Dome Parking Area and Clingmans Dome Road.
 1500 Search terminated for the day.
 Personnel: National Park Service: 11
 Rescue Squads: 3 Blount County TN.
 4 Knoxville TN.
 TOTAL: 18

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

May 1 0730 Searchers begin arriving at Dome Parking Area

0830 Begin briefing crews as to areas to be searched.

- Two crews will continue searching in areas that were started yesterday.
- One crew will search from Clingmans Dome along both sides of the Appalachian Trail out towards Doublesprings Shelter.
- One crew will search an area between Forney Creek Trail and Forney Ridge Trail down to Keyuga Creek.

1530 Search Terminated.

Personnel: National Park Service: 12
Rescue Squads: 2 Sevier County TN.
3 Morristown, TN.
6 Hendersonville N.C.
8 Upper Hominy N.C.

TOTAL: 31

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Persons and Groups on search

National Park Service

Jack Linahan
 Guy Taylor
 Gene Phillips
 George West
 John Batzer
 Robert Conley
 Bill Acree
 J.R. Buchanan
 Ron Cornelius
 Jack Collier
 Ronnie Click
 Russel Falls
 Bill Webb
 Jim Anker
 Lennie Garver
 John Johns
 Buck Brannan
 Dan Eager
 Carter Davis
 Danny Parris
 Cindy McCampbell

Rescue Squads

Jackson County, N.C.
 Macon County, N.C.
 Lineville Fire Dept., N.C.
 Hendersonville, N.C.
 Upper Hominy, N.C.
 Morristown, TN.
 Newport, TN.
 Sevier County, TN.
 Blount County, TN.
 Knox County, TN.
 Knoxville, TN.

V.I.P.'s and other persons

Gary Delius
 Dr. Lash & Four Nurses
 Pete Critenden

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

Continuation of Search # 2

May 3 0745 Personnel for today's search begin arriving at Dome Parking Area.
0800 Crew begins search for the day. The area searched today begins at Pumping Station and continues down slope to approximately Andrews Bald. It is an area just east of the areas covered on 4/30/77 and 5/1/77
1430 Crew is out and the search is terminated for the day.
Personnel: National Park Service: 8

May 4 0715 Personnel arrive at Dome Parking Area.
0730 Cre begins search pattern for the day. The area searched is to the east of what was covered on 5/3/77 and was from the Pumping Station road down slope to the Forney Ridge Trail below Andrews Bald
1500 Crew is out and search is terminated for the day.
Personnel: National Park Service: 8

May 5 0715 Personnel arrive at Dome Parking Area.
0730 Crew begins search. Area covered is east of what was covered on 5/4/77 and started on the Pumping Station road and proceeded downslope to Forney Ridge trail below Andrews Bald.
1545 Search Terminated.
Personnel: National Park Service: 6

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OCTOBER 8, 1976

TRENNY GIBSON SEARCH

ACCORDING TO THE LEADER, THE GROUP LEFT CLINGMAN'S DOME PARKING LOT AT 12:30 P.M. 10/8/76. GROUP WENT TO ANDREWS BALD. LEFT ANDREWS BALD AT 1:50 P.M. TRENNY GIBSON LAST SEEN BY ANITA BROWN & SCOTT FOLEY AT APPROXIMATELY 2:50 P.M.

3:30 PM MISS GIBSON FIRST KNOWN TO BE MISSING AT 3:30 P.M. WHEN GROUP GOT TO BUS. MR. DUNLAP (SCHOOL GROUP LEADER) IMMEDIATELY SENT DANNY JOHNSON DOWN TO ANDREWS BALD & MR. DUNLAP WENT OUT TOWARDS DOUBLE SPRINGS. JOHNSON DID NOT SEE ANY TRACE OF MISS GIBSON

DUNLAP SAW TENNIS SHOES TRACKS ABOUT MISS GIBSON SIZE ON AT TOWARDS DOUBLE SPRINGS SHELTER. LOST TRACKS APPROX. 1/2 MILE PAST INTERSECTION OF AT & TRAIL TO FORNEY CREEK & ANDREWS BALD TRAIL.

4:00 PM LAIL WAS CALLED BY CB RADIO. #

4:30 PM ARRIVED AT DOME PARKING LOT (LAIL). SEARCHED PARKING AREA & THEN WENT TOWARDS DOUBLE SPRINGS.

DUNLAP THEN WENT TO [REDACTED] DOME & WEST ON AT.
WENT TO PARKING AREA AND OFFICIALLY REPORTED
MISS. GIBSON MISSING & REPEATED TRIP ON
AT. AT ABOUT DARK

6:30 PM TAYLOR, DICK & PHILLIPS ARRIVED AT APPROX. 6:30 P.M.
PHILLIPS CHECKED MT. COLLINS SHELTER THEN WALKED
TO COLLINS GAP. TAYLOR & DICK INTERVIEWED
MR. DUNLAP AND THEN PICKED UP PHILLIPS AT
COLLINS GAP & RETURNED TO DOME PARKING AREA.

TAYLOR, PHILLIPS, DICK & DUNLAP DROVE TO TOWER.
PHILLIPS & DUNLAP MET LAIL RETURNING FROM DOUBLE SPRING.

7:00 PM FRANK McGRANE & JONNI MEDFORD WERE CALLED BY DUNCAN
HUTCHINSON.

- JACKSON COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD CALLED
- NO PEOPLE ON TRAIL OR AT SHELTERS HAD SEEN MISS GIBSON

9:00 PM. McGRANE & MEDFORD ARRIVE AT DOME. VEST & HUTCHINSON
STARTED GETTING FOOD, BATTERIES & OTHER SUPPLIES
AND HEAD TO DOME. QUAD. MAPS BROUGHT BY McGRANE.
WEATHER: RAINING, HIGH WINDS 35-40° F.

9:55 PM LINAHAN STATED CREW ON TENN SIDE STANDING BY.
JACKSON COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ARRIVED. 10 MEN
FROM S.W. UNIT

10:15 PM ASSIGNED PEOPLE TO TEAMS & LEFT

CLINGMANS DOME

- McGRANE DOWN FORNEY CREEK (2 MEN)
- LAIL & VOGES TO ANDREWS BALD (2 MEN)
- HUTCHINSON TO AREA Miss. GIBSON LAST SEEN (2 MEN)
- WEST DOME TO COLLINS GAP (2 MEN)
- PHILLIPS TO
- TAYLOR & BILL WEST AT DOME PREPARE TO STAY ALL NIGHT. TAYLOR WITH RESCUE SQUAD DISPATCHER

12:00 M

- McGRANE TO FORNEY CREEK NEG.
- WEST TO COLLINS GAP NEG.
- LAIL TO ANDREWS BALD NEG.
- HUTCHINSON NEG.

10/13/76

2:30 AM

ALL PERSONNEL LEAVE DOME PARKING AREA EXCEPT G. TAYLOR, D. HUTCHINSON, B. WEST.

3:00 AM

ALL 10-42

PERSONS ON SEARCH:

N.P.S.: 8
 RESCUE SQUAD: 10
 OTHER: 1

TOTAL: 19

OCTOBER 9, 1976

TRENNY GIBSON SEARCH

- 7:00AM ALL N.P.S. PERSONNEL ARRIVED AT DOME PARKING LOT. TAYLOR, HUTCHINSON, B. WEST LEFT AFTER STAYING ALL NIGHT
- 8:00AM RESCUE SQUADS BEGIN TO ARRIVE INCLUDING 4 MEN WITH DOGS.
- 8:15AM BEGAN BRIEFING OF RESCUE SQUAD CAPTAINS THEY DETERMINED WHO WOULD NOT GO (BECAUSE OF HEALTH, CLOTHES, ETC.) ON THE SEARCH.

SEARCH WILL CONCENTRATE THIS DAY FROM DOME PARKING LOT TO ANDREWS BALD AND SOME OUT FORNEY CREEK TRAIL

- 1 CREW WITH SAMMY LAIL, JAN DICK & RENNEL SHURDEN WILL COVER UPPER SIDE OF ANDREWS BALD TRAIL (LENNY GARVER - TRACKER)

DOME ROAD CLOSED FRANK McGRANE ON GATE

- 1 CREW WITH HAROLD WOOD & JOHN
BATZER COVER LOWER SIDE OF
TRAIL (J. R. BUCHANAN - TRACKER)

8:30 AM

DR. LASH AND HIS NURSES ARRIVE AND
SET UP THEIR FACILITY AT BASE
H.Q. IN MEN'S RESTROOM

OTHER TENN. & N.C. RESCUE SQUADS
ARRIVE UP TILL 9:00 AM

9:00 AM

SEARCH BEGINS WITH ALL CREWS AND
DOGS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SEARCH AREAS

9:25 AM

JERRY DICK & ROBBIE ROBINSON ARRIVE AT
DOME PARKING LOT. ROBBIE GOES OUT
WITH BRUCE UMPSTEAD AND DOG # 2
AND JERRY DICK WITH DOG # 3 AND
H. E. BITTLE & JIM STAFFORD

- DOGS CHECKING AT PRESENT ANDREW
BALD TRAIL AND FORNEY CREEK TRAIL

10:05 AM

CONTACTED BY GUY TAYLOR - SAID
HAYWOOD COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD AND 50
PEOPLE COMING - HAVE BEEN WARNED
ABOUT THE WEATHER

SWAIN COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD (WITH
NO NPS SUPERVISION AT PRESENT) CHECKING
LOWER END OF NOLAND CREEK

10:15 AM ED BAILEY ARRIVES

10:20 AM SEARCH PATTERN TO LOWEST POINT NOW
FLAGGED. SEND DOG # 2 TO ASSIST
NEAR ANDREWS BALD

10:25 NED ALLISON AFTER CHECKING PERSONNEL
LET 10 MEN OF SWAIN COUNTY RESCUE
SQUAD UP MILL CREEK (NOLAND CREEK TRAIL)

10:30 DOG # 1 PICKS UP SCENT AT ANDREWS
BALD AND HEADS TOWARDS FORNEY CREEK
TRAIL - NO VISIBLE SIGNS

DOG # 3 WITH JERRY DICK HEADING
DOWN TO ALSO CHECK OUT FORNEY
CREEK TRAIL

10:35 SEARCH CREWS NOW DOWN TO LOWEST POINT
AND STARTING BACK UP TOWARDS DOME
PARKING AREA OVERLAPPING WHAT HAS
ALREADY BEEN SEARCHED.

- 10:45 AM U.S. ARMY - AIR RESCUE LEAD TEAM ARRIVES AT DOME PARKING AREA - JERRY Mc FARLAND COMMANDING
- 10:50 AM SENDING BACK 9 PERSONS BACK TO PARKING AREA (wet & chilled) TO SEE DR. LASH - JAN DICK WITH GROUP - E.T.A. 30 MIN.
- 11:00 AM BUCK BRANAN ARRIVES
- 11:05 AM DOGS # 1 & 3 JOIN AT FARNEY CREEK TRAIL JUNCTION - TALK WITH HIKERS
- DWIGHT McCARTER & RONNIE CLICK ARRIVE
- 11:15 AM CHILLED WALKOUT PEOPLE WITH JAN DICK ARRIVE AT DOME PARKING AREA - SEE DR. LASH
- USMC 4TH ENG BATTALION ARRIVE UNDER LT. SNEED (20 MEN) NOT DRESSED FOR COLD WEATHER - CLEARED FOR A SHORT TIME WIT DR. LASH.
- 11:40 AM LAIS TEAM ARRIVES BACK AT DOME PARKING AREA.

- 11:40 AM HELICOPTERS ARRIVE SUGARLANDS - BAD WEATHER CANNOT COME TO DOME
- 12:00 NOON BILL ACREE & JASON HOUCK ENROUTE TO DOME PARKING AREA
- 12:15 PM WOOD'S TEAM OUT
- 12:45 PM TENN. RESCUE SQUADS RELEASED TO MEALS AND HOME. IF GIRL NOT FOUND, REPORT 10/10/76 AT 7:00 AM
- 2:00 PM RONNIE CLACK & DWIGHT MC CARTER WENT OUT A.T. TO GOSHEN TRAIL AND DOWN TO ERMOWS
- 2:20 PM BRUCE UMPSTEAD & ROBBIE ROBBISON WITH A BLOOD HOUND GET A SCENT AT THE AT AT CLINGMAN'S DOME TOWER. FOLLOWED SCENT OUT THE AT FOR APPROXIMATELY 1/2 MILES - THEN FOLLOWED SCENT TO DOME ROAD AND LOST THE SCENT AT THE ROAD
- 2 COPTERS NOW ENROUTE TO CADES COVE FROM SUGARLANDS OVER WEST END OF PARK STAT TO COVER N.C. SIDE OF PARK

2:00 PM HAYWOOD COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD ARRIVES

2:00 PM NED ALLISON CHECKED WATER PUMPING STATION

1ST CREW WITH ED BAILEY DOING STRIP SEARCH DOME FROM GINGHAM'S DOME ROAD (ALSO BUCK BRANAN)

3:00 PM ANDERSON COUNTY & WEST BUNCOMBE COUNTY R.S. ARRIVE - SENT OUT ON 2ND STRIP SEARCH PATTERN

ONE DOG HEADED TOWARDS DOUBLE SPRING.

3:20 PM NEGATIVE WITH DOG TOWARDS DOUBLE SPRINGS - CHECKED OUT PRINT FOUND BY ED BAILEY'S CREW.

3:35 PM SKYLAND R.S. ARRIVE ALSO DANNY PARIS.

3:40 PM BILL ACREE, JASON HUCK & JOHN JOHNS ARRIVE

OTHER N.C. RESCUE SQUAD PERSONNEL SENT TO SECTOR B (WEAVERVILLE & FAIRVIEW)

- 4:15 PM SQUADS STARTING TO RETURN FROM STRIP SEARCHES. RELEASING RESCUE SQUADS AS THEY ARRIVE
- 4:50 PM JASON HOUCK & JOHN JOHNS START DOWN CLINGMANS CREEK BILL ACREE DOWN SALOLA CREEK. WILL JOIN TOGETHER AT NOLAND CREEK TRAIL. WILL STAY OVERNIGHT
- 5:10 PM GUY TAYLOR & BILL WEST ARRIVE AT PARKING AREA.
- 8:00 PM ALL PERSONNEL CHECK OUT.

NEGATIVE RESULTS EXCEPT FOR
DOG SCENTING

OCTOBER 10, 1976

- 7:30AM BRIEFING AT PARK H.Q. BY JACK LINAHAN
DR. LASH AND AIR RESCUE PEOPLE (SAFETY)
- 8:30AM ALL CREWS BEGIN ARRIVING AT DOME
PARKING AREA
- 9:00AM COPTERS BEGIN TO ARRIVE AND BEGIN
SWEEP SEARCHES BY AIR
- 9:10AM FRANK MCGRANE & SWAIN COUNT RESCUE
PEOPLE WORKING LOWER END OF
NOLAND CREEK & FORNEY CREEK
- 9:50AM MIKE DENNIS & DUNCAN HOLLAR TAKE
A CREW OF VOLUNTEERS FROM 20 MILE
AREA DOWN FORNEY CREEK
- 10:00AM ALL TEAMS INTO SEARCH AREA.
WORKING (1) SW SIDE OF CLINGMAN
CREEK
(2) EAST SIDE OF CLINGMAN
CREEK
(3) OFF THE SIDES OF
ANDREWS BALD

(4) BETWEEN AT AND FORNEY
CREEK TRAIL

(5) FROM DOME PARKING LOT
TO COLLINS GAP ON NORTH
SIDE OF ROAD

DOGS AGAIN OUT TO ANDREWS BALD
AND FROM TOWER ALONG AT TO
COLLINS GAP

1:00 PM

POSITIVE TRAILINGS AGAIN BY DOGS
ALONG AT TO COLLINS GAP. ROBBIE
ROBINSON SAID DOGS FOLLOWING ALMOST
EXACT SAME PATTERN AS DOGS
YESTERDAY (10/9/76)

BLOUNT COUNTY R.S. PROVIDED FOOD KIT

4:30 PM

ALL CREWS OUT. NEGATIVE RESULTS
EXCEPT WITH DOGS ALONG A.T.

OCTOBER 11, 1976

8:00AM ALL PERSONNEL ARRIVE DOME PARKING AREA

- WILL BE GOING OVER SOME OF THE AREAS COVERED YESTERDAY AND INCREASE AREA BELOW ANDREWS BALD AREA, AREA BETWEEN DOME ROAD AND PUMPING STATION, AND BETWEEN DOME TOWER & DOME PARKING LOT.

9:00 ALL CREWS OUT

JACK COLLIER OUT WITH DOG AGAIN ALONG AT

10:15 AM JEFF SELLERS, WAYNE PATTERSON & JIM ANKERS WITH GERMAN SHEPARD ALONG AT AGAIN.

ALL DOGS PROVE POSITIVE ALONG AT FROM TOWER TO COLLINS GAP

11:00 AM RED CROSS KITCHEN ARRIVES TO
PREPARE FOOD FOR MEN

ALL COPTERS AIR SEARCHING BOTH
SIDES OF MOUNTAIN - NEGATIVE
RESULTS

4:30 PM ALL CREWS BACK TO DOME PARKING
AREA AND RELEASED TO HOME - NOT
COMING BACK UNLESS CALLED BY THEIR
COORDINATOR

5:15 PM G. WEST WITH DOG AND HANDLER CHECK
ONE MORE TIME ALONG AT TO
COLLINS GAP

6:00 PM MILITARY RELEASED

7:00 PM WEST AND DOG BACK TO ROAD
AT COLLINS GAP POSITIVE RESULTS

8:00 PM ALL PERSONNEL OFF SEARCH

OCTOBER 12, 1976

CREWS CHECK AGAIN FORNEY CREEK DRAINAGE, DOWN FORNEY RIDGE TRAIL DOWN FROM HEAD ON MOLLAND CREEK TRAIL. ALSO CHECKED ROAD PRONG TRAIL TO CHIMNEY'S - 3 CREWS

OCTOBER 13, 1976

CREWS SPENT ALL DAY CHECKING THE COLLINS GAP AREA - 2 CREWS

OCTOBER 14

CHECKE DOWN BIG SLICK RIDGE FROM WEBB OVERLOOK AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF PUMPING STATION ROAD - 2 CREWS

OCTOBER 15

CHECKED COLLINS GAP WEST TO 1/2 MILE WEST OF FORK RIDGE TRAIL ON BOTH N.C. & TENN. SIDE OF RIDGE; HEADWATER OF BEECH FLATS CREEK FROM PUMPING STATION TO LUTTEE OVERLOOK; AND 1/2 MILE WEST OF FORK RIDGE TRAIL ON N.C. & TENN. SIDE OF RIDGE TO JUNCTION WITH NEWFOUND GAP ROAD

OCTOBER 16, 1976

CHECKED DRAINAGE OF RIGHT HAND FORK
OF STEEL TRAP CREEK.

OCTOBER 17, 1976

CHECKED DOWN FORK RIDGE TRAIL.

OCTOBER 18, 1976

CHECKED TENN. SIDE OF MT. ALONG
AT (FOR 1-2 MILES) HEADING TOWARD
DOUBLE SPRINGS.

TERESA GIBSON SEARCH

October 8, 1976

- 620 1603 Received C.B. radio report of missing girl in Clingmans Dome area
- 620 1644 More info on missing girl: name Teresa Gibson, age 16, Knoxville, TN She was with a school group. Wayne Dunlap is their leader. Want ranger to come to Clingmans Dome. F/700 531 10-76 ETA 10-15 minutes.
- 531 1726 Info on lost girl. Name-Trenny Gibson, age 16, long blonde hair, wearing blue jeans, blue shirt, blue sweat shirt, brown wool CPO jacket and blue shoes. Was with school group from Bearden High School, Knoxville, TN Think father's name is Robert Gibson, White Tower Road, Knoxville, TN 10-76 to check AT out to Double Springs Shelter.
- 517 1735 to 531- Jackson County Rescue Squad mobilized and can be 10-76 soon if needed. 700 gave info to 510 at HQ.
- 531 1806 to 510 Checked Clingmans Dome area and AT toward Mt. Collins. Will check AT toward Double Springs now. No sign of missing girl.
- 510 1908 to 501 Negative on Gibson girl at Mt. Collins Shelter. Will hike out AT towards Collins Gap.
- 510 1930 Try to get missing girl's father's name and address. School group en route home.
- 700 1945 Contacted Bearden High School a Mrs. Bumgardner will contact Gibson residence to see if Trenny Gibson has returned home also will contact principal of school, a Mr. Hall. 700 advised rest of group en route back to school
- Phone 2024 Mrs. Bumgardner Bearden High School has informed Mrs. Gibson that Trenny is missing. Gibson phone # (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Principal Mr. Hall will call later.
- Phone 2055 Mr. Hall, principal of school called MS. Gibson is good student no problems. Mr. & Mrs. Gibson will be en route to park hq as soon as Mr. Gibson arrives at airport. Mr. Hall will interview teachers and children and try to get more info on Trenny's past activities also activities when last seen on the trail.
- 510 2107 to lll. School group en route back to Knoxville. Left one teacher here. need to try to find girl tonight if possible. Rain, cold, & wet in area. Girl was last seen on Andrews Bald Trail about 1 mile from Clingmans Dome. She was in the middle of group. She was missed when group arrived at bus at Dome parking area. 10 men from Jackson County Rescue 10-76 to assist in search. Will need fresh park personnel early tomorrow. Info to lll.

- 700 2115 10-13 - Moderate to heavy rain in high elevations tonight ending tomorrow about noon. Cloudy and cooler tomorrow afternoon and night. Temperatures could go down to mid 30's early tomorrow. Cloudy and cooler Sunday.
- Phone 2117 Mr. Hooker, teacher at Bearden School at airport with Mrs. Gibson. Mr. Gibson due in on Delta flight at 9:30. He is a member of National Guard Company 130th Military Police Co. Can call National Guard to assist if needed.
- 700 2144 lll Called Capt. Carlon White, Sevier County Rescue Squad. Asked for 20 men from Squad and dog to assist early tomorrow.
- 700 2148 Bob Gibson, father of missing girl called. 10-76 to Park HQ.
- 700 2153 lll called Dr. Lash. He and medical crew will be at Dome parking area between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. National Guard choppers will be on stand-by if needed.
- 700 2200 Contacted Mr. Gibson and asked for dirty clothing belonging to Trenny for use in scent in search by dogs.
- 700 2209 Jack Collier will be at HQ tomorrow on search supply materials. Garver and Buchanan will be at Dome parking area at 0730 tomorrow for crew leaders.
- 511 2210 Will need coffee and food at Dome parking area early. F/700 Rescue Squad food van will be there.
- 501 2227 Sending crews down Forney Ridge Trail, Andrews Bald Trail and both directions on AT Talked with 2 friends that last saw Trenny. They were almost to Dome parking area. They sat down to rest. Trenny went on and they think she may have tried to go cross-country to Dome parking area She had on tennis shoes, tread design: cross bars with round indentions between bars. To: lll.
- 401 2256 Tom Nash will head up Goshen Prong trail tomorrow at 7 a.m. Buchanan and Garver will be at Dome parking area at 7 a.m.
- 700 2300 Blount Co. Rescue Squad will send 20 men and scent dog. Will be at Dome parking area at 7-7:30 a.m.
- 510 2301 10-76 to HQ with report on progress of search
- phone 2309 From Mr. Hooker: If need National Guard in search call Col. Russell Newman Knoxville phone # (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). Will take 6-8 hours for them to get to Dome parking area.
- phone 2320 Sevier County Rescue Squad will have 25 men and search dog at Dome parking area by 7:30 tomorrow.

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700 0000 Mr. & Mrs. Gibson arrived at HQ

931 0002 Hiked down to Forney Creek on search. no sign of missing girl.
Forney Creek is running full.

531 0003 Hiked to Mt. Collins shelter. No sign of girl

531 0004 Completed search to Andrews Bald. No sign 10-76 back.

phone 0117 Mr. and Mrs. Gibson staying at River Terrace, room 238. Description of
Trenny, 5'3", 115 lbs. long brown hair, green eyes. No scars or marks.

510 0147 Will need Dome Road closed early also someone to man gate to let only
authorized personnel in. to: 111 OK to close road

501 0303 531 and 501 will stay at Dome parking area rest of the night.

phone 0619 Mr. Woodroe Jordan, Civil Defense said he will be happy to assist
in search (He was talking about ground support-not air search)

700 0623 10-13, probably no clearing today before late afternoon or early
evening. Temperatures around Dome today maximum-mid to hi 40's
to: 501, 511.

510 0653 531 10-41, 10-76 Dome

x70 0653 two TN Rescue Squad, men at VC 10-76 Dome

Tape 0704 from, 501, a student with group reported that he saw subject leave
trail headed east - very dense undergrowth

phone 0714 Mr. Talmage Hooker employed at Bearden High will be with or near
the Gibsons today.

417 0722 Will be going up Little River Truck Trail-Fish Camp Prong and Goshen
Prong to 510

phone 0727 Lacy Suiter - State Emergency called-have 2 helicopters on way will
land at Cherokee Aviation - can be reached at 256-3833 (MR. Suiter)

517 0730 Will be locking gate at Dome. No unauthorized personnel admitted.

700 0825 Hold all routine traffic

111 0850 to 510 try to get kitchen to Dome - negative, no electricity

111 -853 to 501 Try JCCCC- if not w/have Rescue Squad kitchen at HQ.

501 0858 Can't get anyone on phone at JCCCC can try in person- 111 advised to
try Sidney Myers.

401 0900 Negative on Myers

515 0909 35 degrees at Gap

501 0919 lunches will be ready to be picked up at 1100 hrs.

700 0920 State Emergency aircraft en route - ETA 1010 hrs.

115 0922 Should call Jim Kerns and have him go get Dwight McCarter 610 w/notify him

510 0932 Run off quads of area. Scent dog about to go out.

413 0950 10-41, 10-76 HQ

VC 1015 National Guard Platoon at VC to 111

523 1031 10-8, 10-76 Dome

510 1101 Dogs have picked up scent on Forney Creek. They are both working that area now.

700 1205 10-13 Clearing between now and 4:00 p.m. 3000 ft. winds 8-10 knots.

700 1208 Rescue Squad kitchen will be setting up at HQ shortly.

700 1215 Helicopters over HQ

501 1228 **515 en route with lunch**

510 1248 111 R.S. personnel, 10-76 from Dome.

501 1315 Rescue Squad members on Forney have found a camp, no fire - about half way down between lake and Dome (6-7 mi. from top) checked w/V.C. - any legal permits in that area? no permits at V.C.

417 1316 ceiling rising

613 1318 10-8 10-76 HQ

501 1326 to 511 Have chopper (Forest Serv.) going into Forney Ck. and Noland Ck. area. 110 advised that there are two Hueys planning to go into that area as soon as weather allows.

700 1328 to 511 clouds breaking to nw - socked in at Dome

210 1333 10-76

700 1411 to 610 Fuel for choppers w/arrive in Cove approx. 1600 hrs. 620 said they called Cg. said they would stop by there

700 1414 One chopper leaving VC. 73 to Cove and up NC side. Jack Collier on one and Jim Anker on other.

10/9/76 cont'd.

- 510 1424 Dog has turned something. W/be going back to last scene from AT to Collins Gap and to Rd. Working Hatched & Seller Dog.
- 620 1432 have report of girl walking along L.R. Rd. crying. 613-just driven L.R. Rd.. have seen no girl. 5 mi. e. of Y
- 700 1440 drab army green chopper just left
- 912 1446 have 3 men going from Mill Cr. - Forney Ck. and 3 Forney Divide- Tunnell
- 110 1448 Refuel truck will not be able to get to Cove before dk. Will be there 7:00 a.m. tomorrow. Any change in plan notify Col. Aiker, Greenback, 856-2392
- 618 1507 Comming down Goshen Prong
- Phene 1541 Andy Miles, Tremont Center can send 6-8 people to assist in Search tomorrow. lll said can use them. Be at Hdq. at 7 a.m.
- 511 1546 TN Rescue Squads are out of search area and 10-76 down mtn.
- 616 1555 1 chopper landed in C.Cove
- 412 1600 w/chopper in C.Cove. Due to low ceiling in search area couldn't get up in hi. elevations. Checked lower Forney Cr. and Welch Ridge
- 700 1623 Mrs. Bungardner called contacted 2 girls, Lisa Michael and Anita Beckner. Will call back for phone interview. to lll
- 412 1638 chopper 10-76 to McGee Tyson to refuel. Make another search of area then land at S.V.C.
- 915 1643 Searched 2 mi. down Forney Creek. Neg. results
- 700 1718 Lisa Michael, phone # (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) one of school group called. She last saw Trenny about 1 mi. from parking area. Anita, Bobby Coghill and Stacy Martin stopped to rest, Trenny went on. Was lost from view around curve in trail.
- 412 1721 Fueled chopper at McGee Tyson 10-76 to Search area. Will start on lower end and work up
- 517 1807 10-8 10-76 C.Dome P.A.
- 412 1905 Back at McGee Tyson. Refueled 10-76 S.V.C.
- 510 1910 Dog team and all personnel out of search area except 210 and 613 who will spend night in upper Noland Cr. area.
- 613 1919 Bedded down for tonight all 10-4

- 700 1940 10-13 to all stations: Gradual clearing tonight. Will clear by midnight. Low tonight 42 degrees. lower elevations 30-32 degrees in higher elevations. Clear tomorrow. Highs 50-60's. SW winds 25-30 mph in higher elevations. NW winds 5-10 mph in lower elevations.
- phone 1955 Mrs. Bumgardner interviewed people who last saw Trenny, Anita Bounds phone number (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Scott Troy and Bobby Coghill. Last saw her about 1/2 mile from Dome parking area. They stopped to rest, Trenny went on, seemed to be in a hurry to get back. Scott Troy phone # (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Bobby Coghill # (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) be there by 10:30
- 700 2015 Phone interview with Anita Bounds. Was with Trenny Gibson, Scott Troy and Bob Coghill. All stopped to rest except Trenny who went ahead up trail. She was in trail when last saw her, looked away and when looked back Trenny was nowhere in sight. Should have been able to see her if she went on up the trail. Checked area where Trenny was last seen, no trail leading off, very rough, small stream, brush & trees, yelled but no answer.
- 700 2344 Phone interview with Miss Bobby Coghill: Did not know Trenny Gibson very well. Was in class with her. Ms. Coghill was behind two other girls on the trail when Trenny caught up with Anita and Scott. Both walked with them awhile. All except Trenny stopped to rest. Trenny kept going on up the trail. Up the trail always looked like Trenny stopped and bent over, then made a right turn off the trail. Checked spot where Trenny was last seen. Do not believe she could have went off the trail at that spot, too rough, rocks, bushes, and trees. Group had just passed a large long flat rock on right side of the trail along top of ridge when they made rest stop. Trenny was last seen just above that point in the trail.
- Sunday, October 10, 1976
- 410 702 30 degrees at Newfound Gap
- 610 0711 Fuel truck has arrived at Cades Cove, 36 degrees, light ground fog
- phone 0729 Captain Medley, Company D, Marine Corps, Knoxville is sending about 20 more men up to search. Will be here about 9:00.
- 515 0738 Trace of precipitation at NFG and Dome, max . 39, min. 31, present 31, Sky is clear and visibility is good.
- 510 0739 to 515 Keep area in Dome parking clear for helicopter
- 610 0742 visibility at Cove about 200 yards. Fog very light about 100 ft. thick. sky clear.
- 412 0927 Have 3 helicopters at Cades Cove refueling - 2 army, 1 Civil Defense, from Cove heading back to Dome to continue search.
- 511 0940 to 401, contact Guy or Job Corps-lunch for 160+ people to 911 (275 people)

- 115 0946 to 111 - be advised 3 people camped at Jerry Bald. Not searchers should meet up with Houck later today.
- 210 0951 Now at Sallola ? Branch and junction of Clingmans Creek. Can't land chopper here.
- 412 1003 4 helicopters leaving Cades Cove now. 1 chopper headed to Sugarlands to pick up 402
- 610 1006 Chopper Jack Collier is on has no park radio
- 700 1021 to 510 Marine Corps Reserve from Knoxville just left HQ 10-76 Dome 16 men
- 510 1026 need 300 lunches from Gatlinburg - 700 ordered 300 sandwiches from War Bonnet, fm/111 will airlift by chopper
- 111 1034 Call FBI and see if can bring scent dog in today, 401 made the call Bob Swabe out of the area- Umstead 10-76 to park.
- 402 1044 Chopper 10-76 to AT via Elkmont drainage.
- 515 1120 10-76 Dome w/10 gallons of coffee
- 402 1200 to 401 covered _____ Branch and Kawai? Branch-next branch over does not have a name (radio broken - unable to copy)
- 412 1204 all 4 helicopters on ground at Cades Cove for refueling-advise air rescue control 700 made call.
- 412 1218 1 chopper will be 10-76 to SVC for food from 700/ 413 will have food.
- 402 1239 helicopters leaving Cades Cove
- 510 1244 210 is at Ball Creek campground - no problems - 613 ahead of him
- 510 1351 need 100 more dinners - 700 called Kentucky Fried Chicken
- 510 1418 need 50 additional dinners - 700 called Long John Silvers
- 511 1534 Clear radio for search traffic only 700 to all stations.
- 412 1550 Resume normal radio traffic - 700 to all stations.
- 111 1659 Reserve 4 rooms at Holiday Inn 700 made reservations.
- 402 1812 Chopper will land at SVC in 3minutes to 414
- 510 1853 All Rescue Squads have left area. 1 dog is still working area along top to: 111

412 1854 2 choppers approaching SVC to: 411

700 1938 Jim Sands, Phone # (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Mt. Juliet, TN. has search dog. Says dog can find girl if she is still lost in the mountains. to: 111

510 1954 Search dog came out. Same results as others. to: 111

910 2007 Searchers found wallet belonging to Jim Cardwell, (searcher) Will be at Deep Creek. 700 unable to find phone number for Cardwell.

510 2011 Cleared Dome Parking Area except for 2 hiker vehicles. Dome Road gate locked. Have night patrol check gate tonight. to: 411

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211 0730 Everything clear from Headquarters to NFG.

414 0741 10-41, 10-76 Clingmans Dome

515 0742 10-13, maximum 49, minimum 31, present 35 Visibility is good.

402 0808 National Guard from Maryville (4 people) 10-76 Clingmans Dome.

0820 From Jerry McFarland: choppers will be at Dome at 0900. to: 510

520 0923 to 501, 111, 510, Jackson County Rescue Squad has 15 people and Cherokee County Rescue Squad has 9 people en route.

phone 0926 Neil Murphy offered assistance in search. Taught survival and rescue in Rockies and is fully equipped. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) xl7 office, or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home, He is 2 hours away and can leave as soon as he is called.

phone 0926 Commander John Maddox, Swain County Civil Air Patrol, 704/488-2120, called to complain: had 40 men, 2 doctors, 14 pilots, 5 planes standing by to assist with search -- due to lack of cooperation from Park Service took people off of search -- 700 gave info to 111 111 called Commander Maddox and straightened the situation out.

111 0928 10-8, 10-19 HQ

401 1029 Call Mrs. Reeder, Red Cross - 983-0821, Maryville, about food - 700 made call, van will be at NFG around 12:00. Also Gatlinburg Fire Department will be taking beef stew and cornbread to Dome. to: 401

401 1055 J. Edgar ran same route that other dogs did.

510 1140 Dog this morning had scent to center of road and turned left toward parking area and went about 200 yards.

401 1154 Need shoe size - tread - from 110: size 5½ or 6 about 7" on a straight sole, probably a bit less on that particular style.

- 401 1321 10-20 Dome, 10-76 HQ
- 111 1324 Talked to Commander John Maddox, Swain County Civil Air Patrol everything is 10-4
- 510 1328 10-76 HQ via helicopter
- 620 1339 Blount County Rescue Squad called - unable to reach Mr. Biddle - to 111 advised to keep trying
- 700 1515 Collect call from Mr. Biddle, Blount County Rescue Squad. Clothing of missing girl used in search are in utility room at Dome rest room to: 511.
- 510 1811 Search area cleared, all searchers out. Dome Road open. To SVC
- 411 2307 No activity tonight in Dome area
- October 12, 1976
- 515 0720 Maximum 55, minimum 35, present 38, skies clear, visibility good
- 700 0800 10-13, fair today through Saturday with early morning fog, no precipitation, hi's 60's, low's 30's.
- 501 0857 Report from Swain County Sheriff--Saturday morning a boy and girl came to Bryson City to get married. Girl was under age, 5'3", 115-20 lbs., sandy brown or blonde hair, age 17. Gave her name as Alice Marie Plummer, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to: 111
- Also saw girl Monday at NFG approximate age 14, face scratched, dazed look on her face, wearing brown corduroy jacket with hood, jeans (different from the ones Trenny should be wearing), looked too clean and dry to be Trenny -- Believe negative.
- 501 0913 Vehicle abandoned since Saturday. Reported by Mr. Segrist at riding stable at Smokemont, 10-28-29, NC BTL-434, should be displayed on a 1966 VW sedan, registered to Myrna Bowers Eure, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is negative.
- 580 1046 to 511, 20 Murphy Rescue Squad people 10-76 Luftee Ranger Station.
- 501 1135 Negative results in Bryson City after showing the photograph to Sheriff's Dept.
- 464 1321 to 412, now coming down Noland Creek
- 402 1418 to 531, will need someone to pick us up at Mill Creek - 915 will make arrangements.
- 531 1426 to 915, will need a pickup for 6 people at Wilderness Marine around 4:00.

- 531 1532 At the mouth of Forney Creek 10-76 Wilderness Marine.
- 700 1647 Mrs. Blanche Cooper, Gatlinburg Phone # (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) saw a girl matching the description of Gibson girl walking on River Road in Gatlinburg either Friday or Saturday. Girl was wearing brown plaid jacket, flair legged blue jeans, white tennis shoes (not Gibson girl)
- phone 1915 Tina Gibson called. Was upset about article in evening newspaper about something her father had told reporters. 700 advised father had gone back to motel.
- 700 2208 Blount County Re-Act called to offer assistance with search or any Park emergency. Phone # (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Bob Eidson, or (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Virginia Cochran.
- 700 2246 Captain Ford, Criminal Division, Knoxville P.D. called GPD to talk to Mr. Gibson. 700 called Captain Ford. Mr. Ford received a call from a Christine Cromwell from Bahamas (overseas # WYZ-7517) She stated that she got on plane at Boston, landed at Newark, N.J. at 9:30. Reported Trenny Gibson got on plane at Newark with a much older man, heavy set wearing green trousers. Man and girl got off plane in Nassau at 11:30. Info to 111.

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- 517 0735 maximum 58, minimum 37, present 45, no precipitation. Road is clear and dry. Sky is clear.
- 531 0756 523, 513 10-76 Collins Gap
- 217 0756 10-41, 10-76 Dome
- 412 0820 10-41, 10-76 Dome
- 531 0828 10-76 to Collins Gap, will meet other searchers there. Need some flag tap - 412 will bring tape up.
- phone 0932 Mr. Cecil Thomas, Nashville, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) home, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) work (til 4 p.m.) Psychic - had a vision of where Trenny is and says she is still alive or else frozen in a sitting position. Says searchers are very close but need to search a little to the left of the area they are in now. Near the mouth of a creek. Saw her sitting in a hollow in what might be a bear den or something - rocky area - not a lot of undergrowth - several very old large trees - sun shining directly down through a light layer of fog - lots of squirrels running around eating acorns. There are many acorns on the ground in the area.
- 790 0958 10-13 Fair today and tomorrow and probably through Saturday. Highs in the upper 60's and lower 70's, lows in the upper 30's or lower 40's.
- phone 1142 Mr. Fred White, VA., (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would like to participate in search over the weekend if it is still going. Has dogs if needed. Worked in Dennis Martin search.

phone 1245 Ms. Dedra Duggan, ETSU, Johnson City, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) can organize a group of fraternity men to aid in search if needed.

531 1250 Will have 2 men coming down an old trail from Collins Gap to Elkmont who will need a pickup later on. They will call when in the area.

111 1510 to 531, will be sending up approximately 5 people from north side in the morning and will need all available personnel from the south side for the search.

404 1730 and 618 will be at Elkmont turn-around in about 20 minutes. 411 will pick them up.

531 1732 513 & 517 10-42

412 1744 10-42

GPD 2019 received teletype of unidentified homicide in NC (didn't know area-- can check if needed) female, 18-20 yrs., medium reddish hair, green eyes, freckles on face and parts of body, 3" scar on right side of abdomen, teeth in poor condition, tattoo of cross on chest, about a size 7, rust colored denim pants. Did not meet description of Trenny Gibson.

700 Called the following hospitals: Sevier County, Blount Memorial, Baptist, U.T., Swain County and Waynesville. All negative for Trenny Gibson.

phone 2237 Received call from Joe Bridges who works in Haywood County Sheriff's Office, Waynesville - 704/456-3585 (C.J. Arrington, Sheriff) After 700 called Waynesville Hospital they called Sheriff's office. Thought they may have treated Trenny Gibson last Friday night but would not release info to 700. Bridges advised them to check with supervisor who told them to release information. Info given to Bridges: a female came into Emergency Room Friday night with 4 male companions. She first gave her name as Rita K. Lanning, father-Fred, address-Canton, NC, age 18 years,. A little later when the nurse asked for her name the girl changed to Rita K. Gibson, father - Fred, Canton, NC. At the time they thought the girl was a bit upset and confused. When nurse asked for girl's phone number, one of the fellows with her said she might not remember it because they were from out of state - and they just gave the address as Canton, NC. The girl was treated for minor cuts and bruises and released the same night. Nurse said girl fit the description given to her by 700 for Trenny Gibson. Joe Bridges on way to hospital with picture of Trenny Gibson and more info. 700 gave info to 111 and 110.

phone 2320 NC State Highway Patrol, Asheville, received call from Highway Patrol office in Salisbury, NC - A Mr. Michael Venters from Charlotte, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said he might have info on missing girl-- 700 called Mr. Venters. Said they were in the Park on Saturday at Luftee Visitor Center. A ranger told them they could see a waterfall if they would go to some tribal owned campground on Big Cove Road (couldn't remember name)

phone cont'd Said they hiked up out of the campground to the waterfall and on their way out saw an Indian male about 18 yrs. old with a gun. Two girls were with him, who looked scared. Thought one could have been Trenny Gibson. Could not identify if shown a picture.

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phone 0003 Tony Douglas, Lexington, TN (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Sunday night a girl came into Burger Shake at Crossroads near Lexington -- was hitch-hiking on I-40 with trucker. Wanted him to take her out of state - when she persisted he called sheriff. Girl ran away before sheriff could get there. (Sheriff-Jack Fallard)- girl wore jeans, yellow pullover, light colored sweater, carried jacket, dull blonde hair.

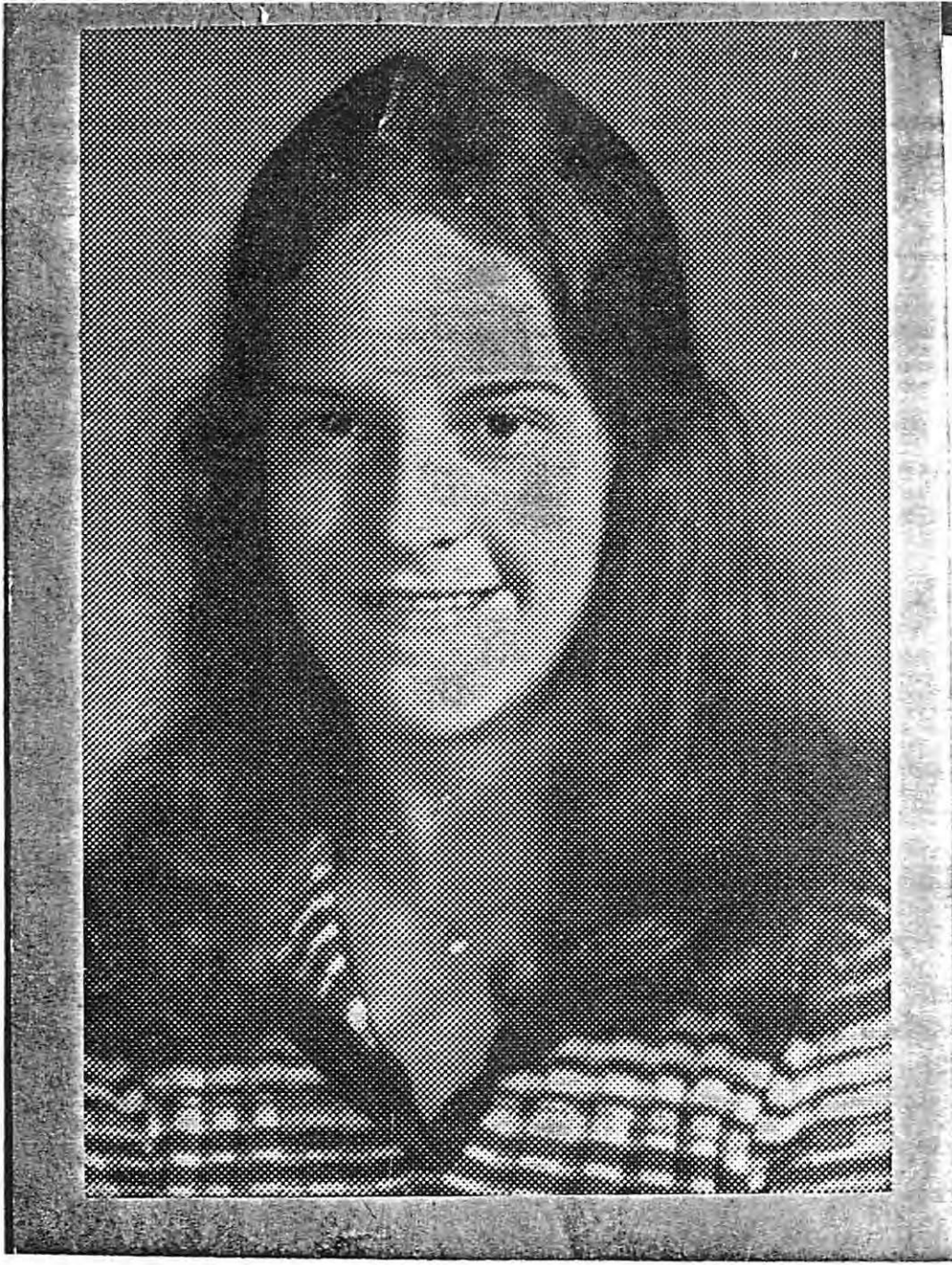
111 0013 Negative on girl at Waynesville Hospital--local girl.

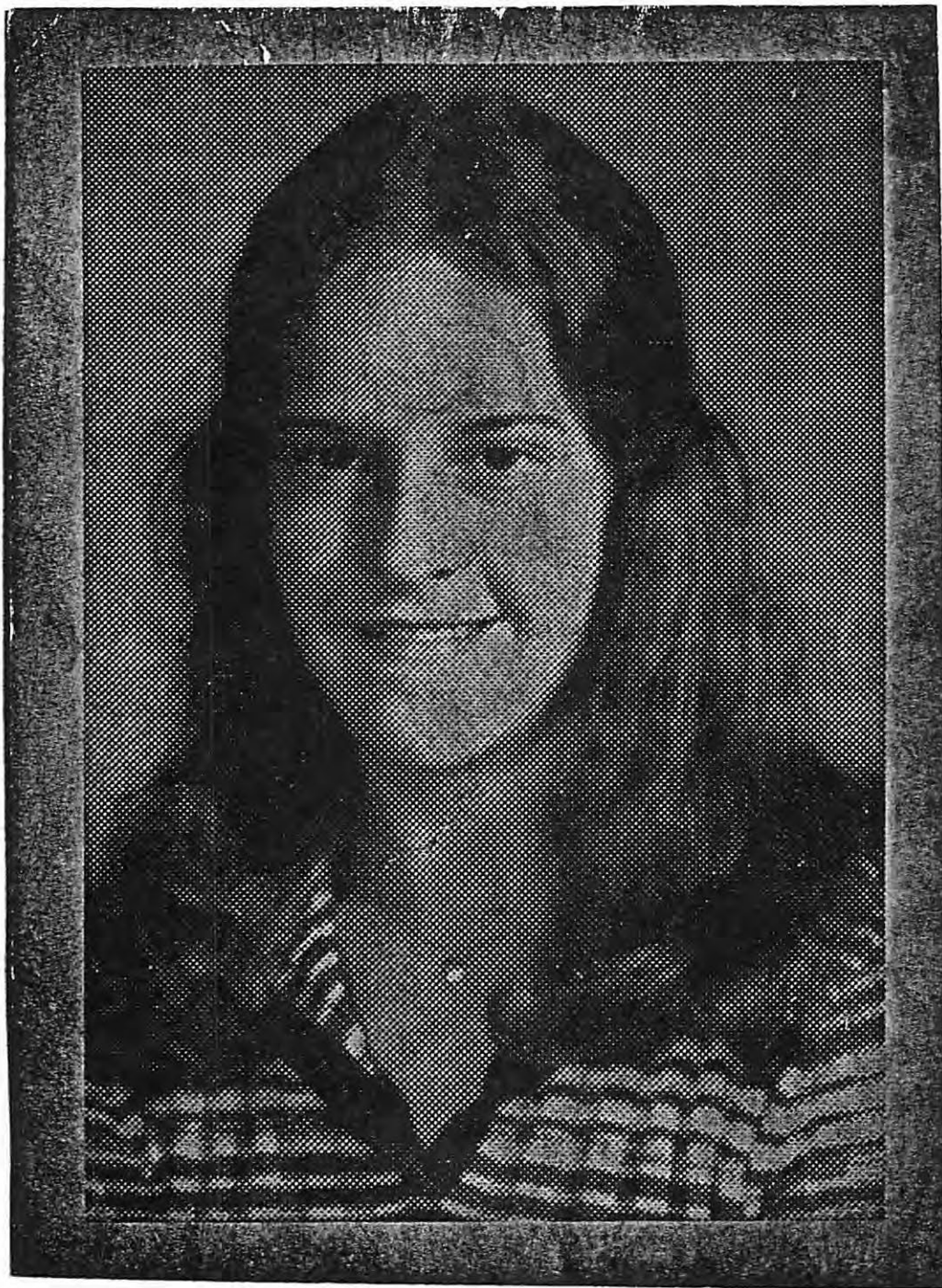
517 0729 10-13 - maximum 60, minimum 39, present 40, 0 prec.

531 0752 513 and 523 10-41

401 0823 to 531 - 418, 618, 403, 404, and Buck Branam 10-76 Clingmans Dome
403 will bring the maps requested by 531.







ACE 16

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

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LOST PERSON QUESTIONNAIRE

Date 10/8/76 Time 3:50 p.m.
Name Trenny Lynn Gibson Sex female Call Name Trenny
Address 1427 Whitower Road, Knoxville, TN Telephone (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Age 16 d.o.b. 8/17/60
Weight 115 Height 5'3" Color of Hair long brown Glasses no
Jewelry no Companions Bearden High School Group

CLOTHES WORN: Hat none Shirt or Dress (color) _____
Coat or Jacket brown plaid Pants blue jeans Shoe type Adidas - Blue
Size small Condition good Sole pattern (over) crossbars and round circles
Stockings _____ Other clothes blue & white striped sweater Money _____
Things carried _____ Contents of pockets _____

TYPE OF PERSON: Hardy XX Frail _____ Agile _____ Clumsy _____
Shy _____ Easily frightened _____ Aggressive X
Health Condition good Heart good Hearing good
Mental Condition stable Outdoor Knowledge very little
Will answer to whistle or call? should Right or left handed right
Familiar with country in which lost? unknown Date lost 10/8/76
Time lost 3 P.M. Ever lost before NO
Plans of individual Return to Clingman's Dome Parking Area from Andrews Bald

Reported by Mr. Dunlap Relation school leader

Location of reporter _____

SSN: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) NCIC # M008253504 driver's license - none

GRSMNP Case Record Number 76-2590

AGENCY VALIDATION FORM

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BASE RECORD INFORMATION

NIC # M00825 3504 CONTACT _____
OCA # 762590 PHONE # _____
ORI # INDI001A0 PHONE # _____
ENTERED BY GPI DATE OF ENTRY _____
REVIEWED BY _____ DATE OF REVIEW _____
AUTHORIZED BY _____ DATE OF AUTHORIZATION _____
COPY OF OFFENSE REPORT/WARRANT/STATEMENT ACCESSIBLE? _____

VALIDATION HISTORY

DATE VALIDATED _____ PERSON CONTACTED _____
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REMARKS _____

RECORD REMOVAL

ENTRY CLEARED _____ CANCELLED _____ DATE _____
REMOVED FROM N.C.I.C. BY _____ AUTHORITY _____

File this information sheet with entry card it pertains to.

Hospitals checked

Sevier County, Sevierville
 Blount Memorial, Maryville
 Baptist, Knoxville
 U.T., Knoxville
 Swain County, Bryson City
 Haywood County, Waynesville
 C. J. Harris, Sylva
 St. Mary's, Knoxville
 Jost Sanders, Knoxville
 Highlands-Cashiers, Highlands
 Angel Community Hos., Franklin
 Coche County, Newport
 Valentine Shultz, Newport
 Highland Hospital, Asheville
 Memorial Mission, Asheville
 St. Joseph's, Asheville

Results all negative except info from Haywood County

Of Missing Girl

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — The second day of searching for a 16-year-old girl reported lost near Clingman's Dome in Great Smoky Mountains National Park ended Sunday with no sign of the girl lost since Friday.

Searchers plan to look for her again Monday, but fewer men will be involved in the search, Western North Carolina rescue squad leader David Bossard said Sunday.

Treeny Gibson of Knoxville, Tenn., was reported lost from a Bearden High School trip to Clingman's Dome Friday.

Searchers looked for her Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

Efforts Saturday and Sunday involved more than 200 volunteers and about 30 park rangers, plus aerial searches by the Tennessee Air National Guard, Bossard said.

"Monday there will be maybe 30 volunteers from Western North Carolina, 20 from Tennessee and 50 rangers," Bossard said.

"We don't feel like she's there. She was lost near a parking lot and less than a quarter of a mile from a road on a paved trail.

"That intensive a search would have found her if she was in that area," Bossard said.

Officials believe the girl found her way to a road and got a ride out of the area, joined a

band of hikers on the Appalachian Trail, was never lost to begin with or is dead, Bossard said.

"Let's face it. It was below freezing up there and there was a 15 mile an hour wind that put it about zero (degrees). There was ice in the trees up there this morning and it's going on the third night," Bossard said.

More than 50 volunteers from the Buncombe area were with the 200 volunteer searchers.

Gibsons Thank Many Who Aided in Search 73

EDITOR, The News-Sentinel:

In regard to the Treeny Gibson search, we would like to thank the many people who have been kind in our time of need.

We would like to thank the superintendent of the Smoky Mountain National Park, Boyd Evison, and his capable assistant, Jerry Eubanks, his rangers and complete staff.

We would like to thank the East Tennessee Association of Reserve Squads and all the people that devoted their time and energy in looking for our daughter.

We would like to thank Reps. John Duncan, Marylin Lloyd, Robin Beard and Jimmy Quillen, Gov. Ray Blanton and Sens. Howard Baker and Jim Sasser from Tennessee, Sens. Talhadge and Nunn from Georgia, Sen. Vendell

Ford from Kentucky. Without help from the above people, a second search would not have been made. President Jimmy Carter and Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus gave a full effort of support.

We would like to thank the FBI who have and will continue to give their all until our daughter is found in the park or wherever the person or persons that abducted her left her body. We hope the FBI can put more men on this case.

We thank the people in Knoxville and all over the area for their prayers and friendship.

I would like to call items to attention of the readers that have not seen the news releases that Supt. Evison sent to The News-Sentinel.

In U. S. Department of Interior news release of April 21, Supt. Evison

says, "Even if we could put thousands of searchers out for years, we still could not be sure that she isn't there." (N-S, April 22, Page 9)

In news release of May 6, after the second search, Supt. Evison says "with all the effort expended on this search, the fact still remains that there is a possibility she still is in the park." (N-S, April 22, Page 9)

We have been assured that the search will never end, as long as Treeny is missing. (N-S, April 22, Page 9)

We can only look now to the FBI for added assistance. They have done a fine job, but now we can only hope they will add more agents and be able to solve this mystery.

BOB GIBSON

1427 Whitower Road

Trenny Reward Offered

A \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of parties involved in the disappearance of Trenny Gibson is being offered by the state. Gov. Ray Blanton's office confirmed Thursday.

Trenny Gibson, a 16-year-old Bearden High School student, was last seen Oct. 8 in the Clingman's Dome area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. An intensive search was launched, which at one time involved more than 200 people. The National Park Service has since discontinued an organized search.

Trent Hall, an assistant in the governor's office, said papers are being prepared for the reward at the request of several East Tennessee legislators.

Legislators who led the effort for issuance of the reward are State Reps. Ted Ray Miller, Tom Jensen, Bill Nolan, Loy Smith and Jim Richards; and State Sens. Ben Atchley and Victor Ashe.

Robert Gibson, father of Trenny, said he is pleased with the state's reward offer.

"I feel this is a fine gesture on the part of the governor's office to help bring our daughter home," he said.

Persons having information concerning the whereabouts of Trenny Gibson are asked to contact the office of District Attorney General Al C. Schmutzer, Sevierville, at 453-6119.

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GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

May 6, 1977

Roger R. Miller
(615) 436-5615

Immediate Release

VOLUNTEER SEARCHERS PRAISED
AS PARK SEARCH FOR TRENNY GIBSON WINDS DOWN

(GATLINBURG, TN) - The intensive search renewed on April 18, in which Park Rangers and volunteers combed the Clingmans Dome area of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, where Trenny Gibson disappeared six months ago, has been completed. The renewed search, using a line-sweep system for intensive coverage of the area of highest probability, was an effort to find some clue which would lead to a conclusion as to what happened to the 16-year-old Knoxville girl last October. A large area around the point of disappearance, and along trails and drainages radiating from there, was covered.

"Searchers have again gone to great lengths in extremely rugged mountain areas to find any clues to Trenny's disappearance, but after extensive search no evidence has been found," said Superintendent Boyd Evison. "Rescue Squad members from both North Carolina and Tennessee are to be commended for their unselfish efforts to aid in the Gibson family's efforts to find Trenny. Squad members, volunteer coordinators, and medical support teams have contributed their considerable talents and leadership in spite of other pressures on their time."

"With all the effort expended on this search, the fact still remains that there is a possibility she is still in the Park," Evison said. "That possibility will stay in our minds every time we go into the backcountry, I'm sure."

Father hopes TV show will take up case of missing girl

By Jamie Satterfield
Staff Writer

The father of a girl reported missing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1976 and never found says he hopes to get his daughter's story on the television program "Unsolved Mysteries."

Bob Gibson's 16-year-old daughter, Trenny, was reported missing in the Park Oct. 8, 1976. Both Gibson and his wife said at the time of the initial search for their daughter, they suspected foul play.

Gibson said Monday he still believes foul play was involved and that his daughter was abducted. It is that belief that has led him to work with Channel 10 to get his daughter's story aired on "Unsolved Mysteries," he said.

Trenny Gibson, who was described as a "quiet sort of girl" by her friends, had accompanied fellow students from Bearden High School on a field trip in the Park Friday, Oct. 8, 1976. Gibson, along with horticulture classmates, had hiked to Andrews Bald and was returning to Clingman's Dome.

Gibson was walking a few yards in front of the other students. She was last seen one mile from the Clingman's Dome parking lot.

"That's the last we saw of her," said classmate Gary Nichols.

An initial search began late Friday evening, with 150 people, including members of the Sevier County Rescue Squad, searching along the trail and in backwoods areas surrounding the trail.

Temperatures that weekend were in the low 30s, and two searchers had to be treated for hypothermia. Another searcher fell and cracked his ribs. By Mon-

and a sweater. She had no money or identification with her.

"Trenny hadn't planned on going on the field trip Friday morning," her mother said at the time of the search. "She thought it would be called off because of the rain and didn't even take a jacket with her."

She had borrowed a jacket from a friend after she found out the field trip was still on.

The Gibsons believed foul play was involved because their daughter was a top student, well-liked and did not date. They described her as a serious student and said they did not believe she would have run away with a boy or for any other reason.

She also had no money with her and had left a bank book, showing an account of \$1,000, at home.

The Gibson family said at the time of their daughter's disappearance that one year earlier the family had received threats from an unnamed person and said they feared that person had abducted their daughter.

Ted Bundy, who recently was electrocuted for the murder of several women, was questioned about the disappearance of Trenny Gibson but told FBI authorities he knew nothing about it, Bob Gibson said.

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day morning, Trenny Gibson had still not been found.

Searchers did find three cigarette butts and a "fresh" beer can along the Andrews Bald trail. Scent dogs followed a scent believed to be that of the lost girl to a spot near Clingman's Dome, where eight cigarette butts of the same brand as the three found earlier were discovered.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation then took over the search.

Trenny Gibson was wearing jeans, tennis shoes, a CPO jacket

Standard letter of appreciation - Trenny Gibson Search
 Sent to: 12/1/76

Mr. Clell Ogle
 Gatlinburg Fire Department

Mr. Costo McGhee
 Knox County Rescue Squad

Mr. John H. Bird
 Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads
 Greenville, TN 37743

Mr. Jack French
 Tennessee Association of Rescue Squads
 Parsons, Tennessee 38363

Mr. Carlon White
 Sevier County Rescue Squad
 Sevierville, TN 37862

Mr. Carl Stinnett
 Blount County Rescue Squad
 Maryville, TN 37801

Mr. Ernest Maxwell
 Newport Rescue Squad
 Newport, TN 37821

Mr. Jimmy W. Peoples
 Morristown Rescue Squad
 Morristown, TN 37814

Mr. Ellis Bacon
 Tremont EE Center
 Townsend, TN 37882

Dr. Robert F. Lash
 Knoxville, TN 37920

North Carolina Rescue Squads:

Swain County
 Bryson City, NC 28713

Jackson County
 Unit I
 Sylva, NC 28779

Jackson County
 Unit II
 Cashiers, NC 28717

Haywood County
 Waynesville, NC 28786

Buncombe County
 Asheville, NC 28806

Leicester Volunteer Fire Department
 Leicester, NC 28748

Weaverville Fire Department
 Weaverville, NC 28787

Fairview Volunteer Fire Department
 Fairview, NC 28730

Reynolds Volunteer Fire Department
 Asheville, NC
 West Buncombe County Fire Department
 Asheville, NC

Upper Hominy Fire & Rescue Department
 Asheville, NC

Skyland Fire Department
 Skyland, NC 28776

Beaverdam Volunteer Fire Department
 Asheville, NC

Gibson Search Letter sent to following:

Jackson County Rescue Squad
Jackson County North Carolina
Sylva, NC 28779

Macon County Rescue Squad
Macon, NC 27551

Linville Fire Department
Linville, NC 28646

Hendersonville Rescue Squad
Hendersonville, NC 28739

Upper Hominy Rescue Squad
Asheville, NC 28806

Morristown Rescue Squad
Morristown, TN 37814

Newport Rescue Squad
Newport, TN 37821

Sevier County Rescue Squad
Sevierville, TN 37862

Blount County Rescue Squad
Maryville, TN 37801

~~Knox County Rescue Squad~~
~~Knoxville, TN 37901~~

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Jack L.

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TO : Chief Park Ranger *DM*

DATE: Oct. 23, 1976

FROM : Luftee Sub-District Ranger

SUBJECT: TV interview with Bill Ryan

I met Mr. Ryan at the dome parking lot at approx. 1345 today and talked with him. His cameraman never showed up, so he shot some silent film and was going to do the narration himself later. The only thing he might have said during his narration that may cause some waves was a statement made to him by one of the Maint. employees. Ryan said one of them told him we thought Gibson ran off with her boyfriend. I told Ryan anything along those lines were purely speculations and I would not comment one way or the other. I gave him some logistical information and told him we were reasonably sure Gibson was not in the search area.

M. Eugene Phillips, Jr.
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TRENNY GIBSON FILE

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD


Date 1/20/77 Time eve
 From G. Everhardt Place _____
 To B. Gibson Place Home

Message

Has another letter from Gibson - much about "Jimmy," + our "refusal" of search assistance and the "Billy Graham" dogs. I told him we'd answer, again, if he's not in a rush. He said he'll send it to us, and we should do a nice, sympathetic reply that lays the facts on the line. It's seen the Doctor's letter.

~~He is pursuing the matter of shifting the 014 northern Cat. Access to our residential needs - talked to D. Thompson about it a few days ago (which no doubt explains recent call from SEND, for figures).~~

~~Appears that his continued occupancy of present job is assured.~~

Signed 

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Handwritten initials/signature
DM 3/21

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 3/18/77 Time 3:45 pm
 From Bot Gibson Place Knox Tel (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
 To R. Miller Place GSMNP
 Message re: Search for Brenny Gibson

Wanted to know if a helicopter, used before, could be used again. I told him I didn't think the military would offer them again under the present circumstances.

He wanted to know when search would be resumed and I said it was now as much as possible. He wanted to know about volunteer groups, referring to Director Everhardt's letter. I said the search would continue according to the letter to the extent possible. He asked that the Supt. call him at

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Signed _____

called on (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 2/21/77 Time 7 PM
 From B. Evison (returning call) Place _____
 To T. Gibson Place home

- He: Message opened w/ discussion of how he had pulled political levers on Gary, etc. Friendly tone.
- Wants us to let him know when the re-search will be done. Wants to be overheard, X
 + says some of his (wife's?) family want to help. I said OK, so notify, + include them.
 - Told me whole rationale for believing Terry is in the Park, including beliefs (ascribed to FBI) that if she had run away, she'd have shown up T giving or Xmas. (I didn't ask him if that is a reliable pattern of behavior of all missing persons).
 - Asked when we'll search, + w/ how many. (I said when the ground is clear, + before heavy deluge emerges - probably sometime in April. Said not sure how many - but would limit it to hand-picked relatively few, for tight control, intensive search of immediate area, to couple of miles of where last seen, + another combing of radiating trails. Rangers, a few S+R people. Avoid errors, confusion sometimes assoc. w/ large groups.
 - Asked about helicopters. Told him frankly that if she's there, what's left would be very hard to spot from air, but that we'll ask Army to fly it, if they will. X
 He asked if I think they would. I said I don't know, + would speculate. But we will ask, at his request of write.

Signed _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : Chief Park Ranger

DATE: March 22, 1977

FROM : Superintendent

SUBJECT: Bear feeding regulations

Dick, what steps must I take to establish regulations requiring campers to keep all food out of reach of bears - especially, none left out in tent, on table, in cooler, etc.? Something similar to regulations in Yosemite, Yellowstone, I believe.

Please take steps to have this done (draft the regulations, anyway - have ready for discussion at squad meeting of March 28).


By the way - we will review the draft of the bear management/research plan, on the morning of the 28th.



Boyd Evison

CC:
Asst. Superintendent

Also - it would be good to have a brief, specific plan for the final concerted search for Training Gibson, soon as possible - conditions desired for time of search (snow off, foliage not yet out), number & kinds of people, procedures & patterns, etc.



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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 9/8/77 Time 9:19 AM
 From Don Mc Chee Place Knox
 To Acting Supt Place _____

Message

He is an attorney for Bob Gibson - wanted
 to know when scrub would resume -
 Give him the info in Jack Linehan's
 memo of Apr. 4. - Thinking of a
 suit against school - will wait on
 outcome of scrub.

Signed _____



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738

IN REPLY REFER TO:

A7623

April 4, 1977

Memorandum

To: Superintendent
Through: Chief Park Ranger

From: Assistant Chief Ranger

Subject: Trenny Gibson Search

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Plans and activities will be critiqued daily on site at the Dome Search Operations and Communications Center.

John D. Linahan

Linahan



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John D. Linahan
John D. Linahan

+ Pat prepare release
re purpose &
procedures
(for 4/18...)

Jerry -
Dick -

- 1) Accept volunteers for up to total of 50 searchers (incl. Rangers), at peak times.
 - 2) Try obtaining dogs capable of search for dead &/or buried subjects.
 - 3) Refer any communication w/ Mr. Gibson to me or Jerry.
 - 4) Use line sweep to 2 1/2 or 3 mi radius
 - 5) Consider permitting large str groups in on 2-3 weekends
- (w) few NPS sup. to prevent damage. R

See file
Phone
Record

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+ Director
sent 4/11/77

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date April 7, 1977 Time a.m.
 From Bob Gibson Place Knoxville
 To Superintendent Place _____

Message

Mr. Gibson indicated that the Assistant Superintendent had told one of his investigators (~~Mr~~ McGahee?) that we would only search the area between Clingmans Dome and Andrews Bald, and only stay on the trails, using no more than 25 people - and those would be Rangers only.

I told Mr. Gibson that I was sure that his investigator had confused the information, as I know that Jerry is well aware of our intentions - which are not to limit the search in those ways.

Mr. Gibson said that if we would agree not to limit the search to 25 Rangers, he'd agree not to go to the papers. I told him that his going to the papers, or not going, had nothing to do with how many people we would use in the search; but that we would do everything we could to make sure that it was thorough, well organized, and well controlled, so that the best possible job could be done. I told him that, in any case, the contacts with communications media should be handled through this office, and low profile, to avoid any circus atmosphere. He wanted to know why we were starting after the weekend, and I told him that I was sure that it was because we wanted to avoid conflict with heavy backcountry use - and, again, to minimize any chance of a circus atmosphere.

I told him that we would use the search plan developed by our personnel, unless I felt that it was in some way inadequate; and that I am sure we plan to use more than just Park Rangers. He said he would like some searchers not ordinarily associated with the Park Service involved (implying a need for someone to be sure we are doing the job right), and I said that we would try to accommodate that.

I did not commit us to anything more than 25 people, nor to any period exceeding the April 16 through 30 period apparently already set.

Dick or Jack - please give me a brief written outline of your search plan, and of who will be involved, and when. I want to let Mr. Gibson know, early the week of the 11th.

Signed _____



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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 4/11 Time _____
 From Bob Gibson Place _____
 To B. Evison Place _____

Message

Says wants us to start 4/16 instead of 18th, so volunteers can help. Call him if we will. Wants to deal directly w/me. Told him OK.

Groups that like used -

Graham County, Swain County rescue squads say they'll help. Also Sevier County, Morristown, Blount County, Graham County. Several mentioned Gary Dellums(?) - NPS guy.

1) Says wants complete autopsy, if found. OK.

2) Morristown, + maybe Cocke County, probably FBI, have dogs that can search out bodies long after lost. Wants us to use some such dogs. I said if we can get them, we will.

Wonders about using large numbers on weekends, + filling in, between, w/rangers only. I said ^{is that} fine. How suggests she may have been abducted, killed, + buried.

Signed R

On release to press -

- ① go to both wire services
- ② indicate not limiting to 25 rangers, but including S + R groups from all around.

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 Now suspects she may have been abducted, killed, + buried.

Signed [Signature]

On release to press -

- ① go to both wire services
- ② Indicate not limiting to 25 Rangers, but including 5+ r groups from all around.

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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 4/12 Time _____
 From B. Evison Place _____
 To Bob Gibson Place _____

Message

- We'll begin search, again, on Monday, 4/18 - to get start on day w/minimum of interference, avoid Spring Break weekend, assure minimum chances of conflicts w/heavy traffic, etc.

- We'll use about 50 people

Helicopters? No. Hollow gesture.

- We'll work through both, N.C. & Tenn. search coordinators, & get carefully selected people.

- We're trying to get appropriate dogs

- We'll work through weekend of 4/23-24, if nothing found by then.

- Gibson: More people, then? Evison - few, if any more.

- Gibson: Still figure on stopping 4/30?

Evison: We'll stop when we've found her, or are satisfied that all reasonable efforts have been made. Much depends on people, weather, etc.

- Gibson: Getting this to press (media)?

Evison: Not until it's all over - don't want to draw curiosity-seekers.

Mr. Gibson accepted all of above (+ Jerry as contact when I'm not here)

I invited him to join an NPS search team. 4/11

[Signature]

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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 4/18/77 Time PM
 From Bob Gibson Place _____
 To B. Evison Place _____

Message

He would like Dan McGhee to see our file on the search for Tenny, and statements taken from Simpson, teacher, chaperone, 1st person who reported, + the Oak Ridge guy who gave statement on weather - etc. anything on record re statements of FBI people. McGhee to be here Thursday

I said I have no objection.

✓ If this presents no legal problem, let's have it all available for him.

Signed RE

Jan 7 1941
Deck: Amell 19

copy to me

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Boyd:

After the "Cool" received that we received on the
come from Canada & west, and even moe later earlier
when we met you, I am leaving the entire secret in
your hands.

One thing that bothers me real bad; next week you're to
be out of town, who do you have to leave in charge that
"Cores"?

As I agreed earlier, I'm leaving it all up to you, I
trust you, and have confidence in your judgement,
The only thing I ask is a "full effort" and a
blitz on Saturday and Sunday, with a full week next

1:30 PM 4/18/41

I discussed this with Mr. Nelson
(who wrote the above). He says Jack refused
to show, or have been shown, anything about
the search - said Jack told him "take over"
and he can do his communicating with me
I said this surprised me, as Jack knew Mr. N
was to be shown what they were doing, and we
discussed having a Kasper (Ted) go out with him
on the site. I offered to go back up, make sure
he is shown what's going on. He said no,
he figured it would just add to Jack's resentment
introduced him to Jerry. Assured cooperation, and
he assured him - with me & Jerry. Rosen

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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 4/19/77 Time _____

From B. Everson Place _____

To Mr. Don McGhee Place K'ville

Message

(Response to his call, asking to confer with me, + see our records on search for Terry Gibson + our part of associated investigation, (this afternoon) + statements, interviews, etc)

Agreed to have him come in about 3 P.M. today.

He can see what is guaranteed him by Freedom of Info Act, etc., and not constituting an invasion of privacy, etc.

Signed [Signature]

Great Smoky Mountains
National Park

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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 4-30-77 Time 1455
 From MRS. R.M. COLLINS DR. Place (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) DUCKTOWN, TN.
 To JACK LINAHAN Place CRO-65441P

Message

MRS. COLLINS IS THE MOTHER OF MRS. BOB GIBSON. MRS. COLLINS TWO BOYS (R.M. AND STEVE) WERE ON THE ORIGINAL SEARCH AND MAY COME TO THE PARK THIS WEEKEND. SHE INDICATED SHE WOULD LIKE TO COME TO THE PARK AND I TOLD HER I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE HER TO THE DOOR ETC. SHE EXPRESSED MOST APPRECIATION AND MENTIONED THAT SHE DIDN'T HAVE GOOD TO SAY ABOUT THE BIG FAT FELLA (MR. GIBSON). SHE ASKED IF I KNEW ABOUT THE GIRL THAT WENT TO THE WAYNEVILLE, N.C. HOSPITAL ON OCTOBER 9, 1976. I TOLD HER ONE OF THE DOCTOR'S FIRST THE GIRL WAS TRENCH. SHE SAID SHE HOPED SO AND ACTED VERY UNCOMFORTABLE. SHE WANTED TO TALK TO THE DOCTOR. I DID NOT PRESS HER.

Signed _____

Supt. _____	✓ Pk. Staff Spec. _____
✓ Asst. Supt. _____	JCCCC _____
Cf. of Interp. _____	SC _____
✓ Cf. Rgr. _____	_____
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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 4/20/77 Time _____
 From Bob Gibson Place _____
 To B. Evison Place _____

Message

Thanked me for cooperation with McGhee, yesterday.

G. Asked if we were building up numbers of searches. Told him no, turnouts are low because it's weekdays, not life-or-death; but that we expect good turnout on week-end - have asked the 2 state state coordinators for help totalling 100 (no more). I said it's going well because of efficiency of small operation.

I Told him news release is ready to go when needed (if media pick up first), but preferably only after search. I said he could look it over - & he said he doesn't need to, assuming I make the point re not being certain she's not in park, no matter how many search, or for how long.

G. Asked if we'll go beyond the 2 wks, which with bad weather, etc. Told him we'll continue until we feel we've done all that's reasonable to do -

Signed [Signature]

working out the area as planned, with time uncertain because conditions can vary. (over)

He asked about use of dogs. I told him only one dog is known to be really capable of help in such a situation - & then only if narrowed down to small area. I said that if we find evidence that narrows it down to such a small area, we'd attempt to get said dog (N.Y.C. ♀ Lab), but that it might be difficult, as she is much in demand - in any case, would be likely to take time.

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Reminded him I'll be gone starting Fri. A.M., and that Jerry will take over for me.

Note. If there are delays, etc., that make completion of reasonable search by Apr. 30 impossible, we can go with another week-end (4/30 - 5/1), using up to 100 again.

Supt. _____ Pk. Staff Spec. mu/12
 ✓ Asst. Supt. g/g/12 JCCCC _____
 Cf. of Interp. _____ SC _____
 ✓ Cf. Rgr. _____ _____
 Admin. Off. _____ _____
 Cf. of Maint. _____ _____

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 4/21/77 Time 4:25 P.M.
 From Bob Gibson Place _____
 To B. Evison Place _____

Message

Today's N-S (p. 18) claims we are sure Trenay isn't in park

⊗ Send copies of Gibson release
 done in to Copper City Advance
 Copper Hill, Tenn. 37317
 ⊗ + specifically to Jim Dykes (N-S)
 ⊗ + Carol Parks (Journal)
 mailed 4/22/77
 Even if already sent to the papers

(News release)

Wants me to call Dykes, read it to him right - agreed to

Called N-S - Dykes not in - but person in newsroom read article. It says say we don't believe...
 Bob Barrett took my statement, - which I read directly from the release. He said they'd run it (from "--- we can't be sure that Trenay isn't in the park... were so bad," and again, from "Even if... in the meantime.")

I said I really want them to run these statements, + he said OK
 Signed LV

✓ Supt. _____	✓ Pk. Staff Spec. <u>W. H. Miller</u>
Asst. Supt. _____	JCCCC _____
Cf. of Interp. _____	SC _____
✓ Cf. Rgr. _____	_____
Admin. Off. _____	_____
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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 4/24/77 Time 2:15 pm
 From J. Eubanks Place _____
 To Bob Gibson Place _____

Message

Advised ~~Mr.~~ Mr. Gibson that due to weather forecasts (80% chance of rain tomorrow) we are calling off search for Trinity 307 - will plan to resume with the volunteers Sunday morning.

Advised him of area covered already and nothing found.

He was very appreciative & said he hoped we would make up for any efforts lost due to the weather - I told him we would.

Signed J. Eubanks

✓ Supt. _____	✓ Pk. Staff Spec. <u>Weller</u>
Asst. Supt. _____	JCCCC _____
Cf. of Interp. _____	SC _____
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LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECORD

Date 2/22/77 Time 9 m.
 From Carol Parks Place Leville, Tenn.
 To Ch. Eubanks Place _____

Message

Wanted more info on mt. Leconte Lodge
 Told her of contact extension &
 why - trying to find ways that
 we can reverse degradation.

Asked about Twenny Gibson search - Nothing
 found to date - continuing, but we
 may never be sure she is not in
 the park.

Signed Jay E

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SO BUNCOMBE CO APR 24 1977
PD GATLINBURG TN

PLEASE RELAY TO ASSISTANT CHIEF PARK RANGER JACK LINAHAN,
AT 0800 HRS TODAY REGARDING SEARCH MISSION CLINGMAN'S DOME.
LINAHAN'S HOME PHONE (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); OFFICE 436-5615.

DUE TO REQUEST FROM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY
RANGERS FOR MASSIVE SEARCH EFFORT FOR 74 YEAR OLD W/M MISSING
ON PARKWAY FOR 2 DAYS, THERE WILL BE A VERY LIMITED RESPONSE
FROM RESCUE UNITS FOR SEARCH FOR TRENNY GIBSON. PRIORITIES
REQUIRE MAJOR EFFORT FOR MALE SUBJECT FIRST, POSSIBLY 10 OR
15 MEN AT MOST. AUTH NCARS BOSSARD.
NC RESCUE ASSN DCB 0036EST

HAVE NOTIFIED
ALREADY

CALLLED CHIEF RANGER
AT 0200 TO RELAY
MESSAGE.

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file

MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

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TO:

YOU WERE CALLED BY— YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Brenner

OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL \rightarrow PHONE NO. CODE/EXT.

WILL CALL AGAIN IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

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Wilver*

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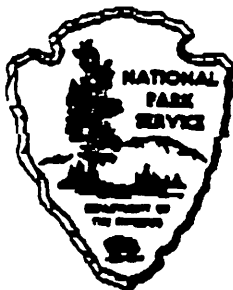
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK
ROUTE 2
GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE 37738

**FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET**DATE: 2-14-90 TIME: 1245TO: Trooper Buchanan FAX NO: 205-435-2100FROM: Bobby HollandGreat Smoky Mts. NP. ParkSUBJECT: missing personNUMBER OF PAGES TRANSMITTED (including cover sheet): 3

REMARKS: _____

IF THERE IS A PROBLEM CALL COMMERCIAL (615) 436-1218/1219 OR
FTS 856-1218/1219

OUR FAX NUMBERS ARE (615) 436-1220 OR FTS 856-1220

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MKE/MISSING PERSON - INVOLUNTARY
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ORI IS GREAT SMOKY MT PARK PK RANGER DIV GATLINBURG TN
NIC/MO08253504



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Great Smoky Mountains National Park
Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738
May 14, 1991



Mr. Robert Gibson
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Knoxville, TN 37919

Dear Mr. Gibson,

Each year we are asked by the FBI to verify the information we have entered in their national computerized missing person file.

I was not able to contact you by phone this year regarding the status of your daughter, Trenny.

I feel sure you would have contacted us if there had been any further developments concerning her disappearance, however I am required to make a contact with you by phone or letter.

Please write me at the above address or call (615)436-1230 if you receive this letter so I can keep my information up to date.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ida May Hobbs, Park Ranger
Communications Center



An International "Biosphere Reserve" and "World Heritage Site"

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NATURE OF INCIDENT Missing Person			
COMPLAINANT'S NAME Trenny Gibson		COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS 1427 Whitower Rd Knoxville TN 37919	

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Ranger Kloster attempted three times to telephone the investigating deputy, but was unable to make contact.

On 07/16/91 Kloster sent Deputy Muller Trenny Gibson's dental records via N.C.I.C teletype.

NO response received back from Amelia County S.O

Cleared 07/17/91

SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>Charles Kloster</i> 7/27/91	APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>Kenny Day</i> 7/28/91
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William R. ...
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... 7937 ...

FN
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SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>[Signature]</i> 7/27/91	APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>[Signature]</i> 7/27/91
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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

On 07/26/91 Leah Turner, from the Alabama Bureau of Investigations, telephoned Ranger Kloster in reference to an unidentified deceased, possibly matching the description of Trenny Gibson.

Kloster provided Turner with Gibson's dental records. Turner advised that the dental records did not match.

Cleared 07/26/91

Turner's phone # 205-242-4205

SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>Mark Kloster</i> 7/22/91	APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>Kevin Day</i> 7/28/91
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COMPLAINANT'S NAME <i>John Smith</i>	COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS <i>123 Main St Anytown, NY 12345</i>										

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

On 7/2/74, I was contacted by John Smith, who reported a disturbance on his property. I visited the site on 7/3/74 and observed a large amount of trash and debris. I spoke with the landowner and advised him of the problem. He promised to clean up the area. I will return on 7/10/74 to check on the progress.

John's phone # 205-242-4205

SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>John Smith 7/2/74</i>	APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>[Signature] 7/5/74</i>
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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

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For further information call: 205-242-4205, Leah Turner, ABI.

Case remains open as of 5/19/92.

SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>William H. Acree 5/19/92</i>	APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE) <i>Jason Houck 5/19/92</i>
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6/15/92

IDA MAY,

FYI, AN INVESTIGATOR FROM NY STATE
POLICE CALLED REF. TRENNY GIBSON (MISSING
PERSON 1976). HE HAS RECOVERED A ^{NCIC} WH. ♀
(HOMICIDE)
WHO MATCHED GIBSON'S NCIC RECORD.
I GAVE INVESTIGATOR PRUNTY HER DENTAL
RECORDS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: 6/15/92
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Marty Hesseman
SUBJECT:

TO: TRENNY GIBSON FILE

INVESTIGATOR PRUNTY FROM N.Y. STATE POLICE
- CALLED 6/15 FOR INFO. ON GIBSON. HE HAS
RECOVERED THE BODY OF A WH. ♀ WHO
MATCHES GIBSON'S NCIC RECORDS. I GAVE
HIM HER DENTAL RECORDS.



P.O. Box 5

Gatlinburg, In. 37738

615-436-5181 525-3353

Harry W. Montgomery, Chief of Police

FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

TO: NATIONAL PARK

FROM: Gatlinburg Dispatch

SUBJECT: missing person

DATE: 02 09 93 TIME: 0819

COMMENTS: check for match with New York

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET: 2

Transmitted from FAX Number:

(615) 436-7185

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NATURE OF INCIDENT Missing Person - Trenny Gibson							
COMPLAINANT'S NAME				COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS			

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

02/09/93: Inquiry from State Police Troop A HQ Batavia, NY
Body found in their jurisdiction in decomposed condition, and
requesting information on Gibson Case. Dental records of Trenny
Gibson as of 1976 were provided for comparison.

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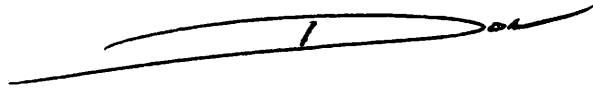
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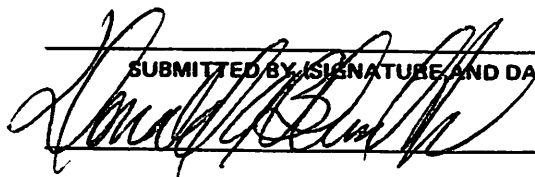
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NATURE OF INCIDENT MISSING PERSON - TRENNY GIBSON			
COMPLAINANT'S NAME		COMPLAINANT'S ADDRESS	

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

1/08/94 FAIRFAX POLICE DEPT, VIRGINIA
- ORI: VA 029 0100 -

INQUIRED ABOUT THIS RECORD, THEY HAVE AN UNIDENTIFIED BODY (SKELETON)
I SENT THEM THE DENTAL RECORDS THAT WE HAVE, BY teletype.



SUBMITTED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE)  1/10/94	APPROVED BY (SIGNATURE AND DATE)
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***MESSAGE KEY QWA SEARCHES ALL NCIC PERSONS FILES WITHOUT LIMITATIONS.
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AGE NET
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ORIGINATING AGENCY IDENTIFIER		
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NAME Gibson ~~TRACY~~ TRACY
SURNAME FIRST MIDDLE

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PLACE OF BIRTH
TN

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CASE INCIDENT RECORD

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11. REPORTED BY -----				12. ADDRESS -----			13. PHONE (HOME BUSINESS)								
14. RECEIVED BY Sammy Lail				15. WHEN RECEIVED: DATE 10/08/76		16. TIME BROADCAST 1600		17. WHEN INVESTIGATED DATE 10/08/76 TIME 1630							
18. INVESTIGATED BY Phillips, West, Lail, et al				19. OFFICER/RANGER NO. 0 5 1 1		20. WHEN CLEARED DATE TIME		21. DISPOSITION							
22. INVOLVED PERSONS			23. ADDRESS			24. PHONE		25. SEX		26. RACE		27. AGE		28. DATE OF BIRTH	
1 Trenny Gibson			1427 Whitlow Road Knoxville, Tennessee			[REDACTED]		2		1		16			
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28. DETAILS OF INCIDENT
Friday, October 8, 1976 at 1630 hours Park Technician Sammy Lail learned of a possible lost girl off of the Clingmans Dome Parking Area/Andrews Bald Trail. The girl is a Miss. Trenny Gibson of Knoxville, Tennessee. She was with a high school group led by Mr. Wayne Dunlap hiking to Andrews Bald.

Sammy Lail, upon checking with the group's leader (Mr. Dunlap) concerning what had already been accomplished up to 1700 hours by the high school group informed Sub-district Ranger Gene Phillips of the situation. Sammy Lail then proceeded to again search the Dome Parking Area and because of information given to him proceeded out the Appalachian Trail towards Double Springs Shelter looking for Miss. Gibson.

A call-up of National Park Service personnel was started. Jackson County, N.C. Rescue Squad was mobilized and a crew was sent to Clingmans Dome Parking Area to assist the Park Service Crew in the 1st night search. Weather at this time was strong winds and heavy rain with the temperature in the low 30's.

All possible trails leading from the Dome Parking Area were checked on the night of Oct. 8 and the morning of Oct. 9, 1976 by National Park Service and Jackson County Rescue Squad Negative results.

Therefore it was determined that a full scale search would begin at 0700 hours on Oct. 9, 1976 Rescue squads from both North Carolina and Tennessee were alerted to send personnel to the

30. QUANTITY	31. PROPERTY STOLEN OR DAMAGED	32. ESTIMATED VALUE	RECOVERED	
			33. DATE	34. VALUE
35. PROPERTY CODE OF HIGHEST VALUE		36. TOTAL	37. TOTAL	

INVESTIGATED BY (Signature and Date) *George R. West 11/9/76* APPROVED BY (Signature and Date) *[Signature] 11-9-76*

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
CASE INCIDENT RECORD

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29. DETAILS OF INCIDENT
 Friday, October 8, 1976 at 1630 hours Park Technician Sammy Lail learned of a possible lost girl off of the Clingmans Dome Parking Area/Andrews Bald Trail. The girl is a Miss, Trenny Gibson of Knoxville, Tennessee. She was with a high school group led by Mr. Wayne Dunlap hiking to Andrews Bald.

Sammy Lail, upon checking with the group's leader (Mr. Dunlap) concerning what had already been accomplished up to 1700 hours by the high school group informed Sub-district Ranger Gene Phillips of the situation. Sammy Lail then proceeded to again search the Dome Parking Area and because of information given to him proceeded out the Appalachian Trail towards Double Springs Shelter looking for Miss. Gibson.

A call-up of National Park Service personnel was started. Jackson County, N.C. Rescue Squad was mobilized and a crew was sent to Clingmans Dome Parking Area to assist the Park Service Crew in the 1st night search. Weather at this time was strong winds and heavy rain with the temperature in the low 30's.

All possible trails leading from the Dome Parking Area were checked on the night of Oct. 8 and the morning of Oct. 9, 1976 by National Park Service and Jackson County Rescue Squad Negative results.

Therefore it was determined that a full scale search would begin at 0700 hours on Oct. 9, 1976. Rescue squads from both North Carolina and Tennessee were alerted to send personnel to the

30 QUANTITY	31 PROPERTY STOLEN OR DAMAGED	32. ESTIMATED VALUE	RECOVERED	
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35 PROPERTY CODE OF HIGHEST VALUE		36. TOTAL	37. TOTAL	
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