

Attachment #1

On March 25, 1975, Sheila and Katherine Lyon, ages 10 and 12, were at Wheaton Plaza located in Wheaton, Montgomery County, Maryland. They were seen by several witnesses at various places within the mall. Later that day, the Lyon sisters were reported missing when they did not return home. Montgomery County police officers and detectives responded and began the initial investigation into the Lyon sisters' disappearance. It is presumed that the Lyon sisters are deceased.

On April 1, 1975, LLOYD WELCH was at Wheaton Plaza and reported to a security guard that he had been present the day the Lyon sisters disappeared and saw them getting into a car with an unknown man and leaving the parking lot. Police investigators were contacted and LLOYD WELCH was interviewed and given a polygraph by the investigators. It was deemed that LLOYD WELCH was being untruthful in the interview.

In May 2013 cold case investigators discovered the report from LLOYD WELCH's 1975 interview. A 1977 arrest photo of LLOYD WELCH was obtained and compared to a composite sketch provided by an eyewitness who saw a suspicious male staring at and following the Lyon sisters at Wheaton Plaza the day they disappeared. The arrest photo of LLOYD WELCH represented a strong likeness to the composite sketch. Investigators then learned that LLOYD WELCH is currently incarcerated in the state of Delaware for child sex related offenses. LLOYD WELCH is serving a 29 year sentence for these offenses which involved a ten year old female victim.

Investigators have since conducted several consensual interviews with LLOYD WELCH. During these interviews LLOYD WELCH has admitted he left Wheaton Plaza in a vehicle with the Lyon sisters on the day they disappeared. LLOYD WELCH has also implicated his cousin, THOMAS WELCH, Jr. and his uncle, RICHARD WELCH as being involved in the kidnapping of the Lyon sisters. According to LLOYD WELCH he was dropped off near his home and THOMAS WELCH, Jr. and RICHARD WELCH continued on with the Lyon sisters. LLOYD WELCH stated that the following day he went to the home of RICHARD WELCH and observed RICHARD WELCH having sexual intercourse with one of the Lyon sisters. LLOYD WELCH claims that he left the residence and never saw the Lyon sisters again. However, several times during the interviews LLOYD WELCH has made statements that he had nothing to do with "killing those girls" and that he does not know where they are buried.

On February 11, 2014, the Montgomery County (MD) Police Department conducted a press conference in which LLOYD WELCH was named as a person of interest in the Lyon sisters investigation. Subsequently, an inmate housed in the same cellblock as LLOYD WELCH reported to prison officials that LLOYD WELCH had made comments to him regarding kidnapping the girls and burying them on a family property in Virginia.

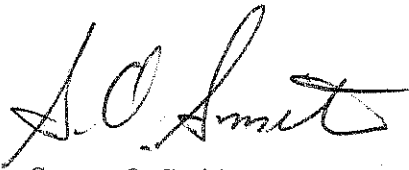
Investigators have also discovered that on the day of the press conference naming LLOYD WELCH as a suspect in the Lyon sisters investigation, RICHARD WELCH and THOMAS WELCH, Jr. had a lengthy telephone call with one another and also met in person for several hours. When interviewed by investigators regarding this activity RICHARD WELCH and THOMAS WELCH, Jr. gave conflicting statements, as did PATRICIA WELCH (RICHARD WELCH's wife) who was also present for this meeting. Additionally, RICHARD WELCH told investigators that it was unusual for THOMAS WELCH, Jr. to call him or visit him at home and this is supported by analysis of their phone records.

Investigators have conducted interviews of several relatives of the WELCH suspects who live in the area of Thaxton, Virginia. These relatives have reported that RICHARD and PATRICIA WELCH have made several unannounced trips to Thaxton, Virginia, since the press conference and appeared to be very concerned about LLOYD WELCH being a suspect in the Lyon sisters disappearance. RICHARD and PATRICIA WELCH have also been extremely interested in whether these relatives were contacted by investigators and what information they provided to the investigators. During the most recent visit RICHARD and PATRICIA WELCH told their relatives that they believed their phones were being tapped by law enforcement and they also mentioned details about the circumstances of the Lyon sisters disappearance that have not been made known to the public.

On September 10, 2014, investigators identified a parcel of land owned by RICHARD WELCH located on Taylor Mountain in Thaxton, Virginia. The approximately one acre parcel of land is undeveloped and unable to perk, therefore making it nearly impossible to build a dwelling on. The parcel of land is adjacent to a large parcel of land located at 3417 Taylor Mountain Road, Thaxton, Virginia. The land does not have a 911 address. Its county parcel number is 7103000 & tax map # 71 A 27A. The address 3409 Taylors Mountain Rd. Thaxton, Va. is included on the parcel of land that contains 3417 Taylor's Mountain Rd. Thaxton, Va. Investigation has revealed that this land was previously owned by Elizabeth PARKER, the sister of Richard WELCH, dating back to prior to 1975. Several relatives of RICHARD WELCH have told investigators that it was common for family members to visit and stay with PARKER in throughout the time she lived on this property and that it was a location where family members would partake in excessive drug and alcohol use. In fact, ARTIE OVERSTREET recalled LLOYD WELCH visiting PARKER unannounced sometime around the spring of 1975, which is near the time that the Lyon sisters disappeared. Also, several relatives have indicated that RICHARD and PATRICIA WELCH as well as THOMAS WELCH, Jr. also frequented this property in the 1970's.

On September 11, 2014, investigators travelled to 3417 Taylor Mountain Road, Thaxton, Virginia, and obtained consent from the current owner, ROBIN DAVIDSON, to search the property. Located in a clearing on the side of the mountain was approximately 30 graves. Only one of the graves had a headstone indicating who was supposedly buried there. That headstone read "Martha D. OVERSTREET PARKER, September 24, 1866-April 8, 1906." The remaining graves were marked with just a large rock and no inscriptions or indication of who was buried there. Members of the family, the current property owner and Paul AMOS, who has lived across the street from the property for over 40 years were interviewed regarding who is buried in the unmarked plots and each person gave conflicting statements.

On September 12, 2014, investigators contacted Dollie ESTEP, the niece of RICHARD WELCH who resides in Thaxton, Virginia and advised her that the property at 3417 Taylor Mountain Road was being secured and considered a crime scene.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. O. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "S".

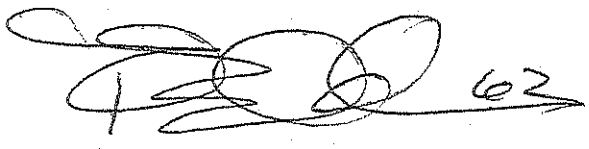
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On September 16, 2014, Human decomposition canines were used to search the properties containing 3409 & 3417 Taylors Mtn Rd Thaxton, Va. The K9 was named Gyro and the handler was Sharon Johnson. The K9 had a positive alerts on the property containing 3409 & 3417 Taylors Mtn Rd Thaxton, Va. The alerts were separate from the the cemetery on the property. The were no burial markings around the alerts.



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