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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**Electronic Communication**

Title: (U) Request a Crime on the High Seas investigation be opened.

Date: 05/02/2016

CC: [REDACTED]

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From: SACRAMENTO
SC-SO-1

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]
SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 45C-SC-7578359-1 (U) SILAS DUANE BOSTON;
PETA FRAMPTON (VICTIM);
CHRIS FARMER (VICTIM);
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - OTHER,
HOMICIDE

Synopsis: (U) Request a Crime on the High Seas investigation be opened and assigned to SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

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Full Investigation Initiated: 05/02/2016

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Sacramento PD report pages 1-50
2. (U) Sacramento PD report pages 51-100
3. (U) Sacramento PD report pages 101-150
4. (U) Sacramento PD report pages 151-196

Details:

On 4/26/2016, SA [REDACTED] received a telephone call from the Special Prosecutions Unit of the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California located in Sacramento, California. AUSA Matt Segal and AUSA Heiko Coppola indicated they had been referred a case from the

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Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and would like to have the FBI involved to help investigate the case.

The AUSAs indicated SILAS DUANE BOSTON, DOB 3/20/1941, a previous resident of 5340 El Camino #4, Carmichael, CA was suspected of murdering two tourists off of the coast of Belize and Guatamala in 1978. Furthermore, BOSTON is a suspect in the murder of his former wife, MARY LOU BOSTON, DOB 12/4/1944 who has been missing since 9/26/1968 from Sacramento.

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[REDACTED] has been trying to notify multiple police departments and Interpol but so far no one had prosecuted the case. [REDACTED] was interviewed by SPD [REDACTED]

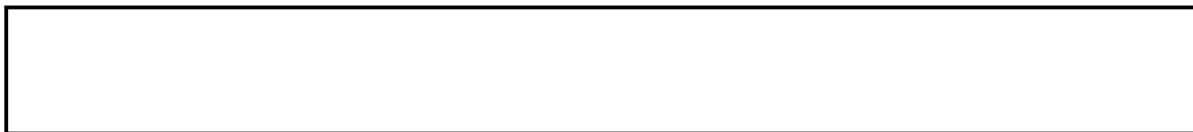
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SPD has already been in contact with Interpol and the USAO and SPD will need FBI assistance to appropriately cover potential leads in the UK, Guatemala, and Belize. Previous inquiry from Interpol to the authorities in Belize revealed the records on the body recovery had possibly been lost in a fire years ago.

On 4/26/2016 SA [redacted] contacted SSA [redacted] of the International Violent Crimes Unit. SSA [redacted] indicated via email on 4/28/2016 the IVCU had no issues with the Sacramento Division opening and investigating a 45C case classification.

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It is requested the case be opened and assigned to SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] to investigate potential violations of 18 USC 1111 (Murder) and 18 USC 7 (Special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States).

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Date of entry 05/23/2016

[redacted] retired Sgt. of the San Rafael Police Department, Badge number [redacted] was interviewed by telephone at [redacted] After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] indicated he had previously interviewed SILAS BOSTON regarding a homicide which had occurred in the late 1970s. [redacted] had received a tasking from Interpol to find and interview BOSTON. The tasking from Interpol was all conducted through teletype and he never spoke with anyone. [redacted] was able to find and interview BOSTON but he never admitted to the homicide but did say he had the tourists on his boat but he dropped them off at their destination and he watched them walk away. [redacted] had received copies of letters written by the victims from Interpol to help with his interview but he never received original evidence. [redacted] believed the original letters would be held by Interpol. [redacted] thinks San Rafael PD would have destroyed all of the records by now.

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[redacted] did not have any evidence or notes from his time at San Rafael in order to help in the investigation. [redacted] recalled he had received a letter from [redacted] thanking him for conducting his investigation into BOSTON. [redacted] stated he retired [redacted] from the San Rafael PD. [redacted] is willing to assist in any way in the investigation.

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Investigation on 05/17/2016 at Fairfield, California, United States (Phone)
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by [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**Electronic Communication**

Title: (U) Requested lead coverage in South
America

Date: 05/23/2016

From: SACRAMENTO

SC-DT-1

Contact:

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Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 45C-SC-7578359 - *Le* (U) SILAS DUANE BOSTON;
PETA FRAMPTON (VICTIM);
CHRIS FARMER (VICTIM);
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - OTHER,
HOMICIDE

Synopsis: (U) To request lead coverage in South America.

Full Investigation Initiated: 05/02/2016

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) Belize and Honduras Documents
2. (U) Guatemala Documents

Details:

On 4/26/2016, SA received a telephone call from the Special Prosecutions Unit of the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California located in Sacramento, California. AUSA Matt Segal and AUSA Heiko Coppola indicated they had been referred a case from the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and would like to have the FBI involved to help investigate the case.

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The AUSAs indicated SILAS DUANE BOSTON, DOB 3/20/1941, a previous resident of 5340 El Camino #4, Carmichael, CA was suspected of murdering two tourists off of the coast of Belize and Guatemala in 1978. Furthermore, BOSTON is a suspect in the murder of his former

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Title: (U) Requested lead coverage in South America
Re: 45C-SC-7578359, 05/23/2016

wife, MARY LOU BOSTON, DOB 12/4/1944 who has been missing since 9/26/1968 from Sacramento.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has been trying to notify multiple police departments and Interpol but so far no one had prosecuted the case. [REDACTED] was interviewed by SPD [REDACTED]

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Copies of records obtained [REDACTED] indicate that the Justin B sailed from the Port of Dangriga in Belize bound for

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Re: 45C-SC-7578359, 05/23/2016

Puerto Cortes Honduras on 6/26/1978. BOSTON was listed as the Captain of the boat from port records and the members of the crew were listed as FRAMPTON, FARMER, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] obtained immigration records indicating that the Justin B entered Livingston on 7/6/1978 with only BOSTON and [REDACTED] on board. On 8/9/1978 the Justin B returned to the Port of Dangriga and FRAMPTON and FARMER were not listed as part of the crew.

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On 7/8/1978, two bodies were recovered at sea by local "bomberos" in Guatemala, one of whom was identified as [REDACTED]. The bodies were tied up and weighted down with engine parts. The female was described as having a plastic bag over her head. The cause of death was identified as "asphyxia by submersion." The remains were buried in the Cemetery of Puerto Barrios. On 4/10/1979, the bodies were exhumed and positive identification of the bodies as FRAMPTON and FARMER were made via dental records.

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For the prosecution of BOSTON for the homicides, the United States Attorney's Office needs the following items:

Belize:

1. Certify that the documentation in the possession of the FBI in Sacramento are accurate/complete copies of the originals. Obtain certified copies if available.
2. Obtain all immigration/port records regarding the Justin B and SILAS DUANE BOSTON.
3. Identify [REDACTED] Belize Port Authority, #2 Dredge Street, Belize City, Belize, and determine if his signature is located at the bottom of the letter dated 9/29/1978. Determine if his initials are located on the "Custom House, Dangriga, Belize" stamp on the crew listing

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Guatemala:

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1. Certify that the documentation in the possession of the FBI in Sacramento are accurate/complete copies of the originals. Obtain certified copies if available.
2. Obtain all immigration/port records regarding the Justin B and SILAS DUANE BOSTON in Livingston, Guatemala.
3. Attempt to determine if Boston was a resident of Livingston in 1978.
4. Obtain all records regarding the recovery of the remains in the village of Punta de Manabique.

5. Locate and verify the signatures of [redacted]
[redacted] on form #199555.

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6. Obtain all records regarding the "Bombero" recovery of the remains and locate Bomberos [redacted] Verify the signature of [redacted] on the Bombero form.

7. Obtain all records regarding the autopsy of the remains #3853 and #3854 by Dr. [redacted] in Puerto Barrios. Verify his signature at the bottom of the autopsy report.

8. Obtain all records for the identification of the remains by Dr. [redacted] on 4/16/1979. Verify the signature on his report.

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9. Locate the grave of FRAMPTON and FARMER at the Cemetery of Puerto Barrios and verify that they are buried at that location. FARMERS grave is believed to be marked and FRAMPTONS grave is unmarked. Take photos of the sites (possible map provided in 1A).

10. Assist the Sacramento Division with the coordination related to the excavation of the remains of FRAMPTON and FARMER.

Honduras:

1. Obtain any and all immigration records for the Justin B or SILAS DUANE BOSTON to Honduras, particularly for Puerto Cortes in 1978.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Search for information on SILAS DUANE BOSTON or the Justin B in Honduras

Date: 08/04/2016

CC: [Redacted]

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From: SAN SALVADOR

Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: LEGAT [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: 45C-SC-7578359 -15

(U) SILAS DUANE BOSTON;
PETA FRAMPTON (VICTIM);
CHRIS FARMER (VICTIM);
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - OTHER,
HOMICIDE

[Redacted] (U) [Redacted]

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[Redacted] (U) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:
CID ALAT [Redacted]

Synopsis: (U) Results of search for information regarding the Justin B or SILAS DUANE BOSTON in Honduras in an about 1978.

Full Investigation Initiated: 05/02/2016

Details:

On July 19, 2016, CID-ALAT [Redacted] made contact with HSI Assistant Attache (AA) [Redacted] to determine if local immigration records showed any record of movement around the year 1978 for SILAS DUANE BOSTON, DOB 3/20/1941, who was suspected of murdering two tourists off of the coast of Belize and/or Guatamala that same year. HSI A/Attache [Redacted] conducted record checks through local immigration contacts and had found that his searches had yielded negative results. Local immigration authorities agreed to search paper files, in an attempt to locate any record of movement in and out of Honduras for Mr

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Title: (U) Search for information on SILAS DUANE BOSTON or the Justin B in Honduras

Re: 45C-SC-7578359, 08/04/2016

BOSTON. On August 1, 2016, A/Attache [redacted] informed CID-ALAT [redacted] that the search of paper records had yielded negative results.

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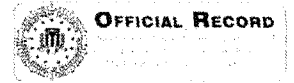
CID-ALAT also confirmed through the JIATF-South's Tactical Analysis Team that the Navy nor the Merchant Marines had any record of a vessel marked or identified as the Jason B ever entering Honduran waters. They admitted that local authorities' records management system is not adequately maintained, and that it could be possible that the vessel entered Honduran waters and they may have never documented it or may have lost any documentation associated with such entry.

As of now, CID-ALAT [redacted] has not found any record of movement for Mr BOSTON or the JUSTIN B in or out of Honduras for the time period requested.

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Date of entry 10/24/2016

[redacted], resides at [redacted]
 [redacted] (**Protect Address**), was interviewed at the US
 Attorney's Office located at 501 I Street, Sacramento, California. Also
 present during the interview were Detective [redacted], Sacramento Police
 Department, SA [redacted] FBI, and Assistant United States Attorneys Matt
 Segal, Heiko Coppola, and Jeremy Kelley. After being advised of the
 identity of the interviewing Agents, attorneys, and the nature of the
 interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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Prior to the interview, AUSA Kelley explained to [redacted] how the Federal
 Grand Jury process worked and his right to have an attorney present if he
 would like. [redacted] declined to have an attorney present.

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Investigation on [redacted] at Sacramento, California, United States (In Person)

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by [redacted]

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Date of entry 10/25/2016

[redacted] date of birth (DOB) [redacted] was interviewed at the US Attorney's Office located at 501 I Street, Sacramento, California. Also present during the interview were Detective [redacted] Sacramento Police Department, SA [redacted] FBI, and Assistant United States Attorneys Matt Segal, Heiko Coppola, and Jeremy Kelley. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, attorneys, and the nature of the interview, [redacted] provided the following information:

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Prior to the interview, AUSA Coppola explained to [redacted] how the Federal Grand Jury process worked and his right to have an attorney present if he would like. [redacted] declined to have an attorney present.

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Investigation on [redacted] at Sacramento, California, United States (In Person)

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by [redacted]

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Request LEGAT Berlin attempt to identify potential victims [redacted]
[redacted]

Date: 11/15/2016

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CC: [redacted]

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From: SACRAMENTO
SC-WC-2
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: SSA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 45C-SC-7578359-44 (U) SILAS DUANE BOSTON;
PETA FRAMPTON (VICTIM);
CHRIS FARMER (VICTIM);
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - OTHER,
HOMICIDE

Synopsis: (U) Request LEGAT Berlin attempt to identify potential victims [redacted]

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Full Investigation Initiated: 05/02/2016

Administrative Notes:

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Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

- 1. (U) [redacted]

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Title: (U) Request LEGAT Berlin attempt to identify potential victims

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Re: 45C-SC-7578359, 11/15/2016

Details:

On 4/26/2016, SA received a telephone call from the Special Prosecutions Unit of the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California located in Sacramento, California. AUSA Matt Segal and AUSA Heiko Coppola indicated they had been referred a case from the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and would like to have the FBI involved to help investigate the case.

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The AUSAs indicated SILAS DUANE BOSTON, DOB 3/20/1941, a previous resident of 5340 El Camino #4, Carmichael, CA was suspected of murdering two tourists off of the coast of Belize and Guatamala in 1978. Furthermore, BOSTON is a suspect in the murder of his former wife, MARY LOU BOSTON, DOB 12/4/1944 who has been missing since 9/26/1968 from Sacramento.

has been trying to notify multiple police departments and Interpol but so far no one had prosecuted the case. was interviewed by SPD

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[REDACTED]

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Copies of records obtained [REDACTED] indicate that the Justin B sailed from the Port of Dangriga in Belize bound for Puerto Cortes Honduras on 6/26/1978. BOSTON was listed as the Captain of the boat from port records and the members of the crew were listed as FRAMPTON, FARMER, and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] obtained immigration records indicating that the Justin B entered Livingston on 7/6/1978 with only BOSTON and [REDACTED] on board. On 8/9/1978 the Justin B returned to the Port of Dangriga and FRAMPTON and FARMER were not listed as part of the crew.

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On 7/8/1978, two bodies were recovered at sea by local "Bomberos" (Firemen) in Guatemala, one of whom was identified as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] The bodies were tied up and weighted down with engine parts. The female was described as having a plastic bag over her head and the cause of death was identified as "asphyxia by submersion." The remains were buried in the Cemetery of Puerto Barrios. On 4/10/1979, the bodies were exhumed and positive identification of the bodies as FRAMPTON and FARMER were made via dental records.

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In August 2016, [REDACTED] provided a statement to the Sacramento Police Department [REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

The FBI is not

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aware of a body recovery around this time frame.

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were interviewed by the

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FBI and the USAO in Sacramento, California. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

It is requested the FBI LEGAT in Berlin provide [Redacted] to law enforcement authorities in Germany in an attempt to identify the three names provided. The subject BOSTON is going to be arrested by the FBI in late November 2016. Furthermore it is requested any research be conducted and information be provided to the FBI Sacramento Division any of the identifying information, photographs, and contact information for the names [Redacted]. If the German tourists were murdered the likely time frame of their disappearance would be July or August of 1978. The names and addresses listed [Redacted] are as follows:

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-----Tearline Admin Section-----

Dissemination directly by HQ

substantive desk without LEGAT action: No

Dissemination Countries: DEU - GERMANY (BERLIN)

Guidance:

(U) It is requested the Office of the Legal Attache, FBI Embassy Berlin provide [Redacted] to the German authorities in an attempt to identify the names listed. Furthermore FBI Sacramento requests all

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individuals listed be identified and contact information be provided. If the individuals are missing persons FBI Sacramento requests FBI LEGAT Berlin obtain copies of all investigative files.

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(U) Attempt to identify potential missing persons.

It is requested law enforcement authorities in Germany review in an attempt to locate and identify the names listed. The names listed may be victims of a homicide which occurred off the coast of Belize or Guatemala in July or August of 1978. The United States has located a person of interest in the case and is attempting to locate the individuals listed to determine if they are missing and/or could be witnesses to the case being made against the United States citizen identified. The names and addresses listed as as follows:

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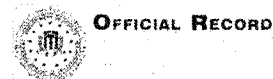
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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Requested lead coverage in Los Angeles.

Date: 01/06/2017

From: SACRAMENTO

SC-DT-1

Contact: [Redacted]

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Approved By: SSA [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

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PETA FRAMPTON (VICTIM);
CHRIS FARMER (VICTIM);
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - OTHER,
HOMICIDE

Synopsis: (U) To request lead coverage in Los Angeles.

Full Investigation Initiated: 05/02/2016

Details:

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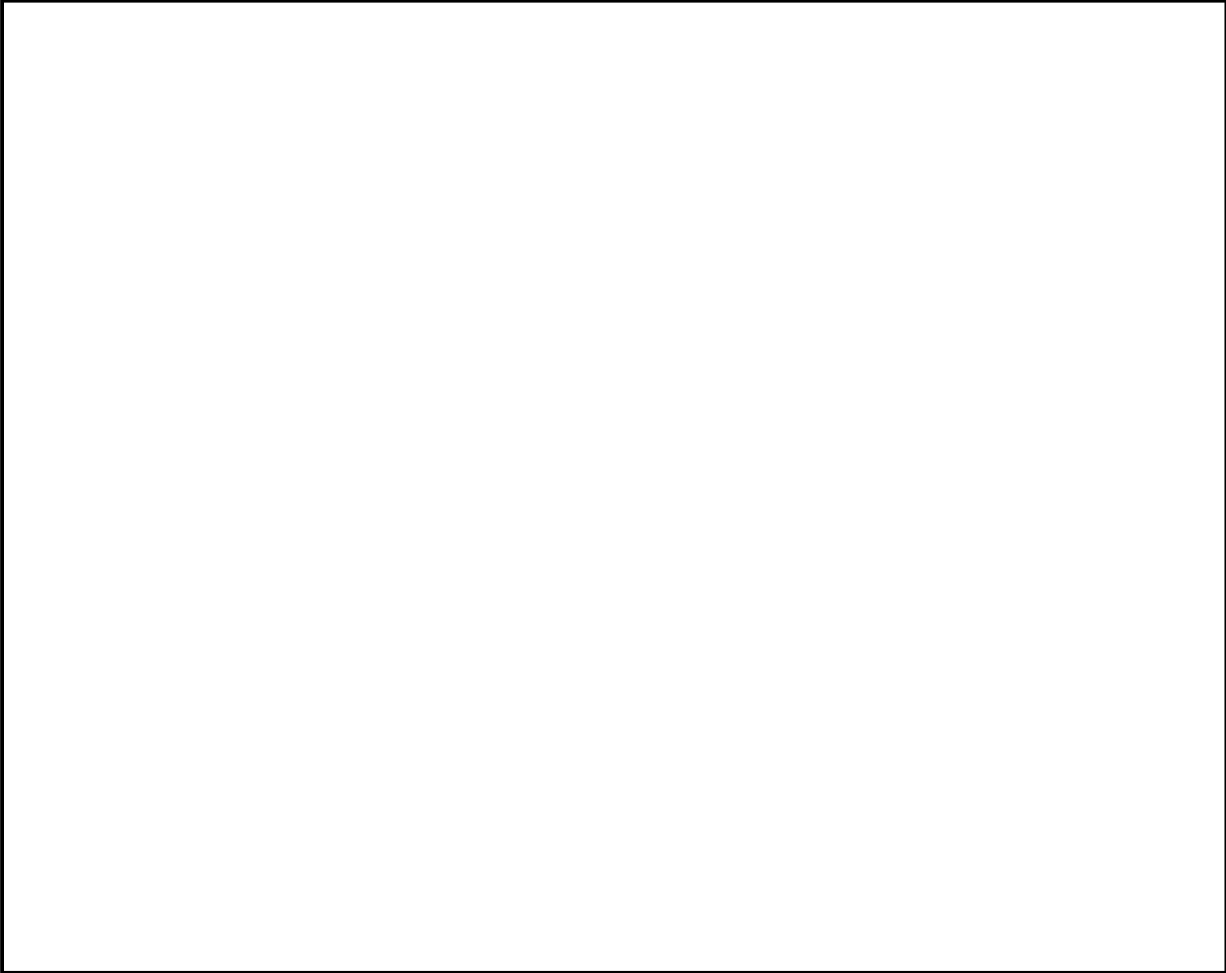
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Copies of records obtained [redacted] indicate that the Justin B sailed from the Port of Dangriga in Belize bound for Puerto Cortes Honduras on 6/26/1978. BOSTON was listed as the Captain of the boat from port records and the members of the crew were listed as FRAMPTON, FARMER, and [redacted]
[redacted] obtained immigration records indicating that the Justin B

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Re: 45C-SC-7578359, 01/06/2017

entered Livingston on 7/6/1978 with only BOSTON and [redacted] on board. On 8/9/1978 the Justin B returned to the Port of Dangriga and FRAMPTON and FARMER were not listed as part of the crew.

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On 7/8/1978, two bodies were recovered at sea by local "Bomberos" (Firemen) in Guatemala. The bodies were tied up and weighted down with engine parts. The female was described as having a plastic bag over her head and the cause of death was identified as "asphyxia by submersion." The remains were buried in the Cemetery of Puerto Barrios. On 4/10/1979, the bodies were exhumed and positive identification of the bodies as FRAMPTON and FARMER were made via dental records.

On 12/1/2016, SILAS Boston was arrested for two counts of homicide (Title 18 USC 1111). On January 10th it is expected that a trial date will be set in this matter.

On [redacted] advised that [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] It is requested that Los Angeles obtain [redacted] preserve them for latent prints, and enter the tapes as a 1B. [redacted] should then be transferred to Sacramento.

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[redacted] is expecting to be contacted [redacted]
[redacted] and can be contacted at [redacted]
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of entry 01/10/2017

On December 1, 2016, Special Agents [redacted] [redacted] responded to the Paradise Ridge Post Acute Facility, 1633 Cypress Lane, Paradise, California for the purpose of locating Silas Duane Boston at that facility.

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The staff at the facility advised that Boston was a resident of the facility and was staying in bed 18B. Boston was located inside of the facility and was advised that he was under arrest for the disappearance of Christopher Farmer and Peta Frampton in 1978. Boston remained silent and was handcuffed in front by SA [redacted]

Prior to leaving the facility, the captioned Agents obtained a copy of the medications which Boston was required to take from the facility staff. SA [redacted] also signed a discharge form for Boston.

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Boston was transported to the Chico Resident Agency (Chico RA) of the Federal Bureau of investigation, 101 Raley Boulevard, #203, Chico, California. Boston was interviewed at the Chico RA which was video recorded (Please see the video for results of the interview). Boston was also provided with a sandwich while at the Chico RA.

Following the interview, Boston was transported from the Chico RA to the Sacramento County Main Jail 651 I Street, Sacramento, California. During the booking process the jail staff was provided with the medication list for Boston.

The transport of Boston from Paradise to Chico and from Chico to Sacramento were audio and video recorded. These recordings are available for review.

Copies of the medication list and discharge form will be maintained in the 1A section of this file.

Investigation on 12/01/2016 at Paradise, California, United States (In Person)

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Title: (U) Requested lead coverage by the
Photographic Processing sub-unit of the
Forensic Imaging Unit.

Date: 01/11/2017

From: SACRAMENTO
SC-DT-1

Contact: [REDACTED]

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Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 45C-SC-7578359 -*u2* (U) SILAS DUANE BOSTON;
PETA FRAMPTON (VICTIM);
CHRIS FARMER (VICTIM);
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - OTHER,
HOMICIDE

Synopsis: (U) To request lead coverage by the Photographic Processing
sub-unit of the Forensic Imaging Unit.

Full Investigation Initiated: 05/02/2016

Details:

On 4/26/2016, SA [REDACTED] received a telephone call from the Special Prosecutions Unit of the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California located in Sacramento, California. AUSA Matt Segal and AUSA Heiko Coppola indicated they had been referred a case from the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and would like to have the FBI involved to help investigate the case.

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The AUSAs indicated SILAS DUANE BOSTON, DOB 3/20/1941, a previous resident of 5340 El Camino #4, Carmichael, CA was suspected of murdering two tourists off of the coast of Belize and Guatemala in 1978. Furthermore, BOSTON is a suspect in the murder of his former wife, MARY LOU BOSTON, DOB 12/4/1944 who has been missing since 9/26/1968 from Sacramento.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has been trying to notify multiple police departments and Interpol but so far no one had prosecuted the case. [REDACTED] was interviewed by SPD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Copies of records obtained [REDACTED] indicate that the Justin B sailed from the Port of Dangriga in Belize bound for Puerto Cortes Honduras on 6/26/1978. BOSTON was listed as the Captain of the boat from port records and the members of the crew were listed as FRAMPTON, FARMER, and [REDACTED]

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[redacted] obtained immigration records indicating that the Justin B entered Livingston on 7/6/1978 with only BOSTON and [redacted] on board. On 8/9/1978 the Justin B returned to the Port of Dangriga and FRAMPTON and FARMER were not listed as part of the crew.

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On 7/8/1978, two bodies were recovered at sea by local "Bomberos" (Firemen) in Guatemala, one of whom was identified as [redacted]. [redacted] The bodies were tied up and weighted down with engine parts. The female was described as having a plastic bag over her head and the cause of death was identified as "asphyxia by submersion." The remains were buried in the Cemetery of Puerto Barrios. On 4/10/1979, the bodies were exhumed and positive identification of the bodies as FRAMPTON and FARMER were made via dental records.

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In 2016, [redacted] [redacted] For the prosecution of BOSTON it is requested that the Photographic Processing sub-unit of the Forensic Imaging Unit print images of the negatives (five copies each) and that the high quality scanned images from the negatives be saved to a DVD (One DVD) for digital purposes. These images will be used in court for the prosecution of BOSTON.

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It is requested that the Sacramento ECR forward the negatives, 1B8, to the ECU at the FBI Laboratory.

Any questions regarding this lead can be directed to SA [redacted] [redacted] Sacramento Division, at [redacted]

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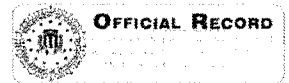
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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Information regarding the Fundacion de Antropologia Forense de Guatemala

Date: 02/17/2017

From: SACRAMENTO

SC-DT-1

Contact: [REDACTED]

Approved By: SSA [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: 45C-SC-7578359 - 89 (U) SILAS DUANE BOSTON;
PETA FRAMPTON (VICTIM);
CHRIS FARMER (VICTIM);
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS - OTHER,
HOMICIDE

Synopsis: (U) Information regarding the Fundacion de Antropologia Forense de Guatemala to assist with the search for the graves for Chris Farmer and Peta Frampton.

Full Investigation Initiated: 05/02/2016

Details:

On 4/26/2016, the Sacramento Division received a telephone call from the Special Prosecutions Unit of the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California located in Sacramento, California. AUSA Matt Segal and AUSA Heiko Coppola indicated they had been referred a case from the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and would like to have the FBI involved to help investigate the case.

The AUSAs indicated SILAS DUANE BOSTON, DOB 3/20/1941, a previous resident of 5340 El Camino #4, Carmichael, CA was suspected of murdering two tourists off of the coast of Belize and Guatemala in 1978. Furthermore, BOSTON is a suspect in the murder of his former wife, MARY LOU BOSTON, DOB 12/4/1944 who has been missing since 9/26/1968 from Sacramento

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[REDACTED] has been trying to notify multiple police departments and Interpol but so far no one had prosecuted the case. [REDACTED] was interviewed by SPD [REDACTED]

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listed as FRAMPTON, FARMER, and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] obtained immigration records indicating that the Justin B entered Livingston on 7/6/1978 with only BOSTON and [REDACTED] on board. On 8/9/1978 the Justin B returned to the Port of Dangriga and FRAMPTON and FARMER were not listed as part of the crew.

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On 7/8/1978, two bodies were recovered at sea by local "Bomberos" (Firemen) in Guatemala. The bodies were tied up and weighted down with engine parts. The female was described as having a plastic bag over her head and the cause of death was identified as "asphyxia by submersion." The remains were buried in the Cemetery of Puerto Barrios. On 4/10/1979, the bodies were exhumed and positive identification of the bodies as FRAMPTON and FARMER were made via dental records.

On 12/1/2016, SILAS BOSTON was arrested by the FBI and charged in Federal Court with two counts of Homicide, Title 18 USC 1111.

For the prosecution of the captioned case, the AUSA's would like to have the graves of FRAMPTON and FARMER located and exhumed for examination. DNA has been collected from living family members of FRAMPTON and FARMER and DNA will be extracted from the remains and compared to the family for a positive identification.

Legat San Salvador has attempted to locate the graves for FRAMPTON and FARMER at the Puerto Barrios cemetery. Due to the size of the cemetery and lack of records at the cemetery, the graves have not been located. Sacramento appreciates the assistance of San Salvador and understands the huge difficult task of locating the graves in the Puerto Barrios cemetery.

To assist San Salvador, the Sacramento Division via the Forensic Anthropology Department at Chico State University, Chico, California, has been in contact with [REDACTED] the Fundacion de Antropologia Forense de Guatemala. [REDACTED] and his agency primarily focus on the collection and analysis of human remains from the armed conflict that occurred in Guatemala in the 1980's.

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[redacted] advised that he has a team available that can assist the FBI with the search of the graves via record checks and via a search of the Puerto Barrios Cemetery itself. [redacted] can be contacted at [redacted] [redacted] or via his email at [redacted]

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If needed it is requested that San Salvador request the assistance of [redacted] and the Fundacion de Antropologia Forense de Guatemala for assistance in locating the graves of FRAMPTON and FARMER.

Any questions regarding this lead can be directed to SA [redacted] [redacted] Sacramento Division, [redacted]

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