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Nature of Investigation: Missing Hiker  
Date of Incident/Event: Oct 13, 2015  
Location: Redington Township  
Subject(s) of Investigation: Gerry Largay  
Report of: Lieutenant Kevin Adam  
Date of Report: Nov 12, 2015

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SYNOPSIS: A team consisting of NCIS, Maine Warden Service, Maine State Police, and Office of Chief Medical Examiner's office went to retrieve the remains of Gerry Largay.

REPORT:

On October 14, 2015, at approximately 1400 hours, I received a phone call from Game Warden Scott Stevens of Stratton Maine. Scott told me he had heard some news that the remains of a body had been found up in Redington Twp. on the Navy property.

I made some phone calls and was able to get in contact with NCIS agent Joshua Drezek. Agent Drezek was headed to Maine at that point from Southern New England. I asked what was going on I heard there was a body found on the Navy training facility lands in Redington Twp. Agent Drezek stated they had received a call that a contractor doing some survey work had come across the remains of a possible body in the woods. I asked if he had anymore description and he stated no.

I asked about coordinates and he stated he may have some on email but was driving and would be checking it soon. He advised me the he was headed to the Comfort Inn in Wilton, Maine but would not arrive there until about 1900 hours, along with the other agents.

After notifying members of our command staff, game wardens associated with the search for Gerry Largay and after making more phone calls to Agent Drezek I decided to stay right in Wilton at the Comfort INN with the NCIS agents.

I also spoke Lt. Brian McDonough of the Maine State Police Major Crime Unit, Lt. Troy Gardner, and Detective Randy Keaton bringing everyone up to speed on what we knew. The possibilities were: it was a human body; it was animal bones, or if it was a human body, was it Gerry Largay?

While travelling down to Wilton, NCIS Agent Drezek sent me the coordinates he had received from the survey. I recognized them as UTM coordinates. I forwarded them to Game Warden Investigator Joshua Bubier, one of the mappers on our Incident Management Team. He converted it over to a position format that we use and was able to come up with a waypoint that looked to be north of the Appalachian Trail and East of Reddington Pond. This area was a very likely area to contain Gerry Largay.

At about 2000 hours, on Oct 13, 2015, myself, Investigator Joshua Bubier, and Maine State Police Detective Randy Keaton met with NCIS agents at a conference room in the Comfort Inn. We did not

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learn much more, other than that the two surveyors were staying at a Motel in Rangeley and we would meet them in the morning around 0700 hrs.

I then gave a briefing about Gerry Largay and why we believed it was her. We also talked about which agencies would be on scene and what their role would be. We decided to meet about 0600 in the lobby.

**Oct 15, 2015: Thursday**

After meeting with everyone in the morning, I heard several different versions of what the contractor had found, I heard human remains, I heard a campsite with a tent, and I heard bones.

At about 0700 we met with the person who found the possible human remains and learned he had a picture on his cell phone of the area. That picture was downloaded and emailed to me and it was definitely a human skeleton and from what I could see of the location on the map and what I saw in the picture I was almost certain it would be Gerry Largay.

We then all left and entered the Navy Property from the Western Entrance off of Route 16. Once every one was gathered, we discussed how we would get to the scene of the human remains. The surveyor who found the site was with us and was there to make sure we found it easily.

We arrived at the scene sometime between 1000 and 1100 am. After I was initially shown where the campsite area was, which was difficult to see unless you were right next to it. I saw a flattened tent, with a green backpack outside of it and a human skull with what I believed to be a sleeping bag around it. I was 99% certain that this was Gerry Largay's.

The area was taped off and Maine State Police ERT's photographed the scene utilizing a camera with 360 degree technology. After that was done, the OCME representative went in and started to collect and document the scene. I asked the OCME representative what he had taken for a coordinate for the location of Gerry and he showed me his Garmin GPS and I took down these numbers: N44 59.011 W70 24.099

Some observations I made at the scene: The tent was placed under several large Hemlock trees with wide branches that obstructed the view to the sky. Gerry apparently spent some time to build up a bedding area using small trees, pine needles and possibly some dirt in an attempt to keep her tent out off of any water that would collect in the depression. The camp site looked very clean, and there was not a lot of clearing of debris or branches. I saw no evidence of a fire ring or fire near the tent.

Off to the West about 25 yards away, was some silver material, I assumed it was from a space blanket. It had been tied to a small hardwood tree (about 10 feet tall). The other end was tied to a broken branch that I can only assume was to spread the material as wide as it could get and stay that way. There was some open canopy there about 25 by 25 feet in diameter which was more open than where the tent was located.

Around the camp site were plenty of downed dead fir trees that were dry and would have been a good source of burnable material. Off to the north of the campsite about 30 yards away, were two dead trees that were black and charred from being burnt. There were also burnt marks on a tree to the east that

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was just feet way from these two. This tree was horizontal to the ground and had charred burn marks on it.

At first glance the two standing dead trees looked like a lighting strike had possibly caused this burning. Upon further investigation it looks like some sort of fire was attempted on these trees by Gerry.

To the East of the campsite were a couple rows of fir trees that were somewhat thick and blocked the view of a nearby stream, which was about 50 yards away. This was a rock strewn drainage that had ample water flowing at that time. The rocks were varied in size, but ranged from large and unmovable rocks and boulders, to small rocks that could be lifted and moved.

While collecting material inside the tent, we came across a small note book or composition book that had writings by Gerry inside. Some of the passages were read and we realized she marked in her book passages up to August 6. I realized from listening to the passages being read that there were a lot of personal letters and compositions to family members inside the book. I asked the officer to stop reading and we would analyze it all later when we had more time. We then continued collecting the rest of all the belongings at the campsite.

After pictures were taken and other scene documentation was completed, the rest of the officer's, wardens and agents split up into two teams and searched a swath around the immediate area of the campsite, making several large sweeps to all sides of the campsite.

Once that was completed and the scene was completely documented, mapped and measured, the group started to pick up the tent, backpack, clothing and anything that we could associate with Gerry. Gerry's remains were placed in a white body bag to be transported down from the mountain.

We all then cleared the scene and headed to the West towards Reddington Pond, walking down a ridge to the Southern end of the pond.

**Oct 16 2015: Friday**

Warden Investigator Josh Bubier attended the medical examination at the OCME in Augusta. I conducted a press briefing at CMCC in Augusta.

**Oct 19, 2015: Monday**

Warden Investigator Josh Bubier and I met at the Gray State Police barracks in Gray. We were there to collect and further document Gerry's belongings that were collected at the campsite.

We collected the bags and brought them over to the Gray Warden Service headquarters, Gray Maine.

Warden Bubier and I took several hours to photograph and document the items found at Gerry's final location.

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**Oct 28 2015: Wednesday**

Wardens Scott Thrasher, Scott Stevens, Major Chris Cloutier, and I travelled to the Barjum area with George Largay, Kerry and Ryan B, and Ryan Largay to show them the area and bring them to the final location of Gerry. We decided to go in via the old RR bed in Barjum.

We parked our vehicles and walked down to the intersection of the RR Bed and Appalachian Trail. The group decided to start walking north on the Appalachian Trail for several hundred yards north, then left the trail and headed West towards the final location where Gerry was located.

Once we navigated through the thick boundary along the AT, the woods transitioned from softwoods to open hardwood. I could see for several hundred yards in either direction. It was fairly easy walking although may have been different in summer with ferns. I noticed several old skidder or logging trails that were running through the property. These were very old, maybe 1940's and 1950's era logging roads. As we kept walking west, I noticed a clear yellow blazed line on the trees. I initially thought this was the Navy property, but later after looking on the map realized this was the boundary to Maine Public Lands property.

After crossing that boundary line, the woods became thicker with more softwood trees than hardwood trees. We walked down a steep ridge to a brook, crossed it and proceeded up over a steep ridge where we walked into thick evergreen woods. Then, we went down a steep ridge to another brook and up another steep ridge until we arrived at Gerry's final location.

After everyone finished looking around the campsite, the family left a cross where the tent was located along with several family mementos.

After clearing the campsite, we headed south. It was thick for the first 60-70 yards and then became open hardwoods with good visibility in all directions. It was steep but walking down hill was easy. After walking about 20-25 minutes we came to a clear logging road and followed that and came to the Old RR Bed. In total we had walked about 30 minutes. Once on the Old RR Bed we walked back towards the Appalachian Trail and then continued to our vehicle location.

### CELL PHONE EXAMINATION

Gerry Largay's cell phone was dropped off to the Maine Computer Crime Lab by this officer on October 20, 2015.

After several days, a detailed report was given to me from Crime Lab.

Below is a summary of the pertinent information on the cell phone.

On 7-22-2013 around 11:01 am, Gerry texts to George: *In somm trouble. Got off trail to go to br. Now lost. Can u call AMC to c if a trail maintainer can help me. Somewhere north of woods road. Xox*

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That message then attempts to get sent out 10 more times. The last one at 12:25 pm on July 22, 2013.

Another text is attempted to George at 2:09 pm with no verbiage in the message.

On 7-23-2012 at 4:18 pm: *Lost since yesterday. Off trail 3 or 4 miles. Call police for what to do pls.*  
*Xox*

This message was sent again on 7-27-2013 at 4:39 pm

The last four unsent texts messages all occur on 7-30-2013 between 4:35pm and 4:41 pm.

There are two other activities mentioned in the report that are interesting when 2 texts are deleted on August 6, 2013.

August 6, 2013 is the last activity listed by date on the phone.

There were no photos or videos of her between July 22, 2013 and August 6, 2013 or after found on the phone.

#### **Gerry Personal Journal- Summary**

A small composition journal was found in Gerry belongings. This journal consisted of personal messages to Gerry's loved ones and day to day thoughts. It does provide a timeline and her thoughts and activities from July 22 to August 10. There is one more entry after August 10 and it is listed as August 18. Unsure as to the accuracy of that date.

#### **Summary/ Conclusion**

The following conclusions from this officer are based on searches, investigation details, cell phone analytics, and interviews with family, friends, and other witnesses who had pertinent information and information from Gerry's writings.

Gerry Largay left Poplar Lean-to on Monday July 22, 2013 at approximately 0700 to 0715 am and headed North (actual direction of travel East) on the Appalachian Trail. Her plan for the day was to arrive at Spaulding Lean-to which is approximately 9 miles away. Gerry's Plan was then to then stay overnight at or near the Spaulding Lean-to and on Tuesday July 23, 2013 hike the remaining 13 miles to Route 27 crossing where she would meet her husband George.

On July 22 2013, sometime in the late morning hours, Gerry Largay was north of the old RR bed. Gerry would leave the trail to go the bathroom. It is unknown where this occurred or how far off the

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trail she went. Gerry could then not find her way back to the trail and attempted to send text messages to her husband George for assistance. Those texts never were sent from the phone because of poor or nonexistent cell tower coverage in the area. Gerry would then walk in a westerly direction and towards increased elevation to try and get higher for better or any cell phone coverage. More texts were made and attempted to be sent, but Gerry would not be in an area with sufficient cell tower coverage for them to be sent.

Gerry would reach the area of her final location on Tuesday July 23, 2013. She would set up her tent on a bed of pine needles and sticks. She would write in her journal every day with a date and a passage. The passages were consistent every day and there were written entries up to August 10, 2013. There was a nothing from August 11-17<sup>th</sup>. The last entry was dated on August 18<sup>th</sup>. We are unsure if this is a correct date or not.

On Wednesday July 24, 2013, George Largay would call to report his wife Gerry Largay overdue. The Maine Warden Service responded to start investigating and searching. The searching and investigating would continue to build and expand using search resources from the following federal, state, county, local, and non-governmental agencies. Maine State Police, Maine Forest Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Maine Border Patrol, National Park Service, Baxter State Park, Carrabasset Police Department, Carrabasset Fire department, Salem Fire department, Franklin County Sheriff's Office Franklin County Emergency Management Office, and the Maine Association of Search and Rescue. Air Assets were provided by the Maine Warden Service –Fixed Wing, Maine Forest Service-Helicopter, and Civil Air Patrol – Fixed Wing. Plus assistance from several out of state police agencies.

Initial search efforts would occur for 7 days using aircraft, K-9 and ground searches. These search resources concentrated on areas along the Appalachian Trail, drainages, and linear travel aids. Investigative efforts concentrated on finding other hikers in the area who may have seen Gerry, establishing a timeline for Gerry, cell phone analytics, and identifying any persons of interest and their location during July 22, 23, and 24 of 2013. Searchers found many items, but none of them could be attributed to Gerry.

Investigation would take time to work through several false leads, false identifications, and locating and finding hikers who had valuable information and continued to hike on the trail.

After 7 days of searching and finding no clues, a decision to suspend the search was made on July 30, 2013.

Investigation and searching would continue. Finally generating a time line where we felt Gerry went somewhere off the Appalachian Trail between Poplar Lean-to and Lone Mountain.

The investigation and search would continue for the next 26 months. Over that time period, there was only 1 clue that was located that can be attributed to Gerry; a picture taken of her in the early morning of July 22, 2013 at Poplar Lean-to by another hiker.

Search efforts would come close to her on three different occasions. All three were K-9 search teams.

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There were many leads received over the next 26 months ranging from persons of interest for possible criminal activity related to Gerry's disappearance, identity theft involving Gerry's personal information, geographic information by psychic's, sightings in different states, to information suggesting Bigfoot was responsible for her disappearance. All of these leads were investigated with our investigative partners.

On Oct 11, 2015, a forester working on a contract for the United States Navy doing an environmental impact statement on property that they own in the area of Reddington Pond, came across what he believed to be a tent site and human skeletal remains.

The site and remains would be identified as Gerry Largay.

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECTS OF INVESTIGATION:

Geraldine Largay

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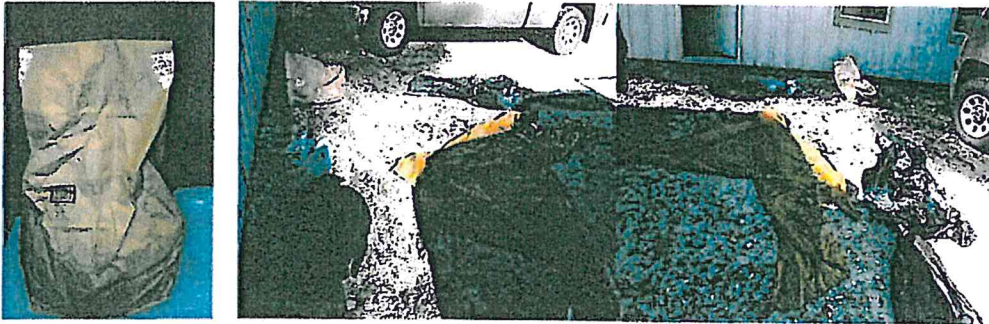
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Lieutenant Kevin Adam and Investigator Joshua Bubier performed inventory on items found at her final location. This consisted mostly of a tent which was flattened, some various clothing scattered around, many Ziploc bags found inside the tent, her backpack which also had other various Ziploc bags inside.

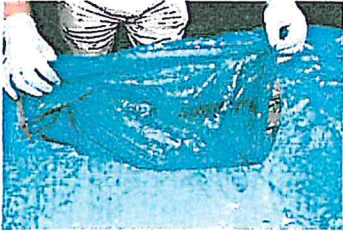


#1 Picture of large evidence bag.

- Contents of Bag
- Tent Black with Yellow Fly
- 1 black rain Jacket with Hood
- 1 blue Dry bag
- Mylar space blanket
- Inside tent Blue baseball Cap
- Pages from a book, very wet moldy and had moss growing on it
- String from commercial made product
- Blue White Bandana



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Contents of Blue Dry Bag:

- Collapsible Tent Poles
- 2 Water Bottles, 1 empty, 1 has about 1/8 full of water.
- 9 Ziploc Bags



#A Ziploc Bag:

- 3 Duracell AAA batteries
- Paper directions for something with a light
- String about 12 inches long
- Another empty Ziploc bag

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#B Ziploc Bag

- Panasonic S-50 (tooth brush)
- Advair dispenser on #17
- Toothpaste, small size
- 2 orange foam earplugs
- Dental Floss about ½ full.
- Baby Powder ¼ full.

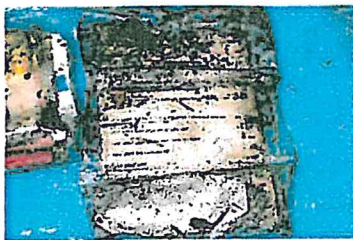


#C Ziploc Bag

- Small First Aid Kit: also had small pair of scissors, Neosporin, sewing kit, 4 needles, safety pins, cotton swabs, pills?
- 2 bic type lighters
- 3 package of band aid
- 2 athletic tape, 1 full, 1 partial

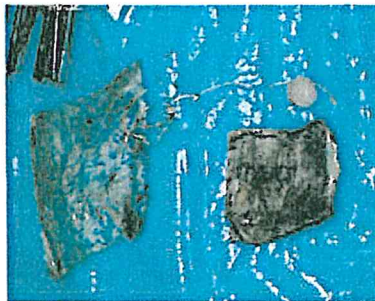
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- 4 blister pads
- 1 orange waterproof match holder: inside were 22 matches, 2 small birthday type candles, match striker which had evidence of being used.



#D Ziplock Bag

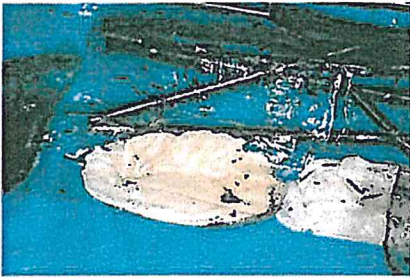
- Paper section map of Applachain Trail, with distances, elevation to points of interest, very wet



#E Ziploc Bag

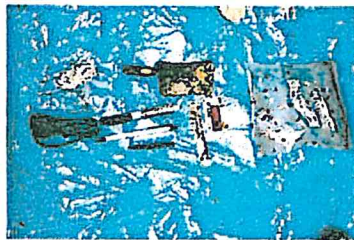
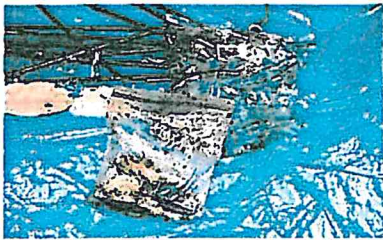
- Paper work of Rosary
- Homemade necklace with white stone wrapped in string.

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#F Ziplock Bag

- 2 packages of tissue paper



#G Ziploc Bag

- Sewing Kit with 5 needles
- Piece of paper with "follow Terrys Hike with his Blog Terrybliss.com"
- 1 Sharpie with piece of duct tape
- 1 pencil with "riverpine" etched in it
- 1 pen
- Small compact Swiss army knife
- 1 green Para cord 9.5 feet long
- 1 white twine 14.5 feet long
- Rosary paperwork wet

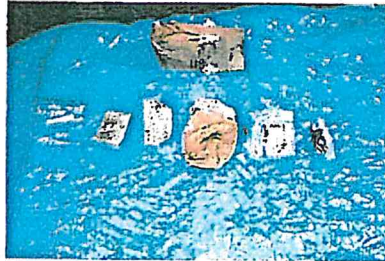
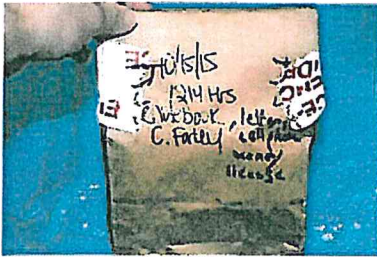
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#H Ziploc Bag

- ? wet

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CONTENTS OF BROWN EVIDENCE BAG MARKED CELL PHONE, NOTES

- 4 bags inside plus 1 page from book



#1 Ziploc Bag

Page from book with writing

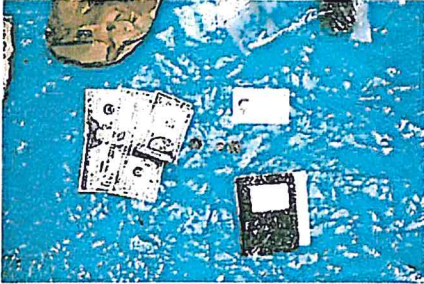
August 6 2013

Gerry Largay

When you find my body please call my husband George [redacted], and my daughter Kerry @ [redacted] it will be the greatest kindness for them to know that I am dead and where you found me --- no matter how many years from now. Please find it in your heart to mail the contents of this bag to one of them.

There is writing on other side in pencil but cannot decipher.

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#J Ziploc Bag:

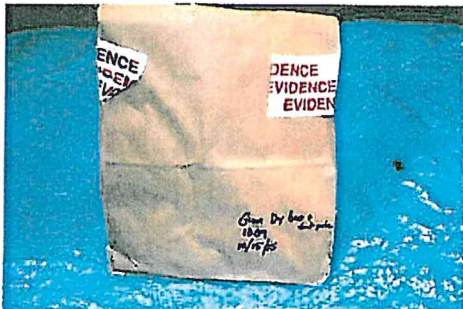
- 20 Dollar Bill, 3 one dollar bills, 36 cents
- State of Georgia Driver's license with name and picture of Gerry Largay
- Small notebook with " George Please Read XOXO"



#K Ziploc Bag

- Blue Samsung Sliding Phone

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CONTENTS OF GREEN DRY BAG AND TENT POLE BAG



#L Ziploc Bag

- Beige Shorts
- Plum Colored sport Shirt



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#M Ziploc Bag

- Bag marked Glasses, was inside the tent
- Glasses black and brown framed "coach"
- Yellow Whistle
- Black Pen Stream light flashlight, still worked
- Key chain temp gauge with compass

ITEM	X	Y
Skull	22'	21' 10"
Black Shirt w/ blue letters	16' 10"	23' 5"
Left Boot	23' 4"	17' 11"
White Bag	22' 2"	31' 3"
Pink Fleece	23' 8"	32' 4"
Sea To Summit Dry Bag	24' 6"	31' 6"
Green pack	28' 3"	35' 5"
Pot & Utensils	31' 4"	36' 9"
Poles	32' 3"	37' 1"
Book/Note	33' 6"	39' 0"
Center of "raised" bed	33' 10"	39' 10"
Ziploc Bag w/ Paper	34' 1"	40' 6"

Yellow Birch Tree used for Baseline N44 Degrees 49.023', W70 Degrees, 24.1015'  
Baseline was run from Birchtree @ 22 degrees