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DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Supplement Report

HOMICIDE - FR. KUNZ

INFORMATION FROM JOSEPH MULLENSCHLADER:

At approximately 4:00 p.m. on 11/7/00, Det. Burmeister and I made contact with an individual who identified himself as Joseph E. Mullenschlader, who is a former Florissant Police Detective and Lieutenant who is currently working in the private sector. Mullenschlader had contacted a friend at the Florissant Police Department because Mullenschlader's daughter, Laure, had been dating Brian Jackson. Mullenschlader was aware that Det. Burmeister and I were planning to interview Brian Jackson in reference to the Fr. Kunz homicide and he felt he had some background information that was important to Det. Burmeister and my investigation.

Mullenschlader told us that when Det. Burmeister and I had originally made contact with Brian Jackson, on the previous Thursday, Mullenschlader had received a telephone call from his daughter Laure. She asked him if he would be willing to speak to Brian Jackson regarding the investigation and upcoming interview, to which he agreed. Due to the fact it was involving a homicide, and Mullenschlader had a parental concern over his daughter's well being, he indicated that he wished to speak with Brian Jackson in person in order to determine what was occurring. Mullenschlader told us he engaged in a conversation with Brian Jackson on Thursday, November 2, and he related the following information to us.

Mullenschlader told us that Brian Jackson indicated that he thought the murder of Fr. Kunz occurred on March 6, 1998. He told him that the incident occurred in a small town called Dane, Wisconsin at the St Michael School which also had a church, a hallway which led to a gym, and some main rooms in the school. Jackson identified the victim as Fr. Alfred J. Kunz, a Caucasian male who was five eight to five nine inches and described Kunz as being a strong man, with big arms. Jackson further indicated that Fr. Kunz had "lots of degrees". He was a little gray, and whisky and he had very large eyes.

Jackson said that he had met Fr. Kunz while at Magdalene College and upon graduation he had taken a job at St. Michael's because Fr. Kunz was looking for a teacher. The vice president of the college, by the name of Mr. Karls had recommended Jackson for the job, Brian went for the interview, talked to Fr. Kunz a couple of times after that, and was hired by the school principal, Maureen O'Leary. Brian Jackson told Mullenschlader that the relationship between the two was very good. He told Mullenschlader that he admired Fr. Kunz, and that Fr. Kunz was a reverend man who said Mass every day, and always had time for kids. Fr. Kunz was helpful to Brian Jackson by fixing his car, paid

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for his apartment and food, and was also a friend. Jackson said that he would see Fr. Kunz on a daily basis however not usually on weekends. As far as social contacts with Fr. Kunz, Jackson told Mullenschlader that he would occasionally go out to

breakfast with Fr. Kunz and Ms. O'Leary. Jackson indicated that he had helped Fr. Kunz a couple of times when moving furniture that ultimately ended up in Brian's apartment.

Regarding Brian's vehicle, he told Mullenschlader that he had an 89 Caprice Estate wagon, and that Fr. Kunz would help him work on it. Jackson continued to tell Mullenschlader how much he admired him, telling Mullenschlader that Jackson felt very close to Fr. Kunz, he was a good friend, and a brilliant man. Further, Jackson went on to say that Fr. Kunz was a really good cook, and made good chicken noodle soup. That Fr. Kunz had to come over to Brian's apartment, and made Barbecued pork chops, and that Brian in passing mentioned that he lived across the hall from Ms. O'Leary in the same apartment building.

As far as financially, Brian said that Fr. Kunz did give him money and did not want to be paid back. Brian told Mullenschlader that he was being allowed into the country on a voluntary visa and was being paid "under the table" by Fr. Kunz for his teaching.

Mullenschlader asked Brian if he had ever gotten into any arguments with Fr. Kunz, and he said only one occasion, and that was when a Eucharistic Adoration had resulted in Brian's plans being cancelled to go to an opera. Other than that, he did not site any other problems between only one occasion, and that was when a Eucharistic Adoration had resulted in Brian's plans being cancelled to go to an opera. Other than that, he did not site any other problems between the two of them.

INFORMATION REGARDING HOMICIDE:

Mullenschlader said that Brian Jackson indicated that the day before the murder of Fr. Kunz, the Eucharistic Celebration of teachers caused the teachers to be notified that they would be putting on a dinner for the priests who attended.

Jackson told that he woke up on the day that he found the body, which he related to Mullenschlader as March 6, a Monday. Jackson said he went to school early, grabbed stuff out of the refrigerator before he left. He told Mullenschlader he left about 6 a.m. and went to school, and arrived at school between 7 and 7:30 a.m. He said he parked in the top parking lot of the school, went to the double glass doors, opened the door and went into the vestibule area which led in to a set of green doors of the main hallway, where Fr. Kunz's apartment is also located. Jackson told Mullenschlader there was a light on inside the hallway, and he looked through the windows of the doors as he was entering and saw something on the floor, said it looked like a little kid, but he didn't know for sure. He opened the first set of doors and then opened the second set of doors and saw that it was Fr. Kunz on the ground lying face down. Jackson said that the

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head was pointing towards him, and that the Father was lying a pool of blood with his hands and arms up. Jackson further described the scene as Fr. Kunz wearing a white tee shirt, black pants and his shoes were kicked off to one side. Jackson also told Mullenschlader that he saw Fr. Kunz's keys were flung over and looked like they were thrown away from the body, as a result of a struggle.

From that point, Jackson said he threw his bag on the floor, took off his sweater, and then went to the body to check for the pulse and he checked on the neck of the body and thought he felt a pulse. Jackson said he then ran back toward the double doors, unlocked a door in to the office and called 911. While talking to the dispatcher, Jackson said he told the dispatcher that the priest was on the ground, thought he was dead, but had felt a pulse and the dispatcher asked where he was bleeding from and told Jackson to go back to the body to see where the bleeding was coming from. Apparently Jackson was told to roll the body over, which Jackson did and said that the face of the priest was purple and that his body was stiff, and used the word rigormortis had set in to Mullenschlader during this conversation. Jackson said he then ran back to the telephone, told that the priest was dead, "that he had been murdered" and he was told that the police were on the way.

Jackson said he then walked into the apartment about six feet to look for the murderer and that he grabbed the handle of the door with his hand. He then prayed his rosary and shook and worried that the kids would come and see the body, but then saw the police arrive. Jackson told Mullenschlader that he then signaled to the police and said "he's over here" and then someone took Brian to the police car. During the conversation with Mullenschlader, Mullenschlader said that Brian kept repeating "I messed the scene up." And apparently related this to whatever officer had wrapped a blanket around him and escorted him to the ambulance. Jackson also told Mullenschlader that when he had touched the body, he had opened the cut in the neck and he also told Mullenschlader that he had held Fr. Kunz's body.

Jackson then said that Ms. O'Leary arrived at the scene between 7:30 and 8 a.m. which was her normal arrival time. Jackson said he was taken to a room with Fr. Fiore and Ms. O'Leary, and that the police had interviewed Brian and taken pictures of him. Jackson also said that the police checked Brian's fingernails and that they took his pants, shirt, sweater, jacket, book bag and running shoes, and over the course of this investigation, he had several interviews with different detectives. Jackson indicated that he probably could have met with the police officers up to about ten times.

INFORMATION FROM MULLENSCHLADER REGARDING CONVERSATION WITH JACKSON AFTER THE INTERVIEW:

Joe Mullenschlader was the transportation for Brian Jackson to come to the Florissant Police Dept. for his interview at 6 p.m. on 11/7/00. He was also the person who picked up Brian Jackson after the interview was completed, and Mullenschlader told us that after Jackson was in the car, they began talking about the interview. Jackson told Mullenschlader that the police think that he murdered Fr. Kunz, and then asked the question to Joe "how can they prosecute me, if they don't have a knife."

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Mullenschlader also related to us some behavior of Jackson that he found unusual prior to the interview.

Mullenschlader said that when he arrived at his daughters apartment to pick Brian up for the interview on 11/7/00, that when he went into the apartment it was dark with the exception of two candles that were burning. He said Brian Jackson was lying on the couch saying nothing and was upset because the pizza that had been promised for earlir delivery was late.

Jackson became antimated about the upcoming interview, making a comment that "these guys aren't even here". At that time, Joe Mullenschlader suggested that Brian call the police department to see if we had shown up, which had prompted a telephone call in which this writer took, where Brian had explained that he would be a little late.

After the pizza arrived, Mullenschlader said that Jackson was obviously upset about something, and was outright rude to his daughter.

Jackson also elicited help from Joseph Mullenschlader knowing that he had been a police officer and a detective. Mullenschlader said that Jacskson asked him if he could give him any "pointers" on how to deal with the interview and talk to the detectives. Mullenschlader told Jackson he should just tell the truth.

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