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**STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER  
AFFIDAVIT OF FACTS**

STATE OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF SPOKANE

REPORT # 1967-00000167

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The undersigned, a law enforcement officer, competent to testify, states as follows: That he/she believes a crime was committed by the above named defendant in the City and/or County of Spokane, State of Washington, because:

Overview

Case # 1971-00079471

June 6, 1967- Ruby Lampson (47yrs old) was reported missing. She had lived above the Falls View Tavern in Spokane WA, in a small apartment above the bar. She was known to regularly spend time in the bar which she lived above and to associate with the patrons of the Falls View Tavern. Lampson's mostly skeletal remains were discovered in a shallow grave in the 7-mile area, near the 7-mile ORV park off a small dirt trail/road in a wooded area. No causes of death were discovered on the decomposed remains at autopsy. Lampson was last seen by a male acquaintance who dropped her off at a bar about 12 blocks from her apartment at the Falls View Tavern. The bartender at that location reported that 47 year old Lampson was with a much younger man that night in the bar prior to her disappearance.

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August 19, 1967- Dorothy Fielding, a married 31yr old woman, was reported missing. Dorothy was on the Falls

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View Tavern bowling team and associated at the bar regularly. The bartender of the Falls View Tavern reported that Dorothy Fielding was friends with Ruby Lampson and associated together. Fielding was an employee of Rosaures Supermarket and was having an extramarital affair with the store security manager, 34 year old Duke Pierson, a cigarette smoker and ex-Sergeant of Detectives for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. Pierson admitted to police he had dated Fielding as well as thousands of other women during the time frame. Fielding was known to meet with Duke Pierson at the Falls View Tavern as well as other Falls View Bowling Team competitions and events. Friends indicate that Fielding would regularly meet Duke Pierson, who was jealous of other men, and that the couple would park Duke Pierson's car and travel in Fielding's car for dates. Her vehicle was recovered at a local grocery store within days of her disappearance with cigarette butts in the ashtray. Her closest friends and associates report she did not smoke. Her badly decomposed body was found in the 7-mile are near the 7-mile ORV park in a shallow grave off a small dirt trail/road in a wooded area within 1.6-2.2 miles of Ruby Lampson's burial site. No causes of death were discovered on the mostly skeletal remains at autopsy. The week prior to her death Fielding was receiving flowers which were marigolds, zinnies, red roses and pink roses along with hand written notes. The flowers were wrapped in tinfoil and found with the notes inside her vehicle from a "admirer". Fielding told friends the flowers and notes scared her. The same flowers were found to grow in Duke Pierson's yard as well as his mother-in-law's yard. Bob Pierson, Duke Pierson's cousin, reported to police that Duke Pierson had confided in him that Duke Pierson had impregnated his girlfriend who worked at Rosaures. Duke had told his cousin he was "in a bind" due to the situation as he was trying to resolve his own marital problems. Co-workers told police that Fielding had gained weight in the last two weeks and was having morning sickness at the time of disappearance.

**Case # 63073**

**September 12, 1967-** Sandra Pierson, wife of Duke Pierson, is discovered deceased in a reported suicide. Sandra's was found deceased in the family garage at the family residence, inside a vehicle with a hose leading from the exhaust to a rear seat window where Sandra was found. The hose was secured in the exhaust pipe with tinfoil pushed into the pipe securing the hose. The garage door was found in a closed position and the garage was found to contain exhaust but the engine of the vehicle was not running although the ignition was on. Detectives were unable to determine a reason the engine was not running even though it had ½ tank of gas. At autopsy, it was determined that Sandra Pierson was approximately 20 weeks pregnant at the time of her death. Sandra and her husband Duke had been separated for several months with reconciliation occurring prior to her death. The

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reconciliation had occurred on an unplanned trip to Hawaii where Sandra was summoned to meet Duke via a written letter. Duke Pierson had written a letter to Sandra while in Hawaii requesting she join him. In the letter Duke admits to threatening and insulting Sandra and discusses a "hose" and writes *"As far as situation about the hose, I told you truly that the only reason I agreed to it was to let you see that you couldn't do anything more than I could do to you..."* Duke and Sandra's son and daughter along with Duke's nephew reported that Sandra was unable to open or close the garage door due to the weight of the door and a malfunctioning door mechanism. They told police Sandra would regularly require her son, nephew or neighbors to open or close the garage door for her. Duke and Sandra's son, Joel Pierson, report that weeks prior to her death Sandra and Duke Pierson were arguing in the family home over a "suicide kit" which contained a gun, pills and possibly other items. Joel Pierson fled to contact Sandra's father, his grandfather, as he knew things were going badly for his mother in the argument. Family and friends report Duke Pierson was a practicing hypnotist who utilized his wife for practice and that he was able to hypnotize family members and cause them to accomplish unusual feats and to act in ways they normally wouldn't.

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**Affidavit Of Facts**

Detectective Kirk Keyser can testify that he reviewed the death investigation reports, case files, medical examiner documents, photographs and other information regarding the deaths of Ruby Lampson, Dorothy Fielding and Sandra Pierson, and that during the review he found the following facts documented;

Lampson

- On June 6, 1967 47 year old Ruby Lampson was reported missing
- She had lived in an apartment above the Falls View Tavern
- She was known to regularly associate in the Falls View Tavern below her apartment
- On the night of her disappearance she was last seen in the Hi-neighbor Tavern, about 12 blocks from the Falls View Tavern, with a much younger un-identified male
- Lampson's badly decomposed body which was mostly skeletal was found in the 7-mile ORV park in a

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shallow grave with women's clothing

- Lamson's recovery site was in very close proximity to the burial location of Dorothy Fielding, with both decedents being located within close proximity to the 7-mile ORV park
- No causes of death were discovered during the autopsy

**Fielding**

- On **August 19, 1967** 31-year-old Dorothy Fielding was reported missing
- She was married and having an affair with 34 year old Duke J. Pierson
- She worked at Rosaures with Duke Pierson who was the security manager for the store
- Duke Pierson had been employed by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office prior to working for Rosaures as a Detective Sgt.
- Dorothy was receiving hand written notes and flowers (Marigolds, Zinnies, Red and Pink Roses) in her car for days prior to her disappearance, she told friends the notes and flowers had scared her
- The flowers Fielding received were wrapped in tinfoil
- Duke Pierson's wife, Sandra Pierson, grew Marigolds and Zinnies in their yard, Duke Pierson's mother-in-law, Juanita Storch, grew red and pink roses and told police she commonly brought bouquets to Duke Pierson's home.
- Dorothy Fielding's vehicle was recovered at a local grocery store within days of her disappearance; cigarette butts were found in the car's ashtray and friends and family report that Dorothy Fielding did not smoke but Duke Pierson did
- Fielding's friend, Virginia Mckee, reported to police she was in Fielding's car 7 days prior to her

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disappearance and noted the ashtray was unused and empty at that time.

- Fielding's friends reported that Fielding would commonly meet her date at predetermined locations where the man would park his car and the two would take Fielding's car on dates.
- Dorothy Fielding's badly decomposed, mostly skeletal remains, were recovered in the 7-mile area, close to the 7-mile ORV park, in a shallow grave along with her work uniform and nametag
- Fielding's burial site was in very close to Lampson's burial site in the rural 7-mile area
- Fielding and Lampson's discovery sites were similar in that they were in close proximity to each other, both women were covered with small amounts of dirt, both sites were off small dirt trails and both were in a wooded area.
- Duke Pierson had separated from his wife Sandra Pierson for a period, prior to Dorothy Fielding's disappearance, and moved from his family home to the address of 2020 W. College in Spokane, which is very close to the Falls View Tavern location
- Duke and Sandra Pierson traveled to Hawaii after their separation and upon return the two had reconciled their marriage
- Duke Pierson's cousin, Bob Pierson, reported visiting with Duke Pierson upon his return from Hawaii and that Duke told him he had gotten his girlfriend from Rosaures pregnant and was in a "bind" as he was trying to repair his marriage to Sandra Pierson.
- Bob Pierson reported that Duke Pierson told him he had went to a doctor after learning of his girlfriend's pregnancy and was told by a doctor that he was likely capable of having children despite his vasectomy
- James Bittick, a co-worker of Fielding and Pierson, told police that Duke Pierson was spending much more time in the Rosaures store with Fielding the two weeks prior to her disappearance
- James Bittick also reported that Dorothy Fielding had gained weight in her face and legs and was coming to

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work nauseated in the mornings just prior to her disappearance

- James Bittick also told police he had attended SCC with Duke Pierson's wife, Sandra Pierson, and that in August of 1966 at Sandra's request he hid her vehicle at his house due to threats to Sandra from Duke Pierson
- Duke Pierson's wife Sandra Pierson died of a reported suicide in September of 1967, one month after Dorothy Fielding's disappearance and 3 months after Ruby Lampson's disappearance
- Duke re-married a woman named Donna shortly after his wife's death
- Duke Pierson was interviewed by Spokane County detectives, he admitted dating Dorothy Fielding from February 1967 until the time of her disappearance
- Duke told detective that he and Dorothy regularly went to bars and parked in their cars and socialized and kissed in their parked cars
- Duke Pierson denied that Dorothy Fielding told him she was pregnant and told detectives he had a vasectomy in 1957 making him incapable of having children
- Duke Pierson told Detectives that on August 15, 1967, 4 days before her disappearance, that Dorothy Fielding told him about the notes she had received in her car and was proud of the notes from the admirer
- Bobi Dipley (Aka: Reither/Dupley) who was a bartender at the Falls View Tavern, where Dorothy was on the bowling team and Ruby lived above, reported to police that Dorothy Fielding and Ruby Lampson were friends and associated together

**Sandra Pierson**

- On **September 12, 1967** 33 year old Sandra Pierson was found deceased in a vehicle in the family garage at 7714 N. Smith where she lived with her husband Duke Pierson and their children
- Sandra was the mother two children, Joel and Sherry Pierson, whom she had in common with her husband

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Joel Pierson, both children were juveniles at the time of death

- Sandra was found in the rear seat of the vehicle with a hose leading from the exhaust to a rear window
- Tinfoil was stuffed inside the exhaust pipe with the hose which led into the vehicle compartment
- Mrs Green, Sandra's grandmother, had seen Sandra 45 minutes prior to her being discovered deceased
- Sandra told her grandmother she was getting ready for work and was going to work an hour later than normal that day, showing no signs of distress
- Detectives found the main rolling door for the garage in a down position
- Detectives noted the garage contained a large amount of exhaust but that the vehicle engine was not running although the ignition was on and the car contained ½ tank of gas
- Detectives were unable to determine a reason the vehicle engine was not running
- At the time of autopsy Sandra Pierson was found to be 5'2" and 115lbs.
- Sandra Pierson was found to be pregnant at the time of autopsy with a fetus measuring 25cm and estimated 20 weeks pregnant

**Jerry E. Fielding can testify to the following:** In August of 1967 his wife was 31 year old Dorothy Fielding and they lived in Spokane WA together; Dorothy and he had two children in common; Dorothy had children from a previous marriage as well; Dorothy Fielding worked at the Rosaures grocery store chain in Spokane Washington; Dorothy's shift was swing shift hours and she would generally get off work and be home by midnight; on 08/17/67 his wife spent the night at their home and went to work on 08/18/67 to work a swing shift at Rosaures; Dorothy did not return home that evening; Dorothy Fielding was eventually reported as a missing person in Spokane WA; he was at a loss as to where Dorothy would have went as she was a devoted mother to their children; about six weeks prior to her disappearance he and Dorothy had an argument about Dorothy coming home several hours late from work;

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about this same time their intimacy including sexual relations ceased at Dorothy's request; during this time Dorothy would tell him she was too tired from work to engage in intimacy; Dorothy's vehicle was found by police and returned to him after having been located at a local grocery store several days after her disappearance; he did not know Dorothy Fielding to be a cigarette smoker; he was advised around 04/07/68 that Dorothy Fielding's badly decomposed body had been discovered in the 7-mile area of Spokane County WA.

**Bonnie L. Knight can testify to the following:** She was on the Falls View Tavern bowling team during the 1967 time frame; one of the bowling team members was Dorothy Fielding, up to the time she disappeared; the women on the Falls View Bowling team regularly associated at the Falls View Tavern and knew many of the patrons of the establishment; On several occasions she believed Dorothy was meeting men outside her marriage; on several occasions Dorothy would leave the group of girls early in the evening and stories about her meeting with other men after leaving the team would later surface.

**Virginia C. Sweiberg (Aka: Mckee/Stites) can testify to the following:** She worked at Rosaures grocery store with Dorothy Fielding and was a friend of Dorothy's; Dorothy had been acting abnormal for the two weeks leading up to her disappearance; she did not know Dorothy Fielding to smoke cigarettes; she was asked by detectives about Dorothy smoking cigarettes and who questioned her about cigarette butts found in the ashtray of Dorothy's recovered vehicle; on the weekend of 08/15/67, 7 days prior to Dorothy's disappearance, she and Dorothy took their children to the lake and drove Dorothy's vehicle; at that time she had an opportunity to see the ashtray in Dorothy's vehicle and noted it was clean and no cigarettes were in the ashtray; the week leading up to Dorothy's disappearance she was aware that Dorothy was receiving bouquets of garden flowers wrapped in tinfoil which were found Dorothy's car the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before her disappearance; the flowers were red roses, pink roses, zinnies and marigolds; the flowers were accompanied by notes from an apparent admirer of Dorothy's; she was aware that one note with flowers directed Dorothy to leave a note on the visor of her car for the admirer if Dorothy wished to have a dinner date with the admirer; Dorothy told her after receiving the last note she was afraid as the last note indicated that the admirer loved Dorothy; during general discussions Dorothy had talked about leaving her husband; she was aware that Dorothy Fielding was dating Duke Pierson during this time; that she knew Duke Pierson to be the security manager for Rosaures company where both she and Dorothy worked; She knew Dorothy to be seeing Duke Pierson from about May of 1967 up until Dorothy's disappearance in August of 1967; that in 1968 after speaking to police she began receiving phone calls from a male at her private residence to her

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unlisted telephone number; the male caller was directing her to "Keep her big mouth shut" and threatening her life; that the caller would have had access to her unlisted number in one of two ways, which could have only been accessed via her records at her place of employment, Rosaures, by another employee or from Dorothy Fielding's personal address book which Dorothy kept in her purse;

**Michael Pierson can testify to the following:** He is the son of Bob Pierson, Duke Pierson's cousin; that he was raised in his father's house on North Smith Road in Spokane which was just blocks from Duke Pierson's home in the 1960s and 1970s; that his father died on 11/18/18; that he is aware of Sandra Pierson's death in September of 1967 which he understood to be reported as a suicide; that he is aware Sandra Pierson was found deceased in her garage at 7714 N. Smith in Spokane County WA; that his father was very upset within a very short time after the death of Sandra Pierson; that Bob Pierson was very mad and "spouting off and venting" and "letting it all out" and that his father Bob Pierson told him that Duke Pierson was involved in the death of a pregnant woman who worked at Rosaures and that he also suspected him having some involvement in Sandra Pierson's death;

**Sherry Gabert can testify to the following:** Her maiden last name was Pierson and she is the daughter of Duke J. Pierson and Sandra Pierson; she lived in the home with her parents in 1967 and was 15 years old; She recalled Duke Pierson abruptly leaving law enforcement and beginning to work at Rosaures; she found this odd as Duke had always been excited about being a police officer and even had Sandra keeping scrap books about his career for him; her mother, Sandra Pierson, could not open and/or close the garage door and needed assistance due to her physical size and the garage door being heavy and hard to use; she was aware that Duke Pierson told her brother, Joel Pierson, that he never wanted him shortly after the death of Sandra Pierson; months prior to her mother's death that Duke Pierson had moved into an apartment which she visited, that it was an apartment and not a house; Duke had moved to this location after Duke had brought a woman to the family home, which she believed may have been Donna, Duke's second wife; as a result of this things blew up between her parents and Duke moved to the apartment; Duke Pierson had travelled to Hawaii prior to her mother's death; Duke Pierson wrote her mother a letter from Hawaii and invited her to Hawaii to reconcile the marriage; upon the return from Hawaii Duke moved back into the family home; after her mother's death she found this letter Duke had written inviting her mother to Hawaii and kept it; she allowed Detective Keyser to take photographs of the letter; Duke Pierson married a woman named Donna a month after her mother's death and that Donna moved into the family home; she felt bad for Donna in the relationship but cannot recall what made her feel that way at the time; she knew her mother to grow

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marigold and zinnia flowers in the yard of their house at 7714 N. Smith; she also knew her grandmother, Junita Storch, who lived on the same street, to grow red and pink roses; that she believed it common for her grandmother to bring red and pink roses to Sandra and Duke's house to share with Sandra who was very close with her mother; she was aware of her father Duke Pierson smoking cigarettes during this time frame; after her mother's death she learned that her mother, Sandra Pierson, had been pregnant at the time of her death; after Sandra's death Duke Pierson told a story that Sandra was pregnant with another man's child; her father Duke Pierson was heavily into hypnotism during this timeframe; she had seen Duke hypnotize people including Donna and have them do what would appear to be physically impossible tasks; her father was arrested for drug smuggling in the early 1970s and she visited him in federal prison one time during his incarceration; she has had a dwindling relationship with Duke Pierson since that time and rarely has spoken with him over the years; that Duke Pierson told her he had a vasectomy after the birth of her brother, Joel Pierson, as he never wanted any more kids; that she was aware that Duke Pierson showed her mother's autopsy report to neighbors, pointing out that Sandra had been pregnant at the time of death, and indicating he was incapable of having children in what she saw as a way to justify Sandra's death/suicide; She grew up with Duke Pierson as her father, and knew him during the time frame in question and she believes Duke Pierson was involved in the death of Sandra Pierson.

**Michael Pierson can further testify that:** He knew Sandra Pierson prior to her death; she was a very small woman standing about 5'2" and weighing about 120lbs at the most; he was a very athletic youth at 6' tall and 135lbs and had a very hard time opening or closing the garage door at Duke and Sandra Pierson's home; that it was common knowledge in the Pierson family that Sandra had issues with the Garage door and he did not think she could open or close the door;

**Joel Pierson can testify to the following:** He is the son of Duke J. Pierson and Sandra Pierson; he knew his mother, Sandra Pierson, and her mother, Junita Storch to both grow flowers; Juanita Storch lived on the same street as he and his parents in 1967; directly after his mother's death he was 13 years old and Duke Pierson had told him he that he (Duke) had gotten a vasectomy after his birth and that he never wanted Joel and relayed to Joel that his birth was a mistake; his father had been adamant throughout his life that he never wanted children and hadn't wanted Joel as his child; he has not spoken with his father for 20 years; he knows Duke Pierson to be a "control freak" who has to control everything in his life; his mother and father had separated prior to his mother's death; during the separation his mother went to Hawaii to meet his father; upon their return Duke Pierson moved back

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into the house; after the reconciliation he saw and heard his mother and father in their bedroom arguing over what his mother or father had called a suicide kit; that he perceived things were going bad for his mother and that he fled the house to get his grandfather; that he saw the suicide kit which was a box that contained multiple items including what he thought was a gun, pills and other items; he was aware of that a hose was used in his mother's death and that he had also later read a letter Duke wrote to Sandra where Duke mentioned a hose; that he is aware his mother died in the garage at 7714 N. Smith; he was aware that his mother could not open or close the garage door due to her size and strength; he recalls himself and neighborhood boys regularly having to open or close the garage door for his mother as there was something wrong with the door track or closing mechanism; he views Duke Pierson as a narcissist who is a very scary guy; Duke Pierson bragged to him about being able to influence people with his size and demeanor; he knew his mother Sandra to be a very meek and naive woman; that it's his opinion Sandra Pierson would not have the knowledge or will to harm herself in the manner in which she died; at one point when he was a teenager, after his mother's death, he had an argument with Duke at which time Duke told him he did not know if he would be able to restrain himself from killing Joel; that he believed Duke could and would kill him; that everyone he knew was "scared to death" of Duke Pierson; he knew Duke Pierson to be a person who could not handle things looking poorly upon him; he recalls Duke Pierson talking about a girl at Rosaures in a discussion; that he knew his father to practice hypnotism and recalls him practicing on several people including Donna, Duke's 2<sup>nd</sup> wife; he had known his father to regularly only date women he could control; he was at the house at 7714 N. Smith with Duke Pierson when federal agents arrested his father for cocaine smuggling in the early 1970s; Duke Pierson had bragged to him that he had created the suitcases that the cocaine was smuggled inside of; Duke Pierson had discussed the drug operation and that persons he was involved with were calling "hits" on people; he knew Duke Pierson to be familiar with the 7-mile/9-mile area of Spokane; Duke had bragged to him about taking a new police motorcycle into the 7-mile area and getting the motorcycle stuck on backroad and having to have the motorcycle towed;

**Sally Aiken can testify to the following:** She employed as a Medical Examiner by the County of Spokane; She has reviewed the death records/autopsies for Ruby Lamspon, Dorothy Fielding and Sandra Pierson; All three women died between June 1967 and September 1967 in Spokane County WA; official autopsy reports indicate that Sandra Pierson was pregnant at the time of death and the fetus was measured at 25 cm; that the pregnancy was estimated at 20 weeks;

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**Larry Erickson can testify to the following:** He worked for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office from the 1960's until 1994 when he retired after having served as the elected Spokane County Sheriff from 1980 to 1995; he knew Duke Pierson as a co-worker and Detective Sergeant within the Spokane County Sheriff's Office during the 1960s; at one time he was closely associated with Duke Pierson and associated and worked with him regularly; in 1966 Duke Pierson stopped reporting to work at the Sheriff's Office; Duke Pierson had been a good employee up until that time frame when his attitude and demeanor changed significantly; he and Lieutenant Tiplady were assigned by then Sheriff Reilly to contact Duke Pierson at his residence and determine why he was not coming to work; upon arrival at Duke Pierson's home that both he and Lt. Tiplady were threatened by Duke Pierson for no apparent reason; Duke Pierson threatened to kill or shoot both he and Tiplady; Duke Pierson was clearly mentally unstable in his opinion based on his training and experience; Pierson made statements to he and Lt. Tiplady that persons within the department were after him and other nonsensical statements which he and Lt. Tiplady; he and Lt. Tiplady advised Sheriff Reilly of the odd and concerning behavior of Duke Pierson; for some time after this he and other Sheriff's employees openly voiced concerns about Duke Pierson harming himself or others; within a short time frame Sheriff Reilly fired Duke Pierson from the Sheriff's Office; during this time frame he knew Sheriff Reilly to commonly allow deputies to resign in lieu of termination and believes that was a possibility with Duke Pierson; within days of the disappearance of Dorothy Fielding, in August 1967, he had contact with Duke Pierson at University City in the Spokane Valley and completed a report about his interaction; during the conversation with Duke Pierson, Duke mentioned a checker who worked at Rosaures who had turned up missing and that her car had been located but no trace of the woman; Duke Pierson inquired if Erickson had heard anything about the case and he told Duke he had not; Duke told him he knew the woman but only through working together and having lunch a few times together a couple of times; that he was aware Duke Pierson's wife died as a result of a reported suicide shortly thereafter in September 1967; that he felt based on his training and experience that Duke Pierson was capable of killing someone during the time frame of 1966-1967 due to his interaction with Duke and Duke's behavior;

**Donald Manning Sr can testify to the following:** He worked for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office from 1961 until 1996 retiring as a Chief Criminal Deputy; He was aware of the investigation into Duke Pierson's wife's death, Sandra Pierson; He was aware of the death investigations of Dorothy Fielding and Ruby Lampson; that he was aware of Duke Pierson working for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office and was also aware that Duke Pierson was a practicing hypnotist; Duke Pierson bragged about using his wife to practice hypnotism; he was aware that after

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Duke Pierson left the Spokane County Sheriff's Office that he was arrested on a federal drug charge which he believed occurred in 1974;

**Donna Sue Braaten can testify to the following:** that she moved to Spokane Washington in 1964 and later worked at a restaurant in Spokane WA; Spokane County Deputies regularly came to the restaurant where she worked; she met Duke Pierson shortly after 1964 via the restaurant; She began dating Duke Pierson who was married to another woman, Sandra Pierson; Duke Pierson told her that his wife did not understand him; she would meet Pierson in arranged locations and they would leave Dukes car at the location and take hers to their destination; that they did this so often that Duke discovered a transmission problem which he would have to fix on a regular basis when they were using her vehicle; she became aware of a woman who had went missing from Rosaures where she knew Duke Pierson to work; she recalled Duke Pierson had said things during their relationship to her which caused her concern regarding the missing female who was later found dead; Duke had told her several times during their relationship that if she had ever went against him or if she ever tried to leave him that he would make sure she did not wake up, that she would not hurt, but she would be done; during the relationship with Duke Pierson he talked about a girl who was missing and would kind of laugh about it; these situations gave her a very bad feeling regarding Duke's capabilities to harm her; Duke had told her he knew the missing woman; that she was aware of a time when Duke Pierson had moved from his family home into his own place West of the Spokane County Court House while his wife remained at the family home on Smith St; that the location Duke Pierson lived in during the separation was blocks from Monroe Street and the Spokane River (Falls View Tavern location); that she visited him at this location and Duke Pierson told her he was trying to mend the relationship with his wife so he could go back home; Duke Pierson told her at that time that his wife was pregnant with another man's child; she had actually been brought to Duke's family home during this time in what she believed was March or April of 1967 where Duke introduced her as a friend to his wife; in the fall of 1967 she learned about the death of Dukes wife Sandra; that she learned Duke was living in the family home again and contacted him; that she again began dating Duke and married Duke and within 1-2 months of the death of Sandra Pierson, and moved in to Duke's home with him and his children; after marrying Duke Pierson she learned he had been suspected in the death of other women and confronted him about this; Duke told her he couldn't do that and asked her why she would think that; she also became suspicious of the death of Sandra Pierson; she was aware that Sandra Pierson was found inside the garage at 7714 N. Smith; that based on living at the location herself after Sandra's death she did not believe it was possible for Sandra to open the garage door by herself as she herself was unable to open/close the garage door; she became

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suspicious of Duke Pierson's involvement in hypnotism; Duke would regularly use her as student to practice hypnotism after she married him; Duke Pierson was very good at hypnotizing people; Duke could place her under hypnotism and have her do things she normally could not physically do or would not willingly do or something the next day under hypnotism;

Donna can further testify that during the dating portion of the relationship with Duke that he would leave flowers for her to find; on one occasion she found flowers at her home which were from Duke Pierson; one point she had to put a restraining order against Duke Pierson that during this time Duke Pierson had left her notes in her car for her; she knew Duke Pierson was watching her and knew where she had been during this time; the notes would say things like "I saw you..."; she had not gotten notes like these prior to the restraining order or during the dating process but only after the restraining order had been issued against Duke; during her relationship with Duke Pierson he was extremely jealous of other men being around her; he forced her to quit a job with a car dealership as she worked in the front office around men, Duke required her to ask for a job in the warehouse so as not to be around men;

Donna can further testify that after she married Duke Pierson that his behavior toward her changed greatly; she was unable to go anywhere or do anything without Duke's permission; Duke was very controlling toward her; Duke became both physically and verbally abusive to her; that if she did not perform sexually to his liking he would become aggressive and began to call her names like "whore" and "bitch"; he would become angry and put his hands around her neck and hold her down; he liked to choke her during sex and this scared her; Duke was "Jekyll and Hyde" during these times when he was angry; Duke Pierson would force her to perform sexual acts through the use of violence; Duke Pierson had hurt her physically during sex by forcing his penis into her vagina while holding her down; she considers the action he took toward her as rape; Duke's daughter, Sherry, had the bedroom next to her and Duke's bedroom; Sherry apologized to her for her father's behavior toward Donna after a violent night; at one point she tried to leave the marriage and Duke Pierson, Duke Pierson told her "If I am done with you, I am done with you, but nobody else will have you"; Duke Pierson told her he knew people that he could have her "taken care of" if he needed; She understood this to be a threat against her life; she began noticing Duke Pierson was hiding paperwork from her that he was working on; she confronted him and asked if it was legal or illegal and he stared at her; she asked to be let out of the marriage if it was illegal as she didn't want to be involved in illegal acts; Duke he told her he would allow that and directed her not to ask for anything other than what he thought she deserved from

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the marriage; she moved from the family home into her own residence; Duke threatened her in many ways when she left the family home; Duke told her something bad could happen to her horses if she didn't move further away from him; Duke began following her little sister, currently named Debbie Keck, when Debbie was in high school; Duke tried picking up her sister from school as a threat of kidnapping and to scare Donna; she confronted Duke Pierson who told her he did this to show her that he could take Debbie any time he wanted to; Duke Pierson threatened and intimidated her to the point she did move further away from him; she received a restraining order against Duke Pierson due to his actions; Duke Pierson confronted her about the order saying, "You should know that would never stop me"; during this time frame that Duke's daughter, Sherry, had asked her if she felt like Duke had murdered her mother, Sandra; Larry Erickson told her that he was concerned for Duke's ability to hurt himself and/or others during this time; she recalled being told by police that Duke Pierson was suspect in the deaths of three women including a woman from Rosaures; a woman found in West Spokane off Old Trails Road and his wife, Sandra; that her divorce from Duke Pierson was final in 1972; that she was aware he later went to prison and that upon his release he contacted her and she kept her distance from him;

**Deborah Keck can testify to the following:** She is the younger sister of Donna Braaten; that after the separation/divorce of Donna and Duke Pierson that Duke began contacting her at school when she was a teenager; he would invite her into his car and that Duke Pierson and his actions scared her; she was aware during the marriage that Duke Pierson was very controlling over Donna per conversations she had with Donna during the time frame;

**Diane R. Jewett can testify to the following:** She met Duke Pierson at a local Spokane restaurant and was married to him 2 months later in about 1973; that they were married for 6-9 months and Duke Pierson was arrested and sent to prison for cocaine smuggling; she had never known Duke Pierson to have male friends; Duke Pierson was released early from prison after about 1.5 years and arrived at her work; that she was having a conversation with a male co-worker when Duke arrived at her work and Duke became very upset and jealous and "blew-up" and began divorce proceedings against her; she was only allowed back into the home to get some items and that Duke kept most of her personal items including her passport and other important documents and only allowed her to take her motorcycle and some clothing;

**Detective Keyser can testify to the following:** He utilized satellite and earth map measuring tools to measure the

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distance between Fielding and Lampson's recovery sites; he found the distance between the burial sites to be 1.81 miles; that based on the fact that both victims were buried in shallow graves with their clothing, that both victims were killed within 2 months of each other in Spokane Washington in 1967, both victims associated at the Falls View Tavern, both victims were buried in a very rural area of Spokane County within very close proximity to each other, both victim's burial sites were off small dirt trail/roads in wooded areas, that based on his training and experience that it is highly likely, statistically speaking, that one perpetrator was involved in both deaths.

Keyser is aware from training and experience that deputies with the Spokane County Sheriff's Office have been in the past and are still trained to memorize the areas throughout Spokane County; that as part of the training process deputies are expected to know and be familiar with all major locations throughout Spokane County and how to access those areas from a variety of locations utilizing varying paths of travel; and that during the normal course of duty a deputy sheriff is trained and expected to patrol/prowl the less traveled areas and pathways utilized by off road vehicles to access areas throughout the county; based on this information Keyser knows it likely that Duke Pierson would have had to have been familiar with the 7 mile area and particularly an area such as the 7-mile ORV park where calls for service from patrol would be routine.

Keyser knows from training and experience that strangulation and suffocation are likely causes of death in homicide cases where no cause of death can be determined; he is aware that strangulation, causing death can result in only tissue damage to the neck of the victim; he is also aware that if the victim's tissue is decomposed at the time of autopsy that the likelihood of discovering strangulation as the cause of death is medically unlikely.

Keyser is also aware that a trained Detective Sergeant would be aware that strangulation causing death leaves little or no evidence regarding the cause of death, if the victim endures decomposition prior to discovery by police.

Keyser can further testify that he interviewed several persons in this investigation including Sherrie Gabert, Duke and Sandra Pierson's daughter; he took photographs of a letter and that he found the following:

- The letter addressed to Sandra and signed by Duke
- The letter indicated Duke was in Hawaii when he authored it and that he was inviting Sandra to Hawaii to reconsider the marriage

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- Duke wrote "I haven't been able to talk to you lately without seeming to lose control of myself"
- Duke wrote that he had tried to hurt Sandra with "insults and threats" and admits to treating their son poorly
- Duke writes that his last year had been chaotic or out of control
- Duke wrote that things were very dark in his life and it did not involve Sandra and "when I left the house that day I had another idea all together. It didn't involve you but things were at their darkest ebb, believe me"
- Duke writes about Sandra's unwillingness to talk to him alone or be with him for a short period. He indicates there has been a problem with him not allowing Sandra to come and go as she wished. He continues on writing "You really mean very much to me and I care where you are all of the time because I worry about you"
- Duke indicates that Sandra can continue the divorce (indicating she initiated the divorce) if he doesn't change if they reconcile
- Duke seems to confirm he had supplied or provided a hose to Sandra which was intended to harm Sandra and wrote ""As far as situation about the hose, I told you truly that the only reason I agreed to it was to let you see that you couldn't do anything more than I could do to you..."

Keyser can further testify that he located records showing Duke Pierson was employed by the Spokane County Sheriff's Office from 1959 until September 30, 1966; that Spokane County Sheriff's Office records indicate that Pierson departed the agency in 1966 as "resigned" in the position of Sergeant of Detectives; police reports indicating that Duke Pierson lived at 7714 N. Smith in Spokane as well as at 2020 W. College St. during the 1966-1967 time frame; that he located arrest records for Duke J. Pierson where Pierson pled guilty to conspiracy to smuggle cocaine on 10/15/74 and was sentenced to two years federal prison on 02/19/75 with an additional 3 years of special probation upon release;

Keyser can further testify that he determined the Falls View Tavern was located on Monroe Street at the Spokane

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River in 1967; that this location is within 12-20 blocks of the address of 2020 W College where Duke Pierson was residing during the spring/summer of 1967.

Keyser can further testify that he was able to determine that Duke J. Pierson was currently 85 years old and resided in Andalusia Alabama with his current wife, Luzviminda "Lucy" Pierson; that on 04/16/18 he contacted Duke J. Pierson in Andalusia Alabama; Duke J. Pierson consented to a recorded interview; during the interview Duke J. Pierson denied knowing Ruby Lampson or Dorothy Fielding; Pierson was shown photographs of Dorothy Fielding and told Fielding worked at Rosaures; Pierson denied knowing Fielding and denied ever being interviewed by detectives regarding Fielding's death; Pierson said he dated thousands of women and if he had dated Fielding that the relationship lasted no more than one week; Pierson denied having any male friends during the time frame in question as they were "competitors"; Keyser inquired about hunting/rural area's in Spokane that Pierson might be familiar with; Pierson denied hunting saying "Not really, I was hunting but not four legged things" and laughed; Pierson denied frequenting the Falls View Tavern; Pierson said, "If I dated them it's possible that I don't remember" regarding photographs of Lampson and Fielding which he was shown; Pierson admitted he had lived at 7714 N. Smith in Spokane and denied ever living in an apartment in Spokane, but did indicate he had rented a house for a period of time; Pierson indicated he was widowed by a wife who took her own life in 1967; Pierson said his deceased wife was pregnant by someone other than him at the time of death; Duke Pierson admitted to moving to the Philippines in 1984 where he said he was in a gun battle during an attempted robbery of his estate; Duke said he was a Detective Sergeant for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office for 3-4 years prior to going to work as the Chief of Security for Rosaures Supermarkets;

Keyser can further testify that Pierson admitted to knowing Larry Erickson; Pierson said Erickson was his first "partner"; Pierson said he had known Lt. Tiplady who Pierson said he was good friends with; Pierson denied ever having a confrontation where he threatened to kill Erickson and Tiplady at his house; Pierson admitted he smoked cigarettes during the time in question; Pierson told him that Bob Pierson was his cousin who lived near him in the 1960s; Keyser provided facts from police reports where Bob Pierson indicated that Duke Pierson had told him that Duke had impregnated his girlfriend at Rosaures; Duke laughed and said that Bob knew he had a vasectomy and said, "why he would say that is beyond me"; Keyser provided statements in police reports from Bob Pierson when Duke told Bob about being "in a bind" due to his pregnant girlfriend from Rosaures and the discussion about Duke's capability of fathering children due to a failed; Duke Pierson told Keyser that Bob Pierson was being vindictive

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when he made those statements to police.

Keyser can further testify he confronted Duke Pierson with police reports from Detective Hadley at the time of Duke Pierson's interview regarding the death of Dorothy Fielding; Keyser confronted Pierson that he had earlier told police that he had dated Fielding for 6 months; Duke responded to Keyser by saying "That's funny because Don Hadley was a partner, not a partner, well at one time. We were in the Sheriff's Office together for years and for him to say that it's probably true, but honest to God I have no knowledge of it whatsoever";

Keyser can testify that Pierson made a statement, "Really, you no nobody, now this I remember, because I remember that general period. I have never been interviewed to my memory, of course who knows, about any murder or being suspect in anything during that time period...";

Keyser can testify that Duke Pierson told him he regularly gave flowers to women during the 1960s; and that when confronted about the particular flowers left in Dorothy Fielding's vehicle prior to her death Pierson said, "Without any doubt it was from me"; Pierson admitted his late wife had grown flowers at their home but denied giving anyone flowers from their yard; Duke Pierson denied ever parking his car and using women's vehicles he was dating, he insisted he always drove his car;

Keyser can further testify that he read Pierson facts from the original police reports regarding Dorothy Fielding's pregnancy and Pierson's statements to Detectives that a different unnamed Rosaures employee accused Duke of fathering her child; Pierson said he did recall this but could not remember who the woman was that accused him of being the father of a child, but added that he went to the doctor that very same day and had a doctor check his vasectomy; Duke at one point in the conversation also said that he had never been accused of fathering a child;

Keyser can further testify that Duke said, "I will tell you this, I am sure if I had killed somebody I would remember, if everything else had failed out of my memory that would probably still be there, but I have never killed anyone, I have never even thought about killing anyone".

Keyser can further testify that during the interview with Pierson that Pierson admitted being sent to federal prison but said it was for a minor thing that he couldn't recall, but that he had only been sentenced to prison due to having been a Deputy Sheriff; Keyser confronted him with the fact he went to prison for drug smuggling and Pierson then

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agreed but minimized his involvement by saying he never smuggled drugs.

Keyser asked Duke if he was 100% positive that his DNA would not match a suspect DNA in this case and Duke said, "...If you say I dated her, maybe I did, but I'm.. if I touched her, I don't know"; Keyser asked Duke Pierson if he ever strangled a woman during sex and Duke laughed and said, "Not me, I never been violent, I'm a tender person, I have never been violent with any sex I had, not my style."

Keyser can testify that at one point when discussing the investigation Duke said, "If I had done anything bad like that, I'm sure that would have stayed in my memory, there's just no way I have ever done hurt anybody, cuz I don't hurt people";

Keyser can further testify that he relayed statements from James Bittick in police reports about having to hide Sandra Pierson's vehicle due to threats by Duke Pierson; Duke Pierson told Keyser that he believed in records and that he knew people didn't lie on things but felt there were misconceptions as none of this made sense;

Keyser can further testify based on his training and experience it appeared as though Duke Pierson was trying to convince Keyser that he could not recall details of the past, however Keyser noted that Pierson was able to give very specific details about dates, people, locations and events during the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's but that Duke Pierson claimed to not be able to remember issues that were only related to the investigation of the death of Ruby Lampson and Dorothy Fielding.

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