

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION ASSESSMENT UNIT
Missing Person Case Assessment
Victim: Ray GRICAR W/N-M-59
Date Missing: April 15th, 2005
Dates of Assessment: 15-17 November, 2006

On April 15, 2005 Centre County D.A. Ray Gricar went missing from Bellefonte, Centre County. His vehicle was recovered on April 16, 2005 in a parking lot near the Susquehanna River in Lewisburg, Union County.

In May, 2006 the current Centre County District Attorney, Michael Madiera, and the Bellefonte Police Chief, Shawn Weaver, requested the PSP CIA Unit conduct an assessment of the Ray Gricar Missing Person Case. Cpl. Roger Smith, the Troop G CIA Unit member, gathered case information from Bellefonte P.D. and prepared a presentation for the assessment.

The assessment was held November 15-17 at the PSP Southwest Training Center in Greensburg, PA. Present were 19 members of the PSP CIA Unit from across the state, four members of the Bellefonte Police Department, including Chief Shawn Weaver, and for the first day of the assessment, DA Michael Madiera.

The assessment consisted of an analysis of the demographics of both the area where Ray Gricar resided and the area where his vehicle was recovered. The assessment also consisted of a detailed victimology compiled from various sources, including interviews with family members and coworkers, and a risk assessment based on Ray Gricar's criminal case history. A detailed scene analysis was conducted using crime scene photos, aerial photos, and review of the documentation when Gricar's vehicle was processed by the Troop F Forensic Services Unit. Gricar's home and work computers were forensically examined by a PSP computer crime investigator and the results from that examination were compiled and reviewed as part of the assessment process.

Based on the detailed assessment and additional information gathered from the Bellefonte PD investigators, the following investigative strategies were recommended by the PSP CIA Unit. Upon approval, this list will be forwarded to the Bellefonte Police Department accompanied by an offer of assistance in pursuing the listed strategies:

1. Convene an investigating grand jury, or submit the case to the state investigating grand jury in order to assist in obtaining records and to compel witness testimony
2. Thorough and multi-source timeline on Gricar
3. A full review of the entire contents of Gricar's home and work computers
4. Re-enactment using a dummy dropped from the most likely location into the river to determine where a body may have been carried by the currents
5. Expert analysis of the river by a hydrologist and forensic anthropologist to determine the most likely places for a body to have been deposited and/or decomposed
6. Based on analysis of river, re-dive and search for Gricar using video equipment to document visibility

7. If indicated, use heavy equipment to excavate most likely recovery locations in the river.
8. Thorough review of financial issues surrounding Gricar's retirement beneficiary and any and all accounts ever held in his name or jointly
9. Background checks on all potential convicted persons cross-referenced with Gricar's timeline
10. Obtain copies and interview investigators regarding the suicide of Gricar's brother in Ohio
11. Check PennDOT records for other Mini Cooper vehicles in the area and interview operators to rule in or out possible sightings of Gricar in the area
12. Attempt to obtain satellite images of the area contemporaneous to the time of disappearance
13. Place phone trap or trace on Gricar's daughter's phone in the event Gricar should call
14. Reinterview all office members
15. Search ViCAP and NCIC database for all unidentified deceased recoveries since the disappearance
16. Enter Gricar's DNA into the CODIS Missing Person DNA database
17. Recontact Earthlink (Gricar's ISP) to verify if all his search records have been deleted from their server and are absolutely unrecoverable
18. Have a forensic accountant review all of Gricar's financial records for hidden money reserves or inconsistencies
19. Establish a monitor on existing joint accounts to be alerted if anyone attempts to access money
20. Interview the crime scene photographer to determine if the vehicle seats had been moved in any way prior to photographing
21. Position the seats in the vehicle and measure the distance to determine if Gricar could have been seated in the driver and/or passenger seat
22. Ask Patty Fornicola what information was on the laptop computer and why it needed to be erased
23. Obtain weather records from the date of Gricar's disappearance and provide same to hydrologist for analysis
24. Interview attendees of the Prison Board meeting to determine if Gricar was acting abnormally
25. Research how Gricar's father died and if it has any bearing on Gricar's disappearance
26. Obtain a timeline of all the significant dates in Gricar's life, i.e., wedding anniversaries, spouse, ex-spouse and family member birth/death dates, to determine if the date of his disappearance had any significance
27. Firmly establish a detailed clothing description of Gricar when last seen, i.e., brands, sizes, colors of all clothing and shoes
28. Determine if Gricar left behind any significant items of sentimental value, i.e., jewelry, that he would have normally been wearing
29. Reinterview family and friends specifically asking about suicide and any threats he may have ever made
30. Polygraph all individuals speaking about Gricar's disappearance or death

31. Photograph and document the area in Ohio where Gricar's brother committed suicide and compare that to the location in Lewisburg
32. Check all the antique shops listed in the brochures recovered in Gricar's vehicle to determine when he had last been there
33. Place mail covers on all the significant persons in Gricar's life in the event he reaches out to anyone
34. Establish a timeline for all the significant persons in Gricar's life during the time of the incident
35. Check with the Insurance Fraud Prevention Board to determine if Gricar had any life insurance the family was unaware of
36. Search the phone records of the significant persons in Gricar's life to determine any suspicious communication
37. Consider polygraph of family or friends of Gricar regarding contact since Gricar's disappearance
38. Trace Gricar's brother's identification to determine if it is possible Gricar assumed his deceased brother's identity, passport, driver's license, Social Security Card, etc.
39. Check the county email system to find their back up copies of any Gricar emails
40. Run Canadian check of Gricar and his brother's information to determine if he may have re-located to Canada
41. Perform forensic toolmark examination of the laptop hard drive to confirm if it came from the recovered laptop
42. Obtain sources (DA's Association, family, etc.) for additional reward money to assist with lead information
43. Request suspicious activity reports from the FBI/IRS on all Gricar accounts
44. Obtain all medical and mental health records for Gricar
45. Obtain and search all previous county computers used by Gricar
46. Submit pertinent information to Missing Person web site doenetwork.org
47. While river level is low, employ cadaver dogs on the islands and embankments in the area of disappearance and a substantial distance downstream
48. Determine if there were any defendants or convicted offenders who would have benefited from Gricar's death
49. Determine through interviews of former girlfriends/wives if he had ever broken up with them and if so, was it predictable that he was going to do it. Were there any similar behaviors prior to his disappearance
50. Attempt to determine if he had any other email accounts, i.e., yahoo, AOL, hotmail and if so, obtain all emails
51. Have Gricar's vehicle re-processed for trace or DNA evidence.
52. Establish as close as possible the exact context and Gricar's emotional tone during his last phone call to Patty Fornicola
53. Determine if Gricar ever consulted with the Impaired Attorney Program through the PA Bar Association

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Assessment Agenda Wednesday 11/15/06

- 1300: Unit gathers at SWTC
 - Room/meal issues, general housekeeping
 - Introductions
 - Comments from D.A. Michael Madiera
 - Comments from Chief Shawn Weaver, Bellefonte P.D.
 - Purpose statement
 - Define assessment process and expectations
- 1400: Synopsis of case by Cpl. Roger Smith and Bellefonte P.D.
- 1500: Distribution of Case Materials
 - Related documents
 - Assessment Outline
- 1530 Adjourn for the day

Assessment Agenda Thursday 11/16/06

- 0830: Meeting begins
 - Assessment topics:
 - Demographics
 - Victimology / Social autopsy
 - Crime scene assessment
 - Pre-crime behavior: victim and/or offender
 - Crime behavior: victim and/or offender
 - Post-crime behavior: victim and/or offender
- 1130-1230: Lunch
 - Assessment topics:
 - Overview of evidence
 - Victim and offender risk assessment
 - Typology (if supported by reflective crime scene assessment)

Assessment Agenda Thursday 11/16/06

- Assessment topics, cont'd.:
 - Suspect profile (if supported by crime scene assessment)
 - Introduction of persons-of-interest
 - Interview strategy, if applicable
 - Investigative recommendations
 - Operational needs
- 1530: Adjourn for the day

Assessment Agenda

Friday 11/17/06

- 0830: Reconvene meeting
 - Re-evaluate assessment
 - Around-the-room investigative recommendations / professional opinions
 - Questions from Bellefonte P.D.

- NLT 1200: Adjourn