

The Investigation of the Washington DC Area Snipers

John Allen Muhammad

Lee Boyd Malvo

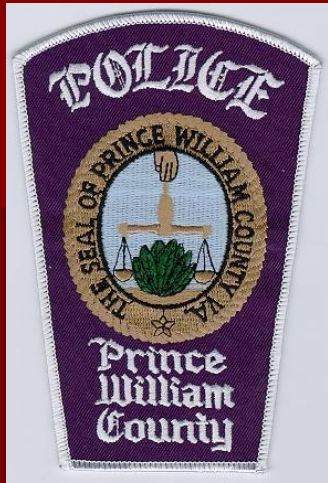
(Feb. 16 – Oct. 24, 2002)

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco
Firearms and Explosives

A Multi-Agency / Multi-jurisdictional Investigation



Victims of Muhammad/Malvo and Summary of Evidence

| THUR SEP 5 Prince Georges County PD | SUN SEP 15 Prince Georges County PD | SAT SEP 21 Montgomery, AL PD | MON SEP 23 Baton Rouge, LA PD | THUR OCT 3 Montgomery County PD | THUR OCT 3 Montgomery County PD | THUR OCT 3 Montgomery County PD | THUR OCT 3 Metropolitan PD | FRI OCT 4 Spotsylvania County SO | MON OCT 7 Prince Georges County PD | WED OCT 9 Prince William County PD | FRI OCT 11 Spotsylvania County SO | MON OCT 14 Fairfax County PD | SAT OCT 19 Sussex County SO | TUE OCT 22 Montgomery County PD | TUE OCT 24 Frederick County PD | | |
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| MARGIELLA 2000 Stuart Lane Clinton, MD | THREE ROAD LIQUOR 11104 Silverdale Rd Clinton, MD | ABC BEVERAGE STORE 7000 Jolly Rd Montgomery, AL | BEAUTY DEPOT 9000 Bayou Blvd Baton Rouge, LA | MOBIL STATION 4100 Aspen Hill Rd Silver Spring, MD | LEISURE WORLD PLAZA 800 International Dr Silver Spring, MD | SHELL STATION 7015 Crestfield Ave Kensington, MD | SIDEWALK 7700 4th Ave Georgetown, DC | MICHAEL'S 2000 Plaza Rd Fredericksburg, VA | BENJAMIN TASER MS 601 Columbia Rd Bowie, MD | SUNOCO STATION 1202 Bailey Rd Newman, VA | EXXON STATION 3200 Jefferson Dunes Hwy Massachusetts, VA | HOME DEPOT 4210 Arlington Blvd Falls Church, VA | PONDEROSA STEAK HOUSE 509 England St Arland, VA | INTERSECTION 14718 Grand Pkwy Rd Aspen Hill, MD | REST STOP Interstate 75 Frederick, MD | | |
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| Paul LARUFFA 33 YRS Attempted MURDER: shot 5 times off side to vehicle in parking lot | Muhammad RASHEED 32 YRS Attempted MURDER: shot in abdomen while closing store | Claudine L. PARKER 52 YRS MURDER: 1 shot to the back | Kellie ADAMS 24 YRS Attempted MURDER: 1 shot to side of foot | Hong In BALLEWISER 48 YRS MURDER: shot while closing store | Pratikumar WALEKAR 54 YRS MURDER: one shot to the back as he pumped gas into car | Sarah RAMOS 34 YRS MURDER: one shot to the head as she sat in a bench | Lori Ann LEWIS-REVERA 33 YRS MURDER: one shot to the back as she vacuumed out van | Paschal CHARLOT 32 YRS Attempted MURDER: one shot to chest as he walked as she put parcel into van | Caroline SEWELL 32 YRS Attempted MURDER: one shot to the back as he walked toward school | Ivan BROWN 32 YRS Attempted MURDER: one shot to the back as he pumped gas | Dean H. MEYERS 52 YRS MURDER: one shot to the back as he pumped gas | Kenneth BRIDGES 32 YRS MURDER: one shot to the back as he put parcel into car | Linda FRANKLIN 62 YRS MURDER: one shot to the head as she put parcel into car | Jeff HOPPER 37 YRS Attempted MURDER: one shot to abdomen as victim got into car while walking to car | Conrad JOHNSON 33 YRS MURDER: one shot to upper chest as he pressed computer key for shopping route | John A. MUHAMMAD 41 YRS | Lee Boyd MALVO 37 YRS |
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Other homicides attributed to Muhammad/Malvo:
 James D. Martin
 James "Sunny" Buchanan
 Three other victims from Washington state, Arizona and Georgia

More than any of the other homicides, trace evidence played an important roll in associating evidence recovered from the last homicide scene with the snipers and their vehicle.

Conrad Johnson Homicide
October 22, 2002
Aspen Hill, MD




Malvo and Muhammad captured
October 24, 2002
Maryland Welcome Center
Interstate 70 West
Between Exits 42 and 35

Evidence recovered from the Conrad Johnson Scene




PLP-DEF-EX. #166
DATE 11/19/03
JUDGE JMR
CASE # 2803-308
3090, 3091

For You Mr. Police 
"Call me God"
Do not release to the press.

P.S. your children are not
safe.



Can you Hear us Now!
Do not play these childish games with us.
You know our demands  → Next (your choice)
person
Thank you.

Fibers found under adhesive stars later determined to be consistent to glove found in suspect vehicle.





Many items in this duffel bag later provided links to suspects

Evidence recovered from
the sniper vehicle (1990
Chevrolet Caprice)



A number of items were found in this green duffel bag (recovered from the vehicle), that were consistent to items in the black duffel bag from the Conrad Johnson scene.





WARNING LABEL

New Jersey 09
NDA 21Z
Garden State



Jersey

09





Suspect Motor Vehicle



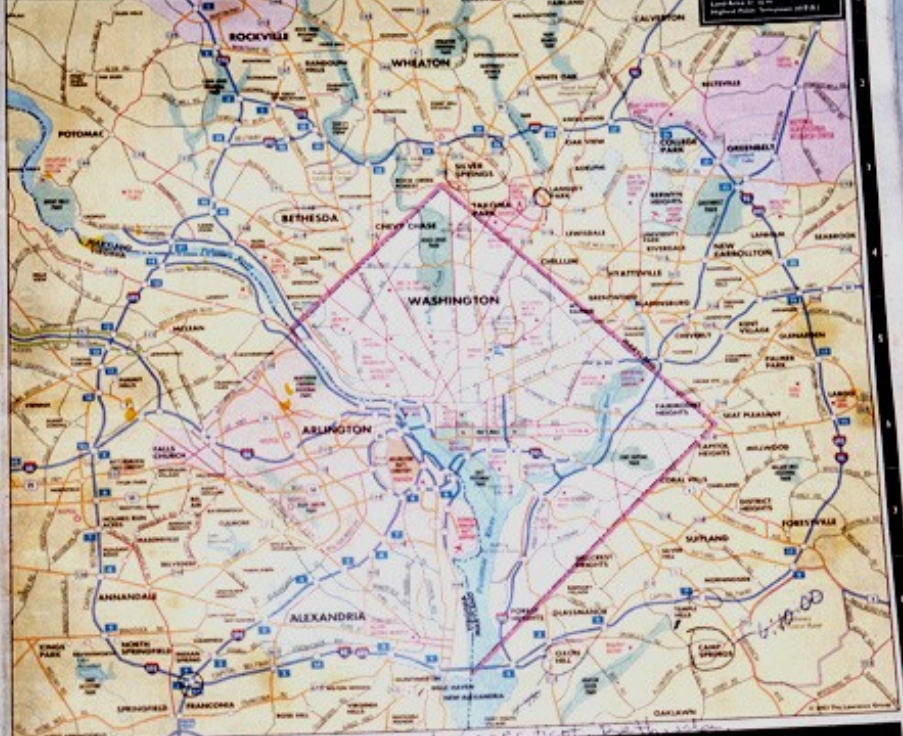
Bushmaster was bracketed to rear of seat – Seat loosely held to frame w/one hand access to remove – Rear area tunneled out to allow prone shooting position – Tire appeared as platform to rest weapon in trunk – Gun port crafted to allow weapon swing – Trunk left slightly ajar when fired/pulled down after – glove found in port hole when car was in motion



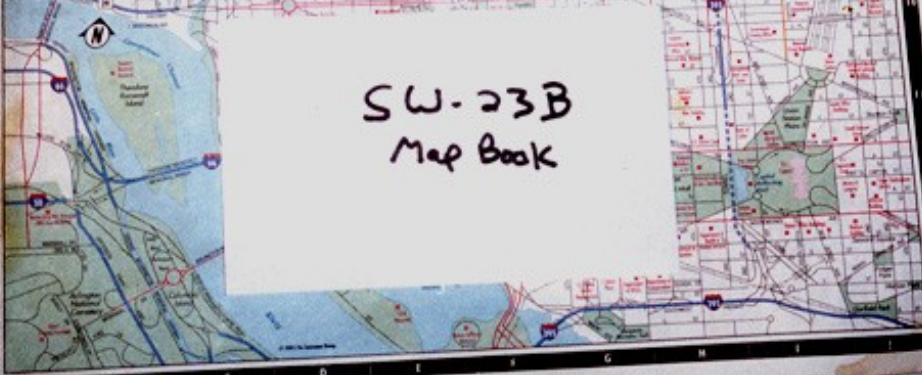




Washington D.C. & Surrounding Area



U.S. Capitol & Surrounding Area





Ramos



Martin

Bethesda

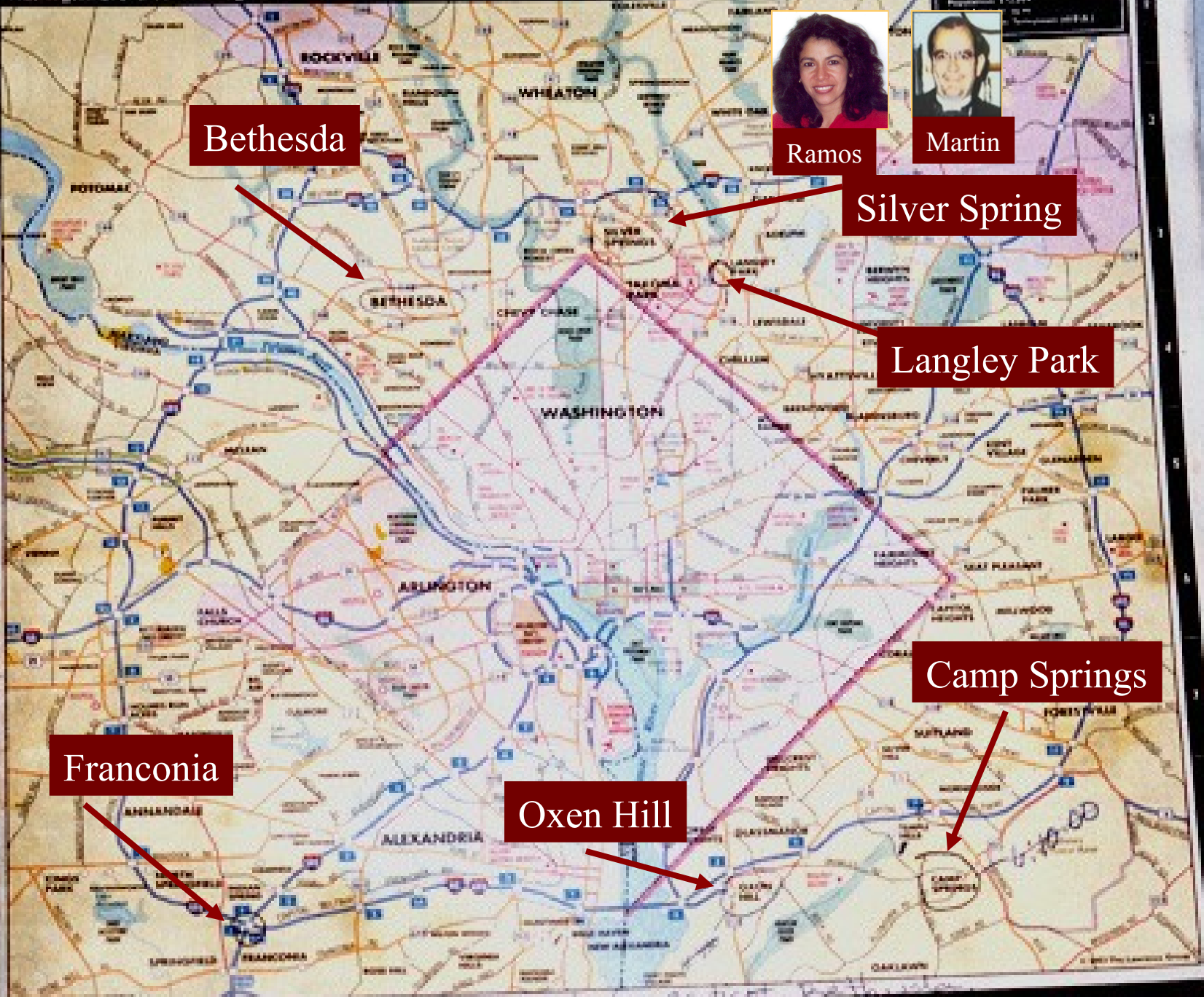
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Langley Park

Camp Springs

Franconia

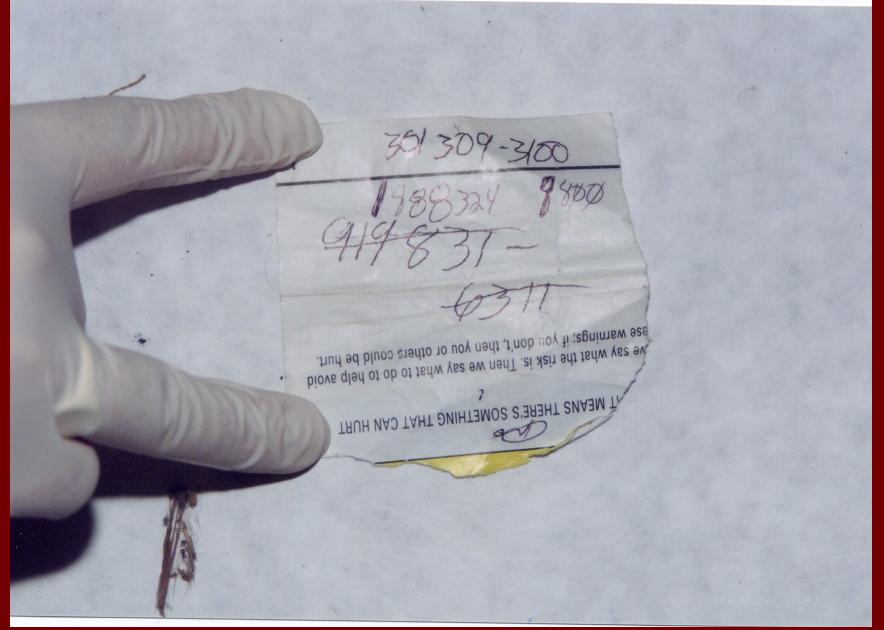
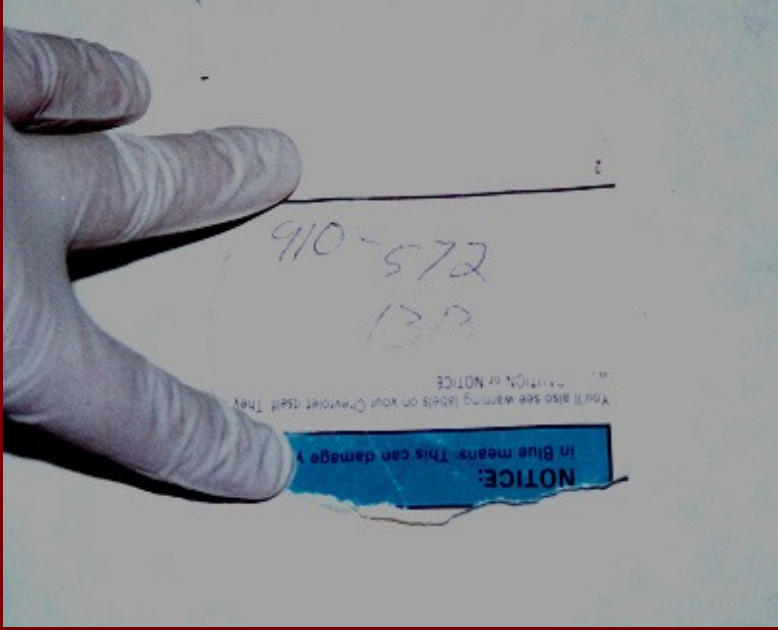
Oxen Hill





La Ruffa







Item 64 found here



Ballenger

JAL
SAVE-A-LOT
#361
5907 FLORIDA BLVD
BATON ROUGE, LA 70806

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|-------------|--|--------|
| GRAPE JUICE | | \$1.99 |
| 1 GAL DUE | | \$2.13 |
| CASH | | \$3.00 |
| CHANGE | | \$0.87 |

| TAX-CODE | TAXABLE-VAL | TAX-VALUE |
|------------|-------------|-----------|
| TAX 6.900% | \$1.99 | \$0.14 A |

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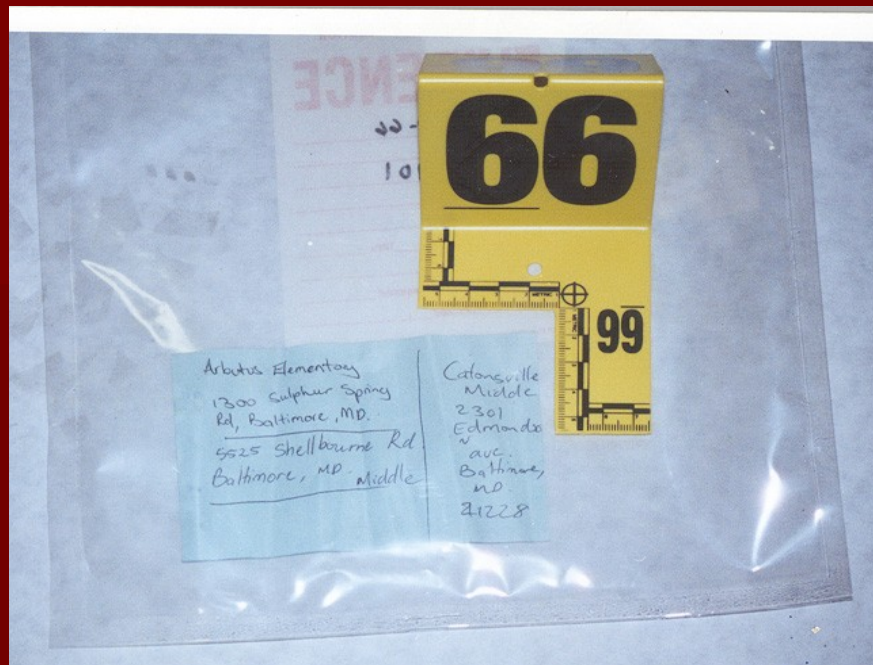
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SAVE-A-LOT
WE SELL THE BEST FOR LESS
MON-SAT 9AM-9PM SUN 10AM-6PM





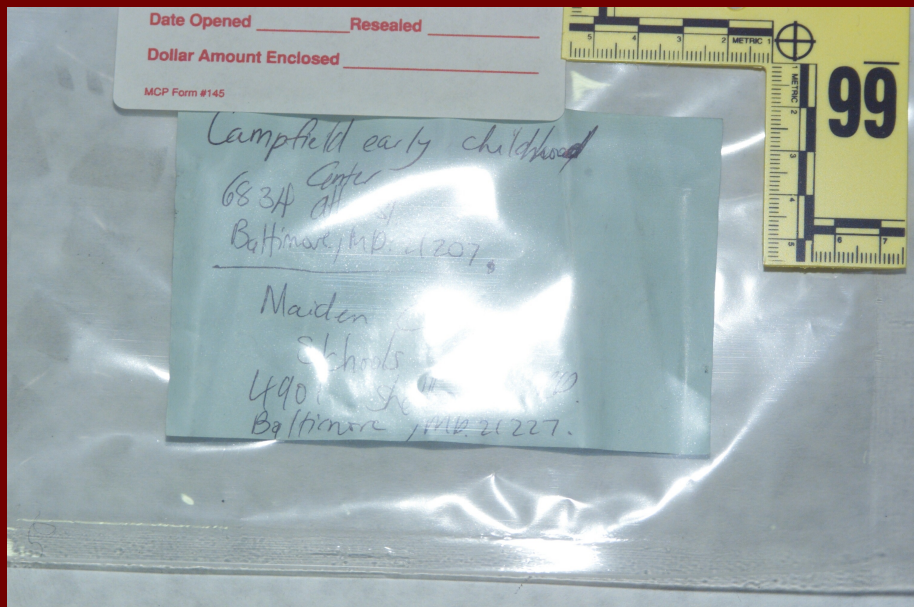


Brown



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1300 Sulphur Spring
Rd, Baltimore, MD.
5525 Shellbourne Rd
Baltimore, MD. Middle

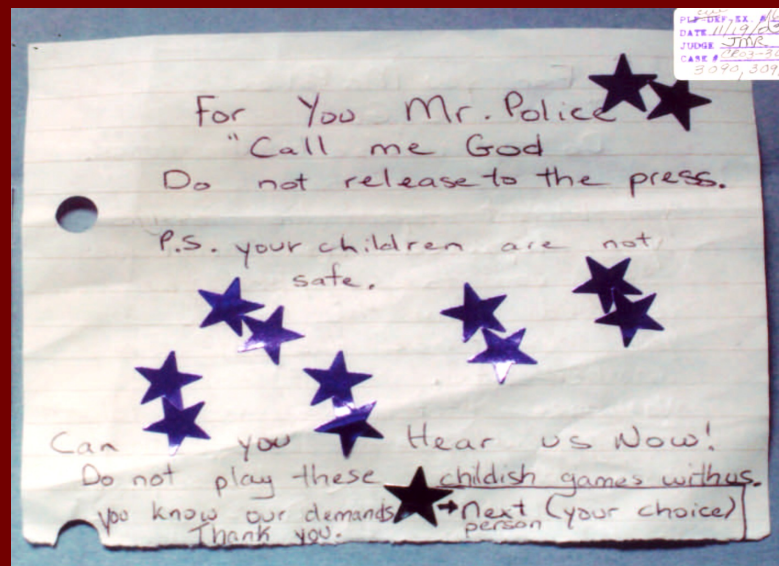
Catonsville
Middle
2301
Edmonds
W
Ave.
Baltimore,
MD.
21228



Date Opened _____ Resealed _____
Dollar Amount Enclosed _____
MCP Form #145

Campfield early childhood
Center
683A
Baltimore, MD. 21207.

Maiden
Schools
4901
Baltimore, MD 21227.



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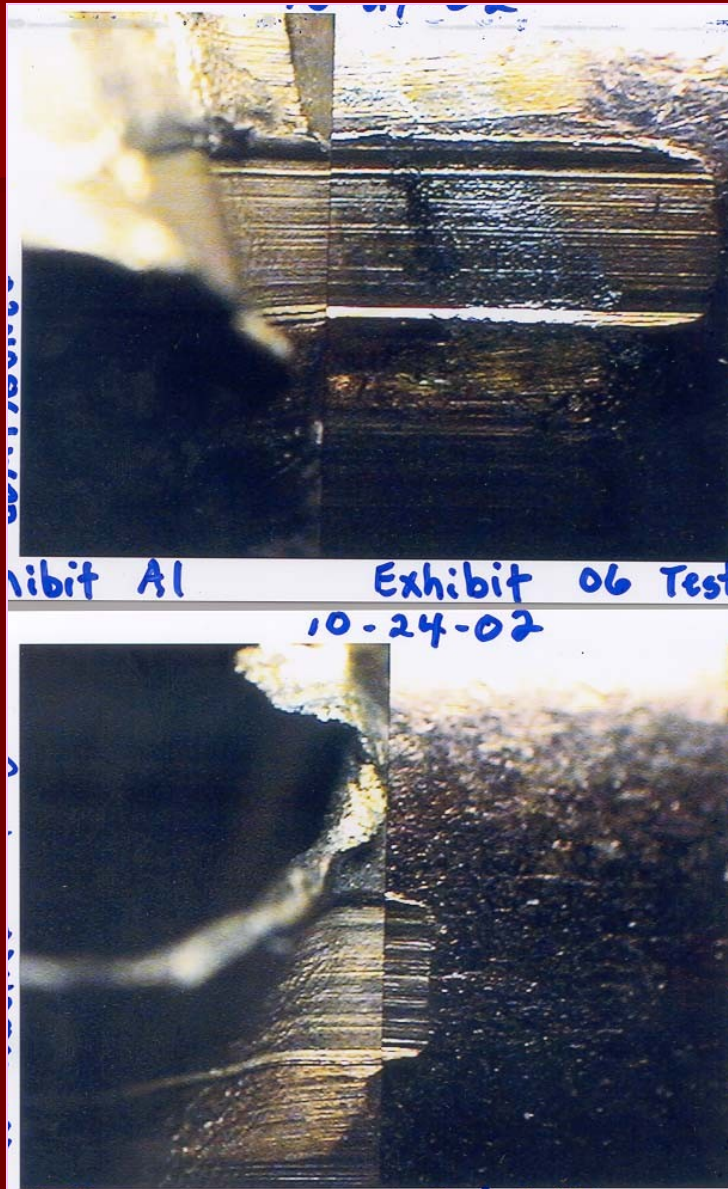
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CASE # 2023-003
3090,309

Nationwide Investigation

- Investigation of Dancy, a friend of Muhammad in Tacoma, WA who offered full use of all weapons -Shot with both subjects at Tacoma based gun club - Offered key testimony of Malvo's "*excellent*" shooting skills vs. Muhammad's ineptness
- Murder of Keenya Cook 2/16/02 - confirmed weapon used was .45 caliber Sig Sauer owned by Dancy.
- Investigation of Dancy as possible co-conspirator

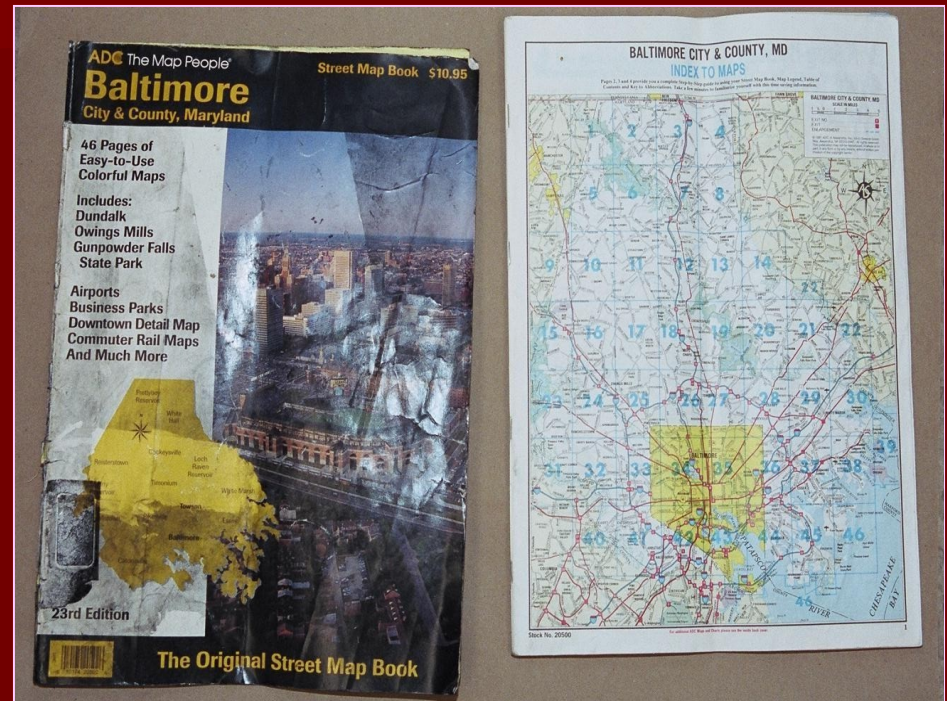
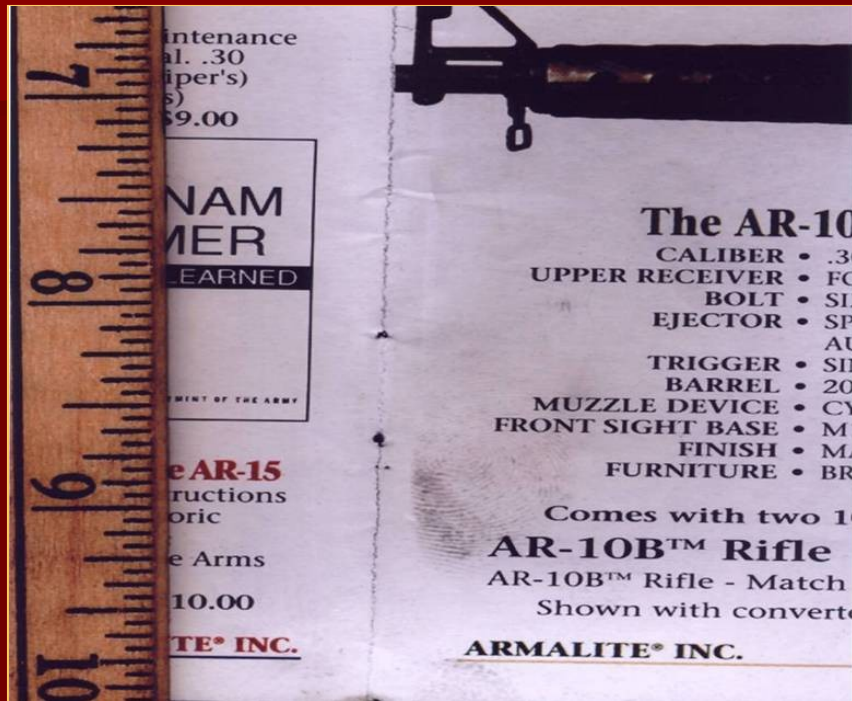


Firearms Evidence



- .45 Caliber handgun owned by Dancy linked to Keenja Cook Homicide
- .22 Caliber handgun found at scene in Montgomery, AL linked to 3 shootings/murders
- .223 Bushmaster rifle from suspect vehicle linked to 13 shootings/murders

Latent Fingerprint Evidence



Malvo fingerprints identified on gun catalog, both subjects identified on map book.

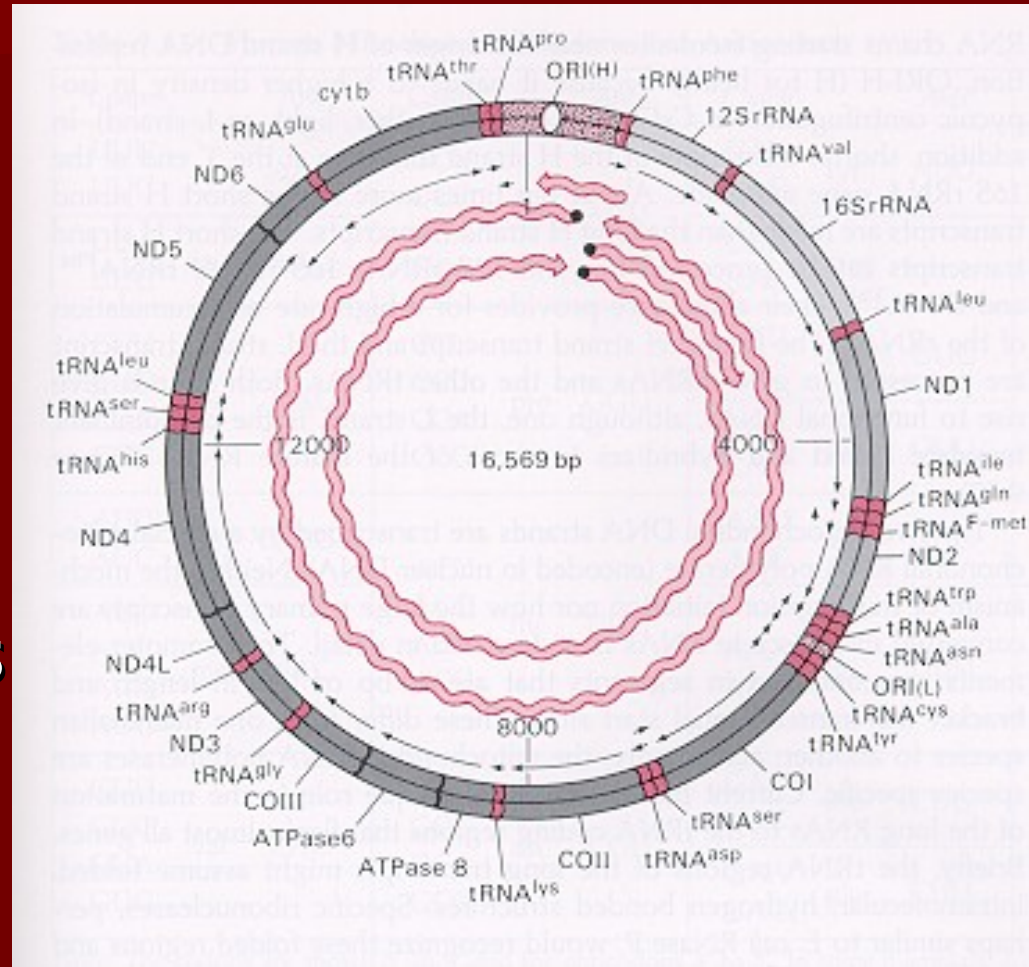


Nuclear DNA Evidence

- nuclear DNA – shirt from LaRuffa scene - Malvo
- nuclear DNA - Pen barrel from Brown scene - Muhammad
- nuclear DNA - Notes and Cinnaraisin bag – Hopper and Johnson scenes – Malvo

Hair and Mitochondrial DNA Evidence

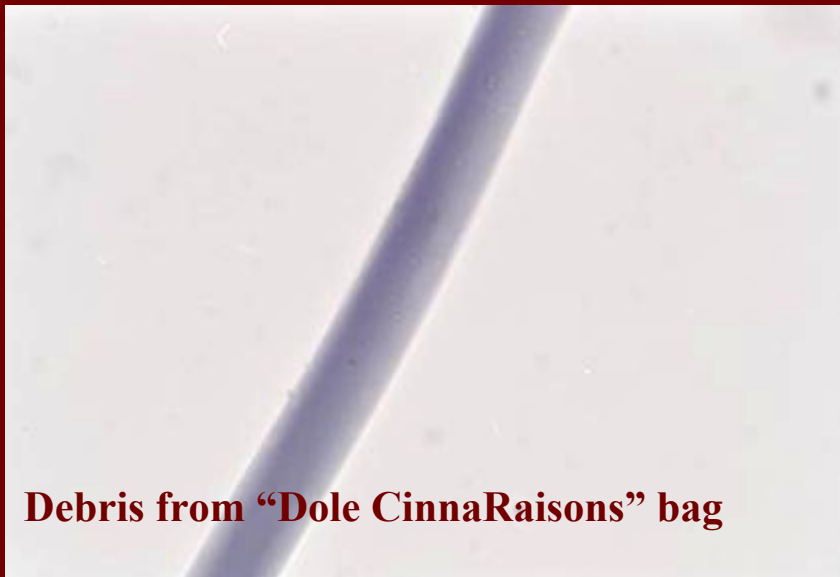
- Head and pubic hairs from duffel at Johnson scene – microscopical examination and mitochondrial DNA showed that the hairs were consistent to both Malvo and Muhammad



Dark Blue Nylon Fiber



Cutting from rear bench seat of the suspect vehicle



Debris from "Dole CinnaRaisons" bag



Swab from the Conrad Johnson scene

Light Gray Nylon Fiber



White Polyester Fiber



Brown-Gray Cotton Fiber



Brown-Gray Cotton Fiber



Swab from the Conrad Johnson scene



Under adhesive stars on note – Hopper scene



Ziplock bag and note – Johnson scene



Note (under adhesive stars)- Johnson scene

Brown Gloves



Glove from Suspect Vehicle

Glove from Johnson Scene

Conrad Johnson OCT. 22, 2002



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70x



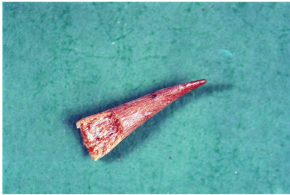
1990 Blue Caprice (Green duffel bag)



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**Conrad Johnson
OCT. 22, 2002**



ROSACEAE FAMILY THORNS



STEEL TURNINGS



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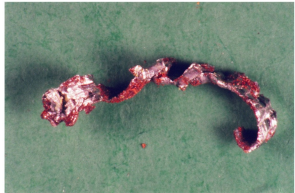
**1990 Blue Caprice
(Trunk)**



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