

C.I.D. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT / DES PLAINES POLICE

1. DATE/TIME THIS REPORT

26 Dec 78 1300 Hours

2 ORIGINAL OFFENSE

Missing Person

3. OFFENSE CHANGED TO

4 VICTIM

Piest, Robert J.

5 ADDRESS

2722 Craig Drive

NARRATIVE:

At approximately 5:15 p.m. on December 22, 1978 I had occasion to take John Gacy to his cell in the Des Plaines Lockup, Cell C-1. At that time, as John Gacy was being put in the cell, he indicated that he wanted to speak with Larry and myself. He indicated Larry meaning the Assistant State's Attorney Larry Finder to whom he had been speaking with earlier in the day. I indicated to him that I would get Mr. Finder and return to the cell area to speak with John Gacy. When Mr. Finder and myself returned to the cell block area, Mr. Finder indicated to Gacy that he did not have to speak with us and, in fact, if he did speak with us, anything that he did say could be used against him. Gacy replied that he understood his Miranda Rights and it was his business if he wanted to speak with us and it was his decision. He also said that he knew what his Miranda Rights were and subsequently began to recite the Miranda Rights from memory. Gacy initially started speaking of the events of December 11, 1978 and the murder of Robert Piest. In summary, John Gacy related the following to Mr. Finder and the Reporting Officer on the events of December 11, 1978.

Gacy had been at the Nissan Drugstore on Touhy Avenue completing a remodeling job. He left the store for the evening and returning home determined that he had left his appointment book at the store. This being very important to him, Gacy returned to the store around 8 or 8:30. He stayed in the store for a short time and then left through the front to his vehicle, which was parked in the front of the store. As Gacy started to leave the area, he noticed Robert Piest come out of the store and start coming towards his vehicle. Gacy motioned to Piest to come around to the other side of the car and get in. Piest indicated to Gacy that he was interested in working and making money. Gacy then asked him how much time he had and Piest said he had 30 minutes to one hour. Gacy asked Piest if they could take a ride and talk about the job. Gacy immediately went to his home in Norwood Park. During the trip to his home, there was small talk about how liberal Piest was and Piest also indicated how important it was for him to make money. At the house Gacy and Piest went inside. Gacy asked Piest if he would have sex with a man, and Piest answered him that he would not have sex with a man; to which Gacy asked him "What if it involved a lot of money," and Piest indicated to him that he would think about it. At this time Gacy interjected into the conversation that he hated people who had sex for money and that he was not a homosexual. He didn't consider himself a homosexual and that he never forced sex upon anybody, and that only homosexuals have sex for money and would be forceful with their sex acts. Gacy then talked about Piest again saying that he told Piest he was a clown and had a few tricks he could show him. Gacy told Piest that he had an interesting trick to show Piest with handcuffs. He told Piest to put the handcuffs on behind his back loosely not making them to tight. Gacy put the second cuff on Piest behind his back. Gacy then indicated to Piest how restricted a person would be when they had handcuffs on them in this position. Gacy said at this time it appeared that Piest began getting noticeably scared and wanted to go home. Reporting Officer then asked Gacy how he took the clothes off Piest. Initially he said that Piest took his clothes off. I replied to him "How could he take his clothes off with handcuffs on behind his back." He answered by saying that Piest did not try to stop him when he started to take his pants off. Gacy took off Piest's pants and then performed oral sex on Piest. After that Piest became very scared and wanted to leave; Piest being in tears. Gacy told him that he only had one more trick to show him and that was the rope trick. Gacy indicated he put the rope

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6 CASE STATUS  CLEARED/ARREST  UNFOUNDED  FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED

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7. DATE/TIME REPORT COMPLETED

8 PROPERTY EVIDENCE RECOVERED YES  NO

9 LEADS MSG REQUESTED YES  NO

10 CONTINUED ON OLD CONTINUATION REPORT  X

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13 SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE

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around Piest's neck, tied a loose knot at the neck, then another knot a few inches from his neck and a third knot about 2 inches from the second knot. Gacy inserted a stick between the second and third knots and twisted. By the third twist, the cord became tight on his neck and Piest started choking. Gacy indicated shortly thereafter the victim would pass out and convulse; sometimes for very long periods of time. Reporting Officer then asked Gacy if he had anal sex with Piest. Gacy replied that he didn't, but Jack may have. I asked him if Jack usually had anal sex with his victims, and Gacy answered affirmatively; indicating that he couldn't get hard any other way. That was the only way that he could do it. Mr. Finder then asked Gacy if he could explain how he did the rope trick. Gacy asked if he could have a rope and this Officer told him that wasn't possible and Gacy answered "Shit, I'm not going to kill you." Gacy then reached into his pants and took out a rosary and asked Mr. Finder to put his arm through the cell doors. He had the rosary in his hand and he indicated to us that Mr. Finder's fist would be the head and his wrist the neck. He put the rosary around Mr. Finder's wrist, tying a loose knot right at the wrist and then two knots further from that point, put a pencil between the second and third knots and then twisted. He indicated it would just take three or four quick turns and the victims would be strangled. He took the rosary off Mr. Finder's wrist and put it back in his pocket. Gacy then said that after the Piest boy was strangled, he took the body off the floor and put it on the bed and slept with it during the night. The following morning when he got up for work, he put the body into the attic right at the top of the stairs. Gacy demonstrated that he would put the body over his shoulder and walk up the attic stairs. After placing the body in the attic, Gacy proceeded through a normal work day.

Gacy then mentioned while the body was in the attic at the end of his work day in the early evening, Lt. Kozenczak, of the Des Plaines Police Department, came to his residence. Gacy referred to Lt. Kozenczak as an asshole. Immediately after Lt. Kozenczak left his home, Gacy went up, retrieved the body and placed it down at the bottom of the attic stairs. He put the body down on the floor and his back door bell rang, he answered it and found it to be Mike Rossi. Gacy had previously made arrangements with Rossi to go to a Mr. Rohde's christmas tree lot to look at christmas trees. Gacy made an excuse to Rossi and told him that he wouldn't be able to go with Rossi at this time. After Rossi left, Gacy returned to the body, put the body in an orange blanket and put it in the trunk of his car. Gacy went southbound on I-294 to I-55. Gacy came upon the bridge that goes over the Des Plaines River and stopped on that bridge. He had intentions of throwing the body over the bridge. He was unable to immediately do it because of traffic, and he heard CB traffic on his CB radio of a Smokey being on the bridge, that being an unmarked Smokey apparently referring to his vehicle. Gacy then proceeded on made a few passes back and forth on the bridge until he felt it was a good time to throw the body over the side. He stopped on the inside lanes of southbound I-~~55~~ and threw the body into the river. From that point he proceeded back towards Chicago on I-~~55~~. In the vicinity of Old Chicago he threw out Piest's identification and shortly thereafter, he threw out the orange blanket in which he had had the Piest's body wrapped. Gacy ended up speaking of the Piest incident by saying that if he didn't forget his appointment book at the Nisson Pharmacy, that none of this would have happened.

Reporting Officer then asked Gacy how he managed to put the rope on the victim. Gacy replied that at times he didn't have to some of the victims would put the rope around their own neck; anticipating seeing a rope trick. At other times Gacy put the rope around their necks while facing them; under again the auspices of showing them a rope trick. Mr. Finder then asked Gacy when he started killing his victims. Gacy said he thought it started about 1974 and then proceeded to tell us about his first victim. Gacy was down at the Greyhound Station in downtown Chicago when he met a young man. He began talking with the young man and the gentleman indicated to Gacy that he was horny and

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