

LOPER, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2011 09:13
To: LOPER, Mark
Subject: RE Mona Blades.

Mark

There is a fellow from Kawerau who actually picked up Mona Blades and another girl hitchhiking at Tirau on the day that Mona went missing. He and his mates had been to Auckland for the weekend to see a Midnight Movie and were returning to Kawerau.

He is [REDACTED] (also known as [REDACTED]). He lives on [REDACTED], Kawerau. His phone number is [REDACTED]. He commutes back and forth to America buying stuff but is home now for the next four months.

He tells me that he and his mates picked the girls up this side of Tirau and dropped them off at Ngongataha. Mona actually wrote down her name and address and phone number and gave it to [REDACTED] and said that if they were over her way they could look her up.

When it was advertised that Mona had disappeared [REDACTED] recognised her as being the same girl they had picked up. He then went to the Kawerau police and gave the note that Mona had written to a Constable [REDACTED] (I knew [REDACTED] when I was the Constable in charge of Te Teko from 1971 until 1974). [REDACTED] tells me that [REDACTED] never took a statement off him at the time. ??

For what it is worth – See you Monday.

Regards Tony.

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LOPER, Mark

From: LOPER, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, 18 January 2012 13:55
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Op Blades

Sandy.

Just a heads up.

You may know that one [REDACTED] ex cop from Kawerau, has been conducting a private investigation into the disappearance of Mona Blades.

Tony believes that an ex traffic officer from Kawerau was responsible for her death.

Tony claims that Mona and others are buried below the concrete floor of an address in Kawerau which at the time was owned by this suspect.

TV3 have carried out interviews around Tony's theories.

I met with Tony prior to Xmas where he outlined to me the general thrust of his investigation. This included the use of ground penetrating radar and the locating of an anomaly under the concrete floor at this address, the use of psychics and the interviews of persons who knew this bad guy. Tony also explained his frustration, having spoken to a number of Police members about the case, regarding a lack of Police action.

We agreed at that meeting if the floor was lifted and nothing is found then we would not be able to progress the matter any further.

On Friday 20 Jan 12, I am meeting with the home owners who will give their consent for us to rip up the floor, a local building contractor who will supply me with a quote, Tony and the local Mayor, who Tony has on his side.

TV3 are aware that the Police are involved and I have advised Tony and will again reinforce it on Friday, that no comment is to be made to them at this time.

Once I have the written consents, quote and have visited the Blades family [REDACTED], we will set a date for excavation, obviously with the consent of the District Commander. [REDACTED] has already allocated a small amount of money for this purpose.

Obviously your staff will not be required in this phase unless of course we locate bones etc.

I will keep you undated.

Regards.

LOPER, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2012 12:02
To: LOPER, Mark
Subject: Moana Blades

Morning Mark

For what its worth, if you want one of your team to contact me. just read the article in the Herald

In August 1977, I graduated from the MOT Training College in Trentham, and at 19 was stationed in Kawerau, as a motorbike cop, Mervyn Derrick Hinton was the car Cop already there. As you can imagine had a lot to do with him, from a work perspective.

Tony Moller arrived in Kawerau I think in the early 80's, some 3 years after I got there. I left the MOT in 1985 and Joined the Police, and have been stationed in Taranaki since, and have not seen or heard from either of the two since, in fact didn't know Hinton was dead till I read the article.

I have no earth shattering info, but certainly did know the two above during these years, and may be able to fill a few gaps, from personality, family, character, point of view, if you think it may assist.

Cheers

[REDACTED]

LOPER, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2012 11:30
To: LOPER, Mark
Subject: RE: Re Mona Blades and Derrick k Hinton

Mark

just one correction the Sergeant was [REDACTED]

Rgds

From: LOPER, Mark [mailto:Mark.Loper@police.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2012 10:46 a.m.
To: Larry Reid
Subject: RE: Re Mona Blades and Derrick k Hinton

Thanks Larry

From: Larry Reid [mailto:Larry@majesticfloats.co.nz]
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2012 10:28
To: LOPER, Mark
Subject: Re Mona Blades and Derrick k Hinton

Mark

I was in Kawerau when Mona Blades went missing and worked there with Derrick Hinton. I actually lived across the road from him in Kirk Crescent. We built our houses there at the same time. Mona went missing in May 1975 I am familiar with the weekend as my father in law died that same weekend and my eldest daughter was 2 months old. We were actually living in a Police House in River Road I am not sure where Derrick was living at the time he did not build the house in Kirk Crescent until late 1975 or possibly even 1976 I know we weren't into our house until 1976. [REDACTED] wasn't even in Kawerau at the time the Sergeant was [REDACTED], the other cops there were G [REDACTED] some one 'Browne' (can't remember his first name) and possibly [REDACTED] may have been there then or a bit later.

You are coming across well in the media, it helps that you are catching the crooks good one and congrats to your team keep up the good work

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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LOPER, Mark

From: LOPER, Mark
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2012 13:36
To: STANDEN, Gregory
Cc: ANDERSON, Timothy (Tim)
Subject: FW: Mona Blades

Hi Greg.

Thanks for your help re Blades.



Attached is a quick, outline of what Moller has told me.

I am trying to put this matter to bed as best as possible.


Can you please get someone to interview the two persons listed.

I have a third person who lives in Whakatane but yet do not have their details.

1.



Claims that she  from Hinton and one morning around the time of Blades disappearance she saw Hinton and another large male with a blk plastic bag in the centre of the driveway. THE INFERENCE IS THAT IT WAS MONA BLADES BODY.

2.


Knew that Hinton had a Datsun station wagon coloured orange as well as a Toyota Crown.

Koia apparently painted parts of both vehicles for Hinton.

Need to confirm it was a Datsun S/W as we know he did own a Toyota Station Wagon of the same colour. Very similar to a Datsun just the windows a bit different.

According to , a women rang a Gisborne radio station in the 80's claiming to have been attacked by a male in an orange station wagon who looked like the identicate of the blades offender. She said the vehicle rego was HH..44. This is very similar to Hinton Toyota Rego. Hinton is rumored to have picked girls up in his vehicle and resembles the identicate.

Thanks for your help.

Mark.

From: LOPER, Mark
Sent: Monday, 28 November 2011 13:44
To: ANDERSON, Timothy (Tim)
Cc: JAMES, Jacky; DUNBIER, Glenn
Subject: Mona Blades

Hi Tim.

Have spoke to T  in Kawerau.

Since leaving the Police Tony has been doing his own investigation in the Blades disappearance.

He believes that the offender (Now Deceased) is one Mervin Derek HINTON and ex traffic cop from Kawerau.

According to [REDACTED], HINTON was a real piece of work, hitting on women etc while at work. In any event Tony believes that Mona is buried at an address in Kawerau. Taken there by HINTON and buried.

Tony has also linked HINTON to the Tracy Anne Patients disappearance in Auckland in 1976.

[REDACTED] has made it well known what he has been doing around Kawerau and regularly speaks with the [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] put Tony onto a guy at [REDACTED] who has a \$45,000 ground penetrating radar.

[REDACTED] had this guy check areas at an address where they believe they have found an anomaly.

[REDACTED] claims that the property once owned by HINTON, has just been sold at mortgagee auction, and the new owners are aware that the police may wish to dig up parts of the concrete floor and are happy to do this. Obviously I have not given him an undertaking at this stage that we would do that.

TV3 had rung him earlier today, appears that someone who knows [REDACTED] has leaked this information to the media.

In any event, I advised [REDACTED] that I would ring him on the 12th December and then see him on the 15th or 16th so that he could show me the area of concern and for me to have a look at his file.

I am told by [REDACTED] that psychics have also told him that he is on the right track.

[REDACTED] is going to forward to me the report relating to the radar survey when he receives it in the next week or so.

I will see Jacky when she returns at 2.00am, but at this time we have nothing further to tell them.

Regards.

LOPER, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 February 2012 10:38
To: LOPER, Mark
Subject: Re: Mona Blades & Others

Hi Markit's me again...the pest.

As discussed the other day I had a phone call from:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Kawerau.

Phone [REDACTED]

Mb [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised me that in the mid 1970's on a Sunday about 6am in the morning she went to pick up a young girl with the last name [REDACTED], who lived in Kirk Crescent not far from Hinton's home, which was being constructed at that time. This was for the purpose of taking her out for a Brownie's event.

[REDACTED] noticed that Derrick Hinton was on his front lawn with another male person who was wearing a NZ railways Green Swandri. Hinton's Orange station wagon was parked on the front lawn where [REDACTED] noted seeing Hinton and this other male open the backdoor of the station wagon and take out a large black polythene article. [REDACTED] described this as "a large object which was wrapped up in the polythene and then was tied". [REDACTED] also noted that the object was bent in the middle. [REDACTED] saw Hinton and his off sider carry this object over to an excavation on the left hand side of the house where the new driveway was under construction. It was of [REDACTED]'s opinion that this object was big enough to have been

a body and noted that Hinton and his offsider were straining with the weight of this object.

They were then seen dumping this object into a hole in the driveway, not far from the front boundary of the house. [REDACTED] also noted that there was a concrete mixer on the front lawn which was going.

When she returned later that day to drop the young girl off, Hinton and his offsider were still concreting the driveway.

Food for thought.

[REDACTED] also advised me that when she applied to get her driver's license for her job as an ambulance driver some years ago

Hinton told her that if she did as he requested she would get her license. He put the hard word on her. [REDACTED] walked out of the office, rung [REDACTED], who was a traffic officer in Whakatane at this time. He apparently went through to Kawerau and took [REDACTED] for her drivers license.

Just by chance yesterday Sunday, 29th January, I was visiting my mother in the [REDACTED] in Whakatane and meet [REDACTED] ex wife [REDACTED] who works there. [REDACTED] is the traffic officer that I referred to in the photo I gave you of Hinton and others and were known to be friends at this time. [REDACTED] now works as a bailiff at the Tauranga Court and lives in Tauranga.

[REDACTED] spoke yesterday about a close friend of hers whom was married to another traffic officer at this time, where there was an event with Hinton. This event was explained as thus. Derrick arrived at this address and apparently grabbed this female around the throat with a lot of force and held her up against the pantry wall. Derrick went on to say "if you don't do what I what I

say, I will tell your husband you did anyway". He actually kissed her. This woman feared for her safety and however managed to deter the situation by explaining to Derrick how much trouble he would be in if her husband was to find out. If you want more information [REDACTED] is currently living in Tauranga.

[REDACTED] further advised me that she was talking with some friends recently who told her that when Hinton died in Australia about 3 years ago that he had committed suicide?

And according to her friend Derrick was apparently under investigation in regards to the disappearance of two young females.

I have the address for Derrick from when he sent a package to me in 2007.

The sender address was:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Australia

[REDACTED] is awaiting a phone call from you or who ever to discuss this further. [REDACTED] also advised that she did give this information to Senior Constable [REDACTED] at the Kawerau Police Station at the time, however he laughed at her and stated that she should'nt watch so many movies. He did not take her

seriously. [REDACTED] used to work for me at Kawerau but passed away at 44 with Cancer in the 80's.


I have also have spoken to one:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Ph: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised me that in the mid 1970's he had a house built in Blundel Avenue in Kawerau which was a new sub division as was Kirk Crescent. At this time he had 6 – 8 bags of cement stolen out of his garage. [REDACTED] made enquires as to where this may have gone to, he was told by some friends that Derrick Hinton was enquiring on a Sunday for some cement urgently. [REDACTED] approached Hinton where Hinton said he had "borrowed" some cement from his garage to complete a project he was doing at his home. Hinton eventually replaced these bags of cement.

I Have left a message for [REDACTED] the GPR man to try and get him to scan the present excavations which are only at 800cm deep. I was present at this excavation where I gave a spear to the contractors to probe the ground and noted that they struck some objects about 20 cm depth in both the top right and bottom right hand corners of the excavation on about 4 occasions. When the spear struck these objects the contractor, [REDACTED], was able to penetrate these objects after using some effort which made a graunching sound. [REDACTED] were both present

at this time. In my opinion a further excavation in this area may be required.

Mark I realise that you are extremely busy but the best of luck anyway. Regards 

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LOPER, Mark

From: Tony [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 February 2012 10:49
To: LOPER, Mark
Subject: FW: Re Cold Case

Mark for info – This from my twin brother from Australia. . Regards Tony.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 December 2011 12:19 a.m.
To: Tony Moller
Subject: Re Cold Case

Dear [REDACTED],
[REDACTED] 1972 I visited our parents at Edgecumbe with my then wife [REDACTED] and my two children. I was at that time an Infantry Officer with the rank of Captain and was a staff officer on HQ Army Training Group Waiouru. During that visit I met Derek Hinton (then a traffic officer) who had called in to my parents residence. I spoke to him on the footpath outside the house. I noted that he was wearing a GSM medal and inquired as to where he had served. He said to me that he had served as a Military Policeman and dog handler with the British RAF in Cyprus. I recall very clearly that during the course of that conversation he also said to me and I quote; 'I can make pheeople dissappear you know.' I recall very clearly at the time as a consequence of his comment that in my view he was a very disturbed person verging on being a sociopath. Post that comment made by himself I always felt very uneasy in being in his presence as I met him later over a number of years when visiting family in Edgecumbe.

In 2006 (approx) I was living in Kawerau [REDACTED] with my wife [REDACTED]. I received a telephone call on a Friday morning at 9PM. The person ringing gave his name as Derek and the phone number was 0061755760734. I recognised that the voice was that of Derek Hinton. He said to me that he wanted [REDACTED]'s address because he could not remember it. He kept asking me for my name but I declined to give it to him. I said I would pass on his message to [REDACTED]. The phone call was from Queensland in Australia.

The above statement is to the best of my recall a true and accurate statement of what transpired. Over a number of years I have discussed with my brother [REDACTED] (ex NZ New Zealand Police Force) the possible involvement of Derek Hinton in a number of missing persons cases. I recall advising [REDACTED] that a perhaps a search of military records in places where Hinton served with the British Armed Forces might reveal a pattern of similar missing women. I also advised [REDACTED] to try Ground Penetrating Radar at Hinton's former home in Kawerau to see if there were any underground anomalies.

As circumstance would have it my second wife [REDACTED] was a patient in a Rotorua Hospital at the same time as the wife [REDACTED] of Derek Hinton and has made a separate statement

Thank you and best wishes,

[REDACTED]

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LOPER, Mark

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 February 2012 11:34
To: LOPER, Mark
Subject: Emailing: Mark Loper Email 30 Jan 12.docx
Attachments: Mark Loper Email 30 Jan 12.docx

<<Mark Loper Email 30 Jan 12.docx>> Mark - [REDACTED] advised me that she has a funeral to attend this Thursday and is going to Australia next week to see her son.

Regards [REDACTED]

The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

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LOPER, Mark

From: VAN DER KLEY, Mark
Sent: Friday, 10 February 2012 11:41
To: LOPER, Mark; STANDEN, Gregory
Subject: latest

[REDACTED] has been rung by a guy called [REDACTED]

This [REDACTED] guy knows Derek HINTON, he said that on new years day 1976 he noticed Hinton's car parked on the side of the road by the Waipawa mill south of Rotorua.

Apparently this is the day that Hiedi CHARLES went missing from Rotorua. (go figure)

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