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County

REPORT

KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Case No.

Lawrence, Kansas

Place

TOPEKA, KANSAS

Jess M. Gragg

Special Agent

Date 8-7-70

Title

HOMICIDE: Harry "Nick" RICE

(112)  
INTERVIEW OF Jimmy Jo STROUD, WM, dob [REDACTED]-42, 5'10", 194 lbs., blonde hair, brown eyes.

DETAILS

August 6, 1970, 4:50 p.m., this agent received a telephone call from Asst. Dir. Howard DOCKER. I was advised a current investigation was being conducted by our Agency in the Lawrence, Kansas, area regarding recent disorders and homicides. I was advised to research the personnel files of the Wichita Police Department regarding a former employee there named as Jimmy Jo STROUD. It was indicated that he was, at this time, employed by the Lawrence, Kansas, Police Department. I was advised to examine the files and forward to our Topeka office any information reflecting the conduct and behavior of Mr. STROUD while employed by the Wichita Police Department.

August 7, 1970, this Agent spent most of the morning at the Wichita Police Department with Major Kenneth DUCKWORTH, examining the personnel file of Mr. STROUD. I also contacted Major Ray MURROW who accompanied me to the Wichita Police Department Academy, and there examined the files of Mr. STROUD which pertained to his application for employment, investigation of his background, and training record.

The results of this Agent's investigation are as follows:

The records reflect that Mr. Jimmy Jo STROUD was employed by the City of Wichita as a fireman on May 8, 1967. He transferred to and was employed by the Wichita Police Department on August 16, 1968 and was so employed as a Patrolman until his termination of February 10, 1969.

It was noted in his application records that he had made a former application to the Lawrence Police Department on September of 1965. It was also noted that he had made a previous application to the Wichita Police Department and was rejected on August 8, 1966. The vote against employment of Mr. STROUD was 4 to 3 with the reason listed for him being rejected as "background and know-it-all attitude".

During the six months of his employment date with the Wichita Police Department, he submitted four forms for absence because of illness. These were listed on three occasions as illness because of flu and the fourth reason being illness of children.

A letter enclosed in his personnel file from the United States Navy Department reflects the following:

Enlisted on November 16, 1960, until August 28, 1964. Was in the Naval Reserve from August 28, 1964 until November 15, 1966.

His Naval records disclosed the following disciplinary actions:

September 24, 1962, Summary Court-Martial for unauthorized absence, sentenced to 30 days restriction and forfeiture of \$20.00 pay.

March 17, 1962, charged with unauthorized absence, sentenced to 14 hours extra duty.

May 17, 1963, charged with unauthorized absence, sentenced to one month restriction.

June 21, 1963, charged with unauthorized absence, was sentenced to reduction in rate to be suspended for six months.

July 30, 1964, charged with derelict in performance of his duties and was reduced in rate.

Mr. STROUD has on his civilian record, a charge of petty larceny dated September 4, 1958, which occurred in Wichita, Kansas. This charge was later dismissed.

The personnel file contained at the Wichita Police Academy contains the results of a polygraph examination submitted to by STROUD and conducted by examiner Jim MEAD. Mr. MEAD indicates in the conclusion of his examination that it was his opinion that during the examination, Mr. STROUD did not tell the truth completely to all questions asked. There were several question numbers listed as being suspect, but there was no information available as to what these numbered questions had been.

The conclusion written by the Academy Supervisor of the class containing Mr. STROUD described him as being slow and lazy. It stated he looks sloppy both in and out of uniform. It stated he is capable of doing good work with constant supervisor. It stated he will not be overly aggressive ever. He was described as being withdrawn and did not speak up or look directly at you when being involved in conversation.

This Officer was assigned to the 3rd Detail during most of his time on the Wichita Police Department; He was assigned to the Patrol Section which is commanded by Major R. L. MURROW.

This Agent noted in the personnel file of Mr. STROUD four items which appeared pertinent and copies of these are enclosed. These four items are described as follows:

An investigation report written by Wichita Police Department Officer Troy HAMPTON, written on February 13, 1969. It is entitled "Off-duty 3rd Detail Officer Jimmy STROUD," and involves an investigation conducted regarding incidents leading up to the resignation of Mr. STROUD.

The second is an investigation report concerning the investigation started by Officer HAMPTON on February 13, 1969, and written by Captain Max ARMSTRONG. This report covers the investigation of the family trouble, assault with a revolver of his wife, his drinking problems, and his behavior leading to the requested resignation of Mr. STROUD.

The third item is a letter written on stationary of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, and dated April 14, 1969. This letter is over the signature of Vernon HARRELL and requests information regarding Mr. STROUD and his work with the Wichita Police Department.

The fourth item is a letter dated April 17, 1969, over the signature of Major R. L. MURROW and directed to Inspector Vernon HARRELL of the Lawrence Police Department regarding their experience with Mr. Jimmy STROUD.

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Please find these four items attached and enclosed with this report.

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