

**TODAY'S CHUCKLE**  
A male shopper wearing Arab clothing said to his friend: "No kidding, Frank, you should see how sales people treat me since I started wearing this outfit."

# 4 Speedway Kidnap Victims Found Dead In Wooded Area

By **PATRICK T. MORRISON** and **JAMES G. NEWLAND JR.**  
The bodies of four young persons abducted Friday night from a Burger Chef restaurant at 5725 Crawfordsville Road were discovered in a secluded wooded area in Johnson County about 3:05 p.m. Sunday.

The victims, who had been shot, were found on private property in White River Township, two miles west of Center Grove High School and one mile east of Ind. 37.

The four, all of whom were employed at the restaurant, were Jane C. Friedl, 17, a junior at Northwest High School; Daniel R. Davis, 16, a junior at Decatur Central High School; and Mark S. Flemmons, 16, a sophomore at Speedway High School.

The bodies were taken to Johnson County Memorial Hospital at Franklin for autopsies.

**POLICE WERE** checking out a 1973 green Mercury found Sunday night in the 2400 block of Carrollton Avenue. The auto was reported stolen from Speedway Friday night in the area where the Burger Chef is located.

Each time State Police First Sgt. Leon Griffith was asked a question, he turned to Gantz for permission to answer. Gantz repeatedly shook his head, leading Griffith to respond, "No comment" to numerous questions.

**POLICE WOULD** not comment on the method of shootings or whether the gunshot wounds were the cause of death. They said they were unsure whether the four employees were shot in the location where they were found or if they were shot elsewhere and dumped in Johnson County.

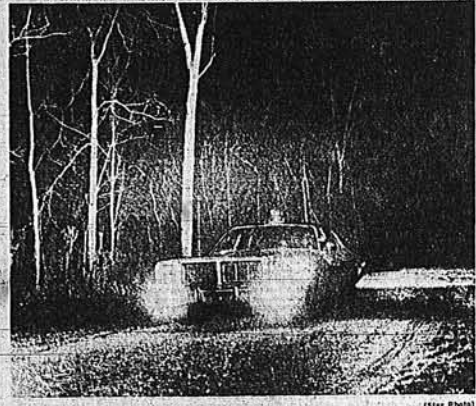
The Indianapolis Police Department and Marion County Sheriff investigators were assisting the FBI with composite drawings and information about other robberies of fast-food restaurants in the area.

State police were in charge of the investigation since the victims were transported across county lines. Johnson County Sheriff Thomas Fritchard said his deputies were not being allowed near the scene. "I'm very, very upset about this," he said, "I don't know why they (state police) can't cooperate."



**SPOT WHERE BODIES FOUND**  
purses belonging to the abducted females were in the restaurant.

**KRING SAID** the back door normally is kept locked. He speculated that the four victims were interrupted while emptying trash because several trash containers were just inside the open door.



**POLICE CAR BLOCKS DRIVE WHERE BODIES WERE FOUND**  
Woods In Background Helped Hide Bodies Of Murdered Youth

## Four Murders Largest Multiple Killing Here Since February 1977

The shooting deaths of four young employees of a Burger Chef restaurant is the largest multiple murder in Marion County in recent history.

It is also the largest mass murder in the state since the Valentine's Day killings of four Hollandsburg youths in 1977.

The case that drew national attention was opened on Feb. 14, 1977 when three brothers and their stepbrother were executed, gangland-style, by four men who burst into their mobile home in the Parke County community of Hollandsburg.

**THEIR MOTHER,** Betty Spencer, survived the ordeal and was able to supply enough details to lead to the arrest and conviction of four suspects.

Her story became famous: She was in the house with her son by a previous marriage, Gregory Brooks, 22, and her three stepsons — Ralph, 14; Reeve, 16, and Raymond Spencer, 17 — when four men broke in, lined them up on the floor, robbed them and shot them one by one. Mrs. Spencer escaped death because a shotgun blast fired by her blew off her wig and the killers believed she had been killed.

One of the most notorious mass murder cases was the so-called "LaSalle Street" murders — where three business partners who ran a microfilm service. The third, James Barker, had met the other three when all three worked together in Chicago. Barker only had lived in Indianapolis a short while.

Sometime between the night of Nov. 30, 1971 and early the next morning, the three were slain in the home shared by Gierse and Hinson on North LaSalle Street.

Each one was struck on the head shortly after entering the house, then tied up. Later, their throats were slashed from ear to ear.

In April 1977, several murders came to light with the asphyxiation killings of three persons in an Eastside garage.

## Survivors Of Cult's Attack In Guyana Cite Brutal Slayings Of 5 Americans

**FROM WIRE SERVICES**  
Georgetown, Guyana — Survivors of a jungle attack that killed five persons including a California congressman and three newsmen said the victims were slain with shotgun blasts to the head fired "inches away" by members of an American religious sect.

There were unconfirmed reports of mass suicides at the sect's camp, Jonestown, after the Saturday evening slaying.

Rep. Leo J. Ryan (D-Calif.) had gone to the camp to investigate reports of abuses of members of the sect, the California-based People's Temple. Shooting erupted as he tried to take several disenchanted sect members back to Georgetown by plane.

**THE STATE** Department identified four of the dead as the 53-year-old Ryan; reporter Don Harris, 42, and cameraman Robert Brown, 36, both of NBC News and both Los Angeles residents; and photographer Gregory Robinson, 27, of the San Francisco Examiner newspaper.

Ten were reported wounded and 10 others still missing.

The identity of the fifth victim, was withheld pending notification of relatives.

The Rev. Jim Jones and the People's Temple got started in Indianapolis. See page 11.

**BULLETIN**  
Georgetown, Guyana (UPI) — Between 300 and 350 bodies have been found at the cult headquarters of the Peoples Temple in the jungles of northwestern Guyana, survivors of the camp said early today.

The refugees from the camp about 150 miles from Georgetown close to the Venezuelan border told relief officials they had seen 200 and 350 people had been killed at the cult headquarters.

It was unclear whether the killings were the result of mass suicide or a spree of murders by members of the cult that Saturday apparently killed Rep. Leo J. Ryan (D-Calif.) and four other members of a fact-finding tour of the bizarre group led by a former San Francisco city worker and based in Guyana.



**DON HARRIS**  
NBC Correspondent



**GREGORY ROBINSON**  
San Francisco Examiner

But Guyanese sources said she was an 18-year-old American woman from the settlement who apparently was trying to leave with him.

Robert Flick, an NBC News field producer, who, the crew, said after the initial shooting that the assailants walked up to the wounded and shot them in the head with shotguns. "That was how Ryan and Harris died," he said.

In an account given on NBC television, he said he saw soldiers guarding the wreckage of a Guyanese plane that had recently crashed at the airstrip and ran to them for help. Flick said the soldiers armed with M-16 rifles, refused to intervene.

**"THE CONGRESSMAN** ... dived behind the opposite wheel of the airplane from the gunfire and was hit almost immediately," Flick said. "Then he was shot by people walking through with their guns." He said the others died the same way.

According to Flick, there were from eight to twelve gunmen, both black and white, who, he said, apparently had acted as Ryan's guide and became enraged and started shooting when they saw some sect members try to leave with him. He

said from 50 to 75 shots were fired.

San Francisco Chronicle reporter Ron Javers, who was wounded in the arm, said a copyrighted account for his paper that NBC cameraman Brown continued filming even as the attackers charged and "I saw Brown go down."

"When I saw one of the attackers stick a shotgun into Brown's face," inches away, if that, and fire."

**BROWN, 36,** had been a cameraman with NBC news since April. He was graduated from Franklin (Ind.) College.

He said the troops told him they refused to intervene for fear of hitting the Americans.

The State Department in Washington

one of the People's Temple refugees being taken from the area pulled a gun and opened fire after boarding one of the two waiting planes. Then other gunmen on a flat trailer pulled by a truck opened fire.

Bullets disabled one plane but the crew of the other plane took off with the first crew and one wounded woman, State Department spokesman Tom Reston said.

All the dead and wounded were Americans, according to the U.S. Embassy.

**THE ATTACK** occurred at a remote airstrip at Port Kaituma, eight miles

south of the Jonestown settlement. Jonestown is 150 miles northwest of Georgetown and about 50 miles south of Guyana's border with Venezuela.

The State Department said the bodies would be flown from Port Kaituma to Georgetown where autopsies would be performed to comply with Guyanese law in cases involving homicide.

Flick said Guyanese troops arrested nine suspects. The government, through a spokesman in New York, Jack Gelinas, confirmed one arrest. He named the suspect as Larry John Layton and said he was an American whose age and

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# Kidnap

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★ suggesting that a successful robbery took place.

Hannon said a number of leads will be checked out, including the possible connection of the abduction-slayings with a group of escaped convicts who held several hostages in Ohio Friday night.

**POLICE REFUSED** to speculate on why the four employees would have been taken along following the robbery or on any connection between their abduction and the Speedway bombings earlier this fall.

The Burger Chef is located within sight of the first bombing in the Speedway Shopping Center.

Speedway police still are investigating the July slaying of Julia Scyphers, who was shot to death in the garage at her home by a man she believed to have been checking on a garage sale.

No more than \$500 was taken from the restaurant, according to the manager,

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Light Co. joined with the federal govern-  
ment in subsidizing a 23-mile section of  
line between Charlottesville and Cam-  
bridge City, which Conrail wished to  
abandon.

Richmond community leaders dispute  
Conrail's argument that the line, which  
carries thousands of carloads a year for  
several large businesses, is not profit-  
able. They suspect they have taken the  
big railroad off the hook, keeping open a  
line which Conrail doesn't have to pay to  
maintain.

Even if that's true — and Conrail  
disagrees — the utility has a bargain.  
The subsidy cost it only \$15,230 in 1977,  
while the cost of rerouting coal from the  
Conrail line to feed its power plants was  
estimated at \$250,000 a year — \$25 for  
each RP and L customer.

**THE DISPUTE** aside, the fact of the  
Richmond matter is that a heavy user of  
rail service is at least partially paying  
for his own railroad, rather than spread-  
ing the expense over both users and non-  
users. A growing phenomenon, it's the  
logical extension of the well-established  
practice of shippers' buying or leasing  
their own rail cars to ensure they'll be  
available.

Black and his successor as director, of  
state rail planning, fellow I.U. transpor-  
tation professor Joseph P. Hartley, sug-  
gest there should be more of this. But  
they warn against the fallacy of "reduc-  
tionism."

"There are many profit-making com-  
panies using government-subsidized rail  
service, so you're indirectly subsidizing  
them," says Hartley. "That's hard to  
justify ethically.

"On the other hand, rail has many  
other values aside from that to direct  
users. It was estimated that if the seven  
bankrupt lines had been allowed to dis-  
appear, there would have been a permanent  
12 percent loss to this region's economy.  
That's everybody's problem."

**Tomorrow: The Coal War And Other  
Burning Issues**



**LT. WILLIAM CRAFTON  
Addresses Press Conference**

Robert Gilyeat. He described the victims  
as "model employees" who had no prob-  
lems with him or with customers.

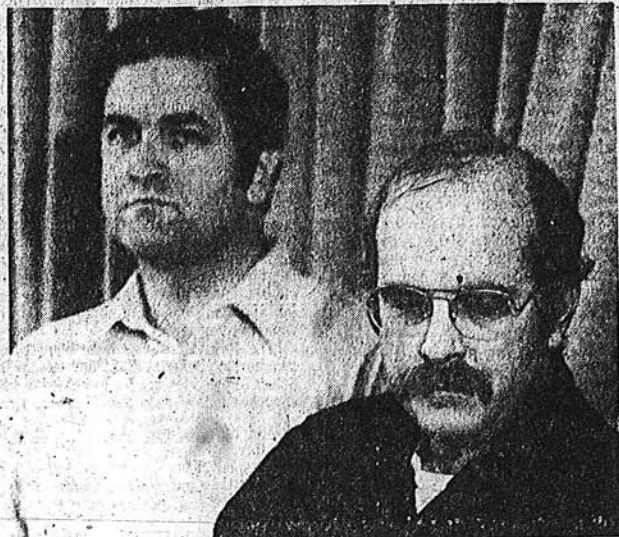
**THE RESTAURANT** where the four  
were employed closed about 9 p.m. Sun-  
day after a flurry of phone calls to the  
acting manager, Tom Seidl.

"I don't work here normally. None of  
us do," Seidl explained to one customer.

"We're just short of help tonight."

Seidl received word of the death of  
the employees just before closing the  
Burger Chef.

In July, six employees of a fast-food  
restaurant at Oklahoma City, Okla. were  
shot to death during a robbery and found  
stuffed inside a freezer. Suspects later  
were arrested.



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