

# HARBOR VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION / HOMICIDE UNIT

## OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIVE CASE SUMMARY

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| CASE FILE        | HVPD-84-019                         |
| CLASSIFICATION   | HOMICIDE / SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES |
| VICTIM           | ELAINE MERCER                       |
| LOCATION         | PINEWOOD LANE, HARBOR VIEW, MAINE   |
| DATE OF INCIDENT | OCTOBER 17, 1984                    |
| PRIMARY SUSPECT  | DANIEL VOSS                         |
| CASE STATUS      | OPEN — TRANSFERRED TO HVARO         |

### 01 / CASE OVERVIEW

On October 17, 1984, Elaine Mercer was found deceased inside her residence on Pinewood Lane, Harbor View, Maine. Preliminary examination of the scene indicated that the victim had sustained multiple stab wounds consistent with a deliberate act of violence. Investigators found no immediate evidence of forced entry.

The investigation initially focused on Daniel Voss, a transient individual believed to have been residing in Harbor View for several months. Evidence recovered from Voss's temporary residence suggested that he had been observing the victim and documenting her daily activities for an extended period.

On October 18, local radio station WCHV aired a recording entitled Pinewood Lane, submitted by an unidentified individual. The broadcast contained disturbing references to the victim and circumstances surrounding her death. Station personnel terminated the recording before its conclusion. Subsequent investigative efforts identified Voss as the individual responsible for submitting the tape.

Voss was taken into custody and questioned regarding his involvement in the homicide. During interrogation, he admitted responsibility for Mercer's death but provided an unusual explanation for his actions. Voss claimed that the murder had been intended to attract the attention of an unidentified organization operating black vehicles throughout Harbor View. He further alleged that he had been unable to leave the town for several months and made repeated statements concerning the supposed disappearance of Harbor View in 1970.

Investigators initially regarded these statements as evidence of possible psychological instability.

During the interrogation, Voss became increasingly distressed upon learning that his recording had not been broadcast in its entirety. He repeatedly insisted that the remaining portion contained information of significant importance.

Before the recording could be obtained, Voss disappeared from a secured interrogation room under circumstances that remain unexplained. Officers subsequently discovered an unidentified human-shaped marking on the ceiling directly above the location where Voss had been seated.

The complete Pinewood Lane recording was later recovered from WCHV. Its previously unaired conclusion contained additional statements from Voss describing an unidentified male figure of exceptional height standing in the rear yard of the Mercer residence near the time of the homicide.

The individual described in the recording has not been identified or located. Investigators are pursuing the possibility that this person witnessed the homicide or possesses information relevant to the circumstances surrounding Mercer's death.

The homicide investigation remains open pending identification of the unknown individual, recovery of Daniel Voss, and further examination of the evidence obtained from WCHV.

## **02 / INVESTIGATIVE NOTE**

The statements made by Voss regarding the town's disappearance, unidentified vehicles, and his inability to leave Harbor View remain unsubstantiated. Their relevance to the homicide has not been established.

## **03 / SUPPLEMENTAL JURISDICTION NOTICE**

### **HVARO – NOTICE OF INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION TRANSFER**

Effective October 19, 1984, the Harbor View Anomalous Research Office has assumed investigative authority over Case HVPD-84-019 due to circumstances potentially involving anomalous activity, including the unexplained disappearance of Daniel Voss and evidence associated with an unidentified figure.

All investigative materials, audio recordings, and subsequent findings are to be forwarded to HVARO Field Operations. Independent HVPD investigative activity is suspended pending further notice.

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