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1600 hrs

D/Lt. McElhone, C.O., Homicide Squad informed Sgt. Waltz that they have been notified of the disappearance of Jerry Steuerman of Oldfield, a business partner of Seymour Tankleff. Tankleff and his wife were the victims of an assault by their son, Martin, on 9-7-88. Mrs. Tankleff died of her wounds and Seymour is alive but in grave condition.

Homicide has no reason to believe that Steuerman's absence is connected with the murder but is requesting an opportunity to further evaluate the disappearance.

Juvenile and Missing Person Section involvement in this incident will be minimal pending further discussion with Homicide.

9-16-88
Lt SS

D/Sgt. R. Doyle, Homicide Sqd. relates the following set of facts: Jerry Steuerman is a friend and business associate of Seymour Tankleff, who is soon expected to expire from his injuries. Tankleff and Steuerman own a race horse and Tankleff has helped Steuerman finance numerous bagel stores. Tankleff and Steuerman and a few others were playing cards on the night of the assault. Steuerman has been thoroughly questioned and Homicide does not believe he was involved. Steuerman is described as an aggressive businessman by family and friends.

On Wednesday morning, 9-14-88, Steuerman, who lives with his adult daughter, Bari, gets up and leaves the house early as usual. He goes to one of the bagel shoppes operated by his older son, Glen, and seems to be in a somber mood. He stays at the shoppe for awhile and then leaves. At about 0930 he arrives at the office of his attorney and long time friend, Michael Grundfest on Rt. 25 in Smithtown. Grundfest states that Steuerman was concerned over personal and business matters and wanted to put his affairs in order. Grundfest says he doesn't have time and wants to make an appointment. Steuerman also has to go but leaves an envelope with Grundfest which is to be opened if anything happens. Lawyer has known Steuerman for 20 yrs., never saw him act like this.

Steuerman's 1987 Lincoln TownCar is found, with the engine running behind Ribsters Restaurant, Veterans Highway and LIE north service rd., Hauppauge at about 1400 hrs on 9-14-88 and reported to the 4th Pct. who impound it.

Letter is opened in the lawyers office on 9-15-88. Basically discussed business and family matter and implied that Glen should run things.

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9-17-88
Sgt FS 623

Sgt. Stallone and D/Sgt Doyle discuss case. To avoid duplication of effort, it is decided that Homicide will direct this investigation until further notice.

9-20-88
Lt SS

Lt. Steidel discussed case with D/Sgt Doyle. A story on this disappearance was printed in today's Newsday. Major media interest. It was decided that the Juvenile and Missing Persons Section would handle media inquiries. Press conference held at approx. 1130 hrs.

9-22-88
PO RJ 2469
1740 hrs

Anonymous male caller advises Steuerman finances his son Todd, aka Toad, in major cocaine dealings. Caller states he saw Steuerman and Todd in a room together with several kilos of cocaine. Also states last business venture he heard them working on was a warehouse on the East End. Todd lives in Patchogue and has a very "tight" relationship with his father.

D/Sgt Pepper of Homicide notified of conversation at 1800 hrs

9-23-88
Sgt PS 430
1000 hrs

Attempted to contact complainant - left message on answering machine. Called Strathmore Bagels - 473-9204 - complainant not there - left message for her to call office

2230 hrs
Sgt FS 623

Complainants phone busy for three hours - operator states it is either off hook or unplugged

9-25-88
PO BLF

Complainant contacted - appointment made for 1900 hrs 9-26-88

9-26-88

Po Fletcher and Sgt. Stallone at residence - conducted interview of daughter as well as mother and father of the missing person. NYS Data Collection Guide completed

9-27-88
Tedesco
1435 hrs

Complainant called to report her father's SS# is 110-30-5482
Eye doctor is Dr. Kessler in Setauket.

9-29-88
PO Bowen
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Det K. McBride of Homicide called to advise that Jerry Steuerman had been located in California and that the family had been notified

D/Sgt Doyle called from California to verify the recovery

Teletype Notified

Case Closed

P.O. Fletcher P23068/5210/3

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9/29/88