Mrs. MARJORIE J. TAMMEN, 21001 Hillgrove Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio, telephonically advised on April 30, 1953, that her son had disappeared from the campus of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio during the early evening hours of April 19, 1953. He was a student at the university and had departed without his wallet, automobile, additional clothing, draft card or any personal possessions. She advised the local police and the Ohio State Patrol had been notified and requested that a notice be placed in the Missing Persons files of the Bureau.

She stated her son was apparently a victim of amnesia and that the police had not been able to locate any foul play nor was there any evidence indicating that he had gotten into any sort of personal trouble.

He was well-liked at that school and she indicated that his approaching draft did not seem to be of any major concern to him. Mrs. TAMMEN gave the following description for her son:

- Age: 20 years
- Born: July 23, 1933, Lakewood Hospital, Lakewood, Ohio
- Height: 5'11"
- Weight: 175 pounds
- Build: Stocky-full through chest
- Hair: Dark-brown, often used in a modified braid
- Eyes: Hazel; left eye has slight cast, noticeable when fatigued
- Complexion: Ruddy
- Teeth: Front teeth overlap slightly
- Hobby: Wrestling
- Ears: Slightly cauliflower inside right ear resulting from wrestling

CAE: mb
Enc. (1)

Ref. to
Records Branch
for
File

Main File

73-1
Director, FBI

May 26, 1953

Relatives:
Father - RONALD H. TAMMEN, SR.
Mother - MARJORIE J. TAMMEN
Brothers - JOHN A.
            RICHARD W.
            ROBERT C.
Sister - MARCIA J.

Miscellaneous:
Superior scholastic average at college;
played bass viol with college band;
builds model airplanes;
enjoys wrestling as hobby

* * * *

On May 18, 1953, Mrs. TAMMEN forwarded the enclosed photograph of her son, which she requested be returned to her after it has served its purpose.

It is requested that a Missing Persons notice be placed in the files of the Identification Division and any information received be furnished to Mrs. MARJORIE J. TAMMEN, 21001 Hillgrove Avenue, Maple Heights, Ohio, telephone MO 2-4757.
SAC, Cleveland (79-0-425 D)  
June 5, 1953  

DIRECT: 79-3/1966-1  

DONALD HENRY TAMMEN, JR.  
MISSING PERSON  

Reelected May 26, 1953.  
Missing person probably identical Ronald Henry Tammam, FBI  
#358406 B, fingerprinted in 1941 for personal identification.  

Inasmuch as no current information is available a missing person  
otice has been placed in file in behalf of Mrs. Marjorie J. Tammam.  
The photograph submitted by you has been copied and is returned  
herein for transmittal to Mrs. Marjorie J. Tammam.  

Disclosure  
FMB:fo  

Identical FBI #358406 B. Notice placed posted.
August 25, 1955

Mrs. Marjorie J. Tammen
21001 Hillgrove Avenue
Maple Heights, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Tammen:

Reference is made to the missing person notice maintained in the files of our Identification Division in your behalf regarding Ronald Henry Tammen, Jr., whom you reported missing in May, 1953.

At this time we are checking our files and will appreciate your letting us know whether the location of the above person is still desired by you. If so, the notice will, of course, be continued in file. All that will be necessary will be for you to check one of the spaces at the bottom of this letter and return it to us.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director

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16 JUN 5 1973

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REferred to Records Branch For:

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 1, 1957

Mrs. Marjorie J. Tammen
21001 Hillgrove Avenue
Maple Heights, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Tammen:

Reference is made to the missing person notice maintained in the files of our Identification Division in your behalf regarding Ronald Henry Tammen Jr., whom you reported missing in May, 1953.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

Director

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Mrs. Marjorie J. Tammen
21001 Hillgrove Avenue
Maple Heights, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Tammen:

Reference is made to the missing person notice maintained in the files of our Identification Division in your behalf regarding Ronald Henry Tammen, Jr., whom you reported missing in May 1953.

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R. H. TAMMEN, SR.
2000 LORAIN ROAD
APT. 116, FAIRVIEW PARK
OHIO

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REMARKS PERMITTED IN
IDENT RECORD

John Edgar Hoover
Director

ST-102
16 JUN 5 1973

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REMARKS PERMITTED IN
IDENT RECORD
Mrs. Marjorie J. Tammen
21001 Hillgrove Avenue
Maple Heights, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Tammen:

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
October 30, 1961

Ronald H. Tammen, Sr.
2000 Lorain Road
Apt. 116, Fairview Park, Ohio

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RETAIEn PERMANENTLY IN
JACKET 55-7100 9-2-73
Mrs. Marjorie J. Tammen
21001 Hillgrove Avenue
Maple Heights, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Tammen:

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Thank you for the help that your department was able to give.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. Tammen

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
January 19, 1967

Mrs. Marjorie J. Tammem
21001 Hillgrove Avenue
Maple Heights, Ohio 44137

Dear Mrs. Tammem:

Reference is made to the missing person notice maintained in the files of our Identification Division in your behalf regarding Ronald Henry Tammem, Jr., whom you reported missing in May 1953.

At this time we are checking our files and will appreciate your letting us know whether the location of the above person is still desired by you. If so, the notice will, of course, be continued in file. All that will be necessary will be for you to check one of the items at the bottom of this letter and return it to us. Unless a reply is received from you within 90 days from this date, the notice will be canceled.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Ronald H. Tammem, Sr.

2000 Lorain Road, Apt. 116
Fairview Park, Ohio

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Please check one:

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Removal from Identification Records

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

INSTRUCTIONS TO DISPOSER OF RECORDS

This file is maintained in your behalf regarding a missing person.

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Dear Sirs:

In April 1953 my son Ronald Henry Tammen Jr. disappeared from Miami University and to this date no trace of him has ever been found. The Federal Bureau of Investigation entered the case through the Selective Service Act.

I am enclosing a newspaper item from the Cleveland Plain Dealer of October 2, 1967, page 12 which shows a picture of a dog handler and a dog "cooling off". He is attached to the U.S. 173d Airborne Brigade near Bien Hoa. From the few features I can see of this soldier, I would swear it is my son.

I believe this should be checked out to determine if this is or is not my son. The newspaper could tell me that the picture was an Associated Press release but no story or names were with it. I also contacted the Cleveland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and it was suggested I write to the Washington office. Each year your office forwards a letter to me requesting to know whether the case should be continued on an active basis. I would be very happy to know whether or not this is my son.

Yours truly,

Ronald Henry Tammen, Jr.
Mr. Ronald H. Tammen Jr.  
Apartment 116  
20000 Lorain Road  
Fairview Park, Ohio 44126

Dear Mr. Tammen:

On October 5, 1967, I received your letter regarding your son, Ronald H. Tammen, Jr.

I regret to tell you we have not received any information as to the whereabouts of your son since a missing person notice was placed in our Identification Division files in June, 1953. The missing person notice will be continued and you may be sure that any information we do receive will be forwarded promptly.

In reference to the newspaper item you enclosed, you may wish to write directly to The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310, for possible assistance.

Your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure - incoming newspaper clipping.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537
October 1, 1970

Mr. Ronald H. Tammen, Sr.
20000 Dorain Road
Apartment 116
Fairview Park, Ohio 44126

Dear Mr. Tammen:

Reference is made to the missing person notice
maintained in the files of our Identification Division in your
behalf regarding Ronald Henry Tammen, Jr.,
whom you reported missing in June 1953.

At this time we are checking our files and will
appreciate your letting us know whether the location of the
above person is still desired by you. If so, the notice will,
of course, be continued in file. All that will be necessary
will be for you to check one of the items at the bottom of
this letter and return it to us. Unless a reply is received
from you within 90 days from this date, the notice will be
canceled.

Your courtesy in this matter will be greatly
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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☐ Is still missing. POSTED 10-27-70
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R.H. Tammen

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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IDENT JACKET #357
309 KB

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6-5-73 8-8

NOT RECORDED
17 OCT 9 1970
Memorandum

TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (25-381754)  
(ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)

FROM: SAC CINCINNATI (25-14261) (P)

SUBJECT: RONALD HENRY TAMMEN, JR.  
SSN 33-32-33-508  
SSA, 1948

DATE: 5/9/73

Re Bureau airtel to CI, dated 12/19/58.

Enclosed for the assistance of the Identification Division are three (3) copies of an insert reflecting background information regarding a white male, DOB [ ], SSN [ ], USAP Serial # [ ].

Enclosed for the Cleveland Division is one (1) copy of the aforementioned insert.

For the information of the Identification Division and Cleveland, RONALD HENRY TAMMEN, JR. mysteriously disappeared from the Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where he was a student on 4/19/53.

The Cincinnati file in this matter reflects that a missing persons notice was placed with the Identification Division by the Cleveland Office on 5/26/58, at the request of subject's mother, MARJORIE TAMMEN, after subject's disappearance. The Cleveland Office was Office of Origin in SSA, 1948 case concerning subject which was discontinued on 4/29/55. Investigation conducted prior to discontinuance revealed subject has FBI #358 406 B.

On 4/23/67, an unknown male telephonically contacted the FBI Office, Cincinnati, Ohio, and advised that he was aware the FBI has an interest in one RONALD H. TAMMEN. The caller advised he has strong reason to believe that captioned subject is identical with one...

... Bureau (Enc. 3)  
Cleveland (Enc. 1) (25-14170) (Info)  
Cincinnati

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan
CI 25-14261

who is employed with Welco Industry, 9027 Shell Avenue, Blue Ash, Ohio, as. The caller based his opinion upon physical description and "other reasons which he cared not to discuss." At this point, the caller terminated the telephone call.

The Identification Division is requested to compare the fingerprints of with those of subject and advise Cincinnati and Cleveland of the results.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent on April 26, 1973, at Blue Ash, Ohio:

In Industry, 9027 Shell Avenue, advised that he is the following information from the personnel files of his firm:

Name:
Race:
Sex:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Social Security #:
Height:
Weight:
Date Entered on Employment:
Position:
Education:

Military:

Service #:
Residence:

Marital Status:
Prior Employment:

Previous Residence:

ENCLOSURE
CI 25-14261
2.

Mother:

Tampa, Florida
MAILED 22
MAY 22 1973

2 - Cleveland (25-14170)
NOTE: MR, who has been missing since April, 1953, may be identical with FBI #358, 406 B. This record consists of one personal identification ftpt card taken in 1941. Was a subj of SSA violation in 1953. Canceled in 1955 (USA Cleveland closed case). MR placed in 1953 to be brought up to date.
Precedence: ROUTINE          Date: 01/29/2008

To: Atlanta

From: Atlanta
Dalton RA
Contact: SA

Approved By: b6

Drafted By: D;cic

Case ID #: 62D-AT- (Pending) 103102

Title: UNSUB;
JOHN DOE - VICTIM;
POLICE COOPERATION

Synopsis: Request opening of new Police Cooperation matter.

Details: On 01/14/2008, Special Agent (SA) was contacted by Walker County Sheriff's Office (WCSO), LaFayette, Georgia, who provided information regarding the initiation of a cold case matter involving the discovery of an unidentified body in LaFayette, Georgia.

The body of an unknown white male was discovered in LaFayette, Georgia, in June, 1953. At that time, the WCSO and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) conducted an investigation in an attempt to identify the remains; however, due to significant decomposition and the lack of identification, the identity of the remains were unable to be determined. The remains were interred at the LaFayette City Cemetery.

In January, 2008, the WCSO initiated a cold case matter regarding the above mentioned unidentified remains as links were made to the missing persons case in Oxford, Ohio, of Ronald Henry Tammen. Tammen, a student of the University of Miami at Ohio, Oxford, Ohio, was last seen on 04/19/1953. Tammen is more fully described as follows:

Full Name: Ronald Henry Tammen, Jr.
Sex: Male
Race: White
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 175 pounds
To: Atlanta  From: Atlanta  
Re: 62D-AT-, 01/29/2008

Hair: Brown  
Date of Birth: 07/23/1933  
Social Security Account Number: 276-28-2084  
Blood Type: 0+ (O positive)

WCSO believes that the remains discovered in LaFayette, Georgia, in July, 1953, are those of Tammen, and is requesting Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) assistance with positive identification and investigation. WCSO intends to exhume the above mentioned remains on 02/08/2008 and conduct a forensic autopsy, to include the collection of DNA for comparison to known relatives of Tammen.

In view of the above, it is requested that a Police Cooperation matter be opened and assigned to S. A.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent (SA) on July 14, 2008, at Dalton, Georgia:

On July 14, 2008, WALKER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, provided SA a copy of an e-mail directed to Sheriff STEVE WILSON regarding the possible identity of an unidentified body currently buried in the LaFayette city cemetery.

The above mentioned e-mail is attached and hereto made part of instant matter:
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/03/2009

To: Atlanta

From: Atlanta

Dalton RA

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: 62D-AT-103102 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB;

JOHN DOE - VICTIM;

POLICE COOPERATION

Synopsis: Request closing of captioned Police Cooperation matter.

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Tammen Closing 62D-AT-103102

62D-AT-103102

06/03/09

[Signature]

6/13/09
To: Atlanta From: Atlanta
Re: 62D-AT-, 06/03/2009

Full Name: Ronald Henry Tammen, Jr.
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To date, no relation to Tammen has been discovered through contacts with the family and review of provided dental records and comparison of same to autopsy reports. No evidence was seized nor obtained by the FBI.

In view of the above, it is requested that captioned matter be closed.

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To: Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
Forensic Science Laboratory
Attn: Examiner
1430 Maryland Avenue East
St. Paul, MN 55106
(651) 793-2959

Date: June 9, 2010

Case ID No.: 301-HQ-1578727 - S
Lab No.: 080314011 PF UU

Title: NATIONAL MISSING PERSON DNA DATABASE;
UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS

Date specimens received: March 14, 2008

The specimens listed below are being forwarded to you by the Nuclear DNA Unit:

Q1-Q2 Femurs
K1 Buccal sample from [extraction code: b7c]
Mitochondrial DNA Unit Secondary Evidence
Nuclear DNA Unit Secondary Evidence

This letter informs you that the specimens listed above are being provided to you for nuclear DNA testing. Please note that the extracted DNA submitted to you in this case for specimen Q1 is not suitable for further forensic nuclear DNA testing.
Remarks:

Please return evidence and direct any inquiries to:

Forensic Anthropologist
Georgia Bureau of Investigation
3121 Panthersville Road
Decatur, Georgia 30034
Submitting Agency No.: 2008-1002896

For questions about the content of this letter or this testing arrangement, please contact Forensic Examiner

Nuclear DNA Unit
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

To: Forensic Anthropologist
   Georgia Bureau of Investigation
   3121 Panthersville Road
   Decatur, Georgia 30034

Date: September 15, 2010

Case ID No.: 301-HQ-1578727 - U
Lab No.: 080314011 PF ACB

Reference: Communication dated March 11, 2008
Your No.: 2008-1002896

Title: NATIONAL MISSING PERSON DNA DATABASE;
UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS

Date specimens received: March 14, 2008

The specimens listed below were received in the Nuclear DNA Unit:

Q1-Q2 Femurs
K1 Buccal sample from Mitochondrial DNA Unit Secondary Evidence
Mitochondrial DNA Unit Secondary Evidence
Nuclear DNA Unit Secondary Evidence

This report informs you that the specimens listed above were forwarded to
the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) Laboratory in St. Paul, Minnesota for
nuclear DNA testing on June 28, 2010. Nuclear DNA examinations were initiated by the FBI
Laboratory in this case but will be completed by the BCA Laboratory, and eligible profiles will
be uploaded into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

Remarks:

Page 1 of 2

For Official Use Only
The results of the nuclear DNA analyses will be the subject of a separate report forwarded to you by the Minnesota BCA Laboratory. The evidence items sent to the Minnesota BCA Laboratory will be returned directly to your agency. Any items not forwarded to the Minnesota BCA Laboratory will be returned to you under separate cover.

For questions about the content of this report, please contact Forensic Examiner____________________. For questions about the testing arrangement, please contact Forensic Examiner____________________. For questions about the status of remaining forensic examinations at the FBI Laboratory, please contact Request Coordinator____________________. For questions about the status of the nuclear DNA testing being conducted at the Minnesota BCA Laboratory or to provide additional priority information, please contact Forensic DNA Examiner____________________ at the Minnesota BCA Laboratory.

Nuclear DNA Unit

Administrative Reviewer: ___________________________ Date: 09/23/10

This report contains the opinions/interpretations of the examiner(s) who issued the report.

Page 2 of 2

080314011 PF ACB

For Official Use Only
REPORT OF EXAMINATION

To: Forensic Anthropologist
Georgia Bureau of Investigation
3121 Panthersville Road
Decatur, Georgia 30034

Date: June 2, 2008

Case ID No.: 301-HQ-1578727
Lab No.: 080314011 PF OA

Lab No.: 080314011 PF OA

Reference: Communication dated March 11, 2008

Your No.: 2008-1002896

Title: NATIONAL MISSING PERSON DNA DATABASE;
UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS

Date specimens received: March 14, 2008

The items listed below were submitted under cover of communication dated March 11, 2008,
assigned Laboratory number 080314011 and received in the DNA Analysis Unit II:

Q1-Q2 Femurs
K1 Buccal sample from

This report contains the results of the mitochondrial DNA examinations.

Results of Examinations:

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) sequences were obtained from the Q1 femur and the K1 buccal
sample, identified as coming from RONALD TAMMEN. The mtDNA sequences from specimens Q1 and K1 are different. Therefore,
RONALD TAMMEN can be excluded as the source of the Q1 femur.

The mtDNA sequences from items Q1 and K1 will be entered in the National Missing Person
DNA Database.
No other mtDNA examinations were conducted.

Remarks:

A portion from items Q1 and K1 will be retained for archival purposes for possible future testing. The final disposition of the submitted items will be addressed in a separate communication. The processed DNA can be found in a package marked PROCESSED DNA SAMPLES: SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED/FROZEN. It is recommended that these samples be stored in a refrigerator/freezer and isolated from evidence that has not been examined.

For questions about the content of this report, please contact Forensic Examiner. For questions about the status of remaining forensic examinations, please contact.

DNA Analysis Unit II

Technical Reviewer: Date: 6/4/08

Administrative Reviewer: Date: 6/5/08

This report contains the opinions/interpretations of the examiner(s) who issued the report.
To: Forensic Anthropologist
Georga Bureau of Investigation
3121 Panthersville Road
Decatur, Georgia 30034

Date: March 24, 2008

Case ID No.: 301-HQ-1578727 - 2
Lab No.: 080314011 PF

Reference: Communication dated March 11, 2008

Your No.: 2008-1002896

Title: NATIONAL MISSING PERSON DNA DATABASE; UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS

Date specimens received: March 14, 2008

The FBI Laboratory has received your request for examination. The accompanying items of evidence have been inventoried. The provided listing and description of the submitted items may be subject to change when the examination phase begins. If changes are made, they will be reflected in the Report of Examination issued by the examiner making the change.

Specimens:

Q1-Q2 Femurs

K1 Buccal sample from

Each examiner assigned to your request will issue a separate Report of Examination that will address the results of his/her expertise. For technical questions, contact the following unit(s) assigned to your case: DNA Analysis Unit I (Nuclear) - 703-632-8446, DNA Analysis Unit II (Mitochondrial) - 703-632-7572.

If there is a change in the status of your investigation that would have an affect on the prioritization of your request, such as court deadlines, dismissal of charges, or guilty plea; or if you have questions regarding the status of your case, contact Request Coordinator:

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March 11, 2008

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FBI Laboratory
Evidence Control Unit
Samples for National Missing Person DNA Database
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To whom it may concern,

Enclosed are a right and left femur from skeletal remains that were buried in 1953 and exhumed in January 2008. The remains have been assigned GBI Case Number 2008-1002896. Also enclosed are buccal swabs from Ronald Tammen for comparison with the skeletal material. It is possible but highly unlikely that the remains are those of Ronald Tammen, a white male who disappeared from Oxford, Ohio shortly before the remains were found. I will have the investigator send the consent forms as well as determine the Ronald Tammen.

Also enclosed is an autopsy and/or anthropology report on the remains. I would like to have both nuclear and mitochondrial DNA analysis performed on the remains. Please route these items to the NMPDD program for analysis. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Case Number: 2008-1002896

Name: UID

Date: February 13, 2008

Introduction: On February 8, 2008 I (FJS) met [ ] of the Walker County Sheriff’s Department to exhume the remains of an unidentified male who was found beside West Rogers Road, Lafayette, Georgia in April 1953. Had found a report that stating that shortly before the remains were found a 19-year old white male, Ronald Tammen, vanished from his dorm room at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Since Highway 27 runs between Oxford, Ohio and Lafayette, Georgia, speculated that the remains may be those of Tammen.

After meeting with [ ] I was taken to the city cemetery where the remains had been interred following an on-site autopsy in 1953. A backhoe was used to remove the overburden, and upon reaching the outline of a wooden coffin, which had long since decomposed, the remainder of the soil was removed by shovels and trowels.

At a depth of approximately 4.5 feet I found a dark brown body bag. The body bag was largely intact but not impervious to percolating ground water. Inside the body bag I found the left and right femora, left and right tibiae, left and right ulnae, left and right humeri, a fragmentary left radius fragmentary left and right parietals, the occipital portion of the skull, two molars, and two premolars. All skeletal elements were found to be in extremely poor condition after having been exposed to ground water and acidic soil for 55 years. The bones were waterlogged, exhibited cortical flaking and demineralization, and fell apart at the slightest touch. No other skeletal elements were recovered.

The bones were placed in brown paper bags and transported to Georgia Bureau of Investigation Headquarters for analysis. Following the exhumation, the grave was refilled.

Analysis: Due to the extremely poor condition of the bones, no morphological or morphometric analysis could be performed. In addition, the roots of all four teeth recovered are also in extremely poor condition and the pulp cavity has been penetrated by groundwater. Several of the long bones will be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Missing Person DNA Database for nuclear and mitochondrial DNA analysis.