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CASE NUMBER
GO 42 2017-18178

GENERAL OFFENSE									
REPORTED DATE/TIME 01/19/2017 1425		OCCURRED DATE/TIME 01/18/2017 1945 TO 01/19/2017 0900				AUTHOR HAUSKINS, RANDY A (FORMER EMPLOYEE) (46183)			
LOCATION OF INCIDENT 1015 NE 33RD AVE, PORTLAND								PLACE	
COUNTY MULTNOMAH		DISTRICT CE		BEAT 720		GRID 21035			
SEVERITY	FAMILY VIOLENCE No		GANG INVOLVEMENT		SPECIAL STUDY				
RELATED INCIDENT NUMBERS CP 42 2017-18178									
TOTAL LOSS			TOTAL RECOVERED			DAMAGED TOTAL			DRUG TOTAL
CLEARANCE STATUS NOT APPLICABLE					EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE NOT APPLICABLE				
DATE/TIME CLEARED 03/20/2019		CLEARED BY 24243 - FONKEN, LORIANA M (RETIRED)							
INTERNAL STATUS EXCEPTIONAL - ADULT				APPROVED BY WHATTAM, KEN N (FORMER EMPLOYEE) (24582)				APPROVED ON 05/24/2018	
OFFENSES [1]									
OFFENSE MISSING PERSON				STATUTE		PREMISE TYPE Residence/Home			
BIAS NONE (NO BIAS)									
PERSON - LOCATED #1									
NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) BAZZANI, LIZ				SEX FEMALE	RACE WHITE			DOB 07/12/1954	AGE 62
HOME ADDRESS - STREET, CITY ZIP 1015 NE 33RD AVE, PORTLAND OR 97232					HEIGHT 5'4	WEIGHT 110	HAIR COLOR WHITE	EYES GREEN	
HOME PHONE		CELL PHONE (503) 709-6881		WORK PHONE		EMAIL ADDRESS			
DRIVERS LICENSE (STATE) REDACTED		SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		POB		ETHNICITY UNKNOWN			
CLOTHING Pants: CREAM (IVORY) / OVERSIZED, SAGGING PANTS Shoes: GREEN / BOOTS, OTHER									
MISSING PERSON DETAILS									
SUBJECT TYPE OTHER			STATUS MISSING		JUV. No	PRINTS	PROBABLE CAUSE		
MISSING FROM					MONEY AMOUNT				
MEDICAL INFORMATION									
BLOOD TYPE		X-RAYS			DISABILITY			CIRCUMCISION	
DOCTOR		DOCTOR TELEPHONE							
MISSING DETAILS									
MISSING SINCE 01/18/2017			DATE OF MAJORITY		LAST SEEN ON		PLACE		

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HISTORY INFORMATION

MISSING BEFORE No	WHERE FOUND	REASON FOR ABSENCE	POSSIBLE DESTINATION
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REMARKS

LOCATED INFORMATION

LOCATED ON 01/30/2017	PLACE	CASE STATUS ACTIVE	MARKS AVAILABLE No	CLOTHES DESCRIPTION No
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PERSON - RPTG PARTY #1

NAME (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) BAZZANI, VANESSA B	SEX FEMALE	RACE WHITE	DOB [REDACTED]	AGE 35	
HOME ADDRESS - STREET, CITY ZIP [REDACTED]		HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR COLOR	EYES
HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE [REDACTED]	WORK PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS		
DRIVERS LICENSE (STATE) REDACTED	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	POB	ETHNICITY UNKNOWN		

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HAUSKINS, RANDY A (FORMER EMPLOYEE) (46183)

DATE/TIME

01/19/2017 1425

SUBJECT

MISSING PERSON

I was dispatched to a missing at the mentioned location. After arriving, I spoke to RP Bazzani. She told me that she saw her mother, MI Bazanni, at about 1930 hrs last night, and hasn't heard from her since. She said this was very unusual for her mother. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

RP Bazanni said she attempted to call her phone, but it went right to voicemail. She also said family had gone into her living quarters at 1025 NE 33rd Ave, and she wasn't there. MI Bazanni lives in a small community, and she said nobody had seen her this morning.

I had MI Bazanni's phone pinged. It was last detected at SW 2nd Av/SW Taylor St around 0727 hrs this morning. I contacted RP Bazzani, and told her this information.

I gave RP Bazzani my business card and a case number. I contacted Teletype and gave the information to #91755.

Sgt Helzer later put out a BOLO for MI Bazanni.

If located, please RP Bazzani.

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FOLLOWUP REPORT #1

ASSIGNED TO HELWIG, HEIDI J (41499)		RANK DETECTIVE		
ORG UNIT DETECTIVE: MISSING PERSONS		CAPACITY 1-INVESTIGATOR, LEAD		
ASSIGNED ON 01/20/2017	ASSIGNED BY HELWIG, HEIDI J	SUBMITTED ON 03/09/2017	APPROVED ON 03/10/2017	APPROVED BY WHATAM, KEN N (FORMER EMPLOYEE)

NARRATIVE

AUTHOR HELWIG, HEIDI J (41499)	DATE/TIME 03/09/2017
SUBJECT MISSING INVESTIGATION	

On 1/21/2017 I received this missing report, involving MI LIZ BAZZANI, for follow-up. The original report was taken on 1/19/2017 by Officer Hauskins, and his investigation determined that MI was last accounted for at her residence at 1945 hours on 1/18/2017. Officer Hauskins also utilized a phone ping, showing MI's phone was last known to be in the area of SW 2nd and SW Taylor at 0727 hours on 1/19/2017.

I contacted RP VANESSA BAZZANI ON 1/21/2017 to get additional information. RP is MI's biological daughter, and sees MI regularly. RP provided the following information about MI:

MI has lived within a commune type community for the past 45 years.

MI currently lives at 'The Movement Center' with approximately 40 other people.

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MI works in the Pearl District as a bookkeeper for a family member.

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RP told me she was last able to account for MI at her residence at 1945 hours on 1/18/2017. She told me that The Movement Center has a keycard access system for entry (not for exit). She had the system checked and it showed MI entering at 1945 hours. Her access card did not show any other activity after that, but RP told me if MI left, that would not be reflected. RP also told me that several other family members live within the community, but they each have their own independent living space. Everyone living within the community has a unique access card.

RP told me that she is closely connected with The Movement Center, as she too grew up in their community. She said she has been assisted by KN/SHARON WARD, and other family members, in trying to track down MI's timeline. RP said that no one within the community reports seeing MI leave.

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RP explained that activity at The Movement Center is regulated. They generally have evening yoga, then the lights dim at approximately 9pm, and people retire to their rooms. She said that if MI wanted to leave before 9pm, someone likely would have seen her, but after 9pm, everyone is settled into their rooms and MI would be able to easily leave without being noticed.

RP had entered MI's room and told me the bed had not been slept in and everything was very neat. RP said that MI left her purse behind, including cash and credit cards.

RP told me that MI regularly cares for RP's 7 year old daughter after school, as she had been on 1/18/2017. RP said she went to pick her daughter up from The Movement Center around 1945. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

RP told me that MI did not show for work on the morning of 1/19/2017, and her phone has been off.

RP said that MI owns a vehicle, but it does not run and is accounted for. MI utilizes the bus, or family members to get around town.

RP told me that MI was likely wearing greenish UGG Boots, flowering or baggy pajama pants, and a blue sweater. She said MI left behind her jacket. RP does not have any tattoos. [REDACTED] MI wears a gold ring with a large flat, square amethyst on her left ring finger.

RP told me that MI frequently rides the #12 Trimet bus that travels on Sandy Blvd. RP said MI usually boards the bus at NE 31st and Sandy. I checked Trimet online and determined this to be stop #5077.

RP told me that MI's phone is AT&T, and family members all share a plan. I asked her to try and track down call history.

RP told me that friends had called the local hospitals with no results, and were out putting up missing fliers. RP said she was also assisted by KN/WARD, who is a K9 search and rescue volunteer with a great amount of experience. WARD would be organizing a dog track of the area where MI's phone was pinged. A FaceBook page was also created.

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RP emailed me a photo of MI, with which I created an informational flier for officers.

I checked all hospitals within the Legacy system, as well as Providence, Portland Adventist, and OHSU. I did not find any record of MI.

On 1/21/2017 at 1937 hours, a FlashAlert was posted and media was notified of MI.

On 1/21/2017 at 2130 hours, I contacted Trimet to request datapacks that included buses along Sandy Blvd, beginning between the hours of 2000 and 0100. At the time of my request I was not able to narrow down a more exact bus or time, so I was referred to Linda Segraves with Transit Police. I emailed her my request. Ultimately, Trimet was not able to recover any of the datapacks because the rail and buses have a window of 72 hours and they weren't able to pull the data within that timeframe.

I contacted AT&T and requested additional cell phone information based upon exigency. I learned that MI's last cell phone location was SW 2nd and Taylor at 0115 hours on 1/19/2017, not 0727 as originally report. AT&T reported the cell phone had been off since that time with no other activity. They emailed me call history and geographic location data. After a brief review of the cell phone data, it appeared that MI's cell phone left The Movement Center in a southerly direction between 2240 and 2252 hours. Upon checking Trimet schedules, this time and location was consistent with MI walking to NE 30th and Glisan and possibly boarding the #19 bus heading downtown. Cell phone data will be kept in the investigator's case file.

On 1/22/2017 I was contacted by KN/SHARON WARD, to update me on her search efforts. In addition to knowing MI, WARD is a certified K9 handler, the training officer for Pacific Crest Search Dogs, and a senior field coordinator for Cowlitz County Search & Rescue. See WARD'S attached final search report for further details of her search efforts throughout this investigation.

WARD told me that on Friday evening, 1/20/2017, she utilized her K9 resources and began a track starting and SW 2nd and Taylor, MI's last known location according to the phone ping. WARD told me they tracked down to the waterfront, and RiverPlace Restaurant located at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510 SW Harbor Way. WARD said she then ran an HRD K9, which showed interest but not a final alert. WARD told me they would redo a shoreline search with HRD dogs later that day (1/22/2017), once it was dark and the riverfront cleared of people.

I spoke with WARD about MI. She told me that MI has been losing weight recently, her hair was changing, and she recently fell. WARD was concerned that perhaps MI's [REDACTED] I requested WARD contact me if she obtained any new information.

On 1/23/2017 I again spoke with WARD. WARD told me that she worked the river last night with 5 K9's. She told me that they ran the dogs individually up the dock in front of the RiverPlace Hotel. She told me that 4 of the 5 dogs independently alerted to the smell of human decomposition on the pilings holding the dock. She sent me photos of their track and the gps

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locations of the two pilings where the scent was detected. WARD's report documents additional information as well as the photos.

WARD also told me that the RiverPlace area was a special place to MI, as she had spent a lot of time walking and recreating in the immediate area. It was also not a far walk from where MI's cell phone was last known to be.

WARD inquired as to whether a dive team could be utilized to check around the surrounding dock. I told her I would contact the MCSO Search and Rescue Coordinator and ask about the possibility.

I asked WARD whether the K9's had travelled any further south along the waterfront, upriver. She told me they had only minimally gone further south. I asked if she could check the waterfront southbound, including the dock that holds Newport Bay Restaurant (now closed). WARD told me she would pull a team together to search that night.

I paged the MCSO Search and Rescue Coordinator, and later heard back from Sgt. Dangler. I explained my investigation to date and the response to this area by HRD search dogs. I forwarded him my flier as well as the information and photos I had obtained from WARD. Sgt. Dangler told me their dive team had training planned for the next two days, and may be able to include a search as part of their training. He contacted me later and told me that a search of the dock was schedule for 1100 hours on 1/25/2017.

On 1/24/2017 I obtained dental records (including chart notes and digital x-rays) for MI from:

[REDACTED]

These records will be maintained within the case file.

On 1/25/2017 I met with Sgt. Dangler and other MCSO Dive Team members on the north break water dock of River Place Marina. This search was documented in MCSO Case#17-3222 by Deputy Hathaway. WARD was also present and helped direct searchers to where the K9's detected. The search did not yield any results.

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Later that same evening I received a call from MCSO Deputy Nuzum, who had heard about the search efforts for MI. Deputy Nuzum told me he recalled a SAR callout he had on the morning of 1/19/2017, for a water rescue of a woman in the water near the Steele Bridge. Deputy Nuzum told me they searched the area but did not find a body. He told me that the caller was no longer on scene and they only had minimal information, but thought it was mentioned that the woman in the water was older.

I was able to locate the CAD call (CAD#PP17-17703) related to this incident, and documented in MCSO Case #17-2209. The call documents a woman in the water screaming at 0205 hours on 1/19/2017. The location is the Willamette River eastbound at the Steele Bridge. All the information in the call is 2nd hand info to TriMet workers on the bridge from pedestrian walking by. The woman was first seen at the south side of the bridge and then the witness thought she went under at the grain elevator. Another pedestrian reported hearing a splash then a scream on the east side of the river. The witnesses did not remain on scene and were not able to be interviewed.

On 1/26/2017 I contacted the bridge tender for the Steele Bridge (Vic Drury 503-249-2292). He gave me details on obtaining any possible recorded footage of the incident with the unknown woman in the water. Give the proximity and time related to MI's cell phone information, I felt strongly that it could be related.

On 1/30 I obtained video from the pedestrian walkway under the Steele Bridge. The video is extremely dark and grainy. I can observe a subject walk onto the ped walkway from the west side of the river and stop. I can see the subject wait and pace, occasionally look over the side rail into the river, then wave to unknown people off camera. The subject then walked back to the west side of the river. The subject appeared alone. I am unable to determine if the subject is MI, or even if they are male or female. Shortly after the subject walks off camera, I can see hurried flashlights searching on the east side of the river. An estimation based upon the CAD call is these may be Trimet workers or police, looking for the woman or responding to the witness accounts.

On 1/30/2017 at 1254 I was notified of a call for a body floating in the Multnomah Channel near the Sauvie Island Bridge. MCSO River Patrol Deputy Todd Shanks was currently enroute as was Detective Yandell. See MCSO #17-4060 for further details of the recovery. Detective Yandell arrived and advised me the deceased was an older female with white hair, matching the description of MI. Detective Yandell sent me a photo of the ring on the left ring finger of the deceased. It appeared to be a gold ring with a large amethyst stone. I sent a photo of the ring to WARD who was with RP and other family members. WARD confirmed the ring belonged to MI.

Detective Yandell told me that Deputy Medical Examiner Tom Chappelle was responding to the scene. Based upon his initial observations did not see any signs of trauma or suspicious circumstances. I advised Deputy Yandell that a friend of the family had positively identified the ring as belonging to MI.

I responded to The Movement Center and met with WARD, RP, and family members. At 1500 hours I made the official notification that MI had been recovered.

I later spoke to DME Chappelle, and advised him of the positive ID from the ring, [REDACTED]

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On 2/7/2017 I spoke with DME Chappelle who told me that MI's death was caused by asphyxia by drowning, and the manner undetermined. See Medical Examiner's Report for further details.

In conclusion, during the course of my investigation I did not find any evidence to support the possibility of foul play in the death of MI BAZZANI. Her behavior was described by unusual by family and friends in the weeks leading up to her death. Additionally, her physical and mental state seemed to be declining, from an unknown cause. The information provided in cell phone records show that MI likely left her residence between 2240 and 2252 hours on 1/18/2017, and spent some time walking downtown. I did not find any information that she met with anyone, and it appears she spent her last few hours alone. I did not find any notes or other information to suggest that MI was suicidal, however her erratic behavior and physical/mental decline may have contributed.

This missing person case is exceptionally cleared.

CLEARANCE TEXT (CT)

AUTHOR HELWIG, HEIDI J (41499)	DATE/TIME 03/09/2017
SUBJECT CLEARED LEDS/NCIC	

On 3/9/2017 I contacted Teletype and requested that MI be cleared from LEDS/NCIC as missing.

Case exceptionally cleared.

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***** END OF HARDCOPY *****