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PRESS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: Investigation of the Disappearance of Ilene Misheloff

In light of the recent arrest of Phillip and Nancy Garrido for the 1991 kidnapping of Jaycee Dugard, the Dublin Police have been monitoring this investigation to determine if there is any connection between the Garridos and the 1989 disappearance of 13 year old Ilene Misheloff. At this point, Dublin Police have been unable to eliminate Phillip and Nancy Garrido as possible suspects in Ilene's disappearance. Dublin Police detectives have obtained a warrant for the search of Phillip and Nancy Garrido's residence and property located at 1554 Walnut Avenue, in the unincorporated area of Antioch, California. Additionally the search warrant includes a neighboring property to which Phillip Garrido once had access, located at 1540 Walnut Avenue. The resident at 1540 Walnut Avenue is not a suspect in this investigation nor is he a subject in the search warrant.

Some of the information which led to the search warrant includes:

- Phillip Garrido is a convicted sex offender who has demonstrated a propensity to abduct young girls.
- Garrido was out released from prison a few months prior to the disappearance of Ilene Misheloff and was not in custody during the time of her disappearance.
- Similarities of a vehicle found on the property to a vehicle a witness reported seeing Ilene getting into on the day of her disappearance.
- During service of the previous search warrant officers located what appears to be a human bone on the neighboring property.

The purpose of this search is to ascertain if any evidence is present which would link Phillip and Nancy Garrido to the disappearance of Ilene Misheloff. Any collected items will be examined and evaluated for evidentiary purposes.

The Hayward Police Department has also obtained a search warrant for these locations in relation to the November 1988 abduction of Michaela Garecht. Dublin Police Services is executing our search warrant in conjunction with the Hayward Police department's service of their search warrant.

Dublin Police Services would like to acknowledge and thank the following law enforcement agencies who will be assisting in the search of the two properties:

- Hayward Police Department
- Alameda County Sheriff's Office
- Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office
- Federal Bureau of Investigation

Summary of Ilene Misheloff Disappearance

On Monday, January 30, 1989, thirteen year old Ilene Misheloff was reported missing to Dublin Police Services. An extensive search and investigation into her disappearance was begun however Ilene has never been located. During the preliminary investigation Dublin Police learned that Ilene's normal Monday afternoon schedule involved leaving from Wells Middle School about 2:30 pm and walking home where she would wait for her skating coaches to pick her up and take her to Iceland. On this particular Monday, Ilene's mother, Maddi Misheloff, arrived at the Iceland Arena and discovered Ilene was not there. Witnesses confirmed seeing Ilene leave the school campus approximately 2:30 pm on January 30, 1989 but she apparently never made it to her home. One witness believed he saw Ilene entering a vehicle similar to a late 1970's or early 1980's Ford sedan. Over the course of the ensuing 20 plus years Dublin Police Services has continued to pursue any and all leads pertaining to Ilene's disappearance, however it remains unsolved.

There is currently a \$100,000 reward for anyone who provides information leading to the location of Ilene Misheloff and the arrest and conviction of those responsible for her disappearance.

Anyone with information relating to the disappearance of Ilene Misheloff should contact Detective Sergeant Nate Schmidt at (925)-833-6670.

Media inquiries about the Ilene Misheloff disappearance investigation will be handled by Lt. Kurt Von Savoye of Dublin Police Services Media inquiries about the Michaela Garecht abduction investigation will be handled by Lt. Chris Orrey from Hayward Police Department.

Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office PIO Jimmy Lee will be assisting both agencies with the distribution of press releases and the coordination of the media. Media briefings will occur approximately 4:30 PM each day of the search warrant service. Due to the expected media coverage, individual media interview requests will not be granted for the duration of the search warrant operation. Press releases will be disseminated daily for media who cannot be present at the daily briefings.

Anyone seeking additional information is asked to contact Lieutenant Kurt von Savoye at (925) 833-6670.