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COMPLANIT/(FFENSE REPORT
CITY OF MURPHYSPORO POLICE DEPARTMENT
MURPHYSBORO, ILLINOIS 6.3956

CASE	
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SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT/INCIDENT (Include who, what, where, when, why)	TYPE OF INCIDENT/COMPLAINT: Sighting of Unknown Creature	OCCUPATION COMPLEXION (scars-tattoos-etc.) NATURE OF CLOTHING NATURE OF ATTITUDE WAS RES Neat Cooperative Yes Mussed Un-cooperative No Dirty Beligerant	Mrs. Harry Ray
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Officers inspected the area where the creature was seen and found weeds broken down and somewhat of a path where something had walked through. Jerry Wellis was notified to bring his dog to the area to see if the dog would track the creature. Upon arrival of Wellis and his dog (a german shepard, trained to attack, search buildings and track) the dog was led to the area where the creature was last seen. The dog began tracking down the hill where the creature was reported to have gone. As the dog started down the hill it kept stopping and sniffing at a slime substant on the weeds, the slime appeared periodically as the dog tracked the creature. Wellis put some of the slime between his fingers, rubbed it and it left a black coloring on his fingers. Each time the dog found amounts of it the dog would hisitate. The creature was tracked down the hill to a pond around the pond to a wooded area south of the pond where the dog attempted to pull wand bushy to walk through, so the dog was pulled off of the trail and returned to the car.

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Nellis and the dog again began to search the area to see if the dog could again pick up the scent. Nellis and the dog approached an abandoned barn and Nellis called to Officer Nash to come to the area as the dog would not enter the barn. Nellis pushed the dog inside and the dog immediatley ran out. Nash and Nellis searched the barn and found nothing inside. Nellis stated that the dog was trained to search buildings and had never backed down from anything. Nellis could offer no explaination as why the dog became scared and would not go inside the bearings continued to search the area and were unable to locate the creature.

Dave Baril, neighbors of Ray's stated that approximatley 10 minutes prior to Greath and Ray sighting the creature, his child came into the house and stated that there was a large ghost in their back yard. Baril stated he thought nothing of it until Greath and Cherly Ray sighted the creature.

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Officers Nash and Schultz were dispatched to the area. At approximately to speak with Poi Police Officers reference a 2159 hrs., June 19, 1976, creature Mrs. Ray Kells called Murphysboro Police Department her son and two friends had just seen.

Russell Ward. Upon arrival, Officers were met by Complainant Kells, her son Rickey Kells, David Taylor Also the parents of Taylor and Ward were present. and

Officers were advised by the parents that their children had seen a large Westwood Lane, standing next to the woods. The parents stated that they calling but their childrens actions convinced them that they had actually advised by were seen something. creature hesitant in #

Officers were 1 ed area, just s but did locate recently been turned over. creature. led to the area where the sighting had taken place. south of where the sighting was made. Officers were an area approximately 100 yards into the woods when turned over. Officers then interviewed each of the taken place. Officers were were unable to find any tracks where several large rocks had the subjects which had seen the Officers searched the wood-unable to find any tracks

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N David Taylor age 11, # S Westwood Lane (son of Charles E Taylor).

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David Stated as he, Rickey and Bussell were looking for a whiffle ball, Rickey "screamed" and pointed toward the woods. When he looked, he observed a large creature standing next to the woods. David said they then ran home to tell their parents. David described it as being approximately 7 feet tall, grey in color and also said it appeared to have large earl or lumps on its head. He said that it made a loud thumping noise on the ground as it left. David said while he was observing it, it didn't move, he heard the noise as he was leaving the area.

Russell Ward, age 13, # 4 Buena Vista Drive, (son of Robert Ward).

Russell Ward stated that while he, Rickey and David were looking for a whiffle ball, Rick "screamed" and then he and David saw a large creature standing next to the woods. He said that he observed it turn sideways and raise its left arm just before he rain. He said he also heard a thumping sound as it walked away. Russell described it as being tall.

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followed the prints in the m ud toward the river. While Officers and complainant were bent over some of the tracks inspecting them, a loud shrill scream came from the wooded area to the southeast near the river and seemed to be approx 100 yards away. Needham immediatly stated that that was the creature. Officers and Needham retreated out of the wooded area back to the squad car and advised Officer Lindsey of what occurred and requested Sgt. Tincher to come to the scene to photo graph the tracks.

Officers continued to search the area with spotlights on the squad ears, but were unable locate any movement. Upon arrival, Sgt Tincher Photographed several of the prints in the and all personell left the area.

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OR ARRESTS	COMPLEXION INFLUENCE	and Mifflin Rd.	TIME DATE 2100 06-27-76

SUMMARY

At approximately 2100 hrs, 06-27-76, M.P.D. received a report from Murl Mifflin, service, that the Big Muddy MOnster had been seen near his residence. Officers Eovaldi were dispatched to the Complainants residence on Mifflin Road off of route 149 West. 2100 hrs, 06-27-76, M.P.D. recuvia public 80 Nash

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description of Eovaldi then interviewed each of the three (3) witnesses, and obtained the the supposed monster: following

-6 tons, and to have a creek bank, south west Michael E. Mifflin described the supposed monster as to be t of hi his furry coat. This witness house, around 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 26, stated that 6101 he observed the monster along tall, and weighting between 1976.

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through the Melinda Woods. Mifflin was (OVER) also playing near the swing, and she saw just an object walking

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CASE # 73-2745

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	Glodo, Patrolman			XXXX		c/1:		Alcohol Other	正 C/1:			

At approximatley 1805 hrs., July 7, 1973, Officers Nash and Glodo were stopped at Riverside Park by complainant Miller, owner of Miller Carnival, to report his workers seeing a large creature near the carnival area the previous morning. Miller stated that he did not report at the time as the report might have scared off persons which would visit the carnival.

Miller directed Officers to four workers which observed the creature. The workers stated that at approximatley 0200 hrs., July 7, 1973 they heard the ponies causing a disturbance and attempting to pull loose from the trees which they were tied to. The ponies were tied to tree in an area just East of the West shelter and behind the carnival trucks. trees

The workers proceeded around the track to check the ponies and observed a large creature cribed as seven to eight foot tall, light brown hair over its entire body, standing erectwo legs and weighing 300 to 400 lbs. The creature was reported standing very near the and seemed to be curious of them and made no advance. the po ponie des-

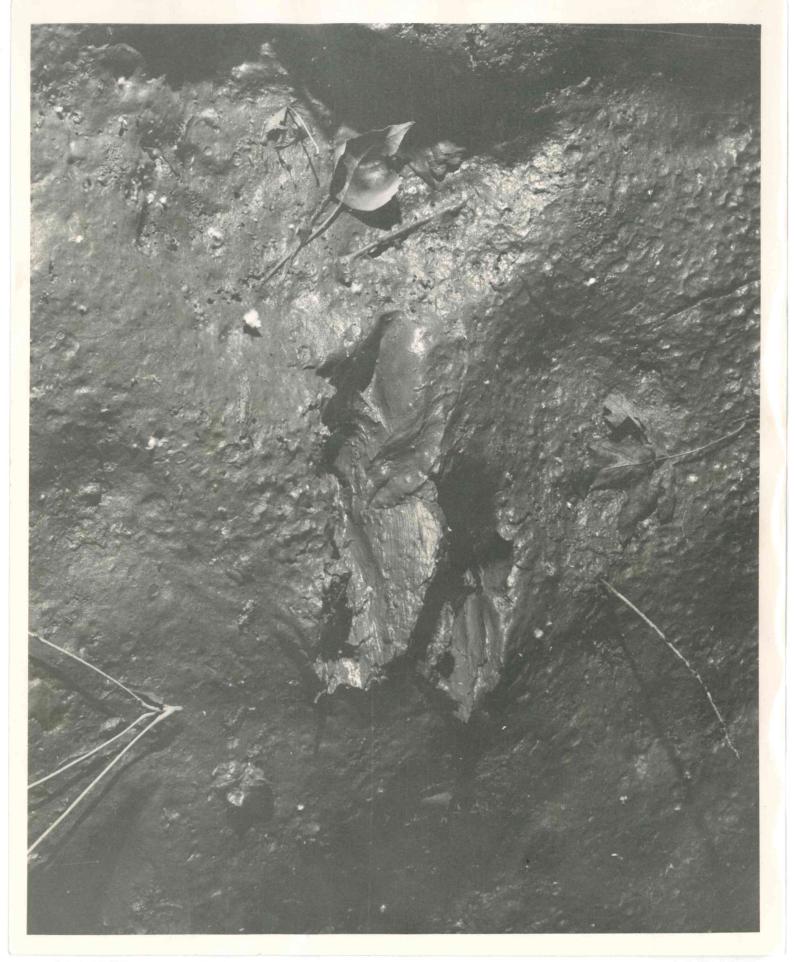
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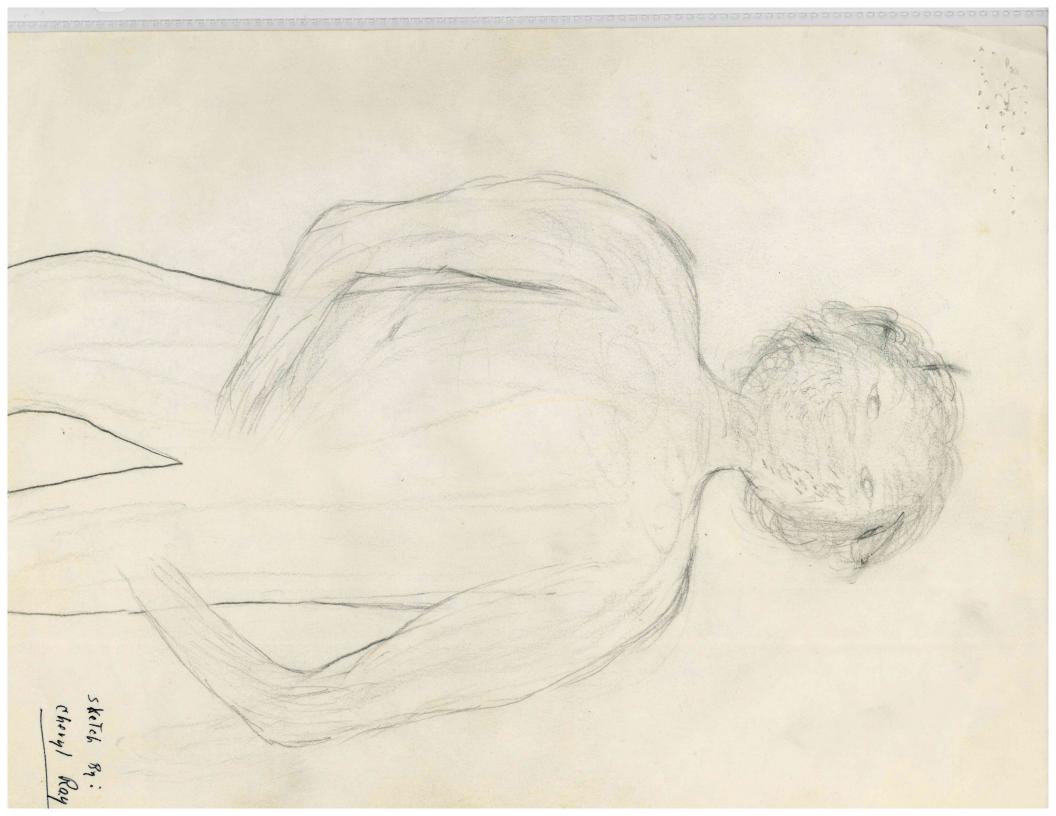
At approximatley 0300 hrs., July 7, 1973, Charles Kimbal (carnival worker) stated the creature reappeared near the ponies and again seemed interested in the ponies. Kimbal then ran to the owners trailer and upon checking with the owner the creature was gone.

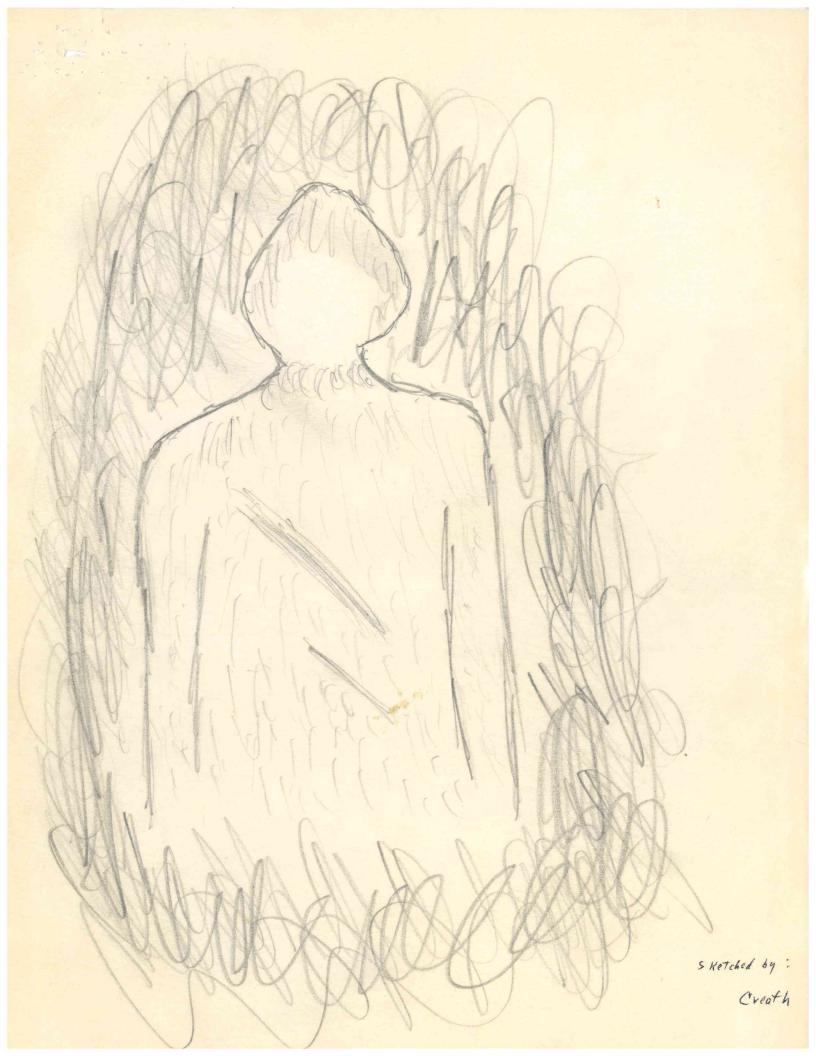
No footprints could be located in the area.

OFFICER OF ARRESTING/INVESTIGATING	DISTRIBUTION			(E) K. Glodo	(E) J. Nash	(C) Charles Kimble	(C) Wesley Lavander	(C) Ray Adkerson	(C) Otts Norris	NAME	(A) COSPINCHANT (B) VICTIM (C)
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Dear Chief Berger, Our Underwood 7th grade class found spurclipping in the Minneapolis Brilians on November 4. We would like to know if there really was a monster to 8 feet tall with shaggy matted hair of colored dirty white & smelled like river slime. We would like to know if there is any information about any pictures of it. Elf there are please send them to the yes grade classob inderwood minnesota 56586 Thankyou! Shelly Jargenson Sandy Schwarz Theresa Hanson

Robinson Courts
R.R. 8
Lake Heights
Trailer #122
Carbondale, Ill.
28 June 1973

The Office of the Mayor City Hall Murphysboro, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In regards to the rumors currently circulating about the Murphysboro "monster", I'm sure that advice is one thing of which you have more than enough. However, the developing situation prompts me to offer some more, nevertheless.

As somewhat of a student of situations like these, I feel that if the level of fright among the general populace increases, then the probabilities of violence also increases. With an identified and concrete source of evil and danger (the "monster"), the resort to guns as a means of "defense" becomes very probable, unwitting and unnecessary homicide a likelihood.

Therefore, my counsel would include three recommendations:

- (1). Public statements from your office asking citizens not to use whatever guns they might have-except under clear and perfectly understood circumstances.
- (2). Public statements from your office trying to defuse the danger of this creature. This would take the form: "Do not assume that this creature-if it exists- is antagonistic, aggressive or belligerent."
- (3). Encounters with this creature should not encourage violence or provocation.

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I'm sure that your office desires a quick and decisive end to this situation. I hope I might have been some help. Thank you.

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Dear Mr. Berger

Entitled allinois Manetor Baffling, Frighting Christians Manetor Baffling, Frighting Christian Baril, Randy Creeth and Cheryl Christian Baril, Randy Creeth and Cheryl Ray, Randy Needham and Judy Johnson Beported seeing a 7 fact tall, Light colored manator, and officer Jimmie hash and deputy bheriff Bob Scott who apparently found some rather unusual footprints in the mud by the riverbank. The article gases on to mention a search in which the creature was trailed too the Bullar form, but not coplined on seen.

Of this story is true, I would gravely appriesiate a copy of the drawing made by Karrely creath and Cheryl Kary. Were brotographs or casts made of the fatorates of the church being a photograph of the church bid any of the capy of one or the others. Did any of the witnessess are affidicited. I would to what they had seen or heard! I would

like capys of this also, and any other information perturent terthe case.

This is particularly important. Were any UFO's an strangs areal phenomenase (S. a. P.)

Deem in the same general area before, during or after the creature sightings? (as hearings)

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Mrs. Phyllis Gortlieb 110 South 14th Street City Clerk LA NOVIS C P PM S C 1984 OS Scott Gauld & John Hilpert
2411 Glenridge Dr.
Cape Girardeau Mo. 63701
From B & B+Bigfoot Believers

Murphysboro III. 62966

Mrs. Phyllis Gortlieb, I am Scott Gauld and my friend John Hilpert and were interested in the Murphysboro Monster more. We are in Mrs. Little's class and your story is becoming very interesting all over cape Girardeau, and we wanted to know if you might be able to send us some of the articles and pictures you sent mrs. Little If you can't we wont be mad. But we hope you can please. We are thinking about coming up to Murphysboro some weekend and talk to some people who saw it.

Goodbye, Scott Gauld, John Hilper P.S. we might be able to
get some copys here.

truly,

Scott,

John

THE LEGEND OF THE BIG MUDDY MONSTER (sung to the Irish tune "Wearin' of the Green")

On the banks of the Big Muddy, in Southern Illinois, There lived a big-foot creature that we all enjoy. He is big and brown and furry with eyes of beedy red, But when you get real close to him he smells as if he's dead.

chorus:

Oh the Big Muddy monster calls Murphysboro his home, But the banks of the Big Muddy is where he likes to roam.

He was seen out in Westwood in the summer of '73
But little Christian's parents said that it could not be.
He appeared on the river bank one hot June summer night,
And scared two married lovers til they promised they'd go right.

chorus:

Oh the Big Muddy monster calls Murphysboro his home, But the banks of the Big Muddy is where he likes to roam.

He was seen in a junkyard in the summer of '88
They say it was just a Billy Goat lookin' for his mate.
Later on in the evening he came out of the fogand went right down to 17th street to drink Big Muddy Bog!

chorus:

Oh the Big Muddy monster calls Murphysboro his home, But the banks of the Big Muddy is where he likes to roam.

Oh the Mayor of Murphy likes to run down through the park, But ever since ol' Big Foot came, he won't run after dark. McDowell was running past the sewer plant and came upon the smell Then sprinted back to Division Street when he heard ol' Big Foot yell.

chorus:

Oh the Big Muddy monster calls Murphysboro his home, But the banks of the Big Muddy is where he likes to roam!

Written by Ken Carr and assisted by Kaye Carr, Dee McDowell, Dave McDowell, Bill Ryan, Arnette Ryan, Nancy Pink R 10, Billy Carr and Bryan Carr.

Billy Nightingale 48 Sugar Maple Lave Glen Cove New York

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'MONSTER' BEING TAKEN SERIOUSI

The Argus Bureau

NEW YORK, Friday. - A creature resembling a gorilla, 2.5m tall, with long shaggy definite scent,' matted hair and smelling of river slime, is terrorising the 10 000 citizens of Murphysboro in Illinois.

So forceful and detailed have been the accounts of those who haev seen the Murphysboro Monster that the police are taking it the car. Many were to describe seriously. Yet the strange, dirty white creature continues to baffle and frighten police and residents of the southern Illinois town on the sluggish Big Muddy River.

A lot of things in life are unexplained, said Toby Berger, the

them. We don't know what the not to Needham. So when the two creature is. But we do believe reported the monster, authorities what they saw was real. We have tracked it. And the dogs got a

It all began shortly after mid-night June 25. Randy Needham and Judy Johnson were conferring in a parked car on the town's boat ramp down by the Big Muddy.

At one point the couple heard a the sound as that of a greatly amplified eagle shriek.

Needham looked up from the front seat. There, lumbering toward the open window was a light-coloured, hairy creature matted with mud.

Judy Johnson was married at police chief, 'and this is one of the time, according to police, but

took it seriously.

Later, as officer Jimmie Nash and Deputy Sheriff Bob Scott inspected some peculiar footprints in the oozing mud left by the receding river, Nash became a believer in the monster.

'I was leaning over when there was the most incredible shriek I've ever heard,' he said. It was in those bushes. That was no bobcat or screech owl and we hightailed it out of there.'

Then came young Christian Baril's encounter with the Big Ghost, and the experience of Cheryl Ray and Randy Creath, who drew a picture of the creature.

That did it for Chief Berger. He ordered his entire 14-man force out for a night-long search. And Jerry Nellis, a dog trainer, brought Rab, a 36kg German Shepherd.

With floodlights officers dis-covered a rough trail in the brush. Reb found gobs of black slime, much like that of sewage sludge, on a direct line between the river and the Ray house.

Quickly, Reb was off down the hill, around the pond and into the woods toward the Bullar farm.

There, Nellis and officer Nash, his 0,357 magnum drawn, approached an abandoned barn. Then, at the door the dog yelped and backed off in panic. Nellis threw it in the door, the dog crawled out whining. The men radioed for help.

Fourteen area police cars manbeuvered the 2km rutted, overgrown road. But the barn was empty.

"These are good honest people,' said Chief Berger. They are seeing something. And who would walk through sewage tanks for a

Dear Sur: Im a Junior at Douglas High School and for my English Dass Dere required to give a speech every le webles. For Oa long time Die been eurious about the strange, unidentifiable "creatures" that have been shalving up at various places and times and o'thinks they'd he an a unusual subject to talk on. of cut out an article from the November ? 1973 isome of the Arizona Republic, Ca daily neutropaper printed in Phoenix) Entitled: "Unbehown.

creature puts fear of Hallaween in Townsfolk", beforen, of course, to the creature that been spotted in your area. information you could send me on the murphstopo Menster" or if you could send in refer my letter to someone who can lelp me. Some of the things old like to know are: (1) Where and when was the creature first spolled (2) where it has usually been bettega (3) when it was last spotted ->

(4) any ideas on what the creature is?
(5) what is the actual population of Murphyshoro
(6) what is your city like and its surrounding area
(7) the townspeaples' reactions to the creature
(8) Do the people have a certain name that they refer to the creature by Man accurate description of it again, any information will be greatly appreciated?

Carol Moolick 1944 12th St. Douglas, Arizona 85607 Mr. T.K. Berger, Jr., Chief Murphysboro Police Dept. Murphysboro, Illinois 62966

Dear Mr. Berger,

I recieved your letter yesterday and had to write you right away to tell you how terrific of you for answering my letter so rapidly and for sending me so much information !: Thank you! The information you sent will definately help me with my

study about the creature.

I found the descriptions on the reports made by Randy Needham, Burt Miller, and Mrs. Harry Ray; and also the two drawings you included to be especially interesting and helpful. Also the loud screaming sounds mentioned, the strange musty smell, the slimey substance found, and the reactions made by Jerry Nelliss dog are enough to strike up the 'ole curiosity:

I want to thank you again for being such a great help to

me

Sincerely yours,

Ms. Carol Moolick

1544 12th St.

Douglas, Arizona 85607

109 Buckingham Road Upper Montclair, New Jersey 07043 1 November 1973

Toby Berger Chief of Police Murphysboro Police Department Police Headquarters Murphysboro, Illinois

Dear Chief Berger:

wery interested in police work. My hobby is collecting police shoulder patches and metal badges, along with pictures, buttons, etc. I have 500 patches and 15 badges, including all 49 State Police/Highway Patrols from the U.S. I also have all but 2 from Essex Co., N.J., and insignia from the U.S., Ireland, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, and Canada. From Illinois I have: State Police, Chicago (2), Danville, Cook County Sheriff (2), Edwardsville, Hillside, Winnetka, Darien, and Buffalo Grove (badge too).

I'd appreciate it very much if you would send me a patch and badge for my collection. I know badges are hard to come by, but if you can find an old one, I'd be very grateful. You may forward them to me through my Dad if it's more convenient for you. The address is:

Eddie Giblin
% Captain Edward A. Giblin
Police Headquarters
Montclair, New Jersey 07042

Enclosed please find an article which appeared in today's New York
Times. Your case seems very interesting, and I wish you luck on it.

Thanking you very, very much in advance for your trouble, I remain

EDWARD GIBLIN

109 BUCKINGHAM ROAD

UPPER MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY 07043

Very sincerely yours,

Eddie Giblin

P.S. Please excuse the typing, but my typewriter isn't in the best of shape, and my writing's worse.

Eddie

Isa-Tech Research Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

25 KINNEY STREET

JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK 14701

U. S. A.

November 19, 1973

Chief Berger Chief of Police Murphysboro, Illinois

Dear Chief Berger:

I recently was given a newdpaper article containing a story about some kind of strange creature that apparently is giving you some problems.

Since Iso-Tech is engaged in the study of scientific Phenomena of all kinds, I found this report most interesting. If possible, I would appreciate any additional information or copies of actual reports that you have on this creature for use in further evaluation of this matter.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Dan R. Ostrander, Director

Isa-Tech Research Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

25 KINNEY STREET

JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK 14701

U. S. A.

December 11, 1973

Chief Berger Chief of Police Murphysboro, IL 62966

Dear Chief Berger:

I am writing as a follow-up to my letter of November 19, 1973, regarding a newspaper article on the Murphysboro Monster. We would very much appreciate receiving any additional information you can send us on this creature, and your experiences with it.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Isa-Tech Research Institute

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JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK 14701

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Respectfully yours,

Dan R. Ostrander Director

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Dear Chief Berger,

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the clarge animal playing the woods

around your town. dfit is at all

possible, could you please send me

some research material d could use

in a classroom discussion: d would

be very gratiful Thank you.

Yours Truely

D. L. Ashanky.

november 7, 1973 New Market, Lowa 51646

your truly Jeff Spring

Mr. Joby Berger murpheyploro, Illinois

Dear Mr. Behoch!

I read an article which was in the Omoha

World Herold recently; about a stronge creature, people
around your town have been seeing, called the the "murpheyslore
monster." I took the article into our 8 th globe Briese
class, and our teacher asked me to write to you
and see if you would send us more information
about it, maybe some old newspaper clippings if
you had some and how long ago the thing was
sighted; and what it looked like I was it ever soen
close to town or always near brush or timberland?

any information you could send us would
be appreciated: Thank you.

Thouk you, Secence Institutor Her Morbet Comm. Lebool Dear Mr. Mayor,

My class and I read the story about Bigfoot in our sceading Book. I was really interested will you please seed me some information on Bigfoot. Specificly the lappingings in Murphysloopo.

D.S. Please within 2 weeks.

Sincerely, Jeff Vail

185 Beech Rd Fardner, Hampas 66030





Police Chief Tobias Berger To Police Department Mux rees bors, queino is

Dear chief Berger, Sohn Reutan and 9 live in Farance, Kanoas. Ill try not to take too much of your time as 9 know you must be a real busy man. I am writing to ask about the

creature that was seen several times around muckness boro in the oummer of "73" 9 was wondering if the cleature had been sighted at any time since

then.

9 Have long been interested in the only ect of "Big foot" or "Sasquatch" and in all homeoty 9 do believe they exist.

The reason of a say this is because two years ago cattern were discovered in South america that had legs and could leave the water and live on Sand for short periods of time. Scientist said these cat fish were a throw back from prehistoric times and after all these years have just now been

discovered.

give been shrough much need boro many times as Im a truck driver and my company hauls aviation gasolini and get buel to the murpress boro and Carbondale airport. 9 know that their is some real wild and desolate country around murbrees bors. That furthers my belief in big foot Im quite an aird hunter and The hunted in a seets of the country that Id bet man has never sit foot in. Something could live in that type of country for years without being seen. Two of my suends and & would like

to come out in may or gune and opend a week and try our luck at

binding the creature.

9 read ourside books and an untold number of newspaper clippings on creatures that have been seen in other parts of the country. Theres one at Jouke alkansas that been over around where for the past twenty years. I've collected all the injoination on these cleatures that I could (my pen nan out of ink) because 9 believe that a person should know wery thing they can about what their kunting. Twhen my friends and I come out we're not coming with the idea of killing the creative, but rainer of capturing him. I have a veternarion friend whose going to loan us 2 tranqualizer guns. The drug fired in these rifles will keep a 600/6 animal on the ground for oliveral hours.

a person esuld tramp through it for months and never one any thing but we've some ideas of making him come to us.

In the case of the Foure arkanoas creature it's a known fact that he responds to a wounded nabbit game call. Its said by several eye witnesses that the game call injuriates him when he hears it give of tens thought that maybe it sounds like a mating call to him and it makes him mad when he can't find a mate.

to some of the people who we oleve the creative and get some idea of the veature. We have to run accrossed the veature we he find a clearing out in the timber and build tree stands such as dell hunters use. Then we'll use the wounded rabbit call and draw or try to draw him into the Clearing and let him have it with the transplations. I think we'd have better luck at night because all most all the sightings reported occur at night prow how I could get in contact with Mr Harlan

Could get in contact with Mr Harlan Sorkin as 9 d like to write kim and see is he'd want to four us in our hunt. If you could write me and let me know about Mr Sorkin and the last reported signting 9'd really appreciate

it. So long for more

Sincerely Your Liveria John M. Newlaw 185 Beech Rd Lardner Hansas 66030





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AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

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Mr. Toby Berger Police Chief Murphysboro, Illinois

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AREA CODE 312 TEL. 753-2710

November 12, 1973

Mr. Toby Berger Police Chief Murphysboro, Illinois

Dear Mr. Berger:

I have recently heard of your "creature", which could be of considerable scientific interest. There have been many reports of such animals, but no real specimens have ever been available for scientific study. The reports are often thought to be due to bears, men living wild in the woods, hoaxes and the like. Therefore the very existence of such a creature is questionable, and its relationships to other animals would be of some interest if it is real.

If the "creature" is shot, it is important that it not be buried (unless it is a man, of course,) discarded, or given to sensation seekers. It should be embalmed or otherwise preserved in good condition. It would be preferable for the undertaker to ship it to me (or some other reputable scientist) because its study will need laboratory equipment and other materials, but if this cannot be done, I will come myself and arrange matters.

I guarantee payment of such expenses involved in making a real specimen available for scientific study.

Sincerely yours,

Leigh Van Valen Associate Professor

LVV/sz

12-6-73 Dear dir: I read in the paper that you people are hunting for a stronge creature. intent on killing it. I hope you will reconsider this and not kill what ever it is. the paper said it had not hurt anyone ever those it could have. It could be a human of Some bind. and even animal should not be killed just to get Rid q it. If it had hurt Some One that might be different. Buteven humans Hill and go free. and the they should no better. I am asking you to save this Creature I leave. It Could be one of the last living things out of the pass. Thank apon I hope it lives on Just a lover of Wild Life Mrs Lucile m. Alexander 7939 Manning Raytown, mo. 64138

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
MURPHYSBORO ILLINOIS
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Mike Riggio 185 Bacigalupi Dr Los Gatos, Calif. 95030



Hi Taly. the sead this same article in San Francisco Pager igsterlay, So you must have made known to the public sel med the world. Conquey it gave me an elcuse to write to go.

I haven't hunted ducks sence Due been outhere, pleasent, only . Saw sheet kentry there . Seen daning quite a lit of Bass feshing, Dyamie a bass chile a year ago, it makes me go a lettle more after. Serry we dedn't get to meet your family last year while we were there. We all still talk about you, many wants you I have this peter, she is a fresleman en high School their year. Cenn says hi! The would really like to hear from they your know, if you get a few minute to specie. Something your know, Hello to gave family— Saratora Calif. 95070. Telephone 255-1080

The Vineyards of Saratoga, 13175 Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga, Calif. 95070, Telephone 255-1080

Wilhestor N.C. 28697 Saturday, November 3, 1973 Dear Mr. Derger, My husband and I just read the enclosed account of a wonster in your town. I'll come to the point right away. It distresses me very much that whenever people are Confused and frightened They get out their guns, etc. Why doesn't simebody

have some kindness in their heart? Sweely a little kindness and feeling for this monster (person?) would go a lot farther in really finding out what is going on. Try feeding him perhaps he is just hungry - even for friendlivess as well as food. I do hope + pray on not too late - there may be a man under all that hair + mud.

Sincerely, mrs. James Harvel

The New York Times

NEWS BUREAU
11 EAST WALTON
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611





Chief Toby Berger
Police Department
Murphysboro, Ill. 62966

The New York Times

NEWS BUREAU 11 EAST WALTON CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

312/943-2535

11/1/73

Dear Chief,

I just wanted to thank you for your time and help during my recent visit to Murphysboro. I enjoyed talking with you. And I must say the creature story you have there is fascinating.

I have asked my New York office to mail you a copy of my story, which appeared today in The Times, and other newspapers around the country.

I'mssorry if you have been invonvenienced by any follow-up calls from around the country. If you have been, it is only because the incidents are so fascinating, your people described them very well and, I must say, you seemed to handle a potentially panic incident extremely well.

Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

Andrew H. Malcolm

Regional Correspondent

AHM:st

898% N Beaver St. Prineville, Or 97754 November 6, 1973

City Hall Murphysboro, Ill.

Dear Sirs;

My Partner and I read a story in the Sunday Oregonian, of November 4, 1973 about a creature you have sighted there.

We are very intrested in obtaining more information about this "thing". We are trappers and might be intrested in making a try at this creature.

I have lived in Alaska for many years and have had some experience in trapping of several kinds of animal beings.

We would be willing to take on this adventure at only the costs of expenses and materials for doing so.

Sincerly

Jim Grino & David Barr





To the City Hall Murphysboro, Ill

898% N Beaver St. Prineville, Ore 97754

R. Silverstein P.O. Box 1078 Capit Gook Hawaii 96704

Murphysboro Police Department Murphysboro Illinois

62966





Dear Sirs,

My name is Richard Felder and I am very interested in your Murphysboro monster. A friend of mine Mr. Walter Barton and I have a habit of investigating phenomenal creatures that are reported around the Georgia area. We are both students at Mercer University and would like to continue our If it would not be an inconvenience to you or your work, I would deeply appreciate some information on the monster. I would like to have the approximate time of day or night in which the creature was reported being seen. The temperature in that area would also be of some value. If the information sent is interesting Walter and myself would like to visit Murphysboro in November to investigate if time and money permit. Any other facts known about the creature would be very helpful.

My address is:

Mr. Richard E. Felder Mercer University P. 0. 505 Macon, Ga.

Sincerely yours,

Dick Felder

Rural Routett Dear Sirs: Sincerly yours, Rickmorehouse

Greetings.

June 20, 1974

Apparently this is an old article, atmosph i can't be sure, because i found it cut from the paper without a date... The story is fantastic & i'd just like to monster"? Apparently the latest scoop" on this here "river year in the making, because " article mentions June 25 as the date it was first seen...

I'd really appreciate a reply, & for that

I'd really appreciate a reply, & for that purpose have enclosed a return envelope with my address...

Thank you,

Robert Silverstein P.O. Box 1078 Captain Gook, Hawaii 96704

^{*} Murphysboro River Monster Stalks Town in Southern Illinois 1. New York Times News Service - (article i read)

610 Alcoa Lane Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60194 5/30/88

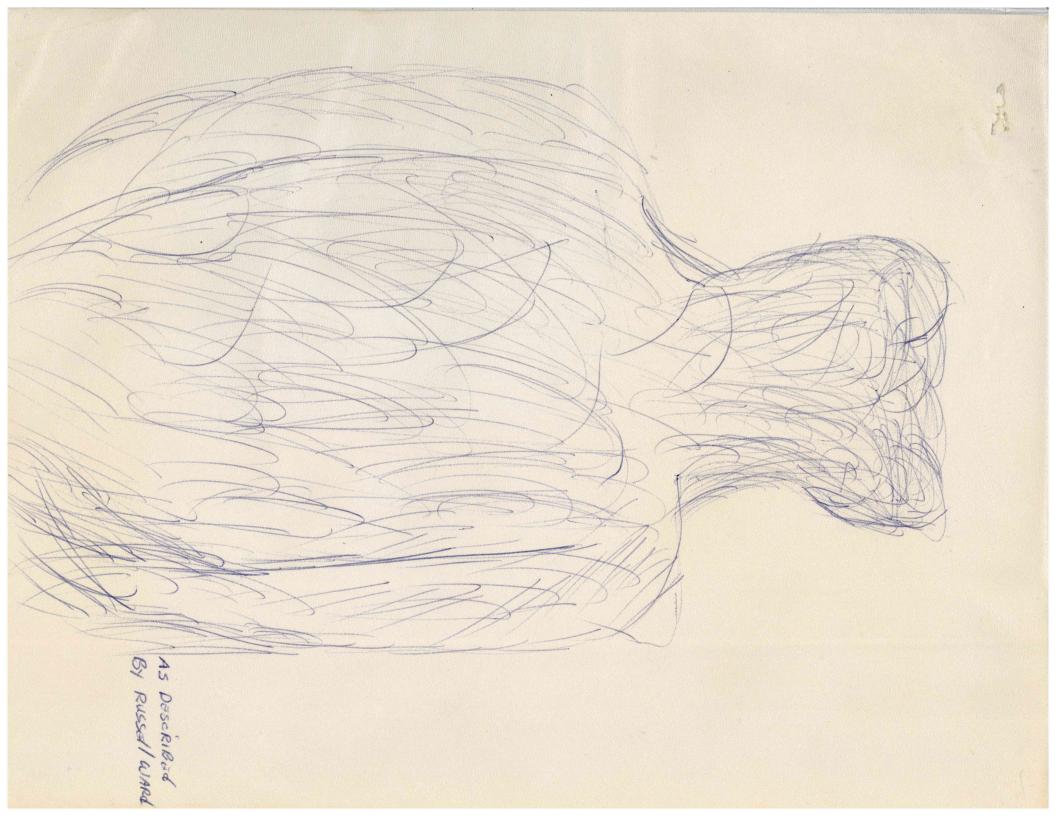
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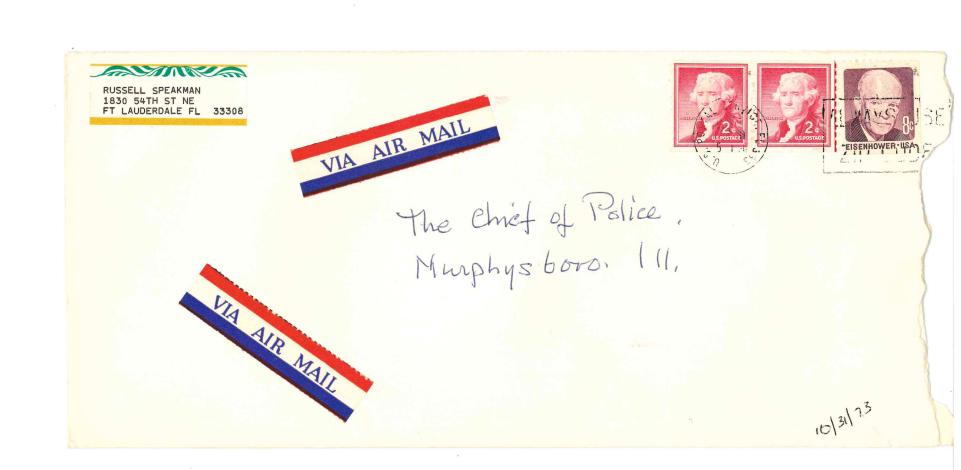
I am writing to see if any information is available concerning the "Murphysboro Monsten" sighting reports in 1973, (Police Reports of sightings etc.) orland if officer Jimmy Nash could sketch the footprint he saw supposedly by the creature? If my anyone is still on the force that was on it in 1973 could be answer this letter with a brief account of what was happening then?

Please answer this letter soon as I am leaving for Colorado June 19. Thank you

very much for your help.

Sincerely yours, Ross dewin





The Chief of Police, Mus physboro. III,

Why don't you put bread & cheese Dear Sir! a eggs out for your creature? If you can catch it, don't hurt it - maybe it is a person - It is not too unfriendly it has not made aggressive moves - But it is intelligent enough To recognize The dangerous advances of people - & Their weapons so dogs.

you would have a splendid attract. ion if you could have it in a little hut, to show people, A one creature

200,

your truly, Russell Speakman

Oct 31/73 1830 N.E. 54 St. Fort Landerdale Fla. 33308

Box 272 Sausalito, Ca. 94965 November 10, 1973

Police Chief Toby Berger Murphysboro Illinois

Dear Sir:

I read in the San Francisco Chronicle of October 31, 1973 about yet another visitation of your "Monster". Apparently, from the story, no one in your town is aware that this is a "Bigfoot" as he is known in the West, and the same as the "Abominable Snowman" as the creature is called in Tibet etc. Ivan Sanderson wrote a book with the title Abominable Snowman several years ago. Also, several years ago, LIFE magazine printed an article about one seen in the West, with pictures a black-haired female who, in a series of pictures, showed both her front and back.

"Bigfoot"has been seen a number of times in this state - up in the northern part by lumbermen in woods that were virgin and unexplored, and also in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada where developments bordered on the edge of dense mountains and woods. Children told of playing with them and two Pacific Gas and Electric employees, flying in a small plane, saw one crossing an open spaceand chased it.

All these accounts told of the same things - about 8 to 9 feet tall, long hair, a foul smell, a dreadful melancholy cry. In one place - I believe in the midwest, a Bigfoot was living near a house up in a small canyon, a box canyon, which means one with no exit. Neighbors set fire to the woods after they saw it go in, but when the fire died down, they carefully examined all the debris but never found any bones - this mystified them, but you will why in a moment. Another instance was where a little boy played with one - he had wandered from home and was lost and the Bigfoot lifted him up onto a rock ledge where he would be safe, and brought him berries for three or four d ays, until he was found. Always, these creatures have been harmless.

In The Abominable Snowman, Sanderson tells how parties of mountaineers have tried to track down a Bigfoot in Tibet, seeing its huge footprints in the snow - then suddenly they ended. They could not figure out why.

Wanting to learn more about these creatures, a few years ago I asked a psychic for information. She was told that they are of a different evolution than the human, that they observe man, but want no part of his way of living, that they are very intelligent, and that they have the ability to appear and disappear at will. This by itself indicates a high state of development. Advanced yogis in India can also do this by dissolving their physical atoms and then reassembling them in another place. This explains the footsteps in the snow that just end.

I hope you will publicize this information so that no one will shoot your visitors, and I suggest that you read Sanderson's book to learn how these beings have been seen all around the world, and many times.

Sincerely, Caux E. Lester Box 272 Sausalito, Ca. 94965





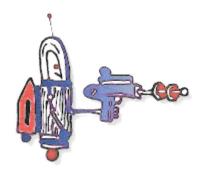
Police Chief Toby Berger Murphysboro Illinois Dear Sirs,

We are the Stone Valley School Newspaper staff and we read the story about the "Mud Monster" in the San Francisco Chronicle. We are interested by the story and would like to know if there is any more information about the "Mud Monster" available. If there is any information you could send us please send to: Stone Valley School

c/o Miss White 3001 Miranda Ave. Alamo California 94507

> Yours Truly, Mark Nelson

Mark Nelson Asst. Editor



THOMAS

FINLEY

43 Oak Walk Hockley Essex SS5 5AR England ~ U.K. Great Britain

April 1st, 2008

The Honourable Mr. Jeffrey J. Bock Chief of Police Murphysboro Police Department 202 North 11th Street Murphysboro, IL 62966 U.S.A.

Dear Chief Bock,

Greetings from my home here in England. I hope my letter finds you well and with out delay. It is a great pleasure to be sharing these words with you today as I my Grand Mother lived near there back in the 1970s. I write today with a very mysterious subject matter. I have been reading about mysterious creatures around the world, this since watching the HISTORY channels on going series, "Monster Quest".

This show just premiered here in the United Kingdom and I have seen some interesting bits on Bigfoot and other bipedal beings. I recently was doing some research on the internet and found the case of the creature known as the, 'Mud Man'. I recently retired from the USAF, and now live and work here in England. For a hobby since I was in high school I have kept a scrapbook on the subject of unknown animals and monster legends.

I would very much like to include the, 'Murphysboro Mud Man' in my album. Chief, would you please and kindly autograph the front of the photograph from the local newspaper article I read on the internet. Also is included a blank monster card for you to sign, on the card can you write a brief account of the monster sightings. If possible could you send me a business card and any newspaper articles on this creature.

Thank you so very much for taking the time to read my letter, I grew up in rural Minnesota and always cherish the summer visits to my Grand Mothers house. All the best to you and your department.

Sincerely Yours,

Thomas Finley



Thomas and Nicola Finley - 2007

Dear Sir, would you tell me some information about big foot and when it was LAST sighted, Cause Iam Studying about it.

MIKE TARSCOH
TIM MATNEY
Chris MATNEY
Scot Crossette

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Dear Sir, Recently I read the article in the New York Times concerning the Yet:-like Monster seen several times in your town. This past week-end I saw a more, the Legend of Boggy Creek" which was a true story about a simular creature in arkansas. The report which came from your town is very interesting. Although, many people don't believe in such things I believe it is highly possible. If any futher new is made available concerning this creature could you possible Reep me Rosted of the events? If you can I would appreciate it.

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