

POLICE ASK IF WILLIAMS ACTED ALONE COULD LONE MAN SUBDUE 2 GIRLS?

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Police are investigating the possibility that **Leslie Williams** had an accomplice in the rape and murders of Michelle and Melissa Urbin near Fenton last year.

Last week, Williams told detectives that he confronted the Urbin sisters with a three-inch knife on a lane off of Foley Road, about two miles from their home in rural Tyrone Township.

"How can one man with a small knife logically subdue two teenage girls in broad daylight in an area that they are familiar with?" asked an investigator, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Also, a photograph recovered from Williams' belongings shows the sisters sitting on a blanket and bound together at the ankles. The fear on the girls' faces is more consistent with being confronted with a gun than a small knife, the investigator said.

Williams admits to failing a lie detector test Wednesday in which he was asked whether he acted alone and if he was involved in any other murders.

Investigators said there is a home at the corner of Foley and Hartland roads, only a short distance from where Williams said he raped and murdered the sisters on Sept. 29.

The instinct to fight or flee to summon help at the nearby house should have overtaken one of the sisters, investigators theorized.

Williams also claimed to have acted alone on April 18 when, according to his confession, he broke into a house on Runyan Lake in Tyrone Township, a few miles from the Urbin home, said Livingston County Sheriff's Detective Edwin Moore.

But a man and a woman who were returning to the home told Moore they saw two people parked in a silver car across the street. The gun Williams used in the May 24 abduction of a woman from a Springfield Township cemetery was taken from that house, Moore said.

"They saw someone standing outside of the car and a person in the passenger seat," Moore said. "The person outside the car got into the car. I'm inclined to think that person was Williams."

Moore said the couple came within 50 feet of Williams' car.

Larry Kaluzny, one of Williams' court-appointed attorneys, said Williams "emphatically denied" he had an accomplice in any of the crimes to which he has confessed.

"These were very secretive kinds of crimes," said Kaluzny. "He told no one." He said Williams insists he has confessed to every crime he committed.

Williams has confessed to four murders, raping a 9-year-old Wixom girl, the cemetery kidnapping, and several other sexual assaults and burglaries.

Moore said Williams is being investigated for other breaking and enterings in the Hartland and Fenton areas, and for a March 1991 sexual assault in Hartland Township.

Walled Lake Township police hope to interview Williams about an April 1991 sexual assault, said Chief Ken Borio.

The woman told police she was walking near a mobile home park when she was attacked and raped. Williams reportedly has confessed to that rape but has not been charged.

Oakland County sheriff's Sgt. Doug Hummel said Thursday no decision had been made on whether to give Williams a second lie-detector test.

"What reason would he have to lie?" Kaluzny said. "He told police horrible things in great detail. He knows he's losing credibility with the media and his family, but he doesn't know why he failed the test."

Hummel said it would be at least a week before investigators from other departments could interview Williams about unsolved crimes in their communities.

In other action Thursday:

- * Investigators confirmed that Williams kept a type of "scorecard" with notations about various victims.
- * Milford police are investigating whether jewelry found Wednesday by Williams' former coworkers at the Livonia Harbormaster marine store is linked to any of his victims, said Lt. Dale Mallett.

Williams apparently hid the rings and necklaces when he worked there, Mallett said.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Tuesday in Walled Lake District Court on the sexual assaults and killings of Kami Villanueva and Cynthia Jones, and the Wixom rape.

It's expected that Williams will waive his right to the hearing in those cases, which means the 9-year-old girl will not have to testify.

Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor Greg Townsend said investigations are continuing in those cases, in the event Williams changes his mind. "We can't take his word for it," he said.

Williams has said he intends to plead guilty to all charges filed against him to spare the families of victims and his own relatives from sitting through trials.

But first Kaluzny will try to get criminal sexual assault charges involving Jones and Villanueva dismissed for lack of evidence. He said the confession, which is not supported by any other evidence, is legally not enough to bring Williams to trial on the assault charges.

Townsend is expected to argue that a recent court precedent established that a confession alone could be used in certain circumstances.

Caption: Photo Color

: * **Leslie Williams** , right, admits four slayings and other crimes, but investigators say there is more to be learned. The probe has been widened, as prosecutor Greg Townsend says, because "We can't take his word for it."

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