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"CLARK ROCKEFELLER" IDENTIFIED

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Massachusetts State Police, the Boston Police Department, and the Suffolk County District Attorney announce confirmation of the true identity of the individual who has used the aliases Clark Rockefeller, Chris C. Crowe, Chris Chichester, Charles Smith, and Chip Smith, among others.

The individual's true name is Christian Karl Gerhartsreiter. He was born in 1961 in what was then West Germany. Yesterday, Gerhartsreiter was conclusively identified by means of forensic examinations conducted by the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia.

When Gerhartsreiter, using the name Clark Rockefeller, was arrested, his fingerprint impressions were taken by FBI Agents in Baltimore and by Boston Police when he was returned to the Commonwealth. Those fingerprints were compared to latent fingerprints lifted from a variety of sources. They match a latent print lifted from a wine glass in Boston collected at the time of the search for "Rockefeller" and his daughter earlier this month. Those fingerprints also match a latent print developed from a document in Gerhartsreiter's immigration file from the early 1980's.

Although there were no fingerprint cards or inked impressions in the immigration file, yesterday the FBI Lab was able to develop latent print impressions from a document in that file, which had been provided by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This entire case, from the safe recovery of a missing girl to the identification of a mystery man, is a testament to the value of a cooperative, multi-agency, law enforcement effort. We thank our state and local partners for

their excellent work on this case. As well, we thank the public and the media for their help and concern throughout.

Related Timeline

1994-95 Remains found in the back of Sohus residence. FBI is contacted to assist LA County Sheriff's to find Christopher Chichester. FBI and LACS determine that Chichester likely came into the country as Gerhartsreiter and was now using the name Christopher Crowe.

8/1/08 FBI interviews a witness who saw Rockefeller's picture on television and recognized him as someone s/he knew as Crowe. Researching the name Crowe, the FBI connected him to records in that name from the Los Angeles area.

8/1/08 FBI Boston obtained photographs of fingerprints developed by Boston Police lab on a wine glass believed to have been used by Rockefeller. These photos were forwarded to the FBI Lab. Image of fingerprint card of Crowe was forwarded by FBI Lab.

8/2/08 FBI Lab notifies FBI Boston that two latent prints on wine glass match fingerprint card of Crowe.

8/2/08 Rockefeller arrested by FBI Baltimore; found to have been using name of Charles or Chip Smith.

8/5/08 FBI lab compares fingerprints of Rockefeller to those of Crowe and they match.

8/11/08 Immigration file forwarded to FBI lab for processing.

8/14/08 Three latent prints of Clark Rockefeller were identified on a document in the immigration file of Gerhartsreiter.

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