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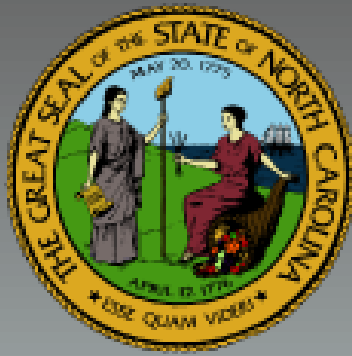


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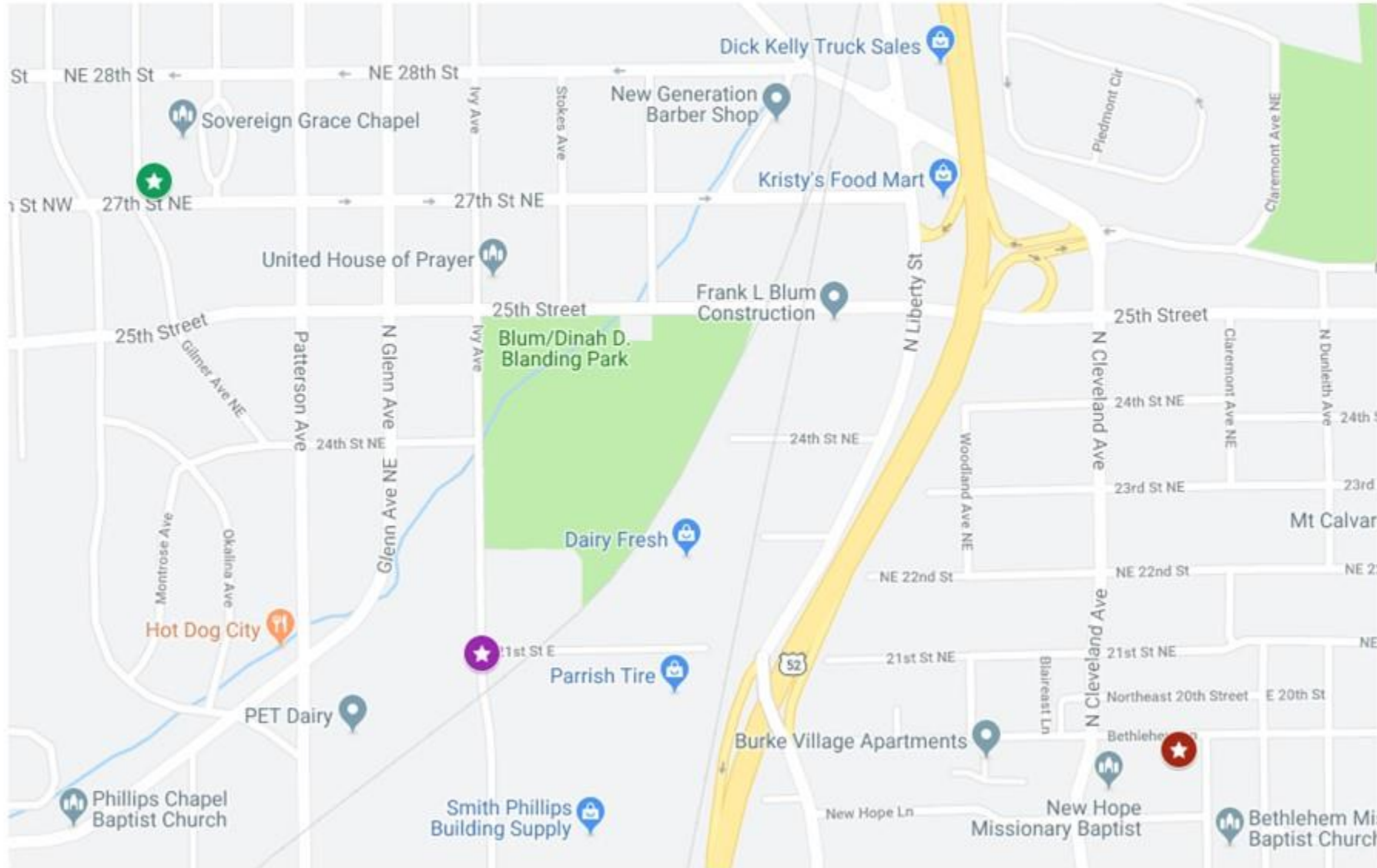
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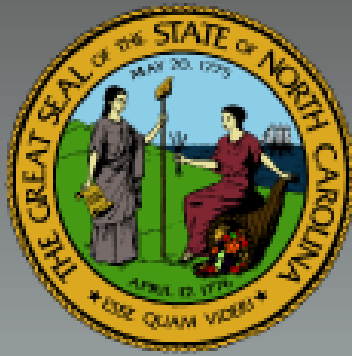
Bryson: Map

Map of Bryson Locations



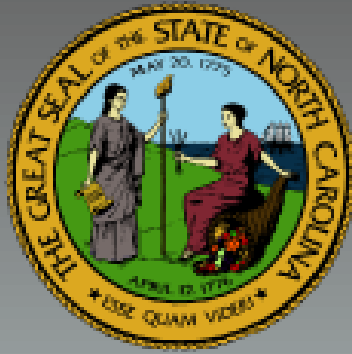
Key:

-  Victim's Home
-  Location of where V's car was found.
-  Carmichael's Home



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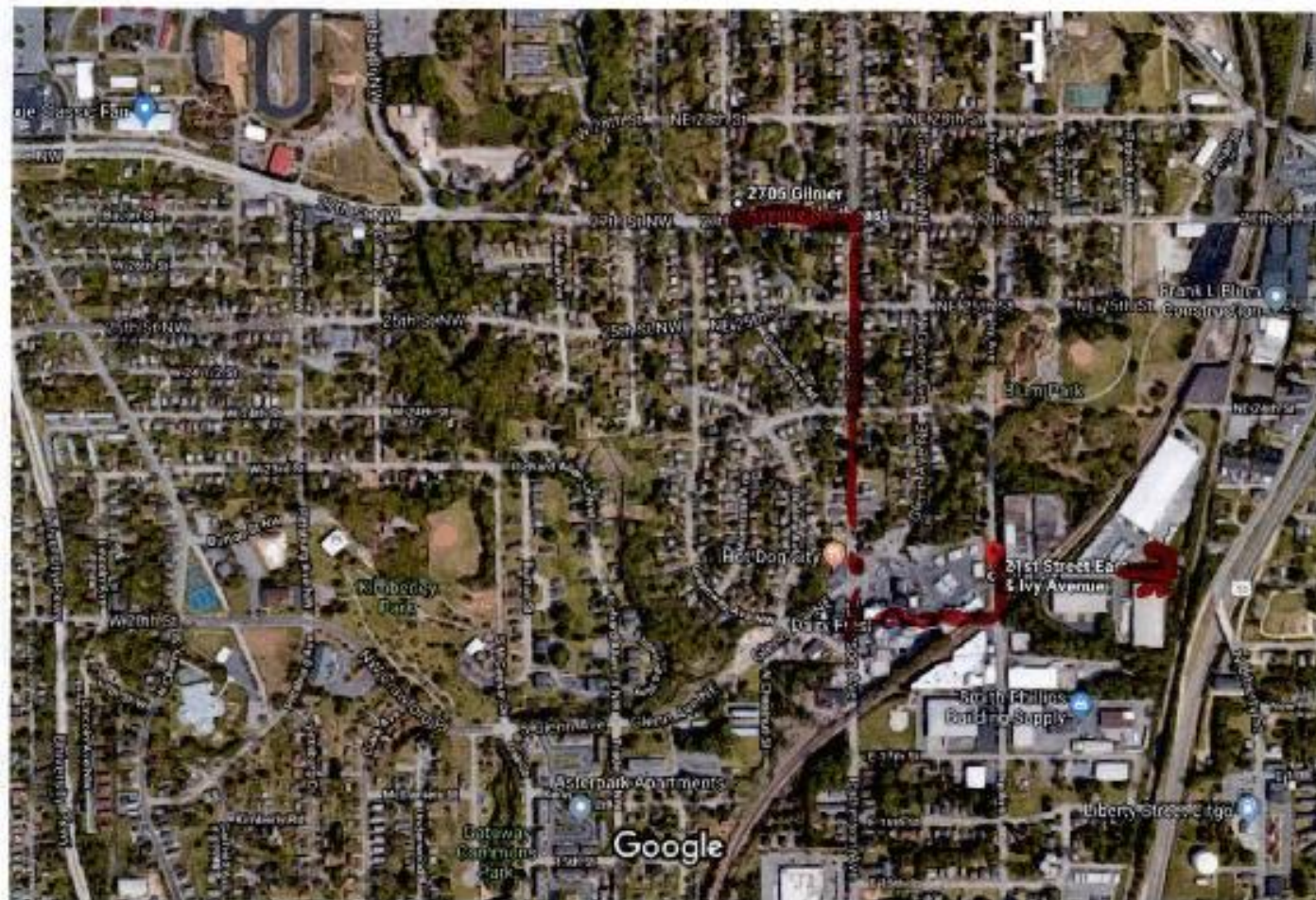
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Robbin Carmichael:
Deposition – 6/1/2018



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500 ft

RC 6-1-18

DELAYS

Moderate traffic in this area

No known road disruptions. Traffic incidents will show up here.





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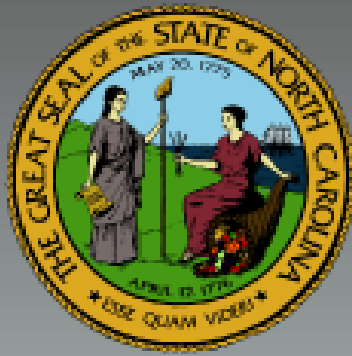
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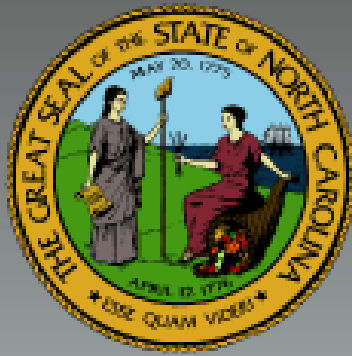
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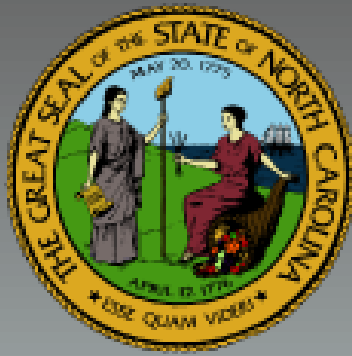


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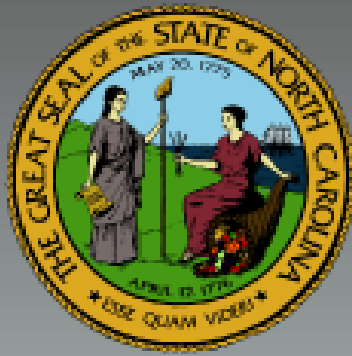
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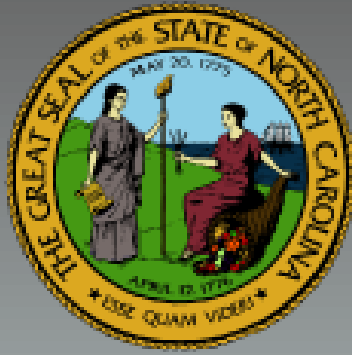
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Bryson: Evidence Collected



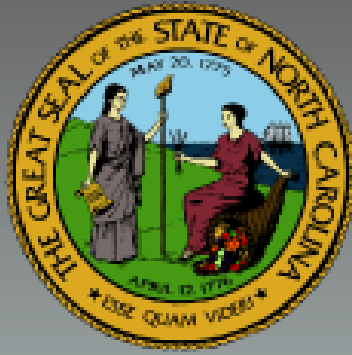
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Bryson: Forensic Testing



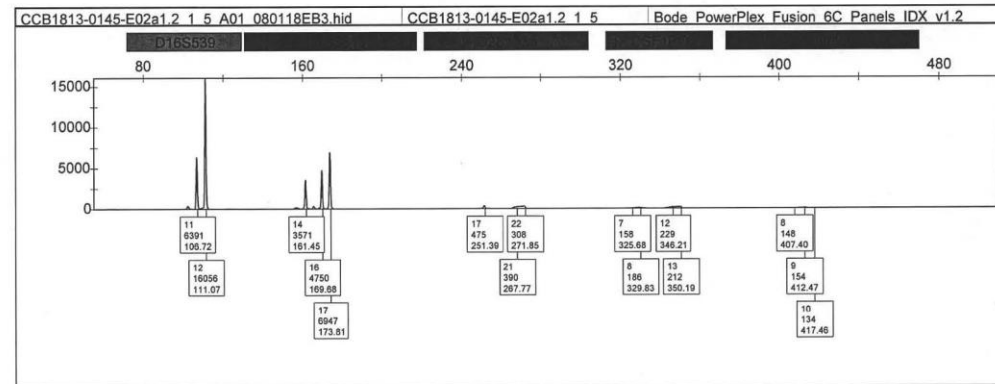
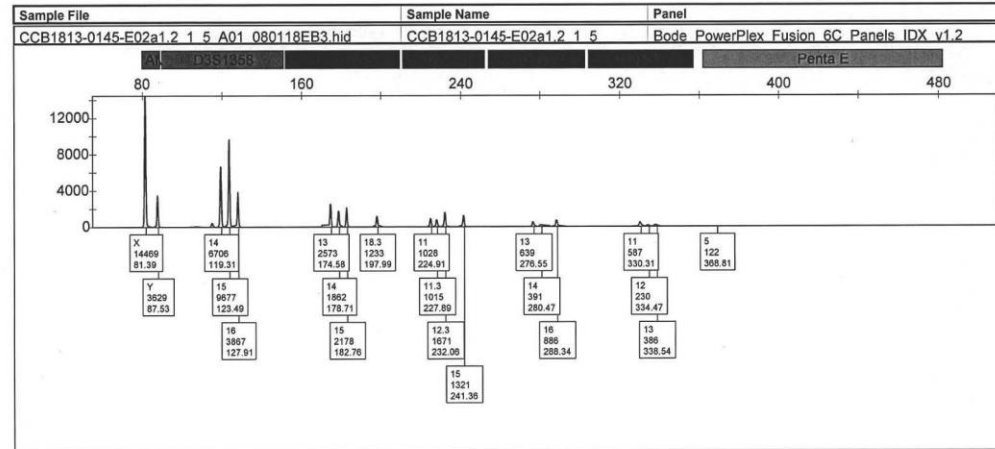
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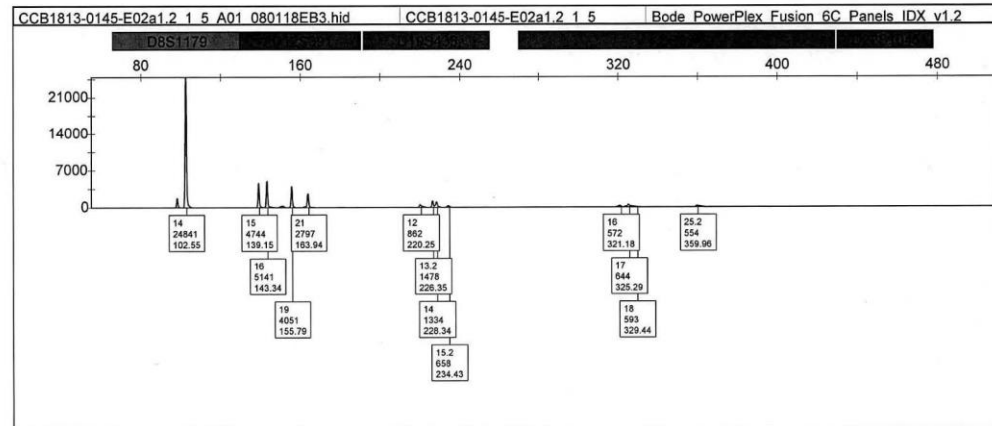
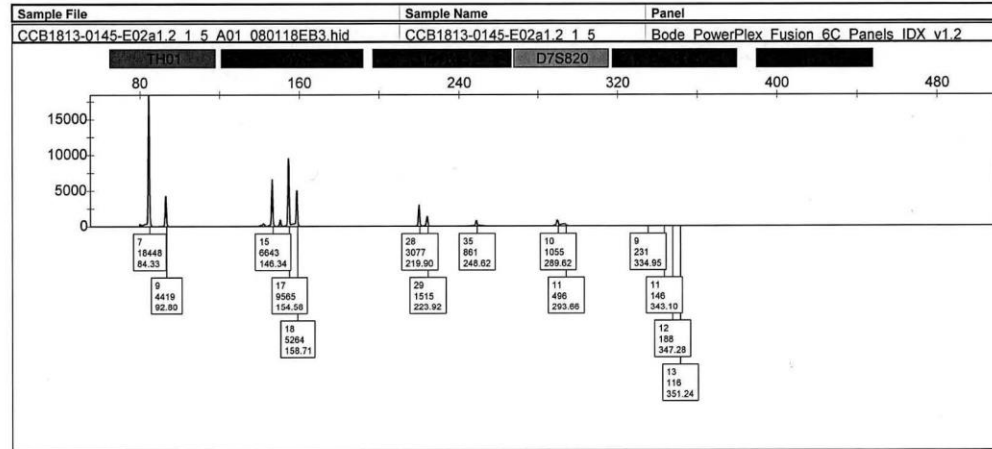


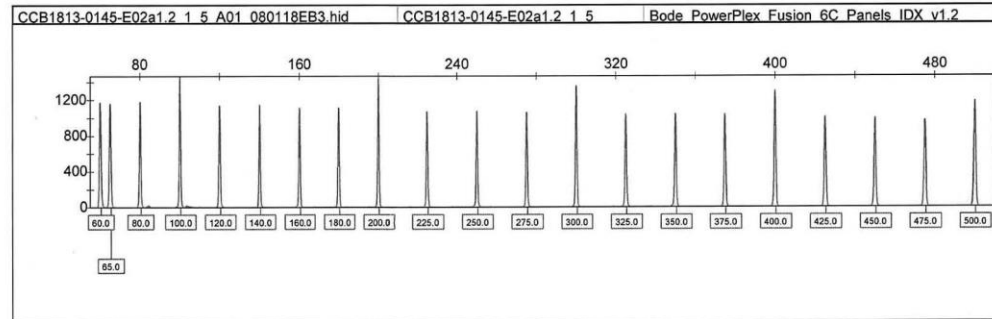
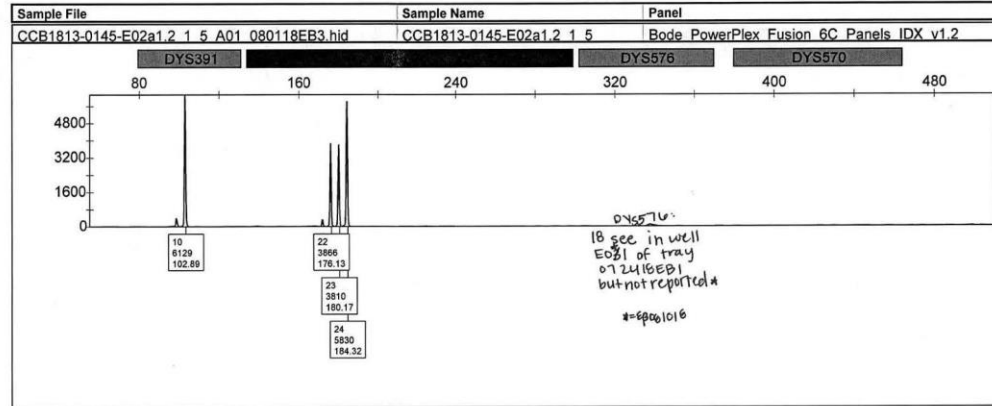
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Electropherogram



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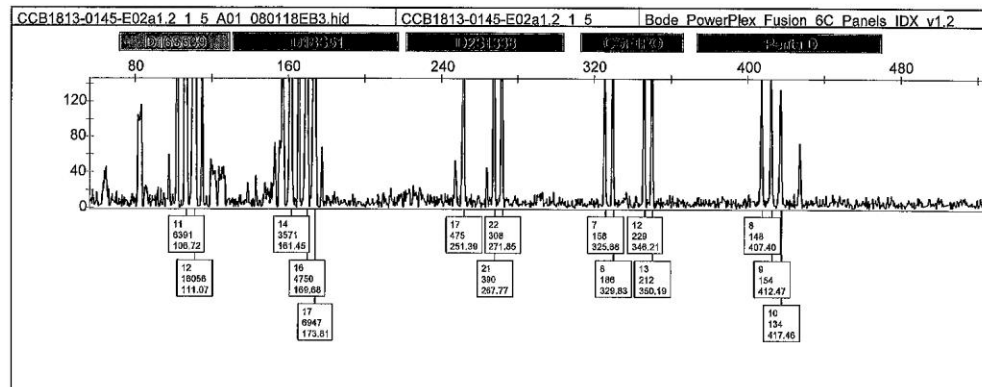
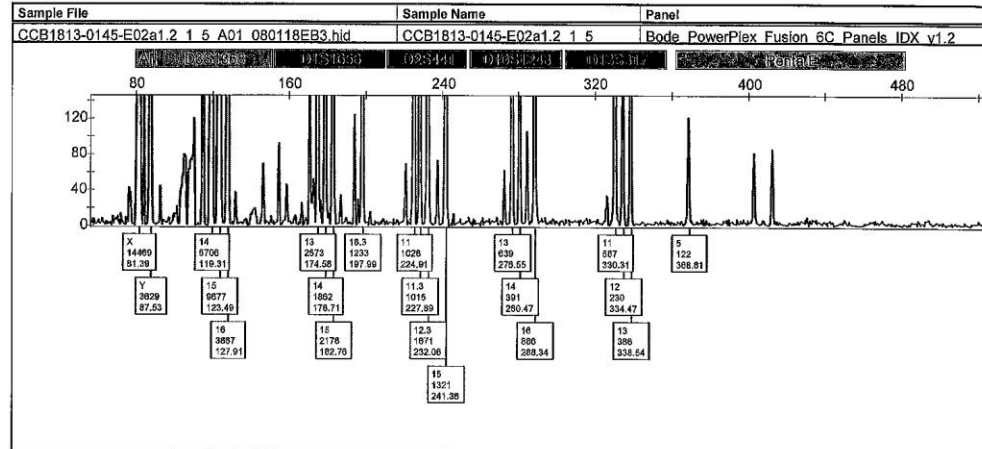


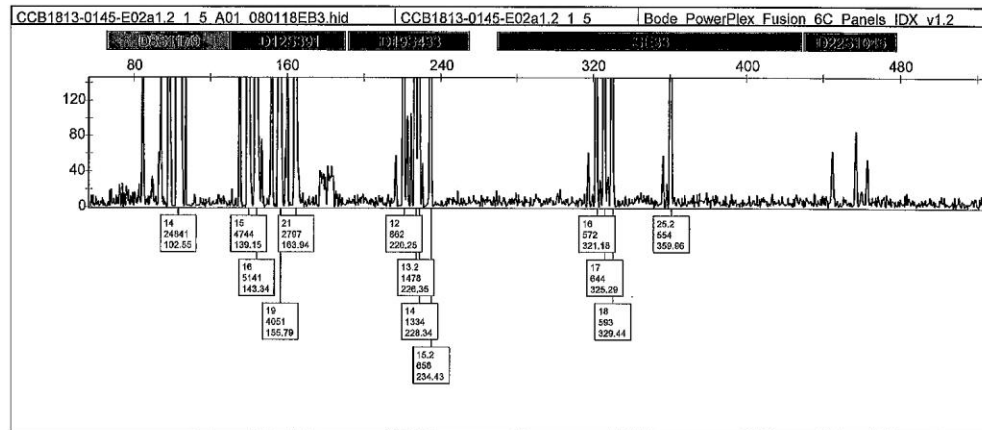
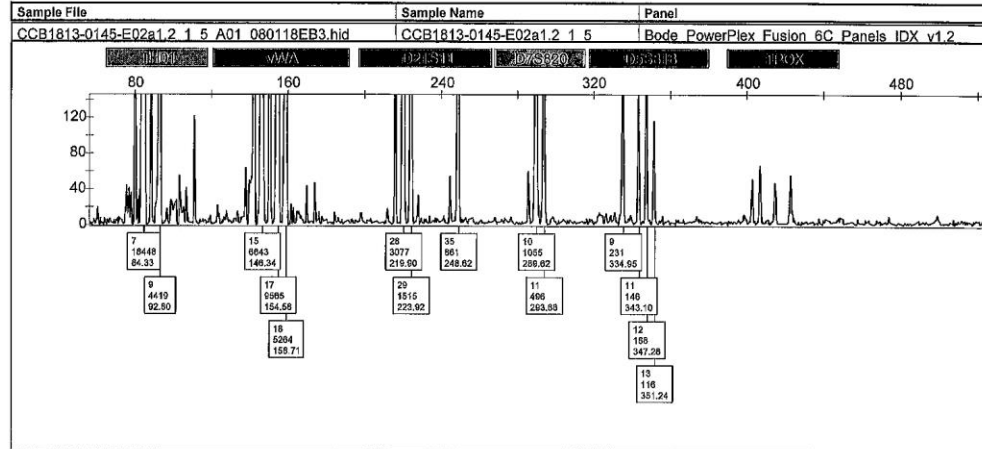
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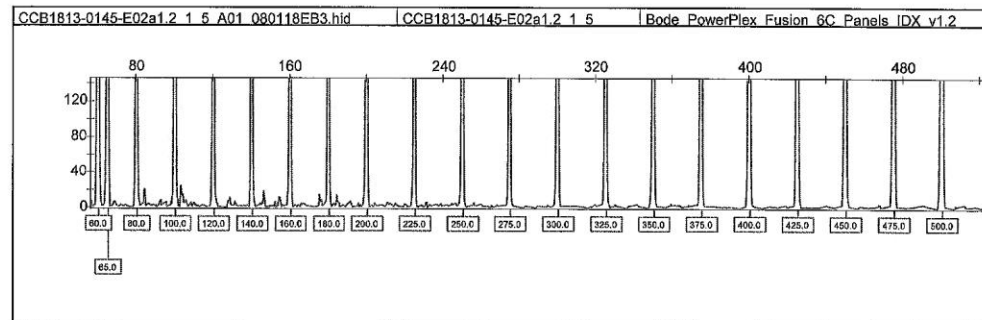
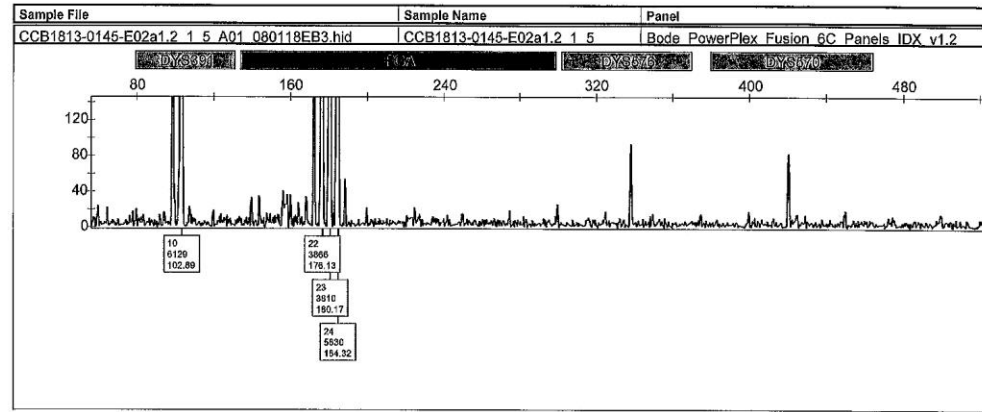


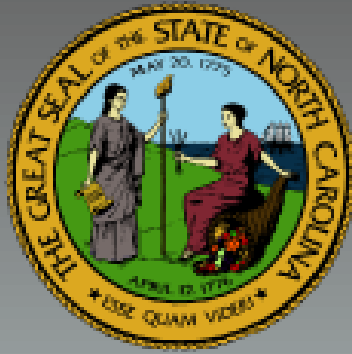
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Electropherogram – Zoomed In









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Connection between Williams, Carmichael, and Johnson



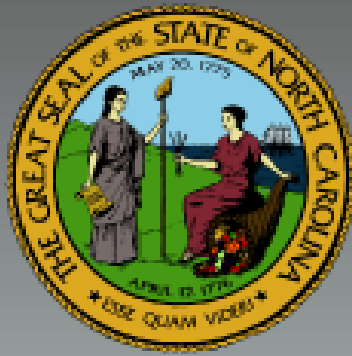
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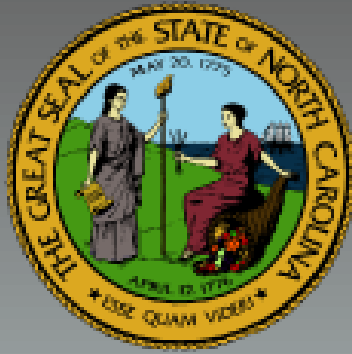
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Community Involvement



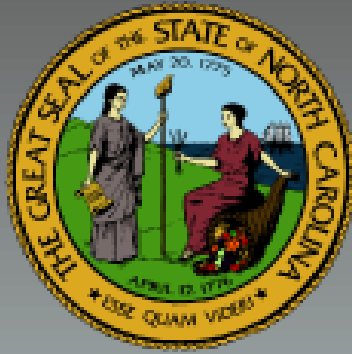
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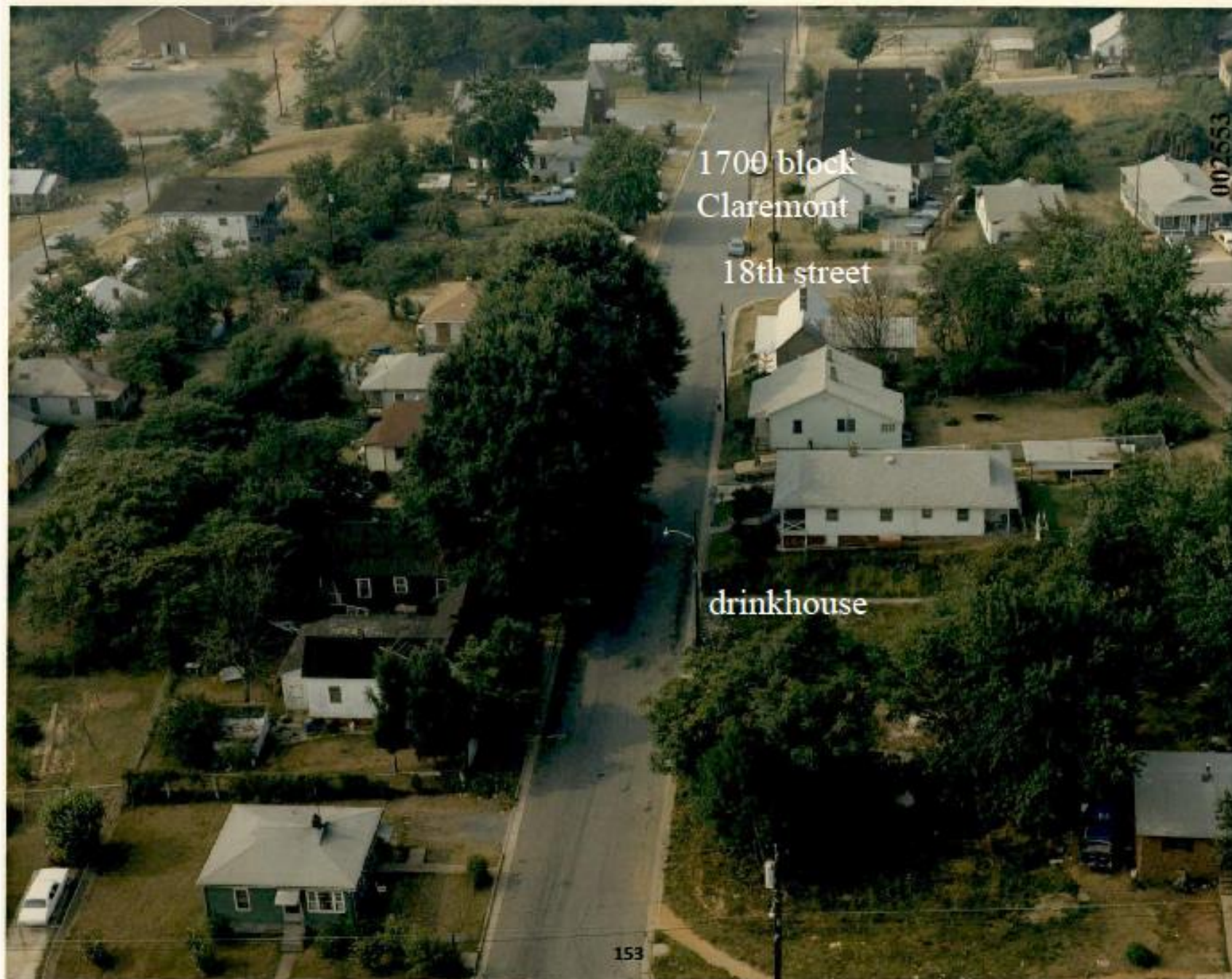
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Wilson: Drink House Witnesses



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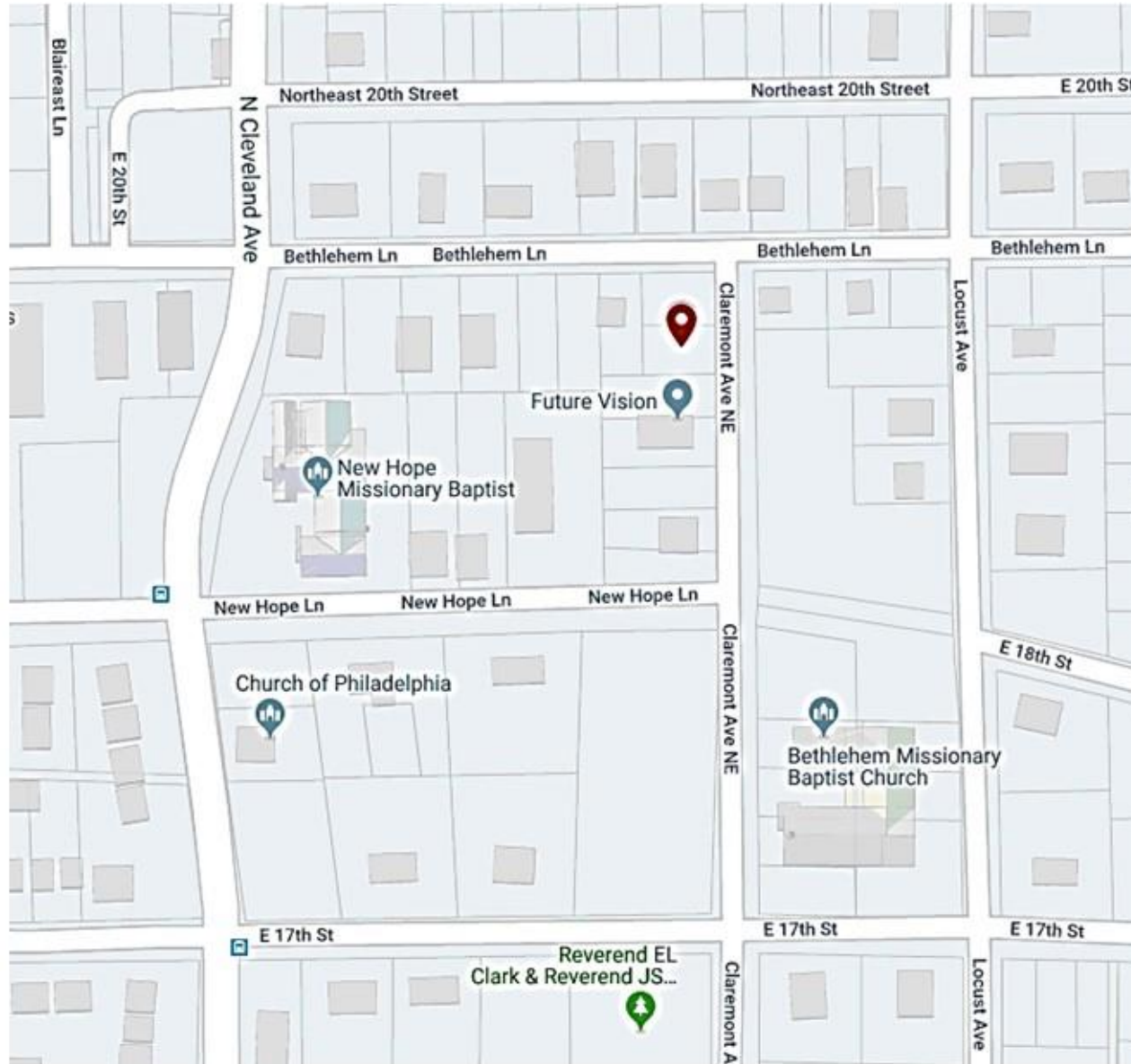
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drinkhouse



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Wilson Crime Scene Area



● 1816 Claremont Ave NE

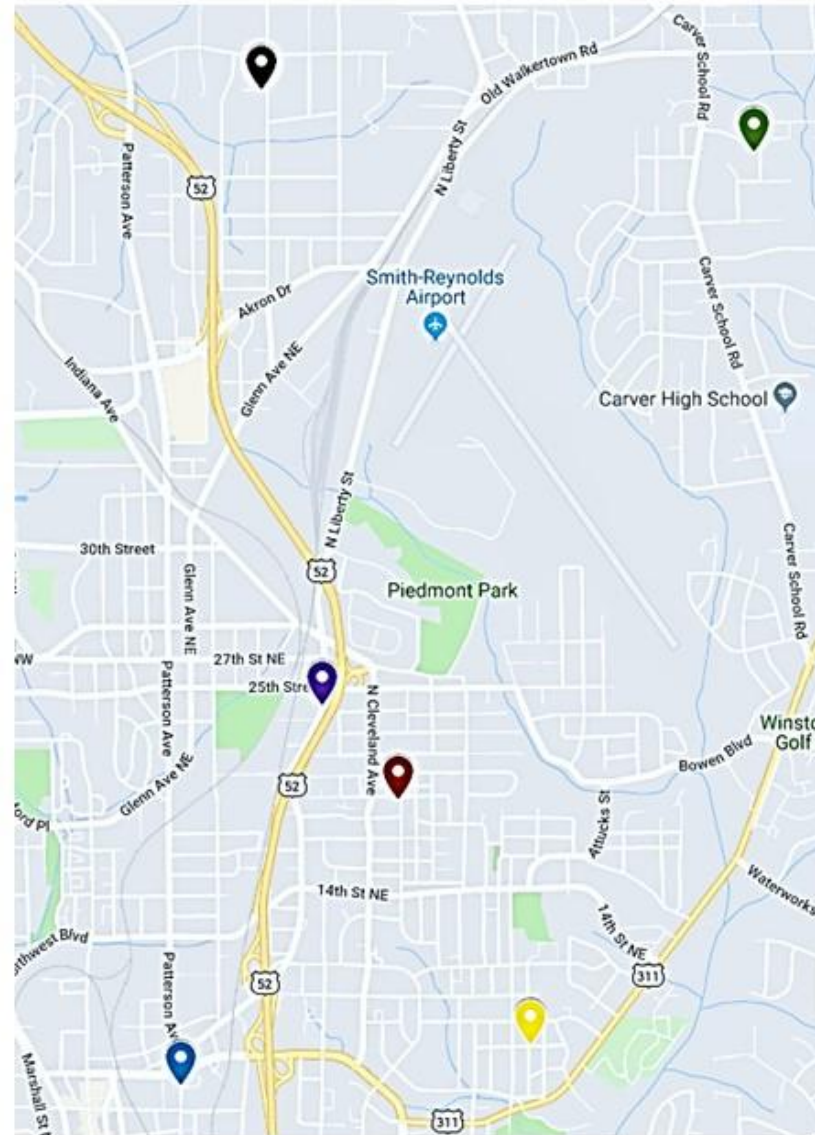
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- Drinkhouse
- Mitchell Address
- Hunt Address
- Hunt Address 11/03/1983
- Hunt Address 11/15/1983
- Liberty Street

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Wilson: Other Witnesses to Crime



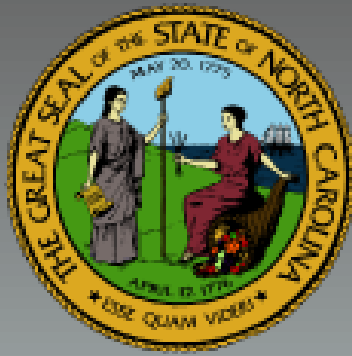
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Wilson: Alternate Suspects



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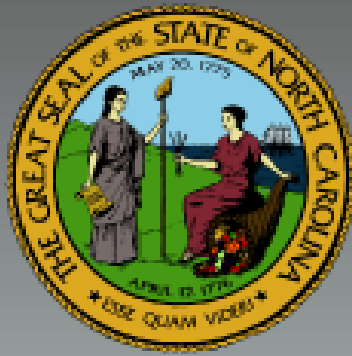
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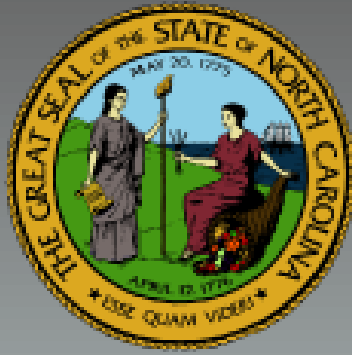
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Expert Witnesses



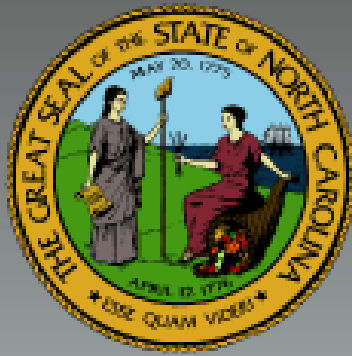
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Trace Analysis



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Trace Expert:
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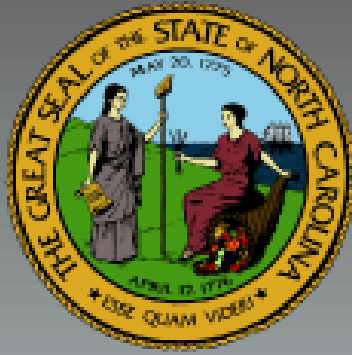
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Crime Scene Reconstruction



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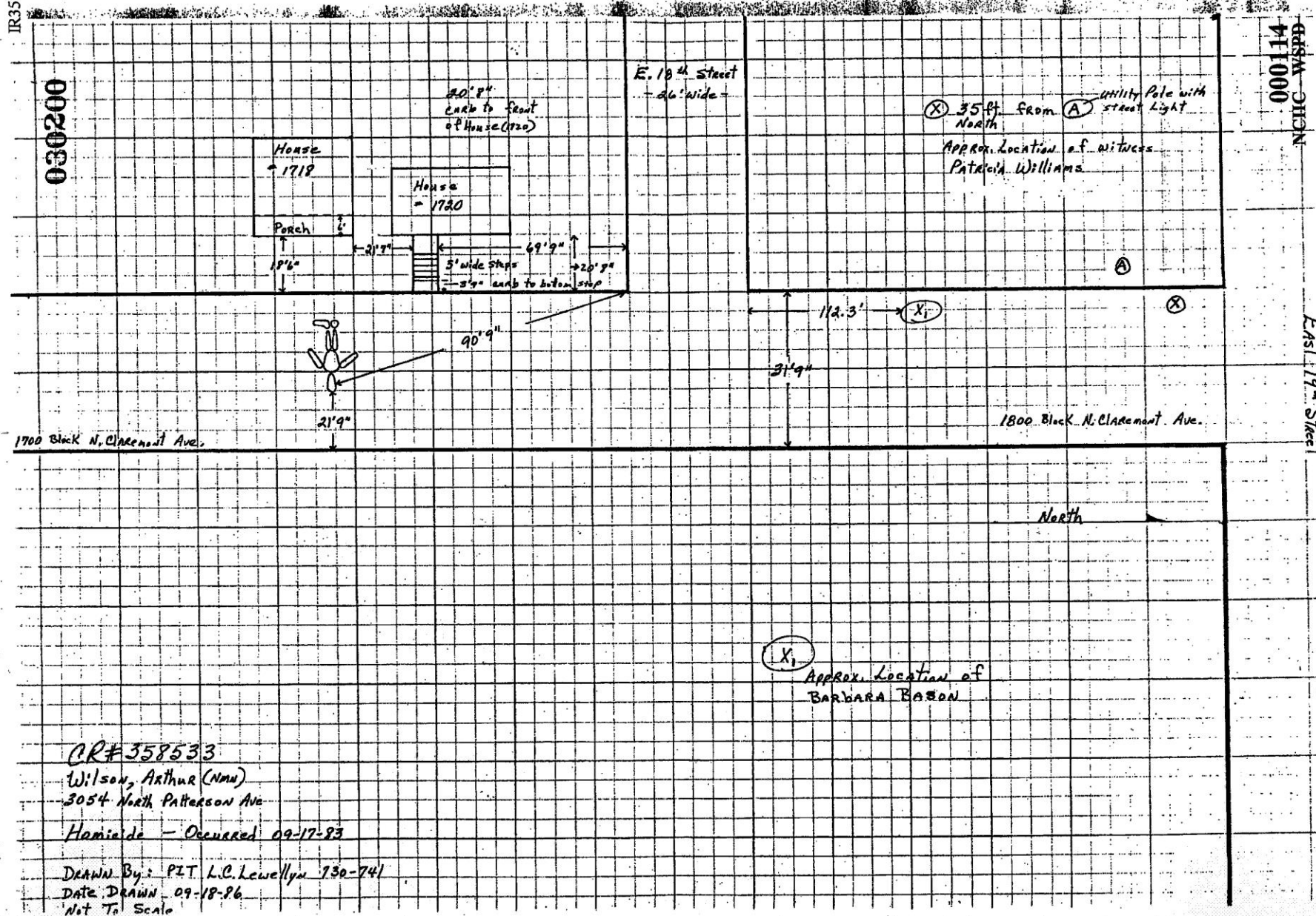
Reconstruction Expert: Casson Reynolds



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Wilson: Crime Scene Sketch

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Wilson: Photos



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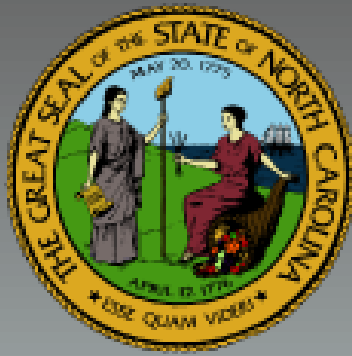


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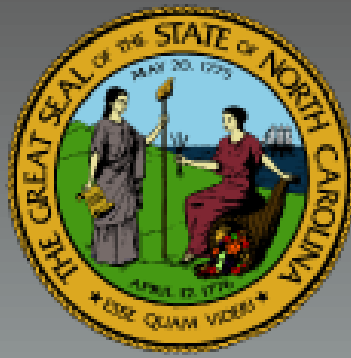


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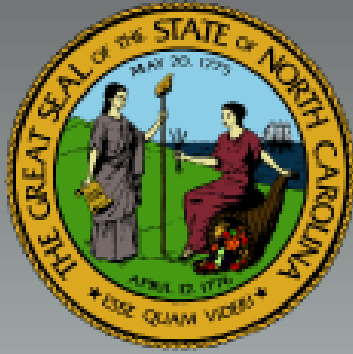
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