

**BEVERLY HILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

1. NUMBER 8907101
2. DATE & TIME REPORTED 11-28-89 / 0830 Hours

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RE:  CRIME REPORT       INCIDENT REPORT       WORTHLESS DOCUMENT  
 ARREST REPORT       FOLLOW-UP REPORT       OTHER (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

4. CODE SECTION/TITLE OF INCIDENT 187 P.C. / Murder	5. CODE V-1	6. REFERENCE NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) Menendez, Jose E.	7. <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF ADDITIONAL NAMES LISTED
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**8. NARRATIVE**



On 11-16-89, I/O telephoned Craig Cignarelli's home in Calabasas, leaving a message on his answer machine to call I/O back. At approximately 1300 hours, Craig Cignarelli telephoned I/O from school in Santa Barbara. I/O requested a meet with him in Santa Barbara on 11-17-89 at 1200 hours. He agreed to meet at a restaurant (Bakers Square) in Goleta.

On 11-17-89, at 1200 hours, I/Os met Craig Cignarelli at the Bakers Square Restaurant in Goleta. I/Os explained that we were interested in obtaining the name of the individual that Lyle associated with that was dealing in drugs. Craig stated that he didn't know the individual's name. Erik had told him that during Lyle's first year at Princeton, he was selling drugs in Trenton,

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New Jersey. Erik further told him that Lyle made a lot of money selling drugs. He stated that he didn't have any more knowledge of this.

I/Os explained that information obtained during this investigation can be made confidential in hopes of developing it through other sources once we have that information. If he or someone else had additional information, it would not have to be known that it came from him or the someone else. Craig then asked for information on the witness protection program. I/Os explained how the witness protection program worked. He then asked if someone in the witness protection program could continue a college education. I/Os explained that it could be arranged.

Craig Cignarelli stated that he had something to say. He appeared to be very nervous and scared to say anything. Craig said that approximately a month ago, he spent the weekend (October 21 and 22) at Erik's house in Beverly Hills; 722 No. Elm Dr. He and Erik had walked into the family room and Erik said, "Do you want to know what happened?" Craig said yes. Erik stated, "Lyle and I drove up to the house, opening the front gate and pulled into the driveway. We unlocked the front door and walked in. My parents were in the family room watching television. Lyle looked at me and said, 'let's do it!'. We walked outside to the front of the house and got the guns. We walked back inside and Lyle was to shoot my dad and I was supposed to shoot my mother".

"We went into the room and Lyle pointed his gun at my dad and shot him. He then went over and shot him in the head. I was unable to shoot my mom and she tried to get away. Lyle shot her too. After it looked like my mother was dead, I shot her twice with my gun. I ran out the back door and jumped the fence to the front. We drove away from the house and approximately one hour later we returned and discovered them. We called the police. We did it for the money. My father taught me everything, the only thing that he didn't teach me was how to live on my own." Craig said that the last thing that Erik said was, "It could happen". Craig said that he couldn't say anything, that he couldn't believe that he (Erik) could have done it.

I/Os asked Craig what "It could happen" means. He said that Erik and he always use to think up the perfect crimes, like the perfect robbery, the perfect burglary and the perfect murder. Erik may have made up this whole story and said, "It could happen" to further his making up the perfect crime. I/Os asked if Erik would have done this knowing that the crime had not been solved. He stated that he didn't know. He then said that this knowledge had upset him so much that he couldn't concentrate on his studies. He thought that Lyle and Erik did kill his parents.

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He didn't tell anyone because he didn't know what to do. He then began to worry about him having this knowledge and wrote down the information in a school book in case something happened to him. He then decided to tell I/Os. I/Os asked if Erik would have told anyone else. Craig said that he didn't know. I/Os asked if Erik had any other close friends. Craig stated that the only one that he knew of was a friend in New Jersey by the name of John Barnett.

Craig then asked if I/Os knew where Erik was. I/Os stated no. Craig said that Erik was in Cancun, Mexico and that he had heard that the Mexican government was not letting him leave. Erik didn't have his passport and with his Mexican surname they were keeping him there. Craig then posed the question, "What if something were to happen to Erik in Mexico, would we (the police) be able to find him". I/Os asked what he was referring to. He said that Erik was scared of Lyle. What if Lyle found out that Erik had told of the murder or wanted to kill Erik for the entire inheritance. Committing the crime out of the country would be perfect.

Craig then asked if we thought his life was in danger. I/Os told him that if Lyle found out that he knows of the crime, his life may be in danger. Craig asked if we could keep this information confidential. I/Os stated that at present, it would be kept confidential.

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