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50 police applicants said to fit FBI child killer profile

Atlanta — An FBI psychological profile indicates the city's black child killer is a middle-aged, "gentle" man with feminine tendencies — or possibly a woman — who works with children and has no sense of humor, it was reported Wednesday.

The profile was developed from tests given to known child killers, accepted psychological theories and evidence from the sites where some of the murdered children were found, the Atlanta Constitution said.

Nineteen black children have been found murdered and two others are missing. The paper said the FBI believes only six of the murders were committed by the "gentle" killer.

Acting on an FBI theory the killer may be a rejected police applicant with a grudge against the city, psychologists compared the profile with psychological test results of thousands

of Atlanta police applicants and found 50 mentally capable of the killings, the Constitution said.

It said the 50 names — without any indication of opportunity or any sort of evidence — have been turned over to the special police task force investigating the 19-month string of murders.

Atlanta police, meanwhile, launched a search for a black youth, who roughly fit the profile of the victims, reported missing Tuesday night.

Authorities said Joseph Bell, 16, apparently was last seen Monday morning, but was not reported missing until his sister called police about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Bell — no relation to Yusuf Bell, one of the early victims — was older than most of the slain children. But his size — 5-feet-5, 100 pounds — fits the profile and he had no history of running away, police said. He lived in southwest Atlanta,

where many of the victims vanished.

The case had not been turned over to the special task force handling the killings, and the search was being conducted by officers of the missing persons department, who have found about 200 other youths of the same age bracket reported missing thus far in 1981.

The FBI profile postulates a person around 40, a woman or a man with feminine tendencies — black or white — single or involved in a loveless marriage, no children, with a high school diploma and some advanced education.

The individual is a good employee who works with children either by vocation or avocation, is extremely neat and methodical, has few if any close relationships, no sense of humor, and is the product of a broken home who was abused as a child.

The profile indicates the killer may feel the children are better off dead, although he or she still experiences remorse

after the murders and probably attended some of the funerals and in some way expressed condolences to the families.

The FBI believes its profiled killer's first victim was Clifford Jones, found strangled on Aug. 21, 1980, followed by Charles Stephens, found suffocated on Oct. 10, 1980. The next, the Constitution reported, was Aaron Jackson, Jr., on Nov. 2. It said the FBI believes all of this year's victims — Lubie Geter, Terry Pae and Patrick Baltazar — were victims of the "gentle" killer.

The profile was based, however, only on the Jones and Stephens cases. Both were killed by suffocation with unknown objects, which medical authorities called "gentle." Their bodies were laid out in nearly identical fashion — arms over head, feet spread and heads to one side.

These and other factors — chiefly the removal of some article of clothing — linked all six cases, although not all factors remained constant through each case.

Evolution may lose dogma title

California trial is not a religious war

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The judge in California's evolution trial suggests a quick compromise, saying the revision of a few sentences in the state's guidelines for science teachers would satisfy Bible fundamentalists.

The change would make Darwin's teachings on the origin of man a theory, not dogma, and lawyers on both sides indicated willingness to consider the possi-

ble solution to the case, which was scheduled to resume today.

"We are taking a very long road to get to a very small house," Superior Court Judge Irving Perluss said Monday. Perluss is trying the fundamentalist challenge to the state public school policy of teaching Darwin's theory of evolution as the only scientific explanation of life.

The suit against the state Board of Education was lodged by Kelly

Segraves, director of the Christian-oriented Creation Science Research Center of San Diego. It accuses the state of infringing on the religious freedom of Segraves' three sons by exposing them to evolution in San Diego public schools.

The Segraves are conservative Baptists.

"If they had said that's what they wanted two years ago we would have gone for it," said Deputy Attorney General Robert Tyler, who is defending the state.

Richard Turner, lawyer for Segraves, said he would be satisfied with a "mitigation" of two passages in the state's science guidelines. "But in what way, I'm not going to telegraph just now," he added.

Judge Perluss' effort to narrow the issues in the case became obvious after Segraves testified he was not trying to have "creationist" theories of the origin of life taught in the public schools. Endorsed by some fundamentalist

groups, "creationist" ideas leave room for supernatural creation of the world and life.

"If you say evolution is a theory subject to change — that this is simply a theory — then I would have no problem," Segraves testified.

Perluss then barred Tyler from questioning Segraves on his knowledge of science or his views on the "creationist" theory.

"Whether evolution is true or creation is true is beyond the scope of this trial," Perluss said. "We really don't know if it's true or not. In regard to Segraves, all we can do is ask him what his beliefs are, and how he is offended."

Earlier, Segraves' son Kasey, 13, testified he was taught evolution in the sixth and eighth grades of San Diego public schools. However, Tyler drew from the lad an admission his faith in the creation story told in the Bible book of Genesis remained unshaken.

Court says bias suits must show wrong

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, declaring the "ultimate burden" in a job bias case is on the person filing the complaint, ruled Wednesday employers need not prove the person hired was better qualified than the rejected candidate.

In a decision that could make it harder to prove sex discrimination in hiring, the justices unanimously declared that the defendant in such cases must only show the legitimate, non-discriminatory reasons for his action.

The high court reversed a 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals finding that employers must prove both the non-discriminatory reasons for their actions and that the person hired was better qualified.

"The views of the court of appeals can be read, we think, as requiring the employer to hire the minority or female applicant whenever that person's objective qualifications were equal to those of a white male applicant," said Justice Lewis Powell, writing for the court.

The Supreme Court flatly rejected that interpretation, Powell declared.

He said Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits employment discrimination based

on race, sex and national origin, "does not demand that an employer give preferential treatment to minorities or women."

"It does not require the employer to restructure his employment practices to maximize the number of minorities and women hired," Powell added.

The decision overturned a finding in favor of Joyce Ann Burdine, who had brought a sex discrimination suit against the Texas Department of Community Affairs.

Burdine, a field services coordinator with the agency's Public Service Careers Division, applied for a supervisor's job.

The project director's position was vacant for six months and eventually was filled by a male applicant.

She filed suit, charging sex discrimination. The department denied her allegations, saying the man was hired on the basis of his better qualifications.

A federal judge ruled in the department's favor. But the appeals court reversed, finding the defendant in a sex discrimination case must prove "by a preponderance of evidence" there were legitimate, nondiscriminatory reasons for the employment action.

The high court Wednesday rejected that standard.

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