

NOTE: Hand print names legibly; handwriting satisfactory for remainder.

Indices:  Negative  See below

Subject's name and aliases <b>KENNETH CHRISTIANSON</b>	Character of case <b>SE 164A-81</b>
	Complainant <input type="checkbox"/> Protect Source [Redacted]
	Complaint received <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic Date <b>11/5/96</b> Time <b>9:45 AM</b>

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Address of Subject	Complainant's address and telephone number [Redacted] <b>Morris MN</b> [Redacted]
	Complainant's DOB [Redacted] SSAN [Redacted] Race [Redacted] Sex <b>Mal</b>

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Subject's Description	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Height	Hair	Build	Birth Date and Birthplace <b>10/17/20 Died: 7/30/94</b>
	Age		Weight	Eyes	Complexion	Social Security Number
	Scars, marks and other data					

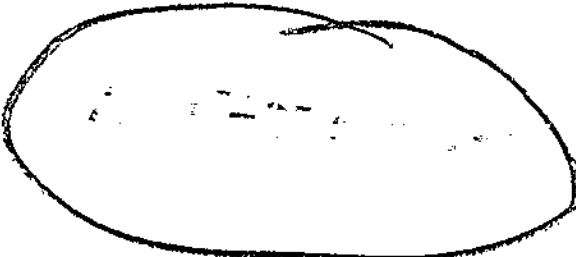
Facts of complaint

On 11/5/96, complainant © called to report he felt [Redacted] deceased [Redacted] **KENNETH CHRISTIANSON** was D.B. COOPER who had hijacked an airplane and gotten away with large sums of money. © stated [Redacted] had looked like the rendition of D.B. COOPER he had seen in the newspaper. He went on to say [Redacted] was a bachelor and a paratrooper who was familiar with NW AIRLINES inasmuch as he was a steward with NW AIRLINES. © stated he has spoken to two of the three people who had seen D.B. COOPER, [Redacted] from Green Valley, AZ and [Redacted] (phonetic). He said [Redacted] drank bourbon and that D.B. COOPER had ordered bourbon on the plane during the hijacking. Lastly, **KENNETH CHRISTIANSON** had friends in the Longview, Washington area and was reported to have known the area very well.

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The above information is provided for whatever action is deemed necessary.

*No action  
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(Complaint received by)

11-25-96

FBI AGENT [REDACTED]

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DEAR SIR;

ASSOCIATED PRESS HAD AN ARTICLE IN OUR  
MPLS STAR TRIBUNE ABOUT THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
NWA HIJACKING BY D.B. COOPER.

I'VE BEEN TRYING FOR OVER TWO MONTHS TO  
HAVE THE FBI TO DISPROVE THE SUSPECT I HAVE,  
THEY STILL HAVEN'T CHECKED IT OUT. SO I THOUGHT  
I WOULD GIVE YOU A CHANCE.

I SUSPECT [REDACTED] KENNETH CHRISTIANSEN  
WAS D.B. COOPER. HE DIED JULY 30, 1994. HE WAS  
BORN [REDACTED] I WAS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
AND SAID "THERE IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW"

AND AS I WAS [REDACTED]

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SAID, "IS IT THE REASON YOU TREATED ME

DIFFERENTLY [REDACTED]" (HE HAD SENT ME

A COPY OF [REDACTED] PREVIOUSLY) AND HE LEANED  
FORWARD QUICKLY AND LOOKED INTENTLY RIGHT INTO

MY EYS AND SAID VERY LOUD "NO, THERE IS  
SOMETHING YOU SHOUD KNOW, BUT I CANNOT

TELL YOU." I THOUGHT MAYBE HE DID SOMETHING

DURING HIS LIFE HE WAS SORRY FOR, AND I  
WAS NOT ANXIOUS TO HEAR WHAT IT WAS. I TOLD

HIM WE ALL LOVED HIM AND FORGAVE HIM FOR

DB Cooper-21215

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WHATEVER HE DID. HE NEVER OFFERED TO TELL ME. LATER ON AFTER WATCHING THE D.B. COOPER STORY ON "UNSOLVED MYSTERIES" AND READING MAX GUNTHER'S BOOK ABOUT D.B. COOPER. I STARTED THINKING MAYBE HE COULD BE D.B. COOPER, HERE'S SOME CIRCUMSTANCES I FOUND OUT:

AT THE TIME OF THE HIJACKING [REDACTED] LIVED AT 805 PARKER ROAD APT 53 SUMNER WA 98390 HE WAS WORKING FOR NWA AS A FLIGHT ATTENDANT.

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DURING THE HIJACKING D.B. COOPER ASKED FOR SOME BOURBON AND WATER. (I HAVE SOME OF KENNY'S BOURBON WHISKEY BOTTLE COLLECTION)

KENNY LOOKED SIMILAR TO THE COMPOSITE DRAWING OF D.B. COOPER. HIS PHYSICAL SIZE AND AGE MATCHED THE DESCRIPTION OF HIM BY THE STEWARDESSES.

KENNY WAS A PARATROOPER AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

KENNY WAS A BACHELOR.

HE LAST LIVED AT 18406 OLD BUCKLEY HIGHWAY BONNEY LAKE WA 98390 WHICH HE BOUGHT IN 1973.

HE WAS A COLLECTOR OF COINS, STAMPS AND PLATES WORTH AROUND \$50,000. HE SENT FOR THEM AND PAID BY MONEY ORDERS.

HE HAD FRIENDS IN LONGVIEW WA WHICH WAS NOT FAR FROM THE LANDING SPOT AFTER THE JUMP. SO HE KNEW THE AREA.

I HAVE PREPARED A GOOD COLLOGE OF SEVEN 8x10 PICTURES OF SEVEN DIFFERENT MEN WHICH COULD BE SHOWN TO THE STEWARDESSE. [REDACTED]

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SAID SHE WOULD NEVER FORGET THE FACE

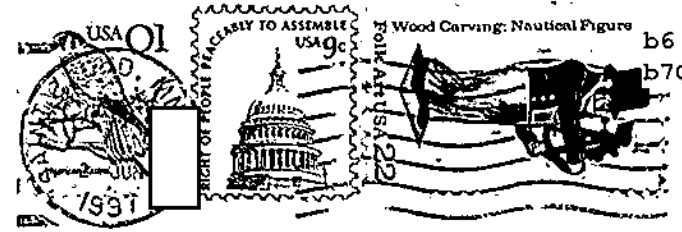
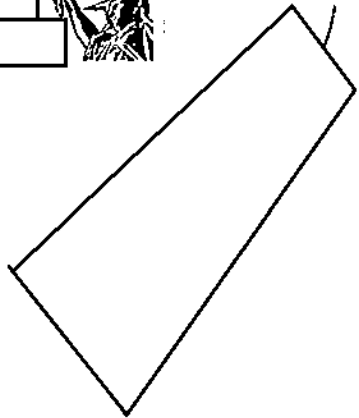
MY PH # IS [REDACTED] PLEASE CALL BEFORE 8 AM HERE, OR SEND LETTERS TO [REDACTED]

MORRIS MM [REDACTED]

[Redacted]

MORRIS, MN

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ATTN: D. B. COOPER CASE AGENT  
FBI SEATTLE  
915 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE  
SEATTLE WA 98174

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FBI SEATTLE WA ;

DEAR GOOD PEOPLE , WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP ME . I MAY HAVE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE D. B. COOPER HI-JACKING CASE , I NEED TO CONTACT

[REDACTED] , ONE OF THE FLIGHT ATTENDANTS ON THAT FLIGHT.

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THE PILOT AND [REDACTED] ALSO MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY D. B. COOPER.

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WHILE THEY ARE STILL LIVING WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE FOR THEM TO IDENTIFY D. B. I BELIEVE THAT'S ABOUT THE ONLY WAY THE CASE CAN BE SOLVED, EYE WITNESSES COULD GIVE US AN IDEA THAT SOMEONE MIGHT BE D. B.

WOULD YOU PLEASE FORWARD THE ENCLOSED LETTER TO [REDACTED] . I HOPE TO

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BE ABLE TO SEE OR TALK OR THE PHONE WITH HER .

OR PH [REDACTED]

CALL BEFORE 9 AM (MINN. TIME)

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WRITE TO,

[REDACTED]

MORRIS MN [REDACTED]

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MORRIS, MN [Redacted]



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6-2-97

DEAR [REDACTED]

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SORRY TO BOTHER YOU WITH THIS,  
BUT IT'S SOMETHING I MUST DO, I  
MAY HAVE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE D. B. COOPER HI-JACKING BUT  
I NEED TO SEE OR TALK TO YOU ON  
THE PHONE. I BELIEVE YOU HAD A  
GOOD LOOK AT D. B AND WOULD  
REMEMBER WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE.  
IN A CASE LIKE THIS AN EYE  
WITNESS COULD BE VERY IMPORTANT  
IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE CASE.

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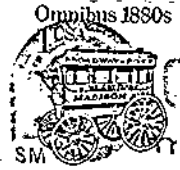
PH. [REDACTED]

CALL BEFORE 9:00 AM  
MINNESOTA TIME,

[REDACTED]  
MORRIS ANN [REDACTED]

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[Redacted]  
MORRIS, MN. [Redacted]



[Redacted]

FBI AGENT  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 05/04/2004

[redacted] date of birth [redacted]  
 Social Security Number [redacted] Morris,  
 Minnesota, [redacted] telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at  
 a city park in Morris about [redacted] Kenneth Christiansen, and  
 D. B. Cooper. [redacted] was a retired [redacted]  
 [redacted] and retired in [redacted] After being apprised of the  
 identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview,  
 [redacted] provided the following information:

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He had written a few letters to the F.B.I. office in  
 Seattle, Washington, dating back to about 2000. He had addressed  
 the letters to Agent [redacted] because he had learned at some point  
 that Agent [redacted] was in charge of the D.B. Cooper case. The  
 letters basically addressed his suspicion that [redacted]  
 Kenneth, may have been D. B. Cooper.

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He had used the pseudonym [redacted] in the letters to  
 disguise his true identity and rented a post office box in Hopkins,  
 Minnesota, to receive any return correspondence from the F.B.I.  
 He had kept his actions and suspicions from his wife and children  
 because he had mentioned his suspicions to them previously and they  
 thought it was a silly notion. He did not want to go through that  
 again.

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[redacted] Kenneth Peter Christiansen, date of  
 birth October 17, 1926, Social Security Number 473-30-3599.  
 Kenneth died of colon cancer in July, 1995. The suspicions about  
 Kenneth started when he, [redacted] were  
 visiting Kenneth [redacted]  
 [redacted] Kenneth did not elaborate more and the statement  
 struck him as curious.

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Sometime later, he saw one of those television shows  
 about unsolved crimes and the subject was D.B. Cooper. There  
 seemed to be several similarities between Cooper and [redacted]  
 and Kenneth had a lot of qualities which could have made it  
 possible for him to commit the crime. Kenneth lived in the area,

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worked for Northwest Airlines, knew how to parachute, and matched the physical description of Cooper. He was about 5'10", weighed about 170 pounds, and would have been about 45 years old in 1971. Kenneth was also a smoker and liked to drink. Despite the similarities, he had no proof and knew of no reason why [redacted] would have hijacked a plane.

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Kenneth was a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines for many years. He started in the 1960's and retired from that job in the early 1990's due to health problems. He was based out of Seattle and lived in many small towns in Washington over the years. At the time of his death, Kenneth lived in a house in Bonnie Lake, Washington. He purchased the house around the same time as the hijacking. Kenneth also knew how to parachute and learned how to do that in the military during World War II.

Kenneth was never married, had no children, and lived alone. Kenneth had a couple of good friends who cared for him while he was dying. One of the friends was [redacted] Tacoma, Washington. He could not recall the name of the other person. Kenneth had met [redacted] at a bar when [redacted] was down and out on his luck. Kenneth took him under his wing and helped get him straightened out. [redacted] is now married and has children.

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Kenneth was not very close with [redacted] and they communicated with each other infrequently. Kenneth must have been [redacted] [redacted] There was about [redacted] There were [redacted] He and [redacted] after his death, but [redacted]

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[redacted] provided a [redacted] from [redacted] a document which depicts [redacted] and a cryptic note that [redacted] Those documents are attached and made a part hereto.

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[redacted] provided no further information.

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 05/04/2004

To: Seattle  
St. Louis

Attn: SA [redacted]  
Attn: Military Records Center

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From: Minneapolis  
St. Cloud RA  
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted] skj

Case ID #: SE 164A-81 9439

Title: NORJAK;  
CAA - Hijacking

Synopsis: To forward completed interview to Seattle Division and set leads to Minneapolis and St. Louis Divisions.

Reference: SE 164A-81 Serial 9432 and 9437

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for Seattle are the original and one copy of an FD-302 and the attachments depicting the interview of [redacted]. [redacted] The original notes to the interview are in the enclosed 1A envelope.

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Enclosed for St. Louis Division - Military Records Center is an [redacted] document pertaining to Kenneth P. Christiansen.

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Details: [redacted] also known as [redacted] [redacted] Morris, Minnesota, was interviewed about D. B. Cooper and [redacted] Kenneth Peter Christiansen. [redacted] [redacted] Kenneth (now deceased), was D.B. Cooper based on similarities in physical stature and appearance, personal habits, experiences, and proximity. Although, he had no other reasons to suspect [redacted] committed the crime.

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To: Seattle From: Minneapolis  
Re: SE 164A-81, 05/04/2004

[redacted] wanted to keep his identity anonymous because he had previously mentioned his suspicions about [redacted] to his family and they thought it was a ridiculous notion. During the interview, writer found [redacted] to be straightforward, balanced, and clear-headed.

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Among Kenneth Christiansen's life experiences, which are worthy of additional investigation, are the fact that he had some parachuting experience in the military and he worked for Northwest Airlines for several years. According to [redacted] Kenneth was a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines, based in Seattle, Washington, from the mid-1960's to the early 1990's.

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ACS search for Kenneth Christiansen found a match in case 91A-SE-64356.

**Descriptive Data:**

Reference

Name -

Last:

Christiansen

First:

Kenneth

Middle:

Peter

Race:

W

Sex:

M

DOB:

10/17/1926

SOC:

473-30-3599

Address(es) -

City:

Bonnie Lake

State:

Washington

Miscellaneous -

Height:

5'10"

Weight:

170

Hair:

Brown, balding

Eyes:

Hazel

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/08/2007

To: Criminal Investigative Laboratory

Attn: VCMOS, MT/TCU

Attn: DNA1, [redacted]

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From: Seattle

Squad 5/VCMO

Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: SE 164A-81-DNA-45 (Pending)  
SE 164A-81-1061 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB,  
aka DAN COOPER;  
NORJAK  
CAA - HIJACKING

**Synopsis:** To open subfile SE 164A-81-1061 for Kenneth Christiansen and to set lead for DNA submission, and testing, to the Laboratory, DNA 1. This case remains the only unsolved hijacking in the United States, and is commonly referred to as the "D.B. Cooper" investigation.

**Details:** Kenneth Christiansen was identified by a human source in the New York Division. The source was operated by SA [redacted]. SA [redacted] has contact with the source and additional information can be obtained about Christiansen if needed following the DNA testing.

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### New York Division Individual - Kenneth Christiansen

1. Kenneth P. Christiansen  
SSN 473-30-3588  
DOB 10/17/1926  
Died 07/30/1994

All other identifying and background information was placed in the subfile.