



**Originating Office:** Houston  
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**Date:** June 30<sup>th</sup> 1997

**Distribution:** All Field Offices

**Subject:** Fugitive alert (multiple murders / kidnapping suspect)

**Summary:**

The Houston Police Department have requested that we raise Bureau awareness concerning the recent disappearance of one **Kenneth Braverman**.

Braverman is wanted in connection with the murder of his two children (Daniel, aged 9 and Hannah, aged 6) and is also the main suspect in connection with a series of recent prostitute murders involving body dismemberment/mutilation in the Houston area. He is also thought to have kidnapped his wife **Elaine Braverman**, 32).

Braverman was also a serving officer with the Houston PD.

He is aged 33, Caucasian, 6ft 2 inches and of medium build.

From early this month (June 1997) Houston PD began to receive reports that prostitutes in the city were going missing. Eleven disappearances in total were reported. In the following weeks, some of those reported missing turned up dead in disused buildings, drainage pipes and similar locations. In all cases, these bodies showed signs of severe blood loss, mutilation, sexual torture and dismemberment. Other unidentified body parts were also discovered in various locations.

Houston PD investigations eventually centered on Officer Braverman. The same 'mystery man' had been spotted with each of the victims and his car and license plates were eventually 'made' by a witness. Braverman was also a close fit for composite sketches made of said 'mystery man'.

Up until this time, Braverman was regarded as a model officer and mandated psychiatric evaluations detected nothing at all to indicate mental imbalance of this magnitude.

Braverman may have been tipped off by colleagues in the Houston PD that he was under suspicion. Whatever happened, on June 28th he decided to murder his two children by slashing their throats and is then thought to have absconded to parts unknown. Forensic evidence at his home indicates that his wife was not a willing accomplice to these acts and she is therefore presumed to be now held against her will.

Bureau personnel who obtain any information concerning the whereabouts of Kenneth Braverman should contact this office, who will then liaise with Houston PD.

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