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## MSP won't comment on revelations in Oakland County child killer case

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Michigan State Police officials have declined to comment on whether a suicide victim and suspected sex offender was a suspect in the Oakland County child killer case.

State Police Capt. Harold Love said they have no comment on recent media reports about the possibility Christopher Brian Busch is a suspect in the more than 30-year-old serial killer case.

The unidentified killer has eluded investigators since four children were found slain in 1976 and 1977 in Oakland County.

Among the victims was then 11-year-old Timothy King of Birmingham.

A recent meeting between investigators and the families of victims wasn't the result of any new revelations, said Love, second district commander in charge of Southeast Michigan.

"It was simply at the request of the King family and we ended up meeting more than just the King family," he said.

The King family was unavailable for comment.

The case was back in the headlines following media reports that a polygraph examiner and childhood friend of the King family had given information about Busch as a suspect.

The information was that another polygraph examiner had relayed the results of a test performed on Busch, reportedly showing he killed Timmy King.

According to media reports, Busch, the son of a General Motors Corp. executive, had been an arrested sex offender.

Busch reportedly also had been linked to a child pornography ring busted in the 1970s at North Fox Island in Leelanau County.

Busch's family owned a home at 3310 Morningview Terrace, north of Maple Road and west of Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Township.

ie died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at the age of 27 on Nov. 20, 1978, in the Bloomfield Township home.

Busch's death was ruled a suicide and his body was cremated.

Love would not comment on whether Busch is a suspect in the case, saying it is an ongoing investigation.

"We are hoping there will come a point and time to bring this together and have everybody come together and present a conclusion to the public and to everybody else so we can put this thing to bed," he said.

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