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In Re: HaLeigh Ann-Marie Cummings/Missing from Satsuma, FL.

Dear Agent:

I am an investigative reporter covering the disappearance of five year-old HaLeigh Cummings. She was reported missing on February 10, 2009, from her home in Satsuma, Florida.

It is a high-profile case so you are likely familiar with it.

Enclosed you will find a CD that contains photographs I obtained while working on a story about Photoshopping done to pictures of the missing child – pictures faked to create the appearance the mother of the missing child, held her lovingly.

The fake photo is used on a website set up to solicit donations called www.haleighbug.com.

My information tells me that the “HaLeigh Bug Foundation” has pulled in un-told thousands of dollars – all because that child remains “gone” – and this photo is helping to accomplish that.

Some people went well out of their way to tug at the heart-strings of possible donors when they created these bogus photos and published them on the internet.

Obviously, it is not natural behavior for grieving family members to develop a business plan to get rich when their child is abducted.

It is significant to me that the mother, Crystal Sheffield, and her mother, Marie Griffis, along with Florida Attorney Kim Picazio, deliberately operated under the legal radar as long as they could, gathering donations from churches and the public in general, until a complaint was filed against them to the state of Florida by Rebecca Thomas, West Palm Beach, Florida, wherein Kim Picazio then begrudgingly filed for non-profit status.

Marie Griffis told the press and media (FOX NEWS) repeatedly, shortly after the child disappeared, that she believed her grand-daughter is ok but no one is going to see her for awhile.

Meanwhile, the money flooded in.

Some four months passed before the authorities in Putnam County, Florida searched Sheffield's home (unbelievable) for the child.

This evidence clearly supports the possibility that the Sheffield family took this child. Crystal Sheffield was facing jail time and driver's license suspension because of un-paid child support, and was due in court on those matters shortly before the child disappeared from her bed with no fight.

When the child disappeared, all of Crystal Sheffield's problems went away. Her court hearing was cancelled, and later, her \$12,000 in child support was paid by an "anonymous" donor – the money routed through her attorney, Kim Picazio.

Life got good – not bad, for this girl who did not even have a photo of herself holding her own daughter.

She then pursued custody of the other child (that wasn't abducted that night.) If she accomplished that task, she would have no more child support obligations and an online scam that purports to search for missing children, to live on.

Whoever faked these photos made a lot of money.

I believe Crystal Sheffield and her family should be interviewed by the FBI and asked who faked these photos that were placed on haleighbug.com.

I have a statement that verifies to me Crystal Sheffield admitted she is not the person in the picture.

If you shut off the money – the little girl might pop up.

Respectfully yours,
Timothy Charles Holmseth

Cc: Klass Kids Foundation

Elvin Thomas - Photoshop Expert - 18 Years Summary Expert Opinion

- 1. Located here is either a head or a shoulder. It is not part of the couch. It is likely a man.**
- 2. The ear area was pointed out as being doctored. Elvin Thomas said it was doctored to cover what was in the background.**
- 3. Here is what appears to be the original adult's elbow. It is large and lumpy like an older person.**
- 4. If you go to the letter "A" on HaLeigh's shirt and then go straight down to the hand from there, you will see one of the strongest pieces evidence that this photo is a fake. You will see where the hand, starting at the knuckles, is blended into the man's hand. You will notice a slight, but very pronounced 90 degree angle where there is hand not attached to anything (not attached to any flesh.)**
- 5. This is a man's arm. It looks like a "Popeye" arm in comparison to Crystal Sheffield who is a thin woman. This is the first feature that ever catches somebody's eye about this photo. Note how the arm is tanned brown but when you get to the knuckles it is white – the hand should be tan too. Also view the other (Darker) version on this point.**
- 6. Here is a dip in the arm that does exist in the human anatomy. It appears this way because the woman's arm and the man's arm are Photoshopped into each other and it added some length.**
- 7. Along the edge of the little boy's shirt you will see smeary looking pixilation because the shirt has been touched up so it looks like the child is leaning against the adult.**
- 8. Sheffield has no visible breast in this picture (the expert would not comment on this Dynamic because he does not know Sheffield.) It has been pointed out by other observers.**
- 9. The child has no belly button where she should have one. However, if you look over to the left (HaLeigh's right hip) you will see two little circles.**
- 10. HaLeigh does not appear to have a thumb on her left hand. It could be tucked behind but it appears strange.**
- 11. The color of one of the shirts was sampled as to match the mother and daughter's clothes – the color was painted. It was done so they were both wearing pink.**

Summary of Photos by Number

1. This is a screenshot taken from www.haleighbug.com. This website was created to ask the public for money so Crystal Sheffield (missing child's mother) could have spending money. Later, the professed purpose of the donations was to pay for searches. No known searches were ever funded with any of the donations received.
2. On **June 16, 2009**, I contacted Ed Butera, ibi Designs, Boca Raton, FL. I asked him about the photo of Crystal Sheffield and her two kids that was scrolling across haleighbug.com. I asked him because his company's name was listed at the bottom of the page. He replied and said he did not doctor anything. He had his web guy send me the original email with attachments that showed the photos he received. That email provided me with the source of the photo and where it came from. The photo was sent to him on **March 24, 2009**, by Donna Wagoner, Xentel Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She said she got the photos from Kim Picazio. Kim Picazio is the attorney for Crystal Sheffield. This photo has been cleaned up, as you will see when you look at photo number three.
3. On **June 23, 2009**, this photo was sent to me by Private Investigator William Staubs, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He received it from a man named Don Knop. Don Knop is Kim Picazio's brother-in-law and did some work for her. It would seem that this, dark and uncleaned up version, was sent to Xentel for cleaning up. However, that does not have to be a fact. But, when I asked Donna Wagoner about the photo she called the East Grand Forks Police Department and reported me (for what I'm not sure.) During the same time window, Kim Picazio also called the East Grand Forks Police on me. On **June 29, 2009**, I contacted Len Wolstenholme, director of regulatory and public affairs for Xentel DM Incorporated. He advised me his company did not touch up the photo or do any work on the matter whatsoever. He advised me that Donna Wagoner had violated company policy by conducting personal business on the company email account. I have heard (unconfirmed) that she was disciplined.
4. Please see Microsoft Word file entitled "Analysis By Number" to see a brief look at some of the problems with this photo.
5. On **June 25, 2009**, I reported and published my interview with Elvin Thomas, Florida, Photoshop expert, 18 years experience, 15 as an instructor. Thomas said the photo of Crystal Sheffield with the two kids was clearly a fake. On **June 30, 2009**, Art Harris, journalist, who sometimes appears on CNN, published the photos deemed fake. I had advised him and others not to exploit HaLeigh Cummings, yet he did it anyway without having the photo examined independently. He also personally vouched for the photo's originality and authenticity without having it examined. He also published this photo of Ronald Cummings Jr. and HaLeigh Cummings. If you look at the little boy near his right ear – he does not seem to have one. It looks tampered with.
6. Photo number five matches the little boy in this photo. Here, Crystal Sheffield appears to have no thumb on her left hand. The place where the little boy's face is tampered with in number five is the exact same spot he is touching his face against his mother.
7. Screenshot of Art Harris' publication. Notice that Harris made the previously un-released photo of Crystal Sheffield and the boy small and hard to analyze – its quality is reduced and it is hard to examine – it is smaller than the other photo he published even though he says they were shot seconds apart. The quality reduction would then seem deliberate. Harris also provided factoids under the photos that did not match the story he wrote (the pictures are not related to the story content at all.) It appears Harris was acting as a media agent for Marie Griffis, Crystal Sheffield, and/or Kim Picazio.