

FOOTPRINTS

The key piece of evidence the prosecution presented, against Keith, was a path of footprints in the snow. These footprints led from Keith's patio into the field. They repeatedly tried to implicate that the prints went to the body but the evidence tech (Officer Adkins) acknowledged that the field was too overgrown for there to be a continuous path.

That same evidence tech says he never measured those prints but he guessed them to be between size 10 and 11. (Pretty convenient since Keith wears 10½) He also said those prints had to be made by "Slick Soled" shoes. (Again convenient since Keith wore cowboy boots). (TT:616) I point out those two facts because I will show later how their facts change to suit their needs.

This is a wide open field that can be entered from almost any direction and yet throughout the trial the police acknowledge that they found those prints in front of Keith's trailer and they didn't bother to look for prints anywhere else.

They also state that except for the path that they used to go back and forth to the body there was only one path of footprints in front of Keith's trailer.

Now I am going to list some facts that you can verify with the Trial transcripts and other documents listed. You decide whether or not those footprints were really evidence against Keith.

The state's own witnesses verify that the snow stopped at approximately 10:30 p.m. Feb. 5th.. And we know from the testimony of Bobby Rowell (David Rowell's father) that David's body was not in that field at 11:30 p.m. Feb. 5th.. (TT:371) So we know that David's body had to be placed in that field sometime between 11:30 p.m. Feb. 5th. and 3:30 p.m. Feb. 6th. when his body was discovered.

At approximately 11:00 p.m. Feb. 5th. Mike Johnson and Ted Richie left Keith's trailer and went past the civic center to another friend's house. The most direct path from Keith's house would have been through that field. This would also explain the beer cans. (See Beer Cans).

Mike Rowell (David's brother) left Keith's trailer at approx. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 5th. "He walked through the field and over to the Civic Center" (TT:404-406) Mike Rowell says he was on Keith's patio again at approx. 10:00 a.m. Feb. 6th. (nearly 12 hours after the snow stopped) He was asked

where he went when he left and his response was "I walked through the field again and went to the Civic Center" (TT:408-409).

According to Bobby Rowell, he travelled to the area where the body was found at least 3 or 4 times after the snow stopped and from more than one direction and yet the only footprints the police saw going into that field were the ones from Keith's patio.

At approx. 10:00 p.m. Bobby walked past the area coming from near I-75, then cutting into the trailer park. (TT:370) He passed those bushes again at approx. 11:30 p.m. (TT:371). At approx. 3:30 p.m. Feb. 6th. he walked from his house directly to his son's body. He walked around the body, moved a bag on top of the body and walked to the bag containing the clothes. (TT:374-375) When the police arrived, Bobby Rowell walked officer Brun out to the body and walked around the body again before officer Brun told him to go home (TT:600).

Officer Adkins said he did not bother to check Bobby Rowell's footprints because he was not in front of Keith's trailer (TT:677) First, this shows that they only cared about the prints in front of Keith's trailer. Second, this was a lie. Bobby Rowell said "I walked past a couple cars that was out there. An old white car and an old mustang, a blue one. I looked in both cars in case he was in there. Then I cut back in the field again. (TT:364) Officer Adkins speaks of a White Opel and says it belonged to Keith's trailer. (TT:664) - (Bobby Rowell had to have been in front of Keith's trailer to have looked in that car).

At approx. 11:00 p.m. Mike Johnson and Ted Richie left Keith's trailer and headed for Andrew Choate's house. (TT: 526), At approx. 10:00 p.m. Feb. 5th. Bobby Rowell entered the field near the I-75 fence. He walked past where the body was found and cut out into the trailer park. (TT:362-363), At approx. 11:30 p.m. Bobby Rowell cut into the field from near Keith's white car and walked by where the body was found. (TT:364), At approx. 8:30 a.m. Feb. 6th. Bobby Rowell was checking the field again. (TT:372), At approx. 3:30 p.m. Bobby Rowell said he had a vision and walked right to the bush where his son's body was. (TT:374), At approx. 3:52 p.m. Feb. 6th. officer Brun arrived and Bobby Rowell escorted him to the body. (TT:600), At approx. 10:00 a.m. Feb. 6th. Mike Rowell left Keith's patio and went through the field to the Civic Center.

(TT:408-409).

This means that at least 7 sets of footprints entered that field from at least 4 different directions and at least 5 sets of those footprints went directly to where David Rowell's body was found. And yet the police only saw the path in front of Keith's trailer

The police also said, throughout the trial, that except for the path they used going back and forth to the body, there was only one other path of footprints in front of Keith's trailer. Testimony shows that Mike Johnson, Ted Richie, and Mike Rowell all walked from Keith's patio in that direction after the snow stopped. If those footprints belonged to the murderer then where did all of their footprints go?

During Keith's trial, Officer Adkins was adamant about the fact that those footprints could only have been made by slick soled shoes. (TT:616) Mike Johnson's boots were described as "Something like snow boots" "On the bottom they were like... like tracks, something like car tires off a car or something like that". (TT:530) If you look at Johnson's appeal summary, you will see that at his trial Adkin's says that one set of footprints matched Johnson's shoes. (See Johnson's appeal summary). How can the prints be from slick soled shoes in one trial and snow shoes in another?