

## TOILET SEAT COVER

On Feb. 7th., 1982, Officer Adkins said he took a picture of Keith's toilet to show that he had a tank cover but no toilet seat cover. (TT:654). According to Officer Adkins, On Feb. 6th. 1982, six officers lined up and "Stripped Searched" the field where David Rowell's body was found. (TT:698-also see police report). He obviously felt they had done a pretty thorough job since they left that field unsecured and didn't come back for six days.

On Feb. 12th., 1982, Adkins returned with some army personnel with metal detectors in an effort to find a knife. During that search officer Adkins says he found a toilet seat cover in the field approx. 59 feet from where David Rowell's body had been found. He claimed the toilet seat was the one missing from Keith's trailer. I will give you some facts and you decide.

- 1). This was the middle of winter so that field was covered with snow and what vegetation was showing was brown. This was a bright green toilet seat cover that, if it was placed out there when David was, would have been sitting on top of the snow and should have stuck out like a sore thumb, but six officers "Stripped Searched" that field and none of them saw it.
- 2). If it was put in that field during the six days between searches, Keith obviously couldn't have done it since he was in custody all of that time.
- 3). Isn't it a little convenient that with all of those people in that field it was Adkins who happened to find that cover?
- 4). Adkins said the toilet seat cover was not in line with earlier footprints (TT:670)
- 5). Dehus, from the crime lab, says you cannot determine how long that cover was in that field. (TT:870)
- 6). The colors in the photos did not match the color of the set brought into court. They explained the difference in the cover found in the field by saying it was the sun reflecting off of the snow, but they offer no explanation for why the colors are off in the pictures taken inside of Keith's trailer. (TT:652-654)
- 7). When they tested a blanket inside of Keith's trailer they tested fibers and dyes. When they tested the toilet seat cover they only tested

fibers and determined that they were nylon and polyethylene.(TT:849 and 861). Those fibers are the same as would be found in almost any set like that. I believe the dye wasn't tested, or at least presented, because it was a different dye and that is why the colors didn't match.