



**Investigation Findings
&
Analysis**

**“Ionia Investigation”
July 18th 2009**



Ionia Investigation
“Final Report”
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Location:

Ionia, MI

Date:

July 18th 2009

Source:

Location Administration / Security Personnel

Investigation Duration:

8.00 Hours (018:00-02:00)

Investigators Present:

Chris F. – Operations / Lead Investigator	Kevin - Investigator
Wayne – Operations / Lead Investigator	Kristie - Investigator
Chris C. – Technical Manager	Dee – Research / Investigator
Russ – Technical Manager	
Jo – Case Manager / Investigator	
Erin – Research / Investigator	
Mike - Investigator	
Kathy - Investigator	
Wendy – Investigator	
Deana – Medical Specialist / Investigator	

Case History – Consultation Notes

Original Consultation / Investigation Date: 5/29/09 – 7/18/09

MPI Representative: Wayne, Chris C., Jo

Note: All permission and investigation request documentation reviewed and signed by client at the date of the consultation.

All consultation data and detailed location information are to be kept confidential per client request. All supplemental data will be made available to the client upon our presentation of this report.

Supposed Activity:

Voices, Disappearing Object Phenomena (DOP), Full Bodied Apparitions, Unexplainable Noises, Etc.

Notes: The activity in this location has been noticed by the on site staff and has been noted as not having specific times of occurrence.

Location Condition:

Withheld per client request.

Notes: Active power / electricity issues, Long cable runs expected, heavy concentrations of dust, Audio contamination prevalent.

Area History:

Withheld per client request.

Location History:

Withheld per client request.

Location Weather:

Upon our arrival it was warm with a minor breeze to the west, however falling temperatures were forecasted as well as possible storms noted at 30% expected. After midnight gusting winds were noted at 17 mph.

Location Weather Cont.:

Readings Taken: Continuous
Moon Phase: Waning Crescent
Solar X-Rays: Normal
Geomagnetic Field: Quiet
Temperature: 67 F Avg.
Feels Like: 67 F
Visibility: 10.0 Miles
Pressure: 29.95 In. Steady (Sea Level)
Dew Point: 51 F
Humidity: 57 % Avg. (100% Max)
UV Index: 0.04 % Low
Wind: 14 Mph. WNW Avg.
Events: Gusting Winds

Actual Time: 6:19 AM EDT - 9:16 PM EDT
Length of Visible Light: 16 Hrs. 03 Mins.
Length of Day: 14 Hrs. 56 Mins.

Equipment on Hand:

Digital Cameras
Digital Voice Recorders
External Microphones
Laptop Computers (3)
K2 Meter (1)
CCTV DVR System (8 Cameras) IR Capability / Lorex
CCTV DVR System (4 Cameras) IR Capability / Q – See
Camcorders Mobile Devices / IR Capability (3)
External IR Illuminators (3)
Flashlights
2 Way Radios
DIN Cables – 1850 Ft. Apprx.

Team Rally Point & Monitoring Station

Main Hallway / Administration Building
Operations / Technician – Chris C.

Control Room / Building #9
Operations / Technician - Russ

Team Assignments:

Notes: All teams were broken down and divided amongst the location for appropriate coverage of that area; all teams spent an hour in each location with a 15 minute break in between each round for refit and reload of equipment.

Location Key:

Withheld per client request.

Alpha – Wayne, Chris C., Jo

Bravo – Mike, Deana

Charlie – Erin, Dee, Kristie

Delta – Kevin, Kathy, Wendy

Team Rotation:

18:00 – 19:00 – Setup / Briefing

19:00 – 20:00 – Rotation #1

20:15 – 21:15 – Rotation #2

21:30 – 22:30 – Rotation #3

23:30 – 00:30 – Rotation #4

00:30 – 02:00 – Equipment Breakdown / Recovery

Equipment Placement “Video” / Lorex:

DVR Camera #1 – Access Area “Lower” / Lorex / Audio

DVR Camera #2 – Access Area “Lower” / Lorex / Audio

DVR Camera #3 – Sick Bay / Lorex / Audio

DVR Camera #4 – Gymnasium / Lorex / Audio

DVR Camera #5 – 3rd Floor / Lorex / No Audio.

DVR Camera #6 – Main Floor / Lorex / No Audio

DVR Camera #7 – 2nd Floor #220 / Lorex / No Audio

DVR Camera #8 – Main Floor “North” / Lorex / No Audio

Equipment Placement “Video” / Q - See:

DVR Camera #1 – 1st Floor Main Hallway #9 / Q - See

DVR Camera #2 – 1st Floor Classroom #9 / Q - See

DVR Camera #3 – Access Area “Lower” #9 / Q - See

DVR Camera #4 – 2nd Floor Common Area #9 / Q - See

Equipment Placement “Audio”:

Mobile Audio Units – Each investigative team had at least one mobile recording unit on hand during each investigation rotation and area.

Stationary Audio Unit(s) – No stationary units were used during the investigation duration.

DVR “Camera” Audio – Channels #1 through #4 (Lorex) are equipped with direct feed audio to the DVR hard drive and will act as a stationary device for each camera position.

Equipment Notes / Checks:

All recording equipment was loaded with both fresh batteries and recording media as is MPI investigation protocol, and voice checks were performed for recognition and recording quality. All media transferred to digital file for review upon completion of the investigation.

Evidence Review & Findings:

EMF:

Major fluctuations in EMF were detected in the lower access area due to overhead electrical device and run; no other major fluctuations were noted for this report.

Photographs (Digital / Film):

No anomalous photographs were noted for this report.

Notes: Heavy concentrations of dust were noted on most of the photographs taken while in most buildings.

Evidence Review & Findings Cont.

EVP / Audio Analysis (All):

Camera #1A Audio (Stationary) – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Camera #2A Audio (Stationary) – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Camera #3A Audio (Stationary) – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Camera #4A Audio (Stationary) – No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Mobile Units (Audio / All):

Notes: All analog devices were outfitted with external microphones to avoid internal machine noise and stands were used during the recording sessions to avoid handling noise.

Sample #1

Device: Digital

Make / Model: Olympus DS-40

Conversion Software: Wavepad ME V2.01

Area Taken: Building #11 / 2nd Floor / Long Hallway

Investigators Present: Wayne, Chris F., Jo

Segment Length: 0:00:52.44

Capture Area: 0:00:49.80 - 0:00:51.82

Description: While investigating the second floor area long hallway in building # 11 Jo and Wayne are heard in the distance at the end of the hall and Chris F. is asking about what the former occupants of this facility thought about at night. At 0:00:47.46 Chris F. is heard noting Jo's voice in the background and approximately 2.54 seconds after that a voice is heard in the recording saying what we believe is "Nothin Man". (See sample #1 on client disc for audio actual.)

Evidence Review & Findings Cont.:

Mobile Units (Audio / All):

Notes: All analog devices were outfitted with external microphones to avoid internal machine noise and stands were used during the recording sessions to avoid handling noise.

Sample #2

Device: Digital

Make / Model: Olympus

Conversion Software: Wavepad ME V2.01

Area Taken: Access Area "Lower"

Investigators Present: Wayne, Chris F., Jo

Segment Length: 0:00:08.94

Capture Area: 0:00:06.01 - 0:00:07.03

Description: While investigating the Access Area "Lower" Chris F., Jo, Wayne are walking in one of the long corridors used for transfers, and in the sample Chris F. can be heard noting HVAC and other environmental conditions of the area and between 0:00:06.01 and 0:00:07.03 a low voice is heard saying 'Keep Walking'. (See sample #2 on client disc for audio actual.)

Sample #3

Device: Digital

Make / Model: Olympus

Conversion Software: Wavepad ME V2.01

Area Taken: Administration Building / 2nd Floor / Commons Area

Investigators Present: Mike, Deana

Segment Length: 0:00:13.86

Capture Area: 0:00:10.64 - 0:00:12.19

Description: While investigating the commons area on the 2nd floor of the main administration building, investigators Mike and Deana are commenting on several bibles that were found and the placement of the bookmarks. Investigator Mike is heard in the sample saying 'God Bless You' and exactly 05.04 seconds after this comment a whisper is heard saying 'Stop Talking'. (See sample #3 on client disc for audio actual.)

Evidence Review & Findings Cont.:

Mobile Units (Audio / All):

Notes: All analog devices were outfitted with external microphones to avoid internal machine noise and stands were used during the recording sessions to avoid handling noise.

Sample #4

Device: Digital / Mobile Camera

Make / Model: Olympus / Sony

Conversion Software: Wavepad ME V2.01 / WMA - WMV

Area Taken:

Investigators Present: Jo, Wayne, Chris F.

Segment Length (Audio): 0:00:14.84

Capture Area: 0:00:07.17 - 0:00:08.80

Segment Length (Video): 0:00:16.00

Capture Area: 0:00:11.00 - 0:00:14.00

Description: While investigating in a control room / gateway area of building #11 Jo, Wayne, and Chris F. are moving into a hallway and in the sample Jo is heard saying "there's the shower room" and seconds later a whisper is heard saying "is that the one". What makes this clip interesting is that investigator Chris F. is heard making the exact same comment of "is that the one" a few seconds after the whisper was caught. This sample was caught on both the audio device as well as the mobile camera audio. (See sample #4 Audio and Sample #4 Video on client disc for Audio / Video actual.)

Misc. Audio Notes (All):

Throughout the entire duration of the investigation many unexplainable audio events were captured on several of the devices that were used. In most cases these events were discernable knocks or bangs on objects that at times seem to coincide with questions during EVP sessions. This was noted in several of the locations and at different times throughout the night. We at this time cannot say that these events are paranormal in nature however they will remain in the case file for further examination and analysis.

Video (Lorex):

Note: All cameras were hard mounted to tripods and checked prior to the start of the investigation; all cord lines were taped and marked to eliminate false camera movement.

DVR Camera #1 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #2 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #3 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #4 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #5 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #6 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #7 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #8 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Video (Q - See):

Note: All cameras were hard mounted to tripods and checked prior to the start of the investigation; all cord lines were taped and marked to eliminate false camera movement.

DVR Camera #1 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #2 - No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

DVR Camera #3 – This camera was outfitted with an external IR floodlight to allow maximum distance, noted on the video sample the IR floodlight went out for several minutes. The device was checked for loose fit or faulty switch with no result or explanation. At this time we cannot conclude if this device failure is paranormal in nature. (See video sample available on client disc for this event)

DVR Camera #4 –No physical evidence was captured on this device at the time of the investigation.

Investigator Feeling / Personal Experiences:

(Note: Personal experiences cannot in itself determine paranormal activity in a location, unless documented by video or audio equipment)

Wayne – No personal experiences to report.

Deana – I had several experiences while in Building #11 on the second floor, first while I was performing an EVP session I felt my hair get pulled and second, while in the same area working with the K2 meter we kept hearing unexplainable knocking that seemed to respond to our questions.

Chris F. – No personal experiences to report.

Wendy – No personal experiences to report.

Chris C. – No personal experiences to report.

Erin – No personal experiences to report.

Dee – No personal experiences to report.

Russ – No personal experiences to report.

Jo – No personal experiences to report.

Kevin – No personal experiences to report.

Kristie – I kept hearing strange knocking at different times that seemed to answer our questions.

Kathy – No personal experiences to report.

Mike – I was with Deana and saw her react when she had her hair pulled, and also heard some unexplainable noises in several areas of the location. Also at one point it seemed like every time I tried to talk it seemed childlike, I commented to Deana that I was unsure why I was talking like that.

Final:

This location with its size and function presented many challenges to the team even during the preparation for our investigation date. As with any investigation we took great care to try and gather as much information of the activity that had been witnessed as well as the history and geographical data of the site. From our original consultation even up to the investigation we were given many first hand accounts of all of the activity of this location, which in turn granted us knowledge of where to place the equipment to try and verify the claims of a haunting.

Throughout the investigation itself many of the staff kept hearing noises that would correspond with questioning as well as had personal experiences in different areas of this location. We did gather several anomalous audio samples that seem to respond to EVP questioning, and have at least one instance of video equipment failure that remains unexplainable. (See pages #7, #8, #9, and #10 of this report and the client disc for sample and description)

As is our protocol and procedure we made sure to canvas all of the areas that were made available to us and throughout the night it seemed as though the activity seemed to heighten towards the early morning hours. It also seemed as just as we were preparing to leave that the activity was about to reach a crescendo. With all of the data reviewed we believe that the activity may be more prevalent after 2am.

At this time we cannot say with all of the data present that this location is indeed haunted, however it has revealed that there is anomalous activity present which does warrant further investigation and study. We would like at this time to thank all of the location administration and personnel that made this investigation possible, and hope that we will have the opportunity to return and try and further document the activity and verify all of the claims that have been made at this location. This report its findings and all supplemental data will be presented to the client at a meeting on 8/24/09.

Compiled & Submitted,

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