

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/24/2010

To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: VC/MOU, MTU

Laboratory

Attn: Evidence Control Center

Las Vegas

Attn: AECT [redacted]  
Reno RA

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From: Seattle

Squad C-1

Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: SE 164A-81-DNA 47 (Pending)  
SE 164A-81-1062 1 (Pending)  
164A-SE-81 44 (Pending)

Title: UNSUB,  
aka DAN COOPER;  
NORJAK  
CAA - HIJACKING

Synopsis: Set lead for laboratory examinations.

Package Copy: Being forwarded under separate cover from Las Vegas Division are the following items of evidence: 1B3 (Barcode E03967400-buccal swabs from [redacted]); 1B4 (Barcode E03967401-buccal swabs from [redacted]).

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Details: This case remains the only unsolved hijacking in the United States and is commonly referred to as the "D.B. Cooper" investigation.

LYNN DOYLE COOPER (deceased) was identified by [redacted]  
[redacted] who resides in Oklahoma City.

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[redacted] Oklahoma City State Trooper

[redacted] Oklahoma City Division FBI Special

Agent [redacted] The Trooper reported to [redacted] that [redacted] had credible information that [redacted] LYNN was the individual who hijacked Northwest Airlines flight #305 on November 24, 1971 and that he was DAN COOPER, aka D. B. COOPER. [redacted] reported the information to Seattle and subsequently, leads were generated

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Re: SE 164A-81-DNA, 08/08/2007

to Oklahoma City Division to interview [REDACTED] and Las Vegas  
Division to interview [REDACTED]

The information provided by [REDACTED] was found to be  
credible and compelling. [REDACTED] photographs of COOPER  
from December, 1972, approximately one year after the hijacking.  
Las Vegas located the former residence of COOPER and discovered  
that he had died 11 years ago. [REDACTED] was  
interviewed and she provided a copy of his death certificate.  
[REDACTED] was completely unaware that [REDACTED] may have  
been responsible for the hijacking.

The photographs of COOPER [REDACTED] were sent  
to Seattle. The photograph bore an extreme likeness to D.B.  
COOPER. A lead was generated to Columbia Division to show the  
photographs to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] flight attendants on flight #305 who spent an  
extended amount of time with D. B. COOPER and clearly saw him  
while he was hijacking the plane.

However, [REDACTED] to see D. B.  
COOPER without his sunglasses on which he wore the majority of  
the time during the hijacking of the aircraft. When [REDACTED]  
observed the photographs, she stated to the interviewing agents  
that the photographs of COOPER bear the closest resemblance to D.  
B. COOPER she has seen of possible suspects over the past 39  
years.

Subsequently, another lead was generated to Las Vegas  
to re-interview [REDACTED] and obtain a buccal DNA swab from

[REDACTED] Las Vegas successfully obtained the  
swabs which are currently checked into the Reno RA's evidence  
locker.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct DNA analysis  
on submitted items 1B3 and 1B4 to determine if LYNN DOYLE COOPER  
could possibly be a donor of the DNA evidence currently  
maintained for subject DAN COOPER, aka D. B. COOPER.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 03/23/2011

To: Laboratory

Attn: Evidence Control Center

Seattle

Attn: Evidence Control

From: Seattle

Squad C-1

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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164A-SE-81 (Pending) 60Title: UNSUB,  
aka DAN COOPER;  
NORJAK  
CAA - HIJACKING

Synopsis: Set lead for Laboratory examinations.

Package Copy: Being forwarded under separate cover from Seattle Division are the following items of evidence: 1B32 (barcode E4377945), 1B33 (barcode E4556358), 1B34 (barcode E4556359).

Details: This case remains the only unsolved hijacking in the United States and is commonly referred to as the "D. B. Cooper" investigation. The 1B items that are being forwarded under separate cover are from two separate subjects of captioned case.

1B32 is a guitar strap that was handled by LYNN DOYLE COOPER (deceased), date of birth 09/17/1931, SSAN: 540-36-5007. There are possibly fingerprints from several other individuals that do not belong to COOPER. It is requested that the Laboratory test the item for latent fingerprints and if any are found, it is then requested that the prints be compared to the unresolved 77 latent fingerprints that are maintained for captioned case.

The enclosed items in 1B33 and 1B34 are personal items from WILLIAM PRATT GOSSETT (deceased), date of birth July 29,

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To: Laboratory From: Seattle  
Re: SE 164A-81-DNA, 03/23/2011

1930, SSAN: 412-40-9656. It is requested that the Laboratory test the items to see if any DNA samples can be obtained from them. If any DNA profiles can be developed from the items, it is then requested that the profile be compared to the control DNA of DAN COOPER (Q40, Q41) from captioned case.

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Re: SE 164A-81-DNA, 03/23/2011

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

LABORATORY

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Please test the items included in 1B33 and 1B34 for any traces of DNA and compare to the control DNA of DAN COOPER (Q40, Q41).

Set Lead 2: (Action)

LABORATORY

AT QUANTICO, VA

Please test 1B32 for any latent fingerprints. If any exist, compare to the 77 unresolved prints maintained for captioned case.

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## FBI Laboratory

2501 Investigation Parkway  
Quantico, Virginia 22135To: Seattle  
Squad C-1  
SA [redacted]

Date: April 11, 2011

Case ID No.: SE 164A-81-DNA-51

Lab No.: 110330009 QB

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Reference: Communication dated March 23, 2011

Your No.:

Title: UNSUB,  
aka DAN COOPER;  
NORJAK  
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Date specimens received: March 30, 2011

The FBI Laboratory has received your request for examination. The accompanying items of evidence have been inventoried. The provided listing and description of the submitted items may be subject to change when the examination phase begins. If changes are made, they will be reflected in the Report of Examination issued by the examiner making the change.

Specimens:

Q56      Guitar strap (1B32, E4377945)  
 Q57      Watch (1B33, E4556358, Item 1)  
 Q58-Q59    Watches (1B33, E4556358, Item 2)  
 Q60      Watch band (1B33, E4556358, Item 2)  
 Q61      Ring (1B33, E4556358, Item 3)  
 Q62      Ring (1B33, E4556358, Item 4)

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Q63 Bandana (1B34, E4556359)

NE3 Business card (1B33, E4556358, Item 4)

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If there is a change in the status of your investigation that would have an affect on the prioritization of your request, such as court deadlines, dismissal of charges, or guilty pleas; or if you have questions regarding the status of your case, contact Request Coordinator [redacted]

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## REPORT OF EXAMINATION

To: Seattle  
Squad C-1  
SA [redacted]

Date: July 14, 2011

Case ID No.: SE 164A-81-DNA -54

Lab No.: 110330009 QB ABW

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Reference: Communication dated March 23, 2011

Your No.:

Title: UNSUB,  
aka DAN COOPER;  
NORJAK  
CAA - HIJACKING

Date specimens received: March 30, 2011

The item listed below was examined in the Latent Print Operations Unit:

Q56      Guitar strap (1B32, E4377945)

This report contains the results of the examination of friction ridge prints.

### Results of Examinations

The requested latent print examinations were conducted, but no latent prints were detected.

### Methods

Items of evidence submitted to the Latent Print Operations Unit for examination may be examined visually, examined with various light sources, and/or processed with chemicals and

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powders to detect the presence of latent friction ridge prints. The specific sequence of examinations and processes depends upon the nature of the evidence.

Friction ridge print examinations are conducted using the Analysis, Comparison, Evaluation, and Verification methodology (ACE-V), which includes an assessment of the quantity and quality of the information present. The steps of ACE-V are applied to each examination as appropriate.

Analysis is the assessment of a friction ridge print to determine if sufficient reliable details are present to conduct a comparison with another print and to reach an identification conclusion. If these conditions are met, the print is determined to be "of value".

Comparison is the direct side-by-side observation of friction ridge prints of value to determine whether or not the information in two prints is in agreement.

Evaluation is the formulation of a conclusion based on the information gathered during the analysis and comparison of the friction ridge prints.

Conclusions that can be reached are as follows:

- Identification - the determination that there is sufficient quality and quantity of detail in agreement to conclude that two friction ridge prints originated from the same source.
- Exclusion - the determination that there is sufficient quality and quantity of detail in disagreement to conclude that two friction ridge prints did not originate from the same source.
- Inconclusive - the determination that corresponding areas of friction ridge prints are absent and/or unreliable and therefore cannot be identified or excluded.

Verification is the independent application of the analysis, comparison, and evaluation phases of the ACE-V methodology to a friction ridge print by another examiner.

### **Interpretations**

Due to the many factors involved in the deposition of a friction ridge print, neither the absence of a friction ridge print on evidence nor the exclusion of a friction ridge print with a given source, disassociate that source from having touched the evidence.

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Remarks

To date, no specimens have been received in the Latent Print Operations Unit for examination in Case ID number 164A-SE-81.

For questions about the content of this report, please contact Physical Scientist/Forensic Examiner [redacted]

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For questions about the status of your submission, including any remaining forensic examinations, please contact Request Coordinator [redacted]

The specimen is being returned under separate cover. The supporting records for the opinions and interpretations expressed in this report are retained in the FBI files.



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Latent Print Operations Unit

This report contains the opinions/interpretations of the examiner(s) who issued the report.

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**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 08/16/2011

**To:** Laboratory

**Attn:** Evidence Control Center

Seattle

**Attn:** Evidence Control

**From:** Seattle

Squad C-1

Contact: SA [redacted]

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**Approved By:** [redacted]

**Drafted By:** [redacted]

**Case ID #:** 164A-SE-81 (Pending) 81  
SE 164A-81-DNA (Pending) ✓ 55

**Title:** UNSUB,  
aka DAN COOPER;  
NORJAK  
CAA - HIJACKING

**Synopsis:** Set lead for Laboratory examinations.

**Package Copy:** Being forwarded under separate cover from Seattle Division are the following items of evidence listed under 164A-SE-81: 1B8 (barcode E4462195), 1B9 (barcode E4462193), 1B10 (barcode E4462194).

**Details:** This case remains the only unsolved hijacking in the United States and is commonly referred to as the "D.B. Cooper" investigation.

All 1B items being submitted are personal items belonging to LYNN DOYLE COOPER (deceased), date of birth 09/17/1933, SSAN: 540-36-5007. The items most likely contain COOPER's fingerprints and biological material suitable for DNA testing. There are possibly fingerprints from two other individuals that do not belong to COOPER. The items being submitted are:

1. Photographs (1B8)
2. Wallet insert with photographs/medicare card (1B8)
3. Denture adhesive (1B8)

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4. Foot file (1B8)
5. Glasses (1B8)
6. Napkin/straw (1B8)
7. Black comb (1B9)
8. Blue comb (1B9)
9. Toothbrush (1B9)
10. Toothpaste (1B9)
11. Two (2) nail files (1B9)
12. Two (2) plastic disposable razor covers (1B9)
13. Soap dish and soap (1B9)
14. Three (3) Albuterol inhalers (1B10)
15. One (1) Atrovent inhaler (1B10)
16. One (1) Serevent inhaler (1B10)
17. One (1) generic inhaler (1B10)
18. One (1) pill bottle (1B10)
19. Two (2) pill containers (1B10)

It is requested that the Laboratory test for and collect any latent fingerprints from any of the items that the Laboratory deems suitable for such testing. If any prints are found, it is then requested that the prints be compared to the unresolved 77 latent fingerprints that are maintained for captioned case.

On 08/24/2010, Seattle submitted buccal swabs from [REDACTED] DNA comparison to specimens Q40/Q41 of captioned case. The Laboratory report stated the STR typing results from specimen Q40/Q41 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
was excluded as being the [REDACTED] the major contributor but there was not enough comparison data to compare to the two minor contributors.

Therefore, it is requested that the Laboratory test for and collect any DNA samples from the submitted 1B items that the Laboratory deems suitable for such testing. If any DNA specimen can be developed from the items, it is then requested that the specimen be compared to the **MINOR** contributors of specimen Q40/Q41.

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To: Laboratory From: Seattle  
Re: 164A-SE-81 (Pending)  
08/16/2011

SE 164A-81-DNA,

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

LABORATORY

AT QUANTICO, VA

Test the items included in 1B8-1B10 for any traces of DNA and compare to the MINOR contributors of specimen Q40/Q41.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

LABORATORY

AT QUANTICO, VA

Test the items included in 1B8-1B10 for any latent fingerprints. If any exist, compare to the 77 unresolved prints maintained for captioned case.

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## FBI Laboratory

2501 Investigation Parkway  
Quantico, Virginia 22135To: Seattle  
Squad C-1  
SA [redacted]

Date: August 31, 2011

Case ID No.: SE 164A-81-DNA -*56*

Lab No.: 110822002 QB

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Reference: Communication dated August 16, 2011

Your No.:

Title: UNSUB,  
aka DAN COOPER;  
NORJAK  
CAA - HIJACKING

Date specimens received: August 22, 2011 and August 24, 2011

The FBI Laboratory has received your request for examination. The accompanying items of evidence have been inventoried. The provided listing and description of the submitted items may be subject to change when the examination phase begins. If changes are made, they will be reflected in the Report of Examination issued by the examiner making the change.

## Specimens:

- Q64 Foot file (1B8, E4462195)
- Q65 Glasses (1B8, E4462195)
- Q66 Wallet insert with photographs and medicare card (1B8, E4462195)
- Q67 Photographs (1B8, E4462195)
- Q68 Plastic packaged napkin and straw (1B8, E4462195)
- Q69 Tube of Fixodent (1B8, E4462195)
- Q70-Q71 Two combs (1B9, E4462193)

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Q72      Toothbrush (1B9, E4462193)

Q73-Q74   Two nail files (1B9, E4462193)

Q75-Q76   Soap dish with soap (1B9, E4462193)

Q77-Q78   Two plastic razor covers (1B9, E4462193)

Q79      Tube of Colgate toothpaste (1B9, E4462193)

Q80      Bag (1B9, E4462193)

Q81-Q86   Six inhalers (1B10, E4462194)

Q87-Q89   Three bottles with contents (1B10, E4462194)

Each examiner assigned to your request will issue a separate Report of Examination that will address the results of his/her expertise. For technical questions, contact the following unit(s) assigned to your case: Nuclear DNA Unit - [REDACTED] Latent Print Operations Unit - [REDACTED]

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If there is a change in the status of your investigation that would have an affect on the prioritization of your request, such as court deadlines, dismissal of charges, or guilty pleas; or if you have questions regarding the status of your case, contact Request Coordinator [REDACTED]

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Precedence:** ROUTINE

**Date:** 09/30/2011

**To:** Laboratory

**Attn:** Evidence Control Center

Seattle

**Attn:** Evidence Control

**From:** Seattle

Squad C-1

**Contact:** SA [redacted]

**Approved By:** [redacted]

**Drafted By:** [redacted]

**Case ID #:** 164A-SE-81 (Pending) - [initials] ✓  
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**Title:** UNSUB,  
aka DAN COOPER;  
NORJAK  
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**Synopsis:** Set lead for Laboratory examinations.

**Reference:** 164A-SE-81 Serial 81

**Package Copy:** Being forwarded under separate cover from Seattle Division are the following items of evidence listed under 164A-SE-81: 1B11 (barcode E4507614), 1B12 (barcode E4507615), 1B13 (barcode E4507616).

**Details:** This case remains the only unsolved hijacking in the United States and is commonly referred to as the "D.B. Cooper" investigation.

Seattle sent personal items belonging to LYNN DOYLE COOPER (deceased) to the Laboratory for fingerprint and DNA analysis (refer to referenced EC). The Laboratory contacted SA Eng and requested exclusion prints and buccal samples from anybody that may have handled the personal items.

At the request of Seattle, Portland obtained exclusion prints and buccal samples from [redacted] date of birth [redacted] These two [redacted]

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Re: 164A-SE-81 (Pending)  
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individuals [redacted]

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The description of the 1B items are as follows:

1B11: two (2) FD-353 fingerprint cards: [redacted]

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1B12: two (2) buccal swabs for [redacted]

1B13: two (2) buccal swabs for [redacted]

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Re: 164A-SE-81 (Pending)  
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LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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Provide acknowledgment to Seattle upon the receipt of exclusion fingerprints and buccal samples.

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## FBI Laboratory

2501 Investigation Parkway  
Quantico, Virginia 22135To: Seattle  
Squad C-1  
SA [redacted]

Date: October 14, 2011

Case ID No.: SE 164A-81-DNA -58

Lab No.: [redacted]

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Reference: Communication dated September 30, 2011

Your No.:

Title: UNSUB,  
aka DAN COOPER;  
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CAA - HIJACKING

Date specimens received: October 12, 2011

The FBI Laboratory has received your request for examination. The accompanying items of evidence have been inventoried. The provided listing and description of the submitted items may be subject to change when the examination phase begins. If changes are made, they will be reflected in the Report of Examination issued by the examiner making the change.

Specimens:

K10 Elimination fingerprints of [redacted] (1B11, E4507614;  
1B12, E4507615)b6  
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K11 Buccal sample from [redacted] (1B12, E4507615)

K12 Elimination fingerprints of [redacted] (1B11, E4507614;  
1B13, E4507616)b6  
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K13 Buccal sample from [redacted] (1B13, E4507616)

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Each examiner assigned to your request will issue a separate Report of Examination that will address the results of his/her expertise. For technical questions, contact the following unit(s) assigned to your case: Nuclear DNA Unit [redacted] Latent Print Operations Unit - [redacted]

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If there is a change in the status of your investigation that would have an affect on the prioritization of your request, such as court deadlines, dismissal of charges, or guilty pleas; or if you have questions regarding the status of your case, contact Request Coordinator [redacted]

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