

## THREE-YEAR INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

# Trail Still Cold in Murder of Boles Family

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FOUNTAIN VALLEY—It was hot that August weekend in 1965, both in Fountain Valley and throughout the flatlands of Southern California.

It had been hot all week. In fact, the heat had been blamed for touching off the Watts riots which were reaching their heights as the weekend approached.

A cabin at Crestline had just been built and the owner, James Boles, 43, a quality control engineer for Hughes Aircraft Co., had just returned to his Fountain Valley home from a business trip to Johannesburg, South Africa.

All in all, it was a perfect weekend to get away.

Boles and his wife, Emma Darlene, 37, loaded their two children, Bobby, 13, and Tommy, 12, and the family dachshund, Barbara, into their red 1962 Dodge Polara sedan and headed

for Crestline, just 10 miles from San Bernardino in the San Bernardino Mountains.

So did an estimated 120,000 other Southern Californians who decided to exchange the heat and riot tension for the cool, clear, relaxing air of the Crestline-Arrowhead area.

Friday, Aug. 13, the family spent its first night in the new cabin, located on a steep hillside in the Club San Moritz area.

The next afternoon, they were seen strolling in the downtown business district, happy and looking relaxed, in the words of one witness.

By Monday morning, Aug. 16, the 120,000 visitors to the mountains had returned home—and to work.

The Boles family did not.

Their unexpected absence—Boles had a good work record at Hughes—touched off some alarm among other members of their families, most of whom lived in the Orange County-

Long Beach-Huntington Park area.

Boles' mother, who lived nearby, was worried as was Mrs. Boles' brother, Floyd Rice, an automobile salesman from Long Beach.

Rice, contacted by Mrs. Boles, spent most of that Monday morning making periodic telephone calls to the Boles home at 15947 Silvertip Court in Fountain Valley.

Unable to make any contact, he made a series of calls to the California Highway Patrol and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office.

"I was worried. It was a brand new cabin and had never been lived in," he explains today. "I had delivered the furniture there myself just the week before and I was afraid there could have been a gas leak or something.

"About 2 p.m., I decided to go to Crestline and check the cabin personally."

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