

## Investigation Summary Report

# Private Residence Simsboro, LA

#### HISTORY

NOTE: Clients requested confidentiality, and some details have been obscured to protect their identity. This in no way affects the conclusion of the case, or the reasoning of the on-site investigators.

INITIAL REQUEST: The family, mother M, the father F, and daughter D, and a friend FR, along the east coast of the U.S., requested help from La. Spirits for strange happenings in the home of the family. The daughter D is approximately 11 years of age, and is approaching puberty. The events started with outbound text messages from M's cell phone to Fr's cell phone. The messages were allegedly from a 13 year old spirit named L, who claimed to have passed away about 60 years ago. The initial messages were casual and conversational. They also contained hidden knowledge about the family's current activities. These messages later turned more hostile in nature. The messages were sent via M's phone when the phone was left at home unattended, and the house locked securely. Messages were numerous, and never sent when M was in actual possession of the phone, as Fr often attempted contact with M immediately to report their reception, and per M. The calls were investigated by the cell phone carrier, and no third party involvement was found. The messaging started in mid-January of 2009.

About two weeks later, M observed a black, wispy form enter the front door, through the solid, closed door, in mid-afternoon. This was followed by scratchy noises, and tapping/knocking on the walls, as if something outside were trying to enter. D felt a presence in her room which frightened her. Kitchen cabinet doors banged, living room furniture was moved, and a wrought iron lamp was placed in the middle of the living room floor. Dinette chairs were moved from room to room, and stacked together. The television and DVD player were turned off and on. Light switches were visibly switched off and on, sometimes 10 to 12 times in a row, rapidly. D reported whispery voices from her room, heard by guests, and that she was being poked/prodded. She also reported the sensation of her hair being touched and tugged. M's cell phone was moved around and hidden, as well as keys and other objects. The cell phone was once located in the corner of a storeroom, with the door locked. A strong smell of rotting potatoes was reported evident in the living room area. Most events were in the presence of multiple, credible witnesses.

INITIAL FINDINGS were made in mid-March to conduct interviews with family and witnesses. Initial interviews were conducted on location by investigators Rachael Ellis and John Combs. Findings were documented and interviews recorded for further analysis and research. No deaths or occult/other activity was reported as happening in the home, or in the history of the home. The home was constructed in the early 1990's, with the current family as second owner. The home is of pier/beam construction. The underside of the home revealed no reasonable explanation of odors reported. The home is in a rural setting. The family members seemed credible, frightened, and anxious to rid their home of unwanted activity. An on-location investigation by La. Spirits' team members Crystal Vines, John Combs, Rachael Ellis, Kirk Cormier, Tricia Grayson, and Bess Maxwell was set up for ten days later. No actual activity was observed by investigators at the time of initial findings.

### INVESTIGATION

Investigation was made by team members, as above. Equipment: 1 DVR with 4 camera IR cameras set up in in main areas of reported activity, 2 bedrooms, living room, and dining room. Various EMF meters, digital cameras, digital recorders, and 1 digital camcorder were utilized. No activity of any nature, personal or recorded, was recorded during the primary investigation, 8:00 P.M. through 1:00 A.M.

#### CONCLUSIONS

(Investigator/Analyst John Combs) All thoughts and conclusions herein were verified and supported by cases from the files of the American Society for Psychical Research (ASPR), the Society for Psychical Research (SPR/Great Britain), personal cases of SPR members John & Anne Spencer, also members of the British A.S.S.A.P. group. The cases used are recognized as valid cases of merit, and of actual poltergeist activity.

I believe this case was centered around the onset of puberty in the daughter D. According to SPR research, the number-one electronic device affected by poltergeist activity is the telephone. and past cases involve messages, spontaneous, left on computers screens, thus opening the door for text messaging. Poltergeist activity is almost exclusively in a family setting, resulting from unresolved tension in the family unit. (Psychologist Dr. John Layard) Poltergeist activity develops and is progressive through stages. The initial stage is often the scratching, bump stage, developing into a vocal phase, with whispering being an early vocal stage as the voice develops. The object displacement with items often displayed in the floor, light switches, cabinet door banging/slamming, furniture moving/stacking, hiding of objects, bi-polar swings of messaging from kind to threatening, smell of rotting fruit/vegetables, and dark/cloudy apparitions are all classic manifestations of the poltergeist. In addition, almost all recognized poltergeist cases are signified by the inability to scientifically record the activity, visual or audible. Even the worst cases, involving the destruction of household furniture and contents, cease when recording begins, only to start up when recording ceases, often in a matter of minutes. The failure to record any scientific data at the time of our investigation is completely consistent with this phenomenon, and indicative of it. The only non-mainstream aspects of this case lie in the absence of the focus D from the scene during some activity, and the relative mildness of the case overall in terms of lack of destructiveness, for which we are grateful. Even some of the worstcase poltergeist scenarios record the absence of the focus at time of activity.

Poltergeist activity is usually brought forth and structured around a specific and structured set of family dynamics, and usually are the result of tension. This may be observed as anger, frustration, fear, etc., but results in unresolved tension in the family unit. Ridding a home of poltergeist activity can be difficult to impossible, with the activity having to run a due course. through its cycle, before fading. At the conclusion of our investigation, investigator Rachael Ellis was able to arrange a small group meeting, with John Combs, herself, and the family, in the living room of the residence. Family members were encouraged to calmly and openly discuss the events, their feelings, and to calmly confront the phenomenon. Lack of tension at this time was encouraged. This allowed emotion and fears to be discharged. The resulting discharge changed the family dynamics, and their beliefs of being victimized. Changing family dynamics is one of the main recognized methods of discharging poltergeist activity. No activity has been reported to date since this change of dynamics was made. Investigator Ellis is to be commended for her success in arranging this outlet, as well as her insight into this case. Thanks should be made to all the other investigators on this case, helping to bring it to a successful conclusion. Their hard work in attempting to gather data in an almost impossible situation, was instrumental in the final conclusion of this case as a poltergeist case, the total lack of any evidence of a scientific nature. Hard work, and dedication are required to show an honest effort made, and the lack of scientific evidence was not the result of a failure of due diligence.

Invasion of one's home, the interruption of family life, and fear for one's family are not matters to be taken lightly. As poltergeist cases go, this one was fairly mild, and the case was resolved before full development. For this we are thankful, and happy to have a happy client, with a successful resolution.