

Woman contacted says she's not Stonehouse

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"I am taking another look at it — with fresh eyes — and doing an open search on the Internet. Nothing has panned out yet."

Martin said he has received no additional leads concerning Tucker or Stonehouse, both of whom were 16 when they were believed to have run away and were subsequently reported missing.

The information was also forwarded to Tari Wilson of MissingKids.ca, through which the *Beaver* came to do its story on the cold cases.

"We do not expect or guarantee feedback from police once information is sent," explained Wilson.

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Both women referenced in the tip were contacted via phone and email by the *Beaver*. One responded to the inquiry. That woman stated in an email she is not from Ontario nor is she Jinisina 'Jan' Stonehouse.

Meanwhile, Tucker's sister, Angie Folkes, who now lives in Orillia, and works for the *Beaver's* sister paper the *Bracebridge Examiner*, is hopeful the media coverage will help her family find answers after 30 years.

"My mother has never given up the search for Darlene, and has never given up hope of finding her," Folkes wrote in an online comment after a follow-up to the *Beaver's* story by the *Examiner* appeared online. (At the time of the initial story, the *Beaver* was unaware Folkes worked

at the northern newspaper.)

"If only it were possible to roll back time, rewrite history and to swallow harsh words ever said. If this article reaches my sister (Darlene Tucker), and she reads the comments, we want her to know, our doors are unlocked, open and eagerly waiting for you to walk back into our lives. We are not asking you to forget, we are hoping you will forgive."

Folkes was 17 when her sister left home and described Tucker as a girl who had a mind of her own. Folkes admitted it has been difficult for her family.

"Every time you hear about a body being found you wonder, 'Is this Darlene,'" she said.

"Or is she holding a grudge... Or, is she now afraid? Maybe she had gotten over that grudge, but so much time has passed she thinks if she tries to approach us she'll be rejected. We want her to know she won't be."

Folkes emphasized her family wants to hear from Tucker — to at least know she is OK.

Stonehouse's stepbrother Robert Finley, who still lives in Oakville, echoed this sentiment. "The only thing I would like her (Stonehouse) to know is she is missed and we would like to get in touch with you again," he said.

Folkes has asked all Metro-land newspapers to carry her sister's story in hopes Tucker will read it.

Tucker fled her Lakeshore Road West home on Valentine's Day 1983, following an argument with her mother.

She never returned.



Darlene Tucker



Jan Stonehouse

Martin said the police file indicates Tucker — after discovering she was pregnant — left home and moved in with her boyfriend in town.

However, the file also shows Tucker stayed only a matter of weeks because there was conflict over a man she was seeing in Toronto.

Folkes said she did not know Tucker was pregnant when she ran away. It would have been her second child, according to Folkes.

Martin said Tucker, who was in Grade 10 at the former General Wolfe High School on McCraney Street, was reported missing by her boyfriend's father.

"There was some information that came from Tucker's mother that (the girl) had contacted her through a payphone in Huntsville, (Ont.) calling collect a couple of times. So, we knew she was alive and well at least a month afterwards," Martin told the *Beaver* in an interview for its original story (Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014/ www.oakvillebeaver.com).

also believed to be pregnant.

Police said the two women were seen together in the Huntsville area in 1987. Both girls remain on the Halton Regional Police website as unsolved missing persons cases.

Investigators are convinced the disappearances are linked, said Martin, however, the officer said he does not believe the teens met with foul play.

"They left of their own free will and they were of legal age to do so," said Martin.

Tucker is described as white with blue/hazel eyes. At the time of her disappearance, she was 5-foot-4, 119 lbs., and had dark brown, shoulder-length hair.

She has a one-inch scar on her right knee and a one-inch scar just above her right

eyebrow. She had a prominent gap between her two front teeth and had a skin allergy on her hands, which caused them to break out in blisters.

Stonehouse was described as white, medium build, with green eyes and wavy, shoulder-length, blonde hair. She was about 5-foot-4 and 110 lbs. at the time of her disappearance.

Anyone with information about Tucker or Stonehouse can contact Halton police at 905-825-4747, ext. 8760 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

They can also report information anonymously at <https://missingkids.ca> or by calling the organization at 1-866-543-8477.

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