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His wife, Betty, nods and sips her coffee. "I know for a fact she wouldn't get into a stranger's car. I just know it," she says.

The police, if they have any theories about the crime, aren't relating them to the public.

One source close to the investigation believes Linda was knocked unconscious soon after the killer stopped his car to talk with her.

The Charlotte County Medical Examiner, Dr. Peter Tan, reported no signs of sexual abuse.

Linda's broken arm is the first which killed her, but says it's still possible she was hurt before the burning.

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Broad Beach Drive toward her home sometime after 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15.

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Linda was not permitted to bicycle on Midway. Her parents preferred the route east on Lagoon Avenue, north on Lakeside Boulevard to East Broad Beach Drive, a route less traveled and less populated.

This night, she rode alone, reached the shore and began the trip home. A short distance from the store, a friend, Wendy Goldsmith, spotted Linda.

"We were going to the store, me and some friends, and we saw her near Elliott (a road which crosses Midway), I said, 'Hi, Linda, said, 'See you tomorrow.' The time was approximately 11:15 p.m. it was still daylight," Wendy Goldsmith says.

The time was approximately 11:15 p.m. it was still daylight. Wendy Goldsmith says one of the last persons to see Linda alive, except for the killer, was several hours later, Deborah Pikaritz Bianchi, Linda's sister, began calling neighbors to locate Linda. No one had seen the girl. At 10:30 p.m., she notified the sheriff's department.

Around that time, Grace Donaldson, who lives two houses from the Pikaritzes, was having trouble sleeping because of a heart condition. Mrs. Donaldson knew Linda and her brother Joey, a ninth-grader.

"She and her brother would always come down the road, laughing and playing. I'd yell at them about how late they and their sisters weren't supposed to be late that," Mrs. Donaldson says.

On this night, however, Mrs. Donaldson heard no laughter, no playful screams. What she heard was Joey, searching for his sister.

Joey kept calling, "Linda, Linda, Linda, please come home. He was so frantic."

Mrs. Donaldson then went out her back door. "I had a funny feeling. I knew something was the matter. I was so restless," she says. At 11:15 p.m., Mrs. Donaldson was searching for her brother for Linda.

When she failed to locate the girl, she went inside and tried to sleep. It was a troubled sleep. The sound of crying woke her once. At 1 a.m., the police knocked on her door. Linda was dead.

Eleven minutes later, the police awakened the family across the street. Emil and Constance Koether had already been called by Deborah Bianchi at 10 p.m.

The knock at 11 a.m. brought the same news to the Koethers and their 14-year-old daughter, Linda, one of Linda's first friends in Florida.

The Koethers are protective parents, have always been so, but admit a greater concern since the murder.

But there is a way you can prevent something happening because you can't watch them 24 hours a day," says Koether.

Together, like Linda's parents, is sure Linda wouldn't have gotten into a car willingly. "She was not the type to do that. Oh, she was quick. On that bike like a flash. This is the thing that got me. I think someone had to grab her and grab her manacles," Koether says.

Mrs. Koether doesn't think Linda could have been entrined. "And whether she knew the person is something else."

On the morning of Oct. 15, Mrs. Margaret Towse knew she was making one of her last trips on the Charlotte County school bus. Because of overcrowding, routes were being shifted and Mrs. Towse was taking the school bus to the Port Charlotte area.

Emil, Linda and Joey stopped on the bus as usual at 8:15 a.m. for the 15-minute drive to the Port Charlotte area. Linda and Joey stopped on the bus as usual at 8:15 a.m. for the 15-minute drive to the Port Charlotte area.

Linda's death has done two things, said Mrs. Towse. Made her more aware of cars parked near her stop and brought more parents to the stop.

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LINDA PIKARITZ - as a family wedding

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"Linda was a tough little girl. One of the best basketball players I've seen. It's hard to believe something would happen to Linda. She was a tough little cookie."

"During roll call, she always said her last name over and over for so I would pronounce it correctly."

In her fifth-period science class, Linda took a test on plant life and moved on to home economics, the last class of her life.

In her short time at the junior high school, Linda demonstrated an ability to make friends easily to participate in class. Her death affected many of the 784 students and teachers, says Principal David Holt, a very on-casual coach and father of four sons.

"They're getting suspicious of everybody," he says of the students. "If anything comes of her death, maybe we parents can start looking after our kids better."

Holt, since Linda's death, has received telephone calls from parents whose children haven't arrived home immediately following the close of school. "Something like this hangs a cloud over the country. And it's going to stay a while," he says.

So are the Pikaritzes. They will leave the Abbey house because, as Linda's mother says, "We have to leave the area where the tragedy happened. But we won't leave (Charlotte County)."

"They're fantastic. They're unbelievable human beings," says Mrs. Pikaritz. Her husband remembers asking Sheriff Alan LeBans to "catch that son of a b--- and then knocking down." And there is this duty, and police are tough and need to this, right? From come to him. They've been just good."

Lt. Bill Clement, the young chief of LeBans's investigative unit, says he has no more to say. "I think we can solve it. It's just a matter of getting the right formula. There's a lot of tremendous response from the public. One of those phone calls says to the killer," Clement says.

While Clement's six-man team works 16-hour days on the case, Linda's parents wait and wait. Pikaritz looked up from his coffee cup. "The first reaction is anyone this has happened to is to get out of here. But the reaction of people. This is no other place than here."

Mrs. Pikaritz says she won't live anywhere else. She has her reasons, other than the death of her youngest daughter, buried about four miles away.

In New York, her husband was working from 5:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., often seven days a week, as a stage hand for CBS during the day and for various theaters at night. The roundtrip commuting time from Middletown, N.Y., in northern Westchester County, to Manhattan was four hours a day.

"I'd get four hours sleep and go back to work. That was no kind of life. No time to see your children." He, in July, the family left New York and joined Mrs. Pikaritz's brother, Paul Huxton, in Charlotte County. "I'd rather live on 800 a week here than go through all that again," says Mrs. Pikaritz.

"Pikaritz went to work for Earth Building Systems Inc., a job he is leaving for rest estate work. He will take a real estate class in Fort Myers soon and then work as a salesman for a Charlotte retail firm.

"I was looking for something a little less physical. Maybe I'll start using my brain a little instead of using my biceps," he says.

In a few days, Paul Pikaritz will begin a new career and Mrs. Pikaritz will return to her job as a waitress.

In the meantime, the Pikaritzes are waiting for the telephone call that tells them a suspect has been captured.

And they will wait for the trial and a desired guilty verdict.

And they will wait for justice for the death by five of their child, a death which marked the end of the beginning of a girl soon to become a woman.

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tain the freedom of all the political prisoners in Cuba," Castro said.

Castro, his bride of 18 days, was beside him.

Castro's concern was for the estimated 1,000 political prisoners remaining in Cuba.

Earlier in the day, President Fidel Castro met with a selected group of newsmen who traveled to Havana for the historic event.

"Perhaps up to 1,000 more may be able to leave before the end of the year," Castro said.

The Cuban president said release of the political prisoners was not spontaneous, but the result of much effort and time. He credited the exile community for what has been viewed elsewhere as a giant step towards repairing U.S.-Cuban relations.

A six-man commission led by Miami banker Bernardine Bone was primarily responsible for achieving the release, Castro said.

"They took the initiative," he said. But he emphasized that the

U.S. government was not directly involved. "This was between Cubans: if the United States government was to get involved it would be interfering in Cuban domestic affairs."

When the prisoners reached Jose Marti airport, the observation deck was jammed with Cubans who cried and wept as their countrymen went into exile.

Their arrival here was also greeted with tears — but there was more applause, cheering and waving, as many of those waiting watched the new faces looking for old friends and family.

Old friends, other political prisoners talked with newsmen about their chances of going to the United States one day.

"All we have to hope," said Domingo Laguardia Diaz, who has served seven years of a 25-year sentence for "crimes against justice."

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