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Re: Seven Steps to Hell

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>Date: Sat, 15 May 1999 13:01:56 -0400
>From: Kenny Young <ufo@fuse.net>
>To: updates@globalserve.net
>Subject: Seven Steps to Hell

Hi, Kenny,

>Here are two articles regarding the '66 Portage Pursuit. The
>first article makes brief mention of a mysterious automobile
>which had a strange triangular emblem w/lightning bolt on the
>side of the vehicle [filled with radio equipment] that was
>accompanied by the written phrase: "Seven Steps to Hell."

>And has anything similar been reported elsewhere?

The allegedly myserious automobile is part of the folklore of the Portage County case, but it's no part of the factual aspect of this crucial incident.

The only thorough investigation was conducted by Bill Weitzel for NICAP. Weitzel, who learned that the automobile's owner was quickly traced, actually examined the vehicle himself while it was still parked along 224. He wrote, "It had some tapes, a cheap Japanese transistor toy tape recorder with a tape of hillbilly music on it, some miscellaneous electrical gear, in the back seat. Trunk full of old tires." The "Seven Steps to Hell" insignia was not on the car, only in witness Dale Spaur's subsequent nightmares.

Those looking for an in-depth treatment of the case are referred to my UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., or The UFO Book. This is one of the great UFO events, but except for what I've written about it and a failed attempt to debunk it in an anti-UFO book, it has been inexplicably neglected in the literature.

Jerry Clark

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