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S.T.A.R.S. Cop Suspended Over Alleged Zombie Sightings

TODAY RACCOON CITY LOST ONE OF ITS BRIGHTEST POLICE OFFICERS, Jill Valentine, due to a temporary suspension. The suspension was issued by Captain Henderson of the elite Special Tactics and Rescue Squad (S.T.A.R.S.). She was well-known to Raccoon City as the unit head for Drug Enforcement and Organized Crime and was responsible for many high-profile arrests.

By NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Ms. Valentine's suspension stems from her assertions that strange "happenings" have occurred in the Arklay Mountains surrounding Raccoon City. According to Valentine, zombie-like beings are living in the Arklays, feeding on human flesh and attacking unsuspecting inhabitants of the region. Valentine has gone on record with her report and has the support of several other S.T.A.R.S. Officers.

During yesterday's press conference, Captain Henderson noted that Officer Valentine had been suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder due to the recent death of her partner, Leon Kennedy. "Jill Valentine is one of our most gifted and intelligent police officers, but she just needs a good rest right now," said Captain Henderson. "She made wild accusations of monsters living in the Arklay Mountains. I think this leave of absence will give her time to clear her head," Captain Henderson continued.

Officer Valentine has remained more or less silent about the issue of her temporary dismissal and did not attend yesterday's press conference. In a prepared statement read by one of her fellow officers, Sergeant Gil Peyton, she stated, "I believe Raccoon City is under serious threat. I have seen human creatures eating each other as well as other humans. I am not deluded. Soon the inhabitants of Raccoon City will see these terrible creatures, and all of you will know I am not making this up. I believe the Umbrella Corporation is somehow to blame for the unfortunate fate that has befallen these individuals. I cannot explain it further. I beg all of you, citizens of Raccoon City, to prepare to fight this force. It will soon be upon you."

Immediately following the reading of Officer Valentine's statement, the conference was halted and questions were referred to the R.P.D. Media Relations Officer, MacGregor Austin-Olsen.

A spokesperson for the Umbrella Corporation issued a statement in a separate press briefing yesterday denouncing allegations made by Valentine. The alternative media reported earlier this week that Officer Valentine, along with a least three other Raccoon Police and S.T.A.R.S officers, had seen what they described as "mutant, or zombie-like" beings near the entrance of the Umbrella Corporation's research compound.



MISSING PERSONS REPORT

An anonymous family member of Janus Prospero (known only as Alice to her friends and family) stepped forward today, accusing the Umbrella Corporation of kidnapping. The heralded head of the Umbrella Corporation's security department, Prospero was last seen six months ago. According to the family member, when the Raccoon City police investigation turned up few leads, Prospero's relatives decided to hire their own private investigator. They are now seeking further counsel before filing a lawsuit against the Raccoon City Police Department itself. The investigator claims the police department was paid off by the corporation to bury the case.

A spokesperson for the company has denied the allegations, calling them preposterous, "Prospero was a valued team leader, and we miss her as much as anyone." The Police Commissioner was not available for comment.

Killing Rampage Takes 8, Wounds 2 *Execution-style killings stun Raccoon City Police*

By NEWS STAFF REPORTER

RACCOON CITY — On Monday, police said they could use some help with their investigation in the second incident of mysterious massacres in and around Raccoon City within the last two months. The most recent occurred last night around 4 a.m. Investigators have linked the murders due to the similar execution style. Eight residents were found dead with strange blackened eyes and numerous bullet wounds to the head and chest region.

Two survivors, who suffered similar injuries, are being treated at an undisclosed hospital. A hospital representative said that while the men are in critical condition, their bodies have been inexplicably regenerating at an accelerated pace. Their minds, however, seem to be severely damaged, leaving the men in a waking vegetative state.

Raccoon City Safety and Security spokesman Blake Johnston visited the scene and is appealing to the public to come forward with information on the gruesome attack.

"It is appalling to see human beings massacred in this way. It was clearly a planned execution, which suggests that it is a matter of organized crime," Johnston told reporters.

RCPD confirmed that a high-level integrated task team known as S.T.A.R.S. (Special Tactics And Rescue Squad) has been assigned to investigate the initial incident. Recent development within the group includes the suspension of Jill Valentine, announced today, for purporting unsubstantiated sightings of strange creatures during her investigation.

When questioned as to whether the killings were murders or in-fact execution-style kills of zombies, Johnston denied Valentine's reports stating, "No stone will be left unturned to ensure that the perpetrators of this despicable crime are brought to justice."

The bodies were found in the 7000 block of Slate Avenue. When police arrived on the scene, they encountered the victims, wounded and writhing in agony on the floor. One of them somehow managed to escape, although he too had been shot in the chest. He made his way to a nearby gas station where he eventually collapsed.

Johnston described the scene as "disturbing." According to neighborhood residents, Slate Avenue is considered a quiet area. But recently, the police have been summoned at night after receiving complaints about wild dogs barking.



Authorities responding to a massive explosion at an Umbrella Corporation research facility known as “The Hive.” Until now, this facility’s existence was denied by Umbrella Corporation officials.

Secret Underground Lab Investigated

By NEWS STAFF REPORTER

RACCOON CITY—Early this morning, authorities released information regarding questionable activities of the world-renowned Umbrella Corporation. Earlier reports indicated that the Umbrella Corporation has been running a secret, underground research facility known to inside sources as “The Hive.” The Corporation was able to hide this laboratory for an undisclosed period of time until an explosion, the cause of which has yet to be determined, brought the facility’s existence to the attention of authorities. While police would not comment on what was found when they entered the The Hive, anonymous sources close to the investigation say the preliminary search uncovered many horrific medical experiments.

Until this time, the Umbrella Corporation had been extolled by most for its research in medical advancements. However, after the discovery of The Hive, many of those that had previously praised the Corporation have begun to question its practices. While the Corporation had

previously addressed some criticisms, none of these compare to the recent accusations regarding the underground laboratory. Past complaints had included the assertion that the Umbrella Corporation’s overwhelming presence had created a

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dependency on its products and services. Further complaints had been made regarding the company’s newest cancer treatments, which require patients to take heavy prescription dosages for the dura-

tion of their lives.

Representatives of the Umbrella Corporation still have not commented regarding the discovery of The Hive or any unlawful medical experimentation. While exact details from authorities have yet to be confirmed, insider reports indicate the experiments took place in a gigantic, prison-like facility. The facility possessed its own defense mechanism, controlled by state-of-the-art artificial intelligence. The system was headed by a central programming identity referred to as the “Red Queen” that prevented all unauthorized entry and exit.

Sources could not confirm the exact size of The Hive but estimate its size well beyond the height of a ten-story building and considerably wider than a city block. The question remains, how could such a structure have been built without the city’s awareness in the first place?

It seems that only time will reveal the truth concerning the secret activities of the once-celebrated Umbrella Corporation.

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Deranged Dogs Maul Local Residents

By NEWS STAFF REPORTER

Fifteen people were mauled last night by a pack of Doberman Pinchers. Witnesses described the dogs as appearing sick, with sections of flesh missing and blood-shot red eyes. Security officers guarding the damaged Umbrella Corp's midtown facility (The Hive) just a few blocks away answered the calls for help destroying all but

one animal. Police investigators arrived late to the scene. "We intend to keep the dog for testing," stated police commissioner Williard, "and hope to identify where these animals have come from." The commissioner denied any relation between the dog attacks and The Hive's explosion.

Umbrella Corp.'s School Donation Questioned

Contribution linked to student tracking

By NEWS STAFF REPORTER

RACCOON CITY – A seemingly benevolent act by the Umbrella Corporation may, in fact, be an attempt to conceal a dangerous, ulterior motive.

Last month, one of the largest and most powerful corporations in the world specializing in health care and biotechnology donated more than ten thousand computers to the Raccoon City local school district, complete with DSL Internet access, printers, scanners and the most up-to-date software. The generous gift finally allows a number of schools to replace outdated systems, which they had previously been unable to do because of lack of funding.

"If we expect the children of today to make the most of their educations, sufficient technology must be available for them to keep up in the twenty-first century..."

A recent investigation of several of the computers, however, has indicated the possibility of hidden tracking software. The matter of monitoring a PC user's Internet whereabouts is not new; many websites employ the use of computer files known as "cookies," which are electronically installed in a computer, noting each time a particular website is visited. The purpose of these cookies is for the website (and oftentimes, third-

party sponsors) to track the types of information the user accesses.

One conjecture for the corporation's possible desire to monitor children's Internet viewing habits may be for the recruitment of future team members. It has been theorized (as well as highly debated) that the government agencies have used this type of program before to locate the brightest children in the nation. These children are then put under intense scrutiny until they reach adulthood. The idea of the world's leading medical and technological provider adopting such a program is not unlikely.

The prevailing theory behind the Umbrella Corporation's contribution attests to the fact that the children that use these computers are being carefully monitored to filter out prospective masterminds.

Theorists have speculated that this type of scrutiny is also carried out with the use of standardized testing in order to target specific children to watch.

Many skeptics of the Umbrella Corporation have used these allegations as fuel for their criticisms. It will be interesting to see how Umbrella's newest display of community involvement will be received amongst parents, government officials and the general public.

Rejuvanon Touts "Laser Surgery in a Bottle"

New government-approved vision cure raises doubts

By NEWS STAFF REPORTER

In an unprecedented show of support for the Rejuvanon Corporation — a subsidiary of the Umbrella Corporation — the federal government has issued its approval for the revolutionary eye-drop prescription Rejuvanon; said to be the equivalent of laser surgery in a bottle. Considered by the scientists as the greatest medical miracle since the same parent company announced its cure for cancer, Rejuvanon will hit consumer shelves by the end of the month.

"We're very excited by our research and the drug's approval for full release into the market," chairman William Galland announced at today's press conference in Raccoon City. The government concluded its three-year study with human trials last month, an estimated two years prior to its expected finish date. Wall Street's biotech community shuffled with the news as

Umbrella Corp's stock surged 12% by closing.

"Rejuvanon will revolutionize eye care around the world," professed


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Galland. "The daily use of this solution will eradicate a stigmatism and reduce the number of laser surgery and cornea transplants by an estimated 80% over the next five years."

However, rival biotech firms Eternal Cell and Renatate have begun to rumble about unfair market manipulation. "We certainly foresee the domination of eye care with such

advancement. However, we are concerned that this also means fewer options for the consumer," stated Eternal Cell Chairman Richard Cloter when asked about the development. "What the public isn't considering is that Rejuvanon hasn't announced any of the drug's after-effects should a patient discontinue his lifetime prescription use." When asked what those side effects might be, Cloter notably winced but would not speculate.


The government has yet to release its full report, which will be published in next week's *Medical Times*. Pharmaceutical companies and ophthalmologists throughout the world wait with bated breath for this report. Meanwhile, Rejuvanon Corporation representatives have stated there are no negative effects, as long as individuals continue to take their prescriptions.



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