

On the morning of April 3, 1997 our 12 year old daughter Laura Kate Smither went for a morning jog from our rural Friendswood, Texas home. She was abducted and murdered. Her remains were recovered 17 days later from a Pasadena retention pond.

We had never fingerprinted Laura. Fingerprints are not left everywhere as television and movies lead you to believe. It is now being recognized that the prints left by children do not last as long as those of an adult. The Police and FBI were unable to obtain a complete set of prints from Laura's bedroom. Her prints may have been significant in helping to prosecute Laura's killer, a prosecution which we still await.



We think that this Child Identification Kit may be extremely valuable to you in times of crisis. Please take the time to fill it out while you are calm and thinking rationally. When a crisis hits, and you are in a state of panic, it is hard to remember details and think clearly. We pray that you will never have to use this Child Identification Kit, but strongly recommend that you have it ready. Additional Child Identification Kits are available from the Laura Recovery Center Foundation Web site at <http://WWW.LRCFoundation.org> or at the Foundation offices at 307 B-1 South Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas 77546.

"Remember Laura"
Bob and Gay Smither



Every night when you tuck your child into bed, you thank God you have them and pray that they will remain safe. You do everything in your power to protect and shelter them from the realities of the world. But we all know that the world is a dangerous place. Almost every night you can see a parent's worst nightmare played out on TV. When we hear of a lost or missing child, it strikes fear in the heart of every parent. This Fingerprint / Identification kit can provide security and protection for your child.

When TWA Flight 800 crashed off Long Island, I lost my wife Pam, and our two daughters. Shannon was 10 and Katie was 8. Shortly before the crash, my wife and I attended a law enforcement seminar and had Shannon and Katie fingerprinted using a similar kit. We then stored it in a safe place at home. After the crash, I was able to use those fingerprints in the identification of my two daughters. In short, these kits work and I highly recommend that you take the time to protect your most valuable assets, your children.

Joe Lychner, Justice for All