

# TRAGIC DANIELLE'S FAMILY SEX SHOCKER

**T**HERE's a shocking secret behind the heartbreaking disappearance of 7-year-old sweetheart Danielle van Dam - police have been told that her parents are swingers and sometimes have sex parties at their suburban San Diego, Calif., home, insiders say.

According to sources, Brenda van Dam, 39, and her husband Damon, 36, arrange trysts with other swinging couples through an Internet club called C.B.'s and during chance meetings in local bars.

When sexy blond Brenda was asked about the allegations, she replied, "This is in no way related to the investigation."

And Steve Yunker, an attorney representing the van Dams, says that the allegations about the family's lifestyle threaten to obscure the most important factor.

"The van Dams wish to focus on their daughter," he told GLOBE. "That alone is the important factor for them."

Neighbors of the couple say they were loving parents

to their three children.

But sources tell GLOBE that police are far from sure that the van Dams' lifestyle did not play some part in how the little girl vanished some time after going to bed on the night of Feb. 1.

One friend of the couple put it this way: "Brenda and Damon's lifestyle creates bizarre situations - and this is what follows."

In an exclusive interview, Douglas Pierce, founder of the Millennium Children's Fund, who met with the van Dams, told GLOBE, "Brenda and Damon are refusing to admit they invited people into their home who may have snatched their child. Personally, I don't care if they like having sex with goats - I just worry that they put their little girl in harm's way."

Brenda van Dam says that she did not check on her adorable daughter when she got home after a night out - even though in the



Above, a smiling Danielle in her passport photo. At right, her parents talk to the press with her dad holding her doll. Far right, her bed stands vacant in their San Diego home



early hours of Saturday, Feb. 2, Damon had found a burglar alarm blinking and a sliding glass door and a garage door open.

Police questioned if her failure to peek into Danielle's bedroom to make sure she was safe was because Mrs. van Dam was too

preoccupied with visitors she'd brought home from Dad's, a local watering hole where she and her husband are well-known.

Police are also investigating tips that Brenda may have been having a secret affair with David Westerfield, the neighbor who, within hours of Danielle's disappearance, was named as a suspect.

Although Brenda says they were merely acquaintances, sources tell GLOBE that the Friday night Danielle disappeared, her mom and Westerfield, a 49-year-old engineer who lives two doors away, were dirty dancing at Dad's.

And, while Brenda has said that she went home from the bar at 2 a.m. with a few friends to have a pizza supper, other people in the bar say it's not so.

"Pizza, my foot!" one regular at the pub tells

GLOBE. "They probably went back to her house to have sex. That's what Brenda and Damon do for fun. They meet people and bring them home to have sex."

"Brenda's the bait," goes out with her friends who are in the swinging group, while Damon goes home to put the kids to bed. Then she brings the kids home."

The source claims Brenda once asked him, "Are you a swinger?" But he replied that he and his wife are not into swinging. "I'm a soccer mom just shrugging and never approaching again."

Local radio talk-show host Rick Roberts reported that Brenda had taken her girls and two men home, giving one of the girls Damon "as a present."

He said, "She closes the kids' bedrooms so she would not hear lovemaking."



Authorities remove belongings from the home of the van Dams' neighbor, David Westerfield. At left, Westerfield peeks out the door