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GLOBE. "She even
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I went to her home
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Brenda and she wore
source claims that he

was a member of the
swingers' group for a few
months but felt that the van
Dams grew tired of him and
looked for new partners.
"We don't party together
anymore," he says, "but I
know they are still at it. I
think everyone around here
knows they have a swinging
lifestyle."
There are conflicting
reports on just when
Westerfield left Dad's. He
told local newsmen that it
was about 10:30 p.m. and he
was alone.
But San Diego police
officer Dave Cheney told
GLOBE that Westerfield left
the bar with Brenda and her
friends close to 2 a.m.
Police zeroed in on him as
a suspect and, according to
sources, he failed a poly-
graph test, traces of blood
were found in an RV he
drove into the desert over
the weekend and reportedly
child pornography was

found in his home.
Talk-show host Roberts
reported - from a "very high
law enforcement source" -
that Westerfield had
approached the van Dams
to hold an adult party at his
home.
While the van Dams
appealed for help to find
Danielle, there was growing
speculation that their
lifestyle had contributed to
the little girl's abduction
and questions were raised
about their other children,
Dylan, 5, and Derrick, 9.
But a source in the San
Diego Deputy D.A.'s office
tells GLOBE, "An alterna-
tive lifestyle is not enough
reason, in and of itself,
for the Department of
Children's Services to take
any minor children into
protective custody. People
with sexual lives outside the
norm can still be loving and
capable parents."
- ROBIN MIZRAHI

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Douglas Pierce - offers

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DADDY, PLEASE FORGIVE ME, I'M SORRY

Tyke's heartbreaking final message

THE pink and purple
bedroom from
which Danielle van
Dam was abducted
has a feeling of sadness
and dread, says the man
who offered a \$10,000
reward for her safe
return.

Douglas Pierce,
founder and director of
the nonprofit Millennium
Children's Fund, tells
GLOBE that he read the
little girl's last message
in a daily journal she kept
after being invited to the
family home.

Mysteriously, it said,
"Daddy, please forgive
me, I'm sorry."

Pierce says, "I don't
know what she was
referring to by that - and
we might never know, but
that room was one of the
saddest places I've ever
seen."

Even Danielle's favorite
stuffed toy, a giant green
frog that she always slept
with, and her Barbie could
not relieve the gloom.

"Danielle's room is less
than 18 feet from her
parents' room," says

Pierce. "Yet, Brenda did
not check on her when
she got in at 2:30 a.m.
She was too busy
partying with the people
she brought home."

What's more, says
Pierce, the van Dams
didn't even check on their
daughter first thing in the
morning.

The alarm was not raised
until 9 a.m. Saturday -
when Danielle's friend went
to her room to wake her
and told them she wasn't
there.

Pierce's criticism has
irked the grieving van
Dams. Brenda says,
"We are the victims
here. We did not ask for
someone to come into
our home and steal the
greatest gift God ever
gave us."

But when they were
asked why they seemed
unmoved by the abduction,
Brenda replied, "Do you
think that crying is going
to ever bring my daughter
back. I'm strong for her
and my sons. I do my
crying at night when I go
to bed."