

## 12/5/17 BARTON McNEIL'S REMARKS ON SUSPECT CONVICTIONS EPISODE 5

Dear ongoing listeners of SUSPECT CONVICTIONS;

Episode 5 had little to do with the 1998 murder of my daughter, Christina McNeil, nor with my wrongful conviction. Instead this installment was a largely sympathetic biography of maniac killer Misook Nowlin, which the program's producers thought important. So far as I'm concerned, nothing about Misook's "difficult upbringing" excuses, or even explains her child murdering, serial killing ways. Nonetheless, to what little extent others' accounts of Misook's personal biography amounts to a hill of beans, I'll share my own thoughts on the matter.

As SUSPECT CONVICTIONS co-producer Scott Reeder noted, divergent storylines were given regarding pivotal points in Misook's life as told by her ex-husband, Andy Nowlin, versus Misook's first child, Ja Ram Van Ake, who Misook gave up for adoption soon after her birth. Indeed Misook had given me yet a different account of the same event.

What was apparently true of Misook's relationship biography as confirmed on the episode by both Andy and Ja Ram, was that, as a teen she was sexually active with middle age men, one of which made her pregnant followed by a brief marriage, resulting in the birth of daughter Ja Ram Van Ake, who Misook later cast off for adoption, never mind the conflicting details between all of our accounts. Arguably, this early relationship was pedophile-like in nature, given the huge age differential between the teenage Misook, and her middle age lover/husband that impregnated her.

In detailing Misook's biography during his SUSPECT CONVICTIONS interview, ex-husband Andy Nowlin skipped right over an earlier even more inappropriate relationship she was involved in as a younger child, long predating her first marriage, as Andy Nowlin is intimately aware of. According to more than one source, including Misook herself, she was long involved with another middle aged man, a U.S. Army officer stationed in Korea, at the time Andy Nowlin first met Misook, as he was enlisted in the U.S. Army and stationed in South Korea himself.

With a wife and kids of his own back in the U.S., Misook's Army-officer lover promised her to leave his wife and kids upon his return to the U.S., and send for Misook. While he did in fact leave his wife and kids as promised, Misook's Army-officer lover, instead sent for, and then married, an Asian woman from another country in which he had been stationed overseas.

No doubt still enraged at having been betrayed, not long after Misook arrived in the U.S., Misook and new-husband Andy Nowlin, were able to track down Misook's backstabbling former Army officer lover and his new wife, with whom Misook blamed for

“stealing her man”. As “Fate” would have it, the Army officer’s wife was herself soon murdered, the surely-innocent husband being prosecuted/convicted of his own wife’s murder, much to Nowlin’s fiendish delight. Despite this man’s awards and decorations at soldiering in foreign wars abroad, the poor man had no idea of who his and his wife’s enemies were in the States. The diabolical implications of this tale only became apparent to me following Nowlins similarly premeditated vengeful (serial) killing of my daughter, Christina.

So far as I’m concerned, Andy Nowlin’s deafening silence over his intimate knowledge of Misook’s earlier relationship with her Army-officer lover she met in Korea, and the murderous fate of his wife in the States, speaks volumes to the certainty of Andy Nowlin’s involvement in fulfilling Misook’s vengeful obsessions. Costing the life of my daughter, Christina, this successful Nowlin-gang template was later employed against her later love (me), of which by calculated intent Christina’s murder would fall on the shoulders of.

Next, Andy Nowlin claimed in Episode 5 that, beginning soon after his wife, Misook, left him for another man, I used to routinely phone him asking for advice on how to handle the difficult Misook, which Andy Nowlin said he dismissed as my own problem, himself “relieved” of his burdensome wife. I don’t know what convoluted implication Andy Nowlin was attempting to convey by his flatly false claim, but as his serial-killer wife’s closets cohort, telling lies would be the least of his offences.

The fact is, not once during my relations with Misook did I ever phone her husband, Andy, about anything. During the first year of my involvement with Misook, Andy Nowlin seemed to have vanished entirely, and had no involvement with Misook or myself during that time. I never once saw or spoke to Andy Nowlin until after a year into my live-in relations with Misook.

Secondly, my problems with Misook didn’t begin until a January 1996 event, 8 months after our live-in relations began the previous April. So no problems yet existed worthy of me seeking relationship “guidance”, that is, where I inclined to seek Andy Nowlin’s advice, that is, were he even present in our lives at the time.

Thirdly, were I prone to seeking advice from anyone relating to any private relationship concerns regarding Misook, Andy Nowlin, intent on winning back his wife, was the very last person I would’ve shared such personal matters with. He was never my friend or confidant. Only much later on did Andy Nowlin come to the apartment I shared with Misook, only to drop off or pick up Misook’s daughter, Michelle, who Andy had greater custody of than Misook. Given that I had essentially stole his wife, Andy Nowlin and I were mutually adverse to friendly relations between us – and his untrue claim to the contrary is both implausible and preposterous.

Fourth, throughout my relations with Misook, I was keenly aware that Andy Nowlin was intent to win her back, rendering it even less likely still that I would confide in him any relationship difficulties I might have had with Misook. The only one seeking relationship advice throughout was Misook, Andy serving only as a soundboard to further enflame Misook's relationship troubles. Of the many reasons behind my certainty of Andy Nowlin's involvement in Christina's death, was the ongoing intimacy of his awareness of Misook's spiteful obsessions, and his constant anti-Barton encouragements used to stoke Misook's vindictive predisposition in the months, weeks, and days leading up to my daughter's killing.

Andy Nowlin's ongoing effort to win back his wife, and his ongoing intimacy with her, is further obvious by the fact that he didn't even file for divorce until nearly 3 years after his wife Misook had begun living with another man. In fact, he wasn't formally divorced from Misook until shortly before Christina's murder.

Andy Nowlin's long-running allegiance to his serial-killer wife, of which he must be like-minded, is further confirmed by his foolish recent admission during the course of this SUSPECT CONVICTIONS episode, of having carried on secret intimate relations with Misook during the course of her often-hostile relations with me. Misook now widely known to be behind Christina's murder, combined with Andy Nowlin's admission of ongoing secret intimacy with Misook, perfectly conforms to my long-outspoken certainty of his involvement in Christina's death alongside his wicked wife, and proactively rises to an outright confession of his involvement.

No wonder, that when questioned by the police about his presence with Misook on the night of Christina's murder, Andy Nowlin concealed from investigators the recentness of his ongoing secret intimacies with psycho-killer Misook. As no doubt, they would have wanted to have known this important information.

The only phone conversation I had with Andy Nowlin about anything, occurred when he phoned me just a few days before Christina's murder, during which he prodded me about my long-term intentions with Misook. Under the presumption that the phone call was private and between Andy Nowlin and myself, he successfully lured me into making some highly disparaging remarks not only about Misook herself, but also about her meddling closest friends and cohorts, Susi Kaiser, and Yuman Aldridge, who like Andy himself, only served to stoke Misook's vengeful mania.

As it happens, every bit as cunning as Misook herself, Andy Nowlin had secretly arranged for this to be a 3-way call, the third party being Misook's own home phone so that she could listen in on this sensitive conversation. Also present to listen in on what was to be a private call between Andy and myself, were Misook's closest South Korean friends Susi Kaiser and Yuman Aldridge (both of whom had also married U.S.

servicemen stationed in Korea) listening in on another phone located in Misook's apartment.

Along with Andy Nowlin himself, Susi Kaiser and Yuman Aldridge were also present with Misook a few nights later, on the night that Christina was killed. These events all documented in court records, the very day before Christina was murdered, Yuman Aldridge angrily confessed to me having listened to my unfriendly remarks I had made to Andy Nowlin by phone a few nights earlier, telling me that she was going to "get me" for what I'd said about her during the call. It was through Yuman that I learned of how what was supposed to be a private two-way call between Andy and myself, was instead a set up with a call between myself, Andy, Misook, Yuman and Susi, with the latter three staying silent during it all.

Be reminded that, admittedly present with Misook on the night of Christina's murder were both Susi Kaiser and Yuman Aldridge. Present also with this Nowlin gang female trio on the night of Christina death was Misook's newest lover, Don Wang, his own mother, in a cruel irony, to be a later victim of his soon-to-be wife's serial killing villainy. Be reminded also that between Misook, and all those above variously present with her on the night of my daughter's killing, not one of them could account for their whereabouts that night from 11 PM onwards.

As for Andy Nowlin's transparently obvious ongoing attempt to provide cover for serial-killer Misook, whether during the original Christina McNeil investigation, or whenever interviewed about he relations with Misook today, its worth repeating that the two Misook-related events most closely bracketing Christinas' murder directly involve Andy Nowlin. On Misook's 5<sup>th</sup> phone call attempt, beginning immediately following my breakup with Misook at the Avanti's restaurant, she finally reached ex-husband/secret-lover Andy Nowlin in a 9-minute phone call ending right at 11 PM, precisely when EVERONE'S Nowlin gang whereabouts become "unknown". Andy Nowlin later confessing in court that this 9-minute phone call from Misook concerned the Nowlin's two-week running scheme to "set me up" in revenge for my willingness to give a Victim Impact Statement to prosecutors regarding her assault conviction the year prior against none other than myself and then-two-year-old Christina. A McLean County court hearing scheduled for the day after my being arrested in the murder of Christina.

Just a little over an hour after this 9-minute call was made, I found Christina mysteriously awakened in her bedroom, and in all likelihood, killed soon thereafter.

Further documented by the Nowlin's own admission as recorded in Police Narratives that can be found in my Court Discovery Files, Andy Nowlin is back at Misook's apartment in the early morning hours soon after Christina's death. What's more incriminating than that? And purportedly in order for Andy to exchange clothes belonging to their daughter

Michelle Nowlin, which is an occurrence that never took place during the 3 years of my live-in relations with Misook.

Far from alone in the belief of Andy Nowlin's murderous collaboration with serial killer Misook, his every conspicuous utterance in her defense only serves to implicate him further. Perhaps next he should address what many are increasingly aware.... His intimate knowledge of other Nowlin serial killings, not the least of which ended the life of her former Army officer lover's wife soon after Andy Nowlin brought Misook to the U.S. – Barton