

EPISODE 2

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11/16/17 REMARKS FROM BARTON McNEIL

Listeners of SUSPECT CONVICTIONS and friends of my late daughter, Christina McNeil: Recently I was able to hear episode 2, which originally aired on 11/13/17 on Bloomington's National Public Radio affiliate, WGLT FM, now also widely available as podcast download. As with the first episode (largely confined to my series of 911 calls made to the police once I recognized that my child's death had been at the hands of an intruder), I am pleased with the ongoing fair minded objectivity that characterizes this true crime program. I deeply appreciate the diligent investigative efforts of series producers, Scott Reeder and Willis Kern, and the many local-area reporters, journalists, and concerned citizens now interested in the long-running injustice that my late daughter, Christina McNeil, (and her late father) continues to suffer from.

Yet I greatly regret that the late-coming spotlight only came at the high cost of easily foreseen further killings also committed by those who murdered my daughter, Christina, only one victim we know for sure to have been Wenlan Tyda, killed also in Bloomington by Misook Nowlin (AKA Misook Wang), in 2011.

While I prefer to let the SUSPECT CONVICTIONS series to run its course without comment by me, as the father of a murdered child in need of a voice on her behalf (to say nothing of my being a wrongful convict), I can hardly remain silent while Christina's killers continued getaway is being further abetted by persons seeming to share Nowlin's dark character. Invoking my now-widely-known wrongful conviction, I'm compelled to answer other's deceptive use of misleading, manipulative, and inaccurate circumstances to serve the interests of serial psychopaths. Despite the murderous consequences of my wrongful conviction directly leading to Nowlin's subsequent killing of MS Tyda, some opt to soil air own hands in MS Tyda's blood, rather than to learn from the hard lesson, and do what's right.

Regretfully lost is the opportunity to turn something tragic and unjust into something righteous on behalf of Nowlin murder victims and their loved ones. Long alone in seeking justice for my innocent murdered child and in pursuit of her killer now for 19 years, I cannot remain silent in the face of further attempts to mislead the public regarding the circumstances of the killing of Christina to the benefit of those guilty.

Assigned the task, apparently, of making excuses for Nowlin and her like-minded cohorts, Assistant State's Attorney (ASA) Mary Koll, employed misleading, and indeed knowingly false circumstances when invoking my long-known wrongful conviction in an interview segment during the second episode of SUSPECT CONVICTIONS. Deceptively used also by her prosecutorial predecessor during my one-sided 1999 trial, ASA Koll stated in defense of psycho killer Nowlin, that, because of the absence of wet carpeting and muddy footprints in Christina's bedroom following a night that it happened to rain, no Nowlin intruder could've been responsible for my daughter's killing.

Derived from detailed weather records for the night of Christina's murder, obtained from prosecutors themselves, ASA Koll is well aware of the limitations of the night's rainfall in relation to the timeframe of Christina's death. While then-ASA Teena Griffin also told the court back in 1999 that Christina died no later than 11PM, concurrent with Nowlin's flimsy "alibi" provided only by her closest pals (one of whose mother Nowlin would also later murder!), the first drop of rain didn't begin to fall until about 3AM, as ASA Koll surely knows. Except for mere drizzle only throughout the early morning hours, it only rained in any significant amount for about an hour, 3:30-4:30AM.

No one has ever asserted that Christina had died that late at night, after 3AM. On the contrary, the prosecutors claim has always been that my daughter's death long preceded 3AM, the time that the rain began.

As per ASA Koll's likely intent to deceive the SUSPECT CONVICTIONS listeners regarding her hypothetical rain-soaked intruder, and counting on the listeners' certain unawareness of the limits of the (post-3AM) rainfall vis a vis some timeframe of death, today's audience was intended to infer that Christina's death occurred during a rainstorm, when the prosecutors own timeframe of death (once serving the needs of Misook's pre-11PM alibi) did not remotely run concurrent with the detailed rain-related weather data obtained by prosecutors themselves.

ASA Koll's contention that an intruder-killer would've been rain soaked (resulting in wet bedroom carpeting) while fully aware that the rain didn't begin until 3AM, is a flat-out refutation of the prosecutors' once trial claim that Christina died long before midnight. More than that, a timeframe of death during the post-3AM rainfall puts ASA Koll's seeming post-3AM murder scenario during a time frame when no one in the Nowlin camp could account for their whereabouts. Lo and behold, none in the Nowlin gang could account for their whereabouts from 11PM onwards.

Conversely, were my original prosecutors correct in their claimed timeframe of death many hours before the rain began, then the absence of wet/muddy carpeting would be a meaningless circumstance, not at all able to precluded the presence of an intruder, as ASA Koll also knows.

ASA Koll cannot have it both ways. Either Christina died during the rainfall fell, or immediately thereafter, (which did not begin until 3AM) causing wet/muddy footprints left by an intruder as ASA Koll asserts, at a time when Nowlin had no alibi at all, or else Christina died far earlier in the night, BEFORE the rain began, in which case the absence of wet/muddy carpeting would be wholly irrelevant to the question of an intruder.

SUSPECT CONVICTION listeners not privy to time stamped rainfall records produced by the nearby University of Illinois weather station personnel, verses prosecutors' competing time-of-death scenarios, were meant to draw untrue inferences by ASA Koll's misleading "reasoning".

Listeners were deceptively meant to draw the intended (but incorrect) inference that, killed during the course of heavy rain, the bedroom carpeting would've been wet if my daughter were killed by an intruder. The episode's listeners were ASA Koll's intended victims of deception.

Particular to the claimed importance of the absence of muddy footprints, the very same issues apply regarding the incongruity between prosecutors' meandering time frames of death verses the post-3AM rainfall.

More than that, anyone familiar with the layout of the apartment's exterior as seen in a crime scene video and a host of crime scene photos, many of which can be found on www.FreeBart.org, would give no weight to the presence/absence of muddy footprints anywhere, regardless of whether or not, or when, it rained, and regardless of any timeframe that Christina may have died during.

The fact is, directly below the ground floor bedroom window's exterior is a paved cement sidewalk, not grass, shrubs, soil, or mud. Extending about 80 feet east to west, from the front sidewalk near the street to the apartment building's paved parking lot at the rear of the property, this 3-foot wide sidewalk directly abuts the bedroom's exterior wall in which sits the ground floor bedroom window.

Whether the killer approached the open window from the (west) rear parking lot, or from the (east) front sidewalk near the street, the intruder wouldn't have needed to step a foot off of the cement-paved sidewalk. Even were the intrusion to have occurred during a downpour (setting aside the questions of when it rained and how much, and in what timeframe the murder happened) the killer wouldn't have deviated into some muddy area, from the paved sidewalk leading directly to the bedroom window, regardless from which direction the intruder approached. Invoking the absence of muddy prints on the bedroom's carpeting, ASA Koll was preying on SUSPECT CONVICTIONS' listeners' unawareness that all avenues of intruder approach were paved in cement, not mud.

ASA Koll's argument regarding the absence of muddy footprints was manipulatively meant for listeners to infer that, were an intruder behind Christina's death, the killer would've stepped in some (presumed rain soaked) dirt/mud in the approach to the ground floor bedroom window. In actual fact the whole area is a paved concrete sidewalk connecting the front sidewalk to the parking lot out back.

No police reports even document anyone's efforts (meaning police, detectives, the attending coroner or anyone else present at my apartment that morning) to get on all fours to feel the bedroom carpeting for dampness, ever. It's not likely that dampness or mud residue could even be seen visually on the light brown carpet. Only by touch could its presence be detected. And since police personnel initially at the scene that morning claimed to have overlooked the full scope of window-related intruder evidence, such as the cut holes on either side of the bedroom window, they wouldn't have had reason to examine the carpet at the time.

Alerted to the presence of intruder evidence only after I myself repeatedly called detectives back to the scene 8 or so hours AFTER their initial presence, any carpet dampness would've long dried out before detectives ever had a reason to inspect the bedroom floor, whether Christina died before 11PM as originally claimed, or whether she was killed after the 3AM rain began. Depending on which prosecutorial time-of-death version one accepts, any would-be carpet exam wouldn't have been warranted until anywhere from 12 to 20 hours AFTER the "rain soaked" intruder's killing of my daughter, long after the damp carpet had completely dried in the June summer day's entering through the still-open window.

Either ASA Koll's grasp of the basic facts & circumstances of the case is so slight as to render her unqualified to speak to it, or she's intentionally deceiving the public in an effort to further some deviant Nowlin-friendly agenda. Predictably, it was this same sort of subterfuge that facilitated my child's murderer's later 2011 serial killing of estranged mother in law, Wenlan Tyda.

Has ASA Koll no shame?