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RE: SUSPECT CONVICTIONS EPISODE 6; BARTON McNEIL RESPONDS

Dear Fellow Justice Seekers;

Having originally aired on 12/4/17, by phone from Menard maximum security prison I was able listen to the 6th installment of SUSPECT CONVICTIONS, first broadcast by Bloomington's WGLT FM Public Radio affiliate. Hosted by co-producers, syndicated columnist Scott Reeder, and former WGLT news director Willis Kern, I remain in ongoing debt to their truth-seeking, and truth-telling efforts. Like few others before, I consider the programs' producers to be greatly advancing the cause of justice, heretofore so lacking in any McLean County court venue to date.

Foremost concerning the circumstances surrounding the 1998 Bloomington, Illinois, murder of my 3-year old daughter, Christina McNeil, the series also addresses my own now-finally widely recognized wrongful conviction for my child's killing, and the easy getaway of those responsible for her murder, at the center of which was my estranged girlfriend, Misook Nowlin (AKA Misook Wang). An increasingly apparent genuine serial killer, headed by State's Attorney Charles Reynard and his Nowlin-friendly underlings, assistant prosecutors Teena Griffin and Stephani Wong, my even-then-obvious wrongful malicious prosecution, predictably, directly led to further Nowlin serial killings, the recent most of which ended the life of Nowlin's estranged husband's mother, Linda Wenlan Tyda.

As with episode 4 a few weeks ago, episode 6 also included a couple of guest panelists, themselves renowned in the true crime field with large followings, Rubia Chaudry formally of the widely popular SERIAL podcast, and Charlie Worrell of IN SIGHT podcast out of Australia, who I'm also now much indebted to. Hardly an unbiased listener, I nonetheless give this episode two thumbs up. So pleased with this installment, my own comments are unnecessary, for this episode speaks for itself. Yet I can't help sharing a few thoughts with the series followers anyway.

More so even than episode 4, I was very impressed with the depth of knowledge that Ms. Chaudry and Ms. Worrell possessed about my case. Clearly they had done their homework. Likewise, obviously of some expertise and quite familiar with the field of murder investigations, evidence evaluations, autopsy findings, the legal process, and the like, their appraisal of critical facts and circumstances surrounding my child's killing was well reasoned and insightful.

More than that, their judgement of the case was wholly objective, in stark contrast to whatever unholy agenda was driving State's Attorney Charles Reynard and co-

prosecutors Teena Griffin and Stephani Wong, who, surely knowing better, single mindedly served to abet the escape of those genuinely responsible for killing my daughter, these authorities themselves bearing responsibility for further Nowlin murders, their hands soon to be stained by the blood of Linda Wenlan Tyda who died needlessly.

To summarize and paraphrase, the episode's panelists concluded that no fact or circumstance (or combination thereof) relating to Christina's murder was inconsistent with my genuine innocence when viewed objectively. Similarly, no evidence precludes my child's killing at the hands of an "unknown" intruder through her open ground floor bedroom window, nor at the hands of obvious psycho-killer Nowlin (and/or others she may have involved).

Taken a step further, the guests noted the manipulatively gross impropriety and violation of protocol of what they easily recognized as the authorities' use of cherry picking evidence/circumstances in order to serve the prosecution of Christina's own father (much to Nowlin's wicked benefit). This while simultaneously improperly discarding equally (or greater) weighty evidence/circumstances consistent with my accounting of events and consistent with my innocence, and indeed, consistent with "person of interest" and obvious prime suspect, Misook Nowlin's involvement in Christina's murder.

How refreshing to hear others express that which I've long thought would've been shared by anyone who bothered even a cursory review of the character of my prosecution. I always knew that any objective evaluation of the nature of my (wrongful) conviction would draw the same conclusions above as Ms. Chaudry and Ms. Worrell. Problem is, I couldn't get anyone to aid me in my lone pursuit of justice, much less my near-2 decade steadfast pursuit of those genuinely behind the murder of my daughter. Too bad the long-warranted scrutiny of my case today only came at the high cost of another easily foreseen, but easily preventable murder, costing the life of Wenlan Tyda - a subsequent murder I explicitly predicted would be the result of Christina's true killers getaway, expressed during a court hearing in McLean County on September 1st, 2002, a prediction I hardly wished to see at the time of my prediction, actually transpire.

Especially insightful, Ms. Chaudry's remarks about Misook Nowlin's personality disorder was right on target. As opposed to being a psychopath as I often refer to Misook Nowlin in a general sense, Ms. Chaudry's recognizes what she calls a "heightened emotions" personality disorder that drives her to extreme behavior, including murder. Perhaps so, but her emotions aren't so heightened as to preclude her cunning expertise in carrying out her elaborately planned fiendish cruelties.

I've never heard of this disorder before, but it is very much an accurate characterization of Nowlin's mental disposition. As a layperson, my humble opinion remains that Nowlin is a psychopath if not in the clinical sense.

Moreover, Misook Nowlin personifies the definition of an unmitigated sociopath - slightly less so as do those in her odious inner circle. Often referred to by me as the Nowlin gang, all extremely close to Misook and privy to her every waking thought, all were in direct contact with her on the night of Christina's death, and have self-servingly provided cover for her ever since.

A grievance collecting narcissist seeing herself only as an undeserving victim of an ever-evolving series of injustice at the hands of perceived tormenters worthy of vindictive retribution, Misook is incapable of genuine concern for others, though she can adequately act the part when needed. She is, as are her loathsome pals, skilled at mimicking emotions when needed, common to ordinary folks. A skilled sociopath, Misook is adept at masking her real self from others, her true emotional character unremarkable at a distance to casual acquaintances.

Rendering the lot especially dangerous, the sociopathic character of Misook's mostly female like-minded closest pals, all in routine daily contact with Misook, and all in direct contact with her on the night of Christina's murder, is less obvious. Even at close proximity, they appear nonthreatening, better able than Misook at seeming to harbor ordinary emotions - their true nature further obscured by the fact that, mostly Asian immigrants, they only speak broken English when not speaking among themselves in their native tongue. Their apparent willingness to be involved in Misook's murder of Christina was especially shocking.

Its true that Misook was largely incapable of controlling her emotions as noted by Ms. Chaudry, driven by an exaggerated sense of victimhood and a spiteful thirst for vengeance - except when needed to mask some ongoing scheming by "acting normal".

Among those closest to Misook, I alone fought a never-ending battle of trying to temper her heightened emotional obsessions, the sometimes dark character of which she had difficulty masking, whether it was I who she designated as her unjust tormenter, or whether it was someone else, someone in passing wholly unaware of having offended Misook at all, for which she felt justified in seeking retribution. Seemingly by coincidence, fate would intervene on Misook's behalf, to her perceived tormentor's extreme detriment, ending her vindictive need.

To address Misook's seeming affliction, at my insistence Misook attended domestic violence-related mental health counseling at 2 local social service agencies, one at the

McLean County Center for Human Services and the other at the AVERT program, developed for men and women accused of abusive behavior. Yet my best efforts were hampered as Misook increasingly only saw me as her unjust tormenter, herself the undeserving victim, egged on at every turn by everyone else in her inner circle. Obstructing the help Misook needed, myself far under realizing the severity of her condition and the potential mortal consequences, my efforts were further undermined by her longtime cohorts who instead encouraged her exaggerated sense of victimhood. At best they served as her soundboard in agreement with Misook's every utterance, but more often simply served to throw gasoline on her already raging emotional fire.

Indeed, this is the very subject of the phone call between Misook's ex-husband, Andy Nowlin, and myself, just a few days before Christina's murder - a call that, unknown to me, Andy Nowlin had arranged as a 3-way call, the third line being listened to by Misook herself and her two Korean closest cohorts, Susi Kaiser and Yuman Aldridge, also present with Misook on the night of Christina's murder a few nights later.

In point of fact, of the many reasons for my decision to leave Misook, towards the top of the list was the need to separate myself, and thus Christina also, from the entire group, whose presence in Misook's life was especially pernicious, to which I was powerless to counter despite my best efforts.

A heightened emotion disorder indeed, nourished daily, by Misook's like-minded villainous pals. - Barton

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