

1/28/18 - BARTON McNEIL'S REVIEW/REMARKS ON SUSPECT CONVICTIONS EPISODE, 12 "A CURIOUS BED PURCHASE.

Dear Truth Seekers;

First airing on January 12, 2018, on Bloomington's WGLT FM Public Radio station, thereafter available as a podcast, this episode of SUSPECT CONVICTIONS was titled, "A Curious Bed Purchase". Raised during my remarks some weeks ago regarding a previous installment, I'm pleased that series producers, Scott Reeder and Willis Kern, dedicated an episode to this bizarre event, so relevant to the identity of those who committed the 1998 Bloomington, Illinois, murder of my 3-year old daughter, Christina McNeil, for which I myself was wrongly convicted. Not content to "out" only my child's most obvious killer, I've long been in pursuit of others who were also involved in my daughter's killing.

Thanks go out again to the fans of SUSPECT CONVICTIONS for staying with the series throughout. Forever in debt to justice-advocates Scott Reeder and Willis Kern, much gratitude is due them also for daring to speak truth to power, as it were, by their airing of all of the relevant facts and circumstances relating to my daughter's murder.

Finally, after nearly two decades, the public's knowledge of the true circumstances of my child's death is no longer confined to the narrow dictates of arch-railroaders, former McLean County State's Attorney Charles Reynard, and his hench-persons, Assistant State's Attorneys Teena Griffin and Stephanie Wong - pursuant to their unholy allegiance to Misook Nowlin, now widely acknowledged to be an outright serial killer.

Easily recognized at the time as my daughter's true killer, Nowlin's child-murder getaway was indeed abetted by then-McLean County State's Attorney, Charles Reynard, and his prosecutorial cohorts, Teena Griffin and Stephanie Wong - an agenda to which my wrongful conviction was apparently intended to serve. Not too timid to address the elephant in the room, their Nowlin-friendly efforts facilitated further Nowlin murders.

While Nowlin went on to commit further serial killings after having so easily gotten away with murdering Christina - only one subsequent victim we know to have been Nowlin's husband's mother, Wenlan Tyda - sharing direct responsibility for Nowlin's later murders include murder-enablers, former State's Attorney Charles Reynard and his dirty-work-doin' assistants, Teena Griffin and Stephanie Wong, the best friends a child-murdering psycho-killer ever had in McLean County.

Picking up where the Charles Reynard / Teena Griffin / Stephani Wong cabal left off, today the repugnant Nowlin-friendly agenda is being carried out by current McLean County State's Attorney, Jason Chambers, and Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Koll - despite their certain awareness that Nowlin is an unmitigated lifelong serial killer, her

responsibility for Christina's murder as patently obvious as her responsibility for her mother-in-law's later murder.

Against the usual advice of defense attorneys, willing to share with the public ALL EVIDENCE, FACTS and CIRCUMSTANCES relevant to my daughter's killing and to her murderers' true identity, I have subjected myself to numerous recorded interviews with truth-seeking reporters and journalists throughout the years, and especially in recent months, and have eagerly opened myself up to hard questions from SUSPECT CONVICTIONS listeners - all in the name of transparency, and in pursuit of true justice for my long-denied late daughter, Christina McNeil.

In contrast, and predictably, McLean County State's Attorney, Jason Chambers, and Assistant State's Attorney, Mary Koll, have refused to answer questions directly from the inquisitive public. Much to the wicked delight of Misook Nowlin and her like-minded pals, these prosecutors have instead parroted the same (discredited) Nowlin-friendly talking points that so directly facilitated (easily foreseen) further Nowlin killings - in their abhorrent defense of my daughter's true killer.

Equally telling, aware as they surely are of the public's increasing recognition of their own responsibility for abetting Nowlin's later serial killings, including Wenlan Tyda's Bloomington murder, to say nothing of their long-known wrongful conviction of Christina's innocent father - deafeningly silent on these vital matters and refusing any accountability to the public, remain former McLean County State's Attorney, Charles Reynard, and his prosecutorial co-railroaders, Teena Griffin and Stephani Wong, all of who should be sharing a prison cell with their like-minded pal, Misook Nowlin.

Of the many pivotal circumstances directly relating to the identity of my daughter's true killer(s) (critical evidence prosecutors managed to have suppressed from my one-sided trial), this episode of SUSPECT CONVICTIONS concerned the bed that Nowlin murdered my daughter upon. Weighing in on the matter as guests of the series, were Huffington Post contributor Shira Weiss, and Kari Martin of the White Wine True Crime podcast. Thanks go out to them also, for their study of the case, for their objectivity, and for their insightful remarks.

The bed that Christina was eventually murdered upon, was initially purchased by Misook Nowlin herself, three years earlier in 1995. During the course of my live-in relations with Nowlin, this twin bed was in our Bloomington apartment's second bedroom, upon which would sleep Christina when I often had overnight custody of her while her mother, Tita McNeil, worked the overnight shift at the local hospital. Likewise, Nowlin's own daughter, Michelle Nowlin, would also sleep on is same bed, sometimes right alongside Christina, whenever Nowlin happened to have custody of Michelle, which she was not

eager for, I observed. Ultimately, Misook and Michelle Nowlin we're intimately familiar with this bed.

The Nowlin parents seemed to have an unusual relationship with Michelle Nowlin, no apparent division of parent-child authority existing.

As Michelle's acting stepfather for 3 years (ages 6 through 8), I vehemently opposed the Nowlin's habit of routinely feeding Michelle a diet of the utmost violent slasher-movie video entertainment - the subject of many heated arguments between us.

In the presence of Michelle, Misook and Andy Nowlin spoke to, and treated her, as if she were their adult equal, Misook Nowlin actually encouraging her young daughter to participate in our heated domestic disputes - Michelle serving as her mother's "ally". Misook Nowlin forcing on her daughter her very worst personality traits, this bizarre Mother-daughter relationship paradigm became especially pronounced as Christina's murder neared.

Both Nowlins seemingly lacking any sense of parent-child propriety, Andy Nowlin's relations with Michelle was particularly bizarre - his manner of adults-only speech to his young daughter Michelle more akin to what you'd hear between intimate adults. Indeed, these observations contributed to my decision to leave Misook Nowlin, not wanting to expose Christina to the Nowlins' atrocious parenting "skills", nor expose her to Misook Nowlin's ever-increasing heated relationship histrionics, which she had managed to transpose on to the psyche of her own daughter, Michelle Nowlin.

While Misook Nowlin did in fact later retrieve Christina's deathbed from the city of Bloomington's Salvation Army thrift store, obviously as a trophy-memento of sorts, there's more to this telling event.

Beginning with my then live-in girlfriend Misook physically restraining my attempt to remove Christina from Nowlin's violent presence during a heated argument between us in our apartment, she was arrested by Bloomington Police who were called to our residence by neighbors for unlawful restraint. She was arrested after she became argumentative with the arriving officers. While in jail, her bail was soon posted by Andy Nowlin himself, who at the time remained married to his wife, and was as most readers should know by now, a constant presence in her life throughout the entirety of my live-in relations with Misook Nowlin.

Misook was charged and convicted with battery and was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney, Stephanie Wong herself (the same person who also co-prosecuted me on my case). After several postponements, Nowlin's sentencing for her battery charge that was for a crime committed not only against myself, but also then 2-year-old Christina herself, was scheduled for June 17, 1998, which by this time I'd planned on giving victim-impact

testimony against her. It was several months prior, April 1st, 1998, that I was able to finally leave Misook and get my own apartment.

As "fate" would have it, Christina would be murdered (early in the morning of June 16th, the very day before Nowlin's domestic violence sentencing hearing (that was scheduled for June 17th). As per certain Nowlin intent, instead of testifying against her at her sentencing hearing, I was arrested for her murder of my daughter, killed just the day before. Accordingly, Nowlin's domestic violence sentencing hearing, for an offence committed in her effort to prevent me removing my daughter from Nowlin's violent ways, was postponed yet again due to my arrest, and was not scheduled the following month of July. When finally sentenced in July for the domestic violence offence (within a week of failing her polygraph exam a copy of which can be found on www.freebart.org regarding Christina's murder, administered by the Illinois State Police), Nowlin was to begin performing several weeks of community service the judge ordered her to do at the Salvation Army thrift store.

It is important to note, that just a few weeks after Misook's July sentencing, Nowlin was arrested for domestic battery again, this time for child abuse, over her savage beating of her own daughter, Michelle. This offence perpetrated by Misook against her own 8 year old daughter was committed in the midst of the ongoing police investigation of Misook Nowlin regarding my daughter Christina's murder. Concurrent to serving her Salvation Army community service sentence for the prior unlawful restraint domestic violence conviction, there was more to the tale of Nowlin's beating of her daughter.

Aside from her account of the beating itself, Michelle Nowlin told her school teachers, the police detective, and the DCFS investigators, that her mother had also recently threatened to murder Michelle "just like Christina was killed", while performing a peculiar act of smothering upon Michelle, perfectly mirroring the injuries Christina had died from just two months earlier.

During the course of this multifaceted child abuse enquiry, Michelle Nowlin herself was the origin of the tale of her PARENTS joint retrieval of Christina's deathbed that was shared during the Suspect Convictions episode. So can be found throughout this particular case file in black and white for all to read and see for themselves.

Serving her domestic violence sentence of community service at the thrift store, Misook Nowlin had apparently brought along her daughter, Michelle.

Misook Nowlin herself having originally purchased the bed that had previously been in our shared residence for three years, and daughter Michelle who herself had previously slept in the same bed countless times when in her mother's custody - while at the Salvation Army thrift store, they both easily recognized the same bed that I had taken

with me when I had moved into an apartment of my own shortly before Christina's death. Indeed, this was the very same bed that my daughter had been murdered upon, as the Nowlins were fully aware - the bed having been donated to the Salvation Army when my landlord had cleaned out my apartment following my arrest.

Michelle reported that BOTH parents then jointly retrieved Christina's deathbed. In point of fact, Andy Nowlin himself personally transported Christina's deathbed back to like-minded Misook Nowlin's apartment, with the intent of Michelle sleeping on it, as she had done many times before, sometimes right alongside 3-year acting stepsister, Christina, several months earlier. This detailed account is thoroughly documented in police reports and DCFS investigative records present in the official court files relating to the (Nowlin) murders of Christina McNeil and Wenlan Tyda alike.

Andy Nowlin's direct participation in retrieving my daughter's deathbed alongside serial killer Misook Nowlin, was yet another telling circumstance wholly consistent with my increasing certainty that, every bit the psychopath that Misook Nowlin was, Andy Nowlin himself had participated in the murder of my daughter. What else could explain his own deathbed interest? What more had Andy Nowlin done to draw attention to their killing of Christina? Plenty, it turns out.

By phone and in person, the one person fully known to have had the closest contact with psycho-killer Misook Nowlin in the hours bracketing Christina's timespan of death, was Andy Nowlin as supported by Misook's own phone records, police interviews of Misook and Andy in the day's following the murder, and court testimony by them both as found in my March 4th, 1999 Offer to Show Proof pre-trial hearing.

Starting with Misook Nowlin's five repeated attempts to locate Andy Nowlin on the immediate heels of my ending of relations with her during our bitter fight at the restaurant, ending at 10:52 pm with the 9-minute phone call when Misook was finally able to reach her former husband Andy, both Nowlins apparently neglected to tell investigators that the subject of the phone call related to a weeklong Nowlin plot to "set me up" by planting drugs in my car. The subject of their very last phone call leading up to Christina's murder, was admitted to by both Nowlins in court testimony. Just an hour or so after this phone call, after which no one could account for either of their whereabouts, I found my daughter mysteriously awakened in her bedroom, likely killed soon afterwards.

By both Nowlins' admission as found in their respective Police interview narratives, Andy Nowlin was with Misook Nowlin back at her apartment shortly after Christina's death also, at approximately 6:30 a.m., for reasons, they claimed, involving a (suspicious) exchange of clothing belonging to 8-year old Michelle Nowlin.

Here, be reminded that some years later Misook Nowlin intentionally directly involved her then-6-year old son, Donovan Wang, in the 2-day entirety of her premeditated murder of mother-in-law Wenlan Tyda.

A central figure in the elaborate plot to kill my daughter, Andy Nolin implicated himself in Christina's murder more recently, by foolishly bragging during a recorded interview with Scott Reeder, that he had been carrying on relations with his "separated" wife that were far more intimate, far more secret, and far nearer in time to the murder of Christina than was ever previously known - another critical circumstance that Andy Nowlin and Misook Nowlin alike had concealed from investigators when they were questioned about my daughter's murder as there is nothing in my discovery case file that they were having ongoing sexual relations during the time Misook and I were living together.

In another episode of SUSPECT CONVICTIONS, host Scott Reeder remarked that, in interviewing Andy Nowlin, he overtly tended to defend his ex wife, Misook Nowlin during the course of Scott's interview with him, a woman that he's been divorced from for two decades now, and was convicted of beating his daughter Michelle. How true, just as he's done all along. The question is, why?

Even if only confined to the later murder of Wenlan Tyda as a measure of Misook Nowlin's villainous character, one has to wonder what sort of hold she has over Andy Nowlin? Such he is warranted to go so far out on a limb as to utter a thought in his ex-wife's defense with Misook Nowlin a now-obviously convicted psychopathic liar and killer. When questioned by Bloomington police detectives about his contacts with Misook Nowlin on the night of my daughter's death, tellingly, Andy Nowlin did all he could to provide cover for her then also as shown in his police interview narrative and court testimony.

It is no mystery to me at all why, during the TV true crime episode of SNAPPED on the Oxygen Channel regarding Misook Nowlin's recent most murder of mother-in-law Wenlan Tyda, Andy Nowlin was so intent on deceiving the viewers by falsely claiming that, with Misook "being a loving mother"(!), no way would his ex-wife have INTENTIONALLY INVOLVED her 6-year old son, Donovan Wang, in the murder of his grandmother, Wenlan Tyda. Andy Nowlin was speaking to the circumstances of Christina's murder, aware as he was, that Misook Nowlin's direct involvement of her son in the murder of Wenlan Tyda serves as a child-involving Nowlin-gang modus operandi - perfectly mirroring my longtime outspoken certainty that the Nowlin parents had JOINTLY forced the involvement of then-8-year old Michelle in their murder of her 3-year acting little stepsister, Christina McNeil.

More generally, Andy Nowlin knows perfectly well the implications Misook Nowlin's later murder of Wenlan Tyda has regarding the true identity of my daughter's killer(s).

He's well aware that Misook Nowlin's latest murder of her mother-in-law is widely recognized as an affirmation that she was behind Christina's murder after all (and of course an affirmation of my own innocence also).

A number of circumstances indicating that Misook Nowlin did not carry out her killing of my daughter entirely alone, Andy Nowlin is also fully aware that his name is at the very top of the list of likely accomplices to Christina's murder.

As such, it's in Andy Nowlin's extreme interest to continue to provide cover for Misook Nowlin over her murder of Christina and Wenlan Tyda alike. He's not defending his psychotic ex-wife out of some sense of family loyalty. Andy Nowlin's unwarranted Misook-friendly remarks are in defense of himself. Every word he says in defense of his serial-killer ex-wife should be recognized as the words of a like-minded accomplice trying to slither out from underneath everyone's increasing realization that Misook Nowlin was indeed behind my daughter's murder all along.

Ironically, Andy Nowlin was slow to emerge as one I thought Misook Nowlin may have involved in Christina's murder. Every bit as inseparable from Misook Nowlin as was Andy Nowlin, I at first began to suspect the involvement of her very closest cohorts, Korean born Yuman Aldridge and Susi Kaiser, who were a daily presence in Misook Nowlin's life, both having routinely stayed the night with her as her relations with me crumbled. Both were Korean born friends of Misook with Yuman and Misook having lived in South Korea before marrying U.S. servicemen and called each other "sisters". In fact, Yuman Aldridge had explicitly threatened to "get me" the day before Christina was killed.

Intimately aware of Misook Nowlin's every waking thought, particularly concerning her deteriorating relations with me, I had expected that Yuman Aldridge and Susi Kaiser would have been the first persons to contact the police with what they had to have suspected of Misook Nowlin's involvement in Christina's death, such was the intensity of her hostility over my bitter breakup with her - they being long privy to all the details of our increasingly dysfunctional relations.

When neither Yuman Aldridge or Susi Kaiser came forward with what they surely intensely suspected of Misook Nowlin's involvement in Christina's death, not only did they seem to be covering for my daughter's killer - I began to fear they may have been involved alongside Misook Nowlin, themselves. My suspicions weren't lessened when I learned from police reports that they were with Misook Nowlin that night.

Notably, as with Misook and Andy Nowlin, there was no accounting for the whereabouts of Yuman Aldridge and Susi Kaiser from 11:00 pm onwards, who normally would've spent the night consoling their friend over the final ending of her relations with me. More

telling still, while Yuman Aldridge and Susi Kaiser gave conflicting (and implausible) accounts of their contacts with Misook Nowlin on the night of Christina's murder, when questioned by the police weeks later, it was obvious to me that her pals were trying to cover for Misook Nowlin's killing of my daughter - if not, were trying to cover for themselves.

While forever convinced that Yuman Aldridge and Susi Kaiser are indeed cut from the same cloth as the Nowlins, and likely had some involvement in Christina's murder alongside them that night, at the time, my developing suspicions of their involvement in the murder was supplanted by the above events relating to Andy Nowlin.

Put simply, I was shocked to learn of the Nowlin family's joint retrieval of Christina's deathbed. The sheer depravity of Andy Nowlin's acquisition of the bed-trophy was far beyond the worst of what I thought of him, and for that matter, rendered Misook Nowlin's murder of Christina a ghastly event more fiendish than first thought. Without any doubt at all, Andy Nowlin's eagerness to help Misook Nowlin, Christina's already-obvious killer, retrieve Christina's deathbed, told me all I needed to know about his involvement in my daughter's murder - notwithstanding a host of other facts and circumstances making it obvious.

More than that, clearly the Nowlins had done this before, and gotten away with it. Probably not by a long shot, Christina was obviously not their first murder victim, accounting for the ease of their willingness to kill, and their high degree of expertise.

Based on the totality of circumstances, I am convinced that the Nowlin gang, headed by Misook and Andy Nowlin, were outright serial killers all all along. – Barton McNeil

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