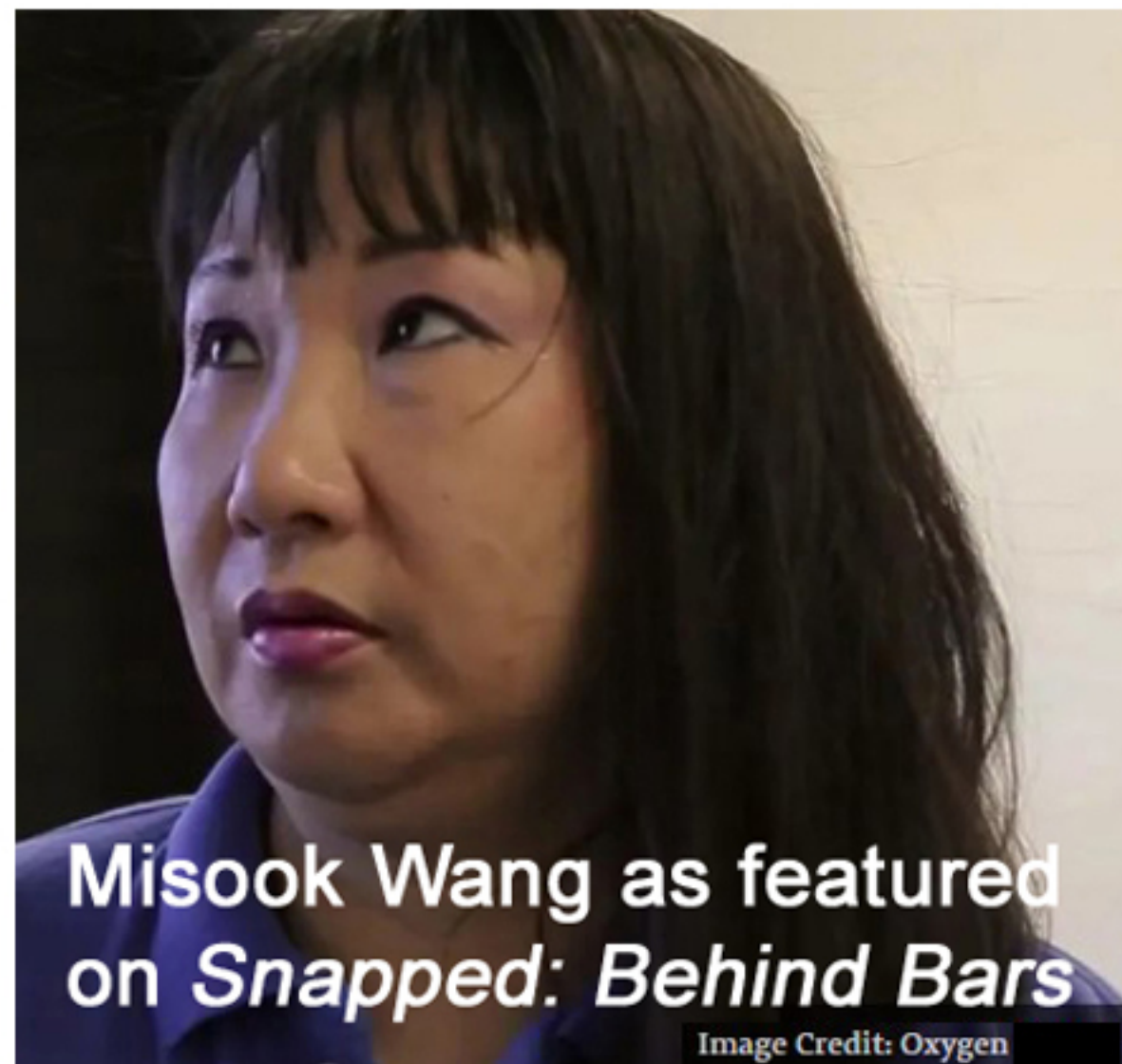


MISOOK NOWLIN KILLED



CHRISTINA MCNEIL !!!

13 YEARS LATER MISOOK STRANGLING TO DEATH HER MOTHER-IN-LAW LINDA TYDA

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Woman charged in slaying

B-N resident accused of strangling mother-in-law

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bers, including Wang.

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SMOTHERING = ASPHYXIATION

STRANGLING = ASPHYXIATION



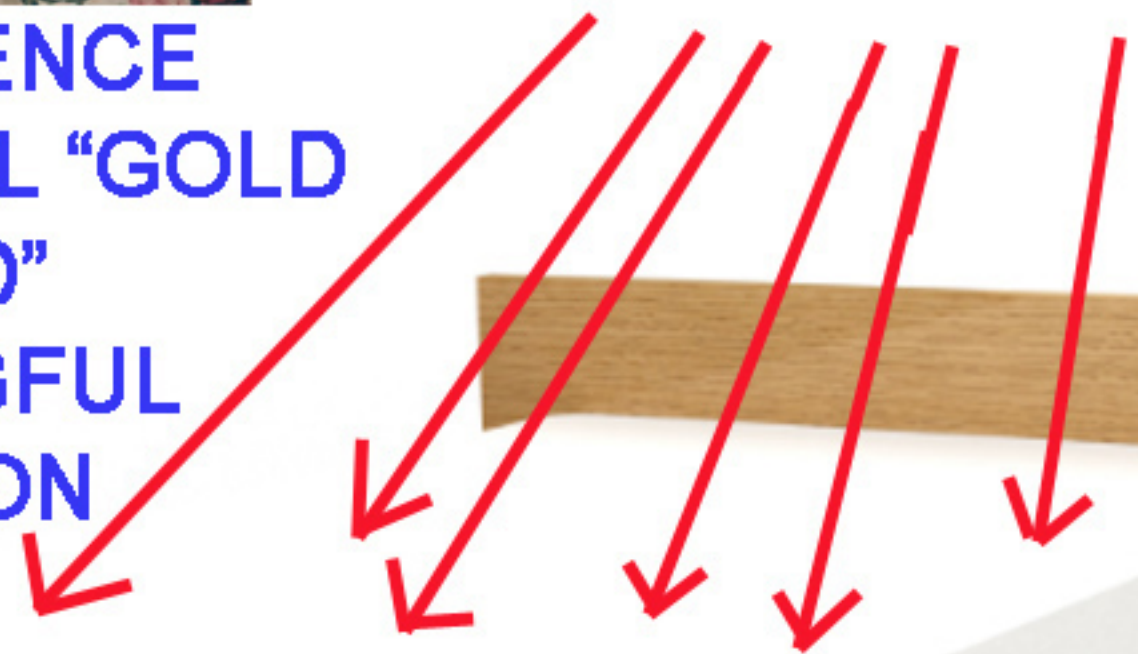
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Cellmark in 2016 found Misook's Touch DNA on 6 out of 8 locations on the Christina's fitted bedsheet

**DNA EVIDENCE
THE USUAL "GOLD
STANDARD"
IN WRONGFUL
CONVICTION
CASES**



VICTIM'S BED

This test did not exist in 1998-1999

LET'S NEXT TAKE A LOOK AT ALL OF THE EVIDENCE THAT SHOWS THE FITTED SHEET CHRISTINA WAS MURDERED UPON HAD BEEN FRESHLY LAUNDERED

EVIDENCE IGNORED BY ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY MARY KOLL AND JUDGE YODER

Just for starters, Barton's bank statement shows he paid for his Laundry he picked up on Monday, June 15th. Later that night Christina would be murdered upon this same sheet

THIS EVIDENCE NOT ADDRESSED BY PROSECUTOR OR THE COURT



Account Statement

LAUNDRY PICKED UP ALSO 2 WEEKS PRIOR SHOWING PATTERN OF USING LAUNDRY VENDOR

***** NON-CHECK ACTIVITY *****

DATE	AMOUNT	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION
MAY 26	20.00-	WITHDRAWAL SERIAL# 0052 211 E JEFERSN BLMINGTON IL
MAY 26	18.38-	PURCHASE SERIAL# 3267 2611 E. OAKLAND BLOOMINGTONIL
MAY 26	3.15-	KINKO'S BLOOMINGTON IL BLOOMINGTON IL
MAY 29	465.49+	DEPOSIT
JUN 01	21.50-	WITHDRAWAL SERIAL# 5931 120 N. CENTER BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 01	1.50-	ATM SHARED NETWORK FEE
JUN 03	18.00-	ECON-O-WASH II CLEANER BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 04	20.00-	WITHDRAWAL SERIAL# 3300 211 E JEFERSN BLMINGTON IL
JUN 04	9.30-	KINKO'S BLOOMINGTON IL BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 04	17.24-	COMMON GROUND BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 04	25.20-	EDNA'S HEALTH FOODS/B BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 05	10.00-	WITHDRAWAL SERIAL# 0295 908 N MAIN BLMINGTON IL
JUN 09	830.39+	DEPOSIT
JUN 10	21.00-	WITHDRAWAL SERIAL# 2763 403 NORTH VET BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 10	1.50-	ATM SHARED NETWORK FEE
JUN 10	27.05-	PURCHASE SERIAL# 0251 2807 E. OAKLAND BLOOMINGTONIN
JUN 10	14.66-	OWENS FOOD AND FUEL BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 12	10.46-	OFFICE MAX 00001040 BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 12	64.19-	CIRCUIT CITY SS #3168. BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 15	12.00-	ECON-O-WASH II CLEANER BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 16	19.25-	WARECO #222 BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 17	4.01-	WALGREEN 00002587 BLOOMINGTON IL
JUN 19	5.00-	SERVICE CHARGE

Payment for laundry services

LAUNDRY THAT INCLUDED THE FITTED BEDSHEET PICKED UP BY BARTON JUNE 15th, THE DAY OF CHRISTINA'S MURDER

If the victim's bedding was freshly laundered, and touch DNA is known not to survive a laundering process, then if her DNA is found on the bedding,
SHE IS THE MURDERER!

WOULDN'T IT MAKE SENSE FOR MCLEAN COUNTY PROSECUTORS AND THE PRESIDING JUDGE TO KNOW THE EXACT NUMBER OF NIGHTS AND THE EXACT DATES MISOOK AND BARTON SLEPT IN THE VICTIM'S BED? ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THEIR IMPLYING IN THE STATE'S MOTION TO DISMISS AND THE COURT'S SUBSEQUENT RULING THAT MISOOK WAS A GUEST AT BARTON'S FREQUENTLY WHICH IN THEIR VIEW EXPLAINS WHY MISOOK'S TOUCH DNA WAS DISCOVERED IN 6 OUT OF 8 LOCATIONS OF THE FITTED BEDSHEET?

THE FOLLOWING THE FIRST AND ONLY INSTANCE IN WHICH MISOOK AND BART SLEPT TOGETHER AT HIS APT:

- 71) That on Wednesday, June 9, Misook spent the night at my apartment, that I awoke to find her snooping through the contents of my computer, and that I hastily kicked her out of my apartment.

When was the next time Barton and Misook slept together then and where?

The Discovery and Court Record are clear here. At Misook's apartment on Saturday, June 13th, two nights before Christina's murder.

From Barton's 2005 Post Conviction Appeal:

75) That on Saturday, June 13, I spent the night at Misook's apartment;

When was the next time Barton and Misook slept together then and where?

ANSWER: SATURDAY, JUNE 13th, two nights before Christina is murdered

June 17th interview of Misook by Detective Wikoff

MISOOK NOWLIN: ---and, ah, what happen is, I see him Saturday---last Saturday he come to my place, spend it with me, he left Sunday. And, ah, every things going on, seems like to me is, he tries to, you know, start to see me, I mean he tries to see me, but finish the relationship.*

June 17th interview of Barton by Detective Shepherd

SHEPHERD WROTE IN HIS POLICE NARRATIVE: I asked him what his recent relationship was with ~~Misook~~ as we had statements from him that he had been with her night prior to the death and the Saturday before. He said that he had been with her on the previous Saturday, they had gone out to eat. I asked him if he had sex with her on Saturday and he said that he had.













A Barton McNeil supporter once asked:
Did Misook and Barton have sex that
Wednesday night? Thereby increasing
the propensity for more DNA to be shed?

A: No, as the forensic lab testing conducted
by the Illinois State Police Department
crime lab would have found out this
information as part of their testing procedures

Implication: Misook and Barton simply
retired for the night on this bed

Who slept where 7-day timeline

BART'S APARTMENT

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
	 	 Left no hair in bed	 Left no hair in bed	at Misook's Apt	 Left no hair in bed	 Bedding dropped off and picked up same day	Chris killed through the night
	Despite Bart Balding Age 39 Left no hair in bed			 		Blow-up Break-up Fight at Avanti's	 Missok Hair Strand and Touch DNA found

No hair of Bart's found in bed. Why? Sheets were freshly laundered

Barton Arrested

17th

June 10th

11th

12th

13th

14th

15th

16th
Bart demands police return

EVIDENCE SHOWING

VICTIM'S BEDDING WAS CLEAN

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF McLEAN

THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE FROM BARTON MCNEIL 2005 APPEAL

AFFIDAVIT

I, Barton McNeil, being first duly sworn under oath state that the following matters are both true and correct made upon my personal knowledge of events of which I was a direct participant, and if called as a witness I am competent to testify thereto.

146) That the bedsheets were newly laundered, that I had picked up the laundered bedsheets from Econ-O-Wash laundry service earlier that very day, that I wrote a check for payment, and that the bedsheets lacked any such stains when I had put them on the bed earlier that day. (PC ex. R)

THIS PASSAGE WRITTEN BEFORE MISOOK KILLED AGAIN AND TOUCH DNA TESTING WAS INVENTED. BART HAD NO CLUE THE EXTRAORDINARY FOCUS TO BE PLACED UPON CHRISTINA'S BEDDING

EVIDENCE SHOWING

VICTIM'S BEDDING WAS CLEAN

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE FORENSIC LAB ANALYSIS



Examined 3 months after arrest

Date Examined: 01/17/98

Description of Package: **FITTED SHEET**

Bart was balding!

Exhibit/Item: 1A-1 Beds
multicolored

(2) No hairs observed

(1) Sheet fairly clean - smells clean elastic

An inconvenient fact not addressed by the State's Attorney or the Court

TOUCH DNA DOES NOT SURVIVE THE LAUNDERING PROCESS

EVIDENCE SHOWING

VICTIM'S BEDDING WAS CLEAN

Description of Package: **FITTED SHEET**

Bart Exhibit/Item:
was balding!



(2) NO hairs
observed



Dermatology studies indicate that a person like Barton sheds approximately 100 hairs per day

Alopecia is the medical term for cause of premature balding



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"Evidence placing Misook Nowlin's DNA in Petitioners bed is no more surprising than the fact that Petitioners and Christina's DNA was present and is not evidence of such a conclusive nature that it would probably change the result upon retrial." - Judge William Yoder

The following new evidence, obtained in 2013 after Misook's conviction, was given in a statement by her neighbor who lived next door:

The neighbor observed the following around 3 a.m. the night Christina was murdered:

22. I WAS GETTING READY TO GO TO BED WHEN I HEARD A NOISE IN THE HALLWAY.

23. I HAD A CONCERN THAT SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BREAKING IN, SO I PEERED THROUGH MY PEEPHOLE.

24. AT THAT POINT, I CLEARLY SAW MISOOK GOING INTO HER APARTMENT. I ALSO SAW THE FRONT DOOR PROPPED OPEN, AND I COULD SEE THE DOOR TO THE CLOSET, UNDER A SET OF STAIRS, ALSO OPEN.

CONTINUING:

27. MISOOK AT THIS TIME WAS FULLY DRESSED.
28. THE BEHAVIOR WAS UNUSUAL BECAUSE IT WAS THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND THERE WAS ENOUGH NOISE TO DRAW MY ATTENTION.
29. I WENT TO BED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

The significance? Misook told detectives that she was asleep at this hour. Yet a neighbor states she was awake, and fully clothed in the middle of the night.

CONTINUING WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS WITNESS' STATEMENT:

30. I SAW MISOOK LATER THAT AFTERNOON (June 16th) (THE 16TH) OUTSIDE OF OUR APARTMENT BUILDING. SHE TOLD ME BARTON MCNEIL'S DAUGHTER, CHRISTINA, HAD BEEN KILLED OR HAD DIED.
31. I ASKED MISOOK HOW IT HAPPENED, AND THIS MAY HAVE BEEN WHEN MISOOK SAID CHRISTINA HAD BEEN KILLED.
32. MISOOK TOLD ME AT THAT POINT THE POLICE WERE EITHER QUESTIONING BART OR THE POLICE THOUGHT HE HAD DONE IT.
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“An autopsy was scheduled the next morning (06/17/98) at 9 AM.”
Officer ID# / Name: 3294 Arnold, Marvin Report Date: 06/16/97



JUDGE YODER ON OCTOBER 22nd, 2022 RULED THAT HAD POLICE KNOWN AT THE TIME MISOOK WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO TELL A WITNESS THAT CHRISTINA HAD BEEN MURDERED BEFORE AN AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED, AND BART A SUSPECT BEFORE HE HAS CALLED 911 DEMANDING POLICE RETURN AND BRING A WHOLE FORENSIC TEAM WITH THEM, THAT THIS NEW EVIDENCE TOO IS "NOT RELEVANT", "NOT CUMULATIVE" AND WOULD NOT SWAY A SINGLE JURIST IF THEY WERE TO LEARN THIS FACT.

What about the advance timeline ahead of authorities Misook is shown to have had Judge? No comment?



**WAS MISOOK KNOWN TO BE
VIOLENT? TOWARDS BART &
CHRISTINA?**

**IS IT TRUE SHE PINCHED HER
DAUGHTER'S NOSE SHUT,
COVERED HER MOUTH WITH HER
HAND AND THREATENED TO KILL
"JUST LIKE HER SISTER" JUST 2
MONTHS AFTER CHRISTINA WAS
MURDERED WITH HER CAUSE OF
DEATH BY SMOTHERING?**

BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

INITIAL CASE REPORT

305 S. East St., PO Box 3157, Bloomington, IL 61707
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Event	Desk	Case Number	Page
		98 7296	1
Offense Description	Offense Code 1	Offense Code 2	Offense Code 3
BATTERY			
Incident Location	Place Code	County Code	City Code
1412 CROXTON APT A7, BLOOMINGTON IL		057	0540
Date Occurred	Time Occurred	Date Reported	Time Reported
from 08/29/98 AUG '98	from 2100 to	09/03/98	1538
		Beat	Report District
		4	

PERSONS			
Involvement	Name	Home Phone	
V- VICTIM	NOWLIN, MICHELLE MISOOK DAUGHTER MICHELLE	473-3852	
Address	City	State	Zip
RR 2 BOX 141, HEYWORTH IL 61745			
Business or Other Phone	NONE		
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age
F	A	08/24/89	9
Injured?	Injury Description		Injury Code
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	BRUISES TO LEGS AND PELVIS		
Employed by	NONE		
Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
4'5	50	BRO	BRO
Description (Scars, Tattoos, Clothing, Alias Name/DOB)			Relationship to Victim
Involvement	Name	Home Phone	
A- ARRESTEE	KIM, MISOOK NMI	664-5717	
Address	City	State	Zip
1412 CROXTON APT A7,	BLOOMINGTON	IL	61701
Business or Other Phone	662-1211		
Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age
F	A	10/28/65	32
Injured?	Injury Description		Injury Code
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
Employed by	BLOOMINGTON DENTAL		
Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
5'4	115	BRO	BRO
Description (Scars, Tattoos, Clothing, Alias Name/DOB)			Relationship to Victim
			MOTHER

NARRATIVE

On the above date and time a DCFS hotline report indicated that Michelle had been battered by her mother. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Misook Kim for battery. **MICHELLE BATTERED BY MOTHER**

Report Disposition	Assigned Investigator	Crime Scene Proc?	Unused
03- Cleared, Adult Arrest MISOOK ARRESTED!		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Rpt. Officer ID	Reporting Officer Name	Document Date	Field Supervisor
2494	DET. L. SHEPHERD <i>Det. L. Shepherd</i>	09/16/98	<i>KRW</i>
		Crime Scene Technician	

← **McNeil muder lead detective**

The following excerpt, court testimony given Feb 23, 1999, heard by the same Judge handling the McNeil case, Judge Michael C. Prall

Q. And Mrs. Frasier, what is your occupation?
 A. I'm the principal at Heyworth Grade School.
 Q. What did she say?
 A. At that point, she told me that she was concerned that she had, that her mother had put her hand over her mouth, and she couldn't breathe. She elaborated to say -- because I had asked her, you couldn't breathe, and she said no, and she showed me with her hand over her mouth with her, holding her nose, and had stated that her mother had told her that she needed to behave or the same thing that happened to her sister would happen to her.



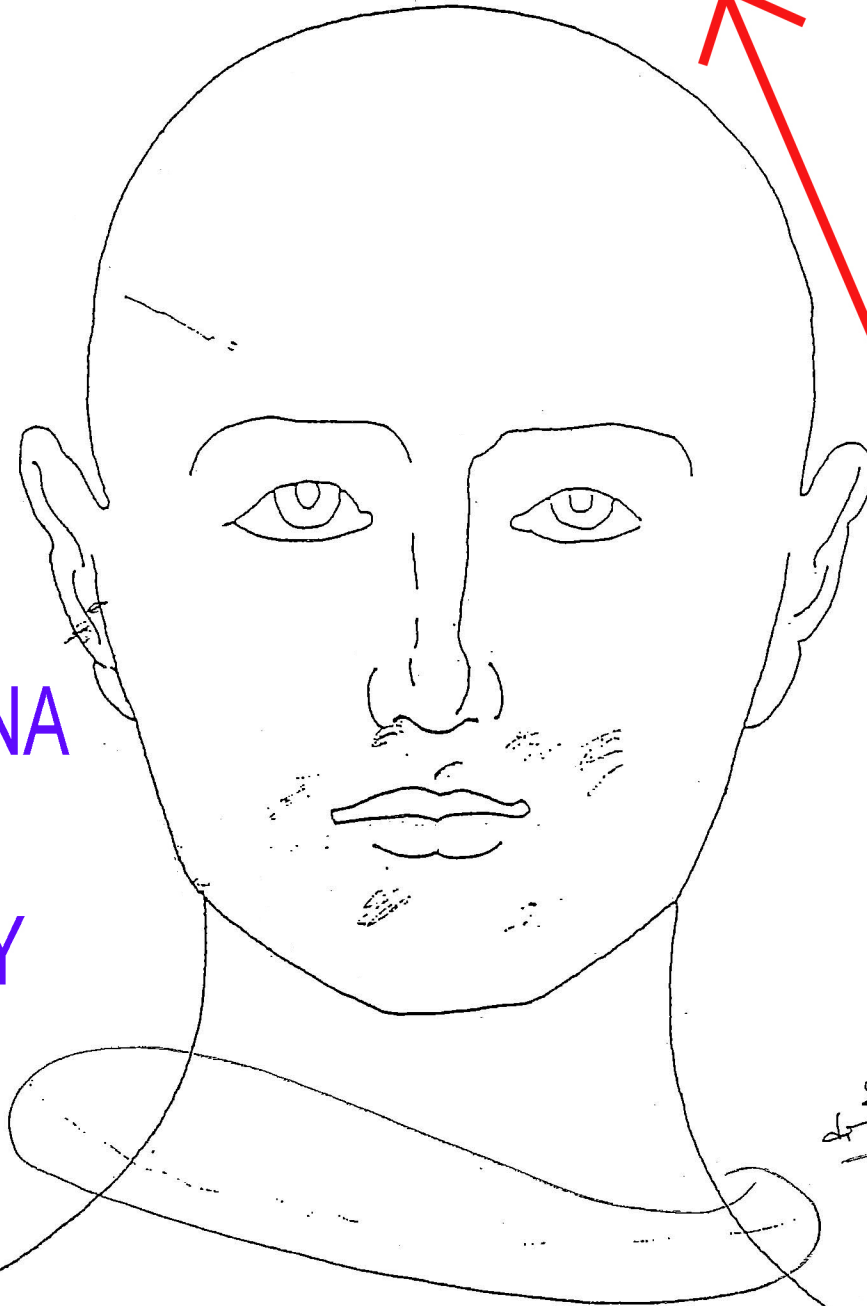
"HAND OVER [MICHELE'S] MOUTH...HOLDING HER NOSE"

B. Contusions around mouth and
on right forehead and chin

III. Findings:
- blood from nose, runs over
face as body turned

(1) Contusions
around mouth
on right
forehead
and chin

(2) Blood from
nose, runs over
face as body
turned



S. J. ...

CHRISTINA
MCNEIL
AUTOPSY
REPORT

HER INJURIES CORELLATE TO
THOSE OF MICHELLE !!

284
F. ... MD

FROM 1996 THROUGH 1998, MISOOK WAS KNOWN BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO BE VIOLENT TOWARD BARTON, CHRISTINA AND TO HER OWN 8-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER MICHELLE NOWLIN

VT-PRISM GENERAL INQUIRY
MNI INVOLVEMENTS

MCNEIL, BARTON M

"V" for victim

LN	DATE	INVOLVEMENTS			CHARGE	COURT DATA			
		REASON	REF #			DISP	DATE	FINAL CHARGE	
1	06/16/98	FATH	98004610		6439				← Bart is arrested for murder
2	08/20/97	V	97006961		0486				← Misook arrested for unlawful restraint
3	11/04/96	V	96008706		0510				← Misook "knife-wielding" incident
4	07/16/96	V/S	96005380		0486				KNIFE INCIDENT REQUIRED MISOOK AGREE TO TAKE ANGER MGMT COUNSELING
5	01/16/96	V/S	96000395		4870				
6	12/31/95	V/S	96000004		4870				

CHARGES IDENTIFIED FOR LINES 4-6 ARE MISOOK RELATED THEFT INCIDENTS

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Linda Strangled September 5, 2011



Misook's mother-in-law



MISOOK VICTIM
LINDA TYDA

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DO YOU AGREE THAT THIS EVIDENCE IS NOT RELEVANT?
DO YOU AGREE THIS WOULD NOT SWAY YOU AS A JURIST?



GUILTY

TIME TO
CONVENE
A GRAND
JURY

Misook: This is not a plan to kill somebody, you know?