

The Don “Mac” McDonald Dilemma

A compilation of stories, reports, and
investigations into the
Arrest, Trial, and Conviction of

Don “Mac” McDonald

For a crime which he did not commit!

There are misspellings and improper use of words, but some of these
are actual transcripts of recordings or printed documents.

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Introduction - Mac

My name is Donald "Mac" McDonald (dob. 10/22/1949). I have been in prison for the past 35 years for a murder I did not commit. I am sending this info and ask that you check into my web site: "freemacproject.com". A friend has that site up and running and is adding info as able. There are numerous reports by qualified and experienced people that have been involved in my case for many years. Every one of them tell the same story thru different eyes...it is **impossible** for me to have done this crime! The innocence project has denied ability to help me, because there has never been any physical evidence to disprove, and they are already overwhelmed.

I was convicted on storied theory alone.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A DEAD PERSON
OR WEAPON USED
OR CRIME SCENE

I am asking... No, I am begging for help. The legal system in Alaska is so engulfed with corruption and full of conspiracy created by those running the system. They make it impossible for anyone to find justice without vast amounts of money...which I do not have. That in itself I believe, is the basis of my conviction in the first place.

State appointed attorneys, as simple as I can state it... Work for the state!

I know, with experience and knowledge you may have, you know what I am saying. Please help me. Please look into all you can find about my case and see if you do not see the injustice for yourself... **I Beg you**. There is no way out of this tunnel without the help and expertise of those who understand the situation and decide to help.

A film maker, "Mark Evans" (415-565-9989), is right now making a film on my case and life in attempt to help me out of this maze of corruption. The Inside Edition did two short films in 1990 which proved beyond a doubt I could not have done this crime! My case film was picked "best of the year" in 1991.

This booklet of my case and reports were not free, so if you care to please donate. All donations will be used for legal purposes only. (see freemacproject.com)

Please help in any way possible... To contact me:

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To whom it may concern:

This book is obviously not a short story. I pray "SOMEONE" will read it and decide to act in finding Justice in whatever way possible. These are numerous stories in a booklet of truth and facts. As you see, this is not just a short story from me. I pray that "maybe" someone will take offense at the injustice in all this and produce some kind of answer to force justice as an outcome. This booklet is just a small amount of all the facts and realities that can be discussed about how the legal case against me was falsely presented and stated, while also improperly, unprofessionally, and wrongly defended.

Future attention will be brought forward, as there is a film maker doing a film/story of my life and this case. If you care to contact him, he is Mark Evans (415) 565-9989 located in Bremerton, Washington. He is presently interviewing me and many others in his project to make this a film documentary. My case was highlighted on "The Inside Edition" (1990-91) in 3 short groups of films which proved beyond a doubt that I could not have physically committed this crime. The Inside Edition chose my case "Best of the Year" in 1991. The State of Alaska's Legal System is corrupt, and I do not stand a chance unless people and Organizations step in to demand truth, fact... and actual JUSTICE!

I have put this book together as a cry for help, from anyone and from everyone.

I earn about \$3.00 per day cleaning the Medical Office here. So you see, paying for this book and Legal Costs completely wipe me out. If anyone would care to help with any donation it would be appreciated...OR, if anyone thinks it a better idea, have copies made of this booklet and send them to anyone and everyone you think would read it and become involved. What ever happened to "Innocent until PROVEN Guilty?"
Donations:

Please see my web site: "freemacproject.com" for more information.

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JUSTICE or JUST-US

(Meaning: "Just for US able to afford it?")

We have all kinds of Justice here in Alaska,

Son...just how much can you afford?

This booklet contains my story and numerous Investigator's Reports, Op-Eds, letters, and opinions all written by different people. Written after their own personal investigations. They ALL come to the conclusion and tell the true story of my wrongful conviction.

"JUSTICE -or- Just Us" is a story of having now spent half my life in prison for a crime I did not commit. In producing this book of information, I am asking for everyone's help in whatever manor possible. ALSO...please see:

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"Justice" -or- "Just Us"

Meaning those who can afford it

Which is the true description of our Legal System?

This is the story of Don "Mac" McDonald, who has spent almost half his life in prison, since March 1986, for a crime he did NOT commit! Of all convicted murderers ever interviewed or studied, it can be truly stated that Don "Mac" McDonald is an innocent man left to die in prison because of corrupt officials and beyond poor representation that was tainted by corruption.

Although a Jury convicted Mac of Murder in the 1st Degree, the actual evidence proves something completely different. This story leaves it to you, the reader, to decide for yourself. This story is based on facts, assumptions, and...believe it or not, "Psychic Powers", used by police to determine certain evidence was to be used in the case against Mac. The State of Alaska vs. Donald C. McDonald is one of the most controversial cases in Alaska's history, let alone the history of the entire Country. Was Justice served? You decide...

In today's Society, "Guilt" or "Innocence" does not necessarily come from the truth of the matter. Justice in a Courtroom is many times based solely on how good one's Attorney is, or in regard to that, how much money one can afford to spend on being defended. It is very important for a reader, or anyone in this Country to understand that unless you are someone like O.J. Simpson, you simply can't afford the cost of paying top notch attorney's or legal representation at today's prices. Mac McDonald had no other choice than to leave his Legal Representation and his future in the hands of the Public Defender's Office who are overworked and have no way of affording to expend the time or money needed to defend him properly. That, and the prominent fact that the State of Alaska had just recently lost the two major "Million Dollar" legal cases of "McKay" and "Peel", and Mac's case was all over the news media. People were losing jobs and being transferred because of those two legal cases, and the State was not going to allow a third verdict of "Not Guilty" in a row, whether Mac was guilty or not! The people of Alaska were already angry and screaming about wasting the money it cost to charge and take to trial those last two cases without having the proper evidence on hand to get a conviction.

Because of a lack of wealth, Mac now exists inside the walls of an Alaskan Prison for a crime that not only lacked physical and forensic evidence of any kind, but also was completely bare of one of the most important proof of any Murder Crime Investigation ... a Body! That's right... there was never any dead body, no crime scene, no Murder weapon, and no blood, hair or other physical evidence of any kind! Mac was convicted solely on a story made up and used by the Kodiak Police Department.

Is there really Police corruption and conspiracy within Police Departments and in the Legal System across America? Sure there is! You know it, I know it, and we see it in the media much too often to honestly deny. We don't like to admit it, but we know it's there. The saddest part of it is that when any Department comes under scrutiny of any kind, Society is only allowed to know a small portion of any truth. And ONLY the small portion decided by someone directly involved in the matter. The hardcore findings and truths are kept quiet due to Internal Investigations, cover-ups, or just because that "someone" decides Society is better off not knowing such things. The Kodiak Police Department (KPD) had been well known to have corrupt Officers on its police force for many years. Not really big news or unbelievable, being that Kodiak is a small Island way up in Alaska and doesn't levy any big amount of attention from any investigation Agencies, or really ... anyone. Statements from former Kodiak Police Officers confirm the corruption within that Department, though, and also confirm lies and that false evidence was used during the Homicide Investigation of Don McDonald. Because of corruption and lies, an innocent man sits in prison to watch his life go by for a crime he had nothing to do with. A crime, in fact, which was never proven to have even taken place at all! This book is written about a huge tragedy, for sure. The tragedy, though, is not just about a man who is being punished for a crime he did not do, but also that two children have had to live their lives without a Mother or Father for almost 30 years now. That means, of course, the guilty person or persons still walk somewhere in our world. The guilty people need to be found for anyone involved in this case to receive Justice of any kind, and for our world to be safe.

"Mac"

Don "Mac" McDonald was born October 22, 1949, in Seattle, Washington. Raised where he was born, he was the youngest of Bill and Marion McDonald's three children. As did his brother Dave and his sister Kath, Mac attended Our Lady of the Lake Catholic grade school for 8 years. During those years he worked a Seattle Times paper route and mowed lawns for spending money. Mac always immersed himself in neighborhood-organized athletics. He played Basketball and ran track in grade school, while also becoming involved with the Wedgwood area Baseball and Football programs. He trained with a Japanese man who lived close by in the art of Judo and won a few contests at meets around the Seattle area. Mac played Drums in a local Rock & Roll Band that played for a lot of the University of Washington Sorority and Fraternity parties. His main love though, was Football. Playing four years of Wedgwood Bears Tackle Football got him ready for High School and by the time Mac graduated from Seattle's "Blanchet" Catholic High School in 1967, his ability as a running back and hardcore defensive hitter won him a full scholarship to a number of colleges in Washington State. Mac chose to attend Spokane Community College. He and his best friend, Bob Bourgette, were both offered a scholarship at Spokane C.C. to help build and play for the very first football team at Spokane Community College. Mac's team went undefeated his sophomore year and was ranked third in the Nation at one time that year. After his 2nd year of College and college Football, and as American Troops were being sent to fight in Vietnam, Mac enlisted in the Marine Corps. Upon completing his tour of active duty, Mac returned to the Pacific Northwest in Seattle to attend the University of Puget Sound on, yet a second full scholarship given him by a Coach at UPS who heard Mac was back in town. This was the very same Coach who had offered Mac a full scholarship out of High School. Mac finalized his time in the Marine Corps by finishing an enlistment that lasted a total of six years. After his active-duty tour was at an end, he served as a Reserve duty Marine working on helicopters, on the Whidbey Island Naval Air Base in Washington State.

Just shy of obtaining his College Degree and recently married to his childhood sweetheart, Mac left the University of Puget Sound to find employment as a Study Hall Proctor and assistant Coach for the Football and Wrestling teams at John F. Kennedy High School in Burien, just south of Seattle. A couple years later when his marriage ended in 1975, Mac went to work as the Manager of two South Seattle Restaurants. Finding it difficult to settle in or stay in one place, Mac traveled the country some and then returned to Seattle to rebuild and paint cars with his Dad. On the side, Mac took on a job helping to rebuild a seagoing Tugboat in a shipyard in Seattle. Once the boat was shipshape and sea ready, Mac agreed to work as Chief Engineer on the Tug for a job it was contracted to with the U.S. Navy, in San Diego. Shortly after Mac arrived and took up residence in San Diego and everything seemed to be going along smoothly, Mac's father suddenly died. So, after a year working the Tugboat out of San Diego, Mac found it just too difficult to remain away from home. He picked up all his belongings and headed back to open up that Wedgwood Auto Rebuild and Paint shop, where he had grown up. He did well, but still remained totally unsettled inside. In mid-September 1984, Mac traveled to Kodiak, Alaska, to seek work and possibly a new life. He soon found a job working construction on the Coast Guard Base thru his good friend, Jay Buckalew. Mac had met Jay as the part owner of the Tugboat he helped rebuild and then worked on, and they had remained good friends. Within weeks of his arrival in Kodiak, Mac was introduced to Laura Henderson (Ibach), at her best friend's father's home. Mac, Jay, and Mike Losser were watching football on TV when Deb Losser and Laura came by. On Good Friday, in late March of 1986, a divorced Laura Henderson (Ibach) disappeared without any trace. According to questionable testimony of a Kodiak private Investigator, Laura was last seen sitting in Mac's van. The investigator said she was smiling and smoking a cigarette as if all was normal and as if nothing was wrong. Mac was arrested early the next morning and charged with Laura's Kidnap and Murder, even before she was legally missing? Meanwhile, back in Seattle, Mac's Mother had suddenly died, and funeral plans had to be made. Just days before his arrest Mac had told his sister, "Don't bury Mom until I get home." His Mother's Funeral was Mac's only near future plans.

The "Alleged Evidence" (Presented by the State in 2 Trials)

McDonald's conviction arises from the alleged abduction and murder of Laura Henderson. These crimes are supposedly the result of the ending of Laura's marriage to Jack Ibach, and the ensuing dispute over custody of their two children. Laura and Jack were married seven years, living the entire time in Kodiak. They separated in 1985, and Jack filed for divorce. Laura moved into an apartment in Kodiak with the two children and began working for the Kodiak Women's Resource Crisis Center (KWRCC). Jack remained in the family home. Laura retained Matt Jamin as her Attorney, to assist her in the divorce and custody proceedings. A partial divorce decree was granted in February of 1985, but neither of them would agree on the custody issue. They discussed alternate custody, but as the dispute went forward Laura decided she wanted full custody. Trial on the issue was scheduled for July in 1986, but by March the dispute had become heated and angry. It's said that Ibach was afraid Laura would continue to litigate until she was granted full custody, no matter how long it might take. "THIS" ongoing litigation was the proposed theory behind Ibach's motive to hire a killer.

On March 28, 1986, a man telephoned Laura at her place of work, (KWRCC), and made an appointment to see her. Don" Mac" McDonald later appeared at the Center and, it's said, introduced himself to Laura. She escorted him upstairs to a conference room so they could talk. McDonald left approximately 10 to 15 minutes later. After McDonald had left, Laura told co-workers Suzanne Hinson, Janet Carter, and Cathy Wilson that she had been offered information that she could use against Ibach in their custody dispute. To everyone, it seems, Laura was ecstatic about this opportunity to improve her chance of obtaining full custody of the children. She also told her co-workers that she planned to meet a man for the information near the King Crab Cannery later that evening about 9 P.M. The man was going to give Laura a taped voice recording that would incriminate Jack Ibach and some high Officials in Kodiak for drug dealings. Laura told Cathy Wilson that she would call her after the meeting. After leaving work and because of the suggestions by her co-workers, Laura went to her Attorney's office (Matt Jamin) to tell him all about the information she planned to get from a man later that evening. Like she told her co-workers, she

allegedly told Matt Jamin that she planned to meet a man later at about 9 p.m. A man she had never met before in her life! Whoever she was to meet, the man was a total stranger to her? Jamin was skeptical and contacted Private Investigator, "Al Ruble". After the two of them talked it all over with Laura, Jamin and Ruble decided they were in fear that the meeting might be a set up. It was agreed by all three that they would accompany Laura that evening to the meeting site at the King Crab Cannery, and then would maintain surveillance from a nearby hidden location. Laura told her family and friends that "BOTH" Jamin and Ruble would be watching and protecting her that evening. Many people seemed to know all about this clandestine meeting, while absolutely no one went anywhere nearby or situated themselves close by the meeting place to see what went on, or to try to help watch over Laura? Catherine Munro, Laura's Mother, came to Laura's apartment that evening to watch the children and Laura told her she would call at 9:30 P.M. to let it be known when she would be back home. To get to the meeting, Laura had borrowed a car from her friend, Debbie Sunberg. Laura had arranged to pick Debbie up later on in the evening, after Sunberg finished her shift at work about Midnight.

Sometime before 9 P.M. that evening, Laura left her apartment and drove her friend's car to the "designated" meeting place near the King Crab Cannery, on Cannery Road. This was along the waterfront in Kodiak. Instead of riding with Laura as originally planned, Ruble had already driven his own car and parked in the area. Jamin, for whatever reason, had remained at his Office. On her way to the meeting, Laura allegedly passed by Ruble, who says he had located himself in a spot where he would be able to watch over the meeting. He was on an upper road that actually overlooked the proposed meeting place at the King Crab Cannery. Ruble claims that he saw Laura drive by on the lower road, and then lost sight of her. Because of this, Ruble got worried and got into his car to drive down to see if he could spot Laura or McDonald's van. Ruble says he ran the license plate on McDonald's van earlier and found it to be licensed to "Donald C. McDonald". That is how he knew McDonald's van, he said, and what it looked like. That is what he testified to the Court during trial, in pre-trial hearings, and what Ruble told the original Judge to get that Judge to place an arrest warrant on Mac less than 12 hours after Laura had gone missing. Driving down to the lower road, Ruble testified that he

saw Laura's car parked behind McDonald's van, on the side of the road. Both vehicles were facing south, parked on the side of the road while he was driving north. Though he was driving by the van from front to rear along the driver's side of the van, Ruble claims he could see Laura in the passenger seat and concentrated only on her. Ruble claims he knew there was another person in the van, the driver, but he could not recognize who it was and said nothing of any knowledge of anyone else in the van. Ruble says he drove out of view past the van and down the street to park his car and return on foot. He supposedly hoped to find a vantage point to keep a watch over Laura and the van. Walking back to the van from behind it, Ruble claims he decided to walk around the back of a building in hopes of finding a newer undiscovered view of the van and Laura: Ruble claims he was behind the building and out of sight for less than a minute, but when he emerged from behind the building the van had disappeared. He said he could still see the car Laura had driven, but no one else was anywhere on the street to be seen. Ruble then headed back to his car and straight to Jamin's Office, 'just down the Street?' Jamin was waiting at his office, and Ruble needed to report that Laura had disappeared. In trial, both Ruble and Jamin testified that they had gone to the KPD with Mac's license plate and van description earlier to discuss the situation... but were told it wasn't a police matter? This, even though there was mention of drugs, a taped conversation that could be used in a drug case, and Laura allegedly going to a clandestine meeting that both Jamin and Ruble thought sounded like a "set up"? The KPD's refusal to become involved, they say, is why the two of them were the only two people involved in watching over and protecting Laura. Actually, Ruble was the only one who did so. Jamin, it seems, was at his Office waiting to see what happened, and "resting up"?

After Ruble drove "straight to Jamin's Office", the two of them say they then immediately went and reported Laura's disappearance to the KPD. A nightlong search began. Ruble, Jamin, KPD, Laura's parents, and many friends, all joined in the search. By checking with the Department of Motor Vehicles, Ruble testified in trial and even told the Judge that needed evidence to issue a warrant for McDonald to be arrested, that he had determined that the white van belonged to and was registered to "Donald C. McDonald". At approximately 1 a.m., the van was spotted by Laura's stepfather, parked in the parking lot outside McDonald's place of residence. He immediately reported its

location to the KPD. Shortly after 4 a.m., Corporal John Palmer of the KPD, accompanied by both Jamin and Ruble, arrived at McDonald's residence to investigate the situation. Gladys Baldwin, the proctor/manager of the apartment answered the door and went to awaken McDonald when asked to do so by Palmer. Mac got out of bed, got dressed, and went downstairs to speak with Palmer at the front door. Palmer allegedly told Mac he was investigating a "Missing Person" and asked if Mac knew a "Laura Henderson". According to Palmer, McDonald became very nervous. Palmer said Mac's hands were shaking, he wouldn't make eye contact, and his voice quivered. Palmer said McDonald looked "quizzically" at him and denied knowing any Laura Henderson. Palmer says he countered with, "Come on, you know Laura... Laura Ibach!" Palmer says Mac looked "quizzically" at him once again said he knew Jack Ibach, and then asked if that was Jack's wife? When Palmer told Mac she was, Palmer says Mac denied having any contact with her that night, but that he knew who she was. At that point, Palmer says he confronted Mac with information that his van had been under surveillance that night. Palmer says that Mac then admitted to having met with Laura but claimed she had only spent a few minutes talking with him in his van. Palmer alleges he then revealed that Mac was seen leaving the cannery area with Laura in his van. Palmer claims Mac then acknowledged driving away with her but insisted he had merely driven her around the block before letting her out of the van. Nevertheless, Palmer says, McDonald refused to say exactly where it was that Laura had exited the van. Their confrontation at an end, Palmer said he was leaving the property by way of passing by Mac's van and noticed there seemed to be someone, or some "body" in the van under some blankets or covering. Returning to the apartment's front door to get McDonald to open the van, Jim Kerwin was found sleeping in a bed in the rear compartment of the van. Using an old warrant for Kerwin's arrest in Anchorage for an unrelated charge, Kerwin was taken into custody after Mac had locked the van and returned to his apartment. McDonald was arrested in connection with Laura Henderson's disappearance later that morning at about 9 a.m.

After her disappearance from Cannery Row in Kodiak, Alaska, Laura Henderson was never seen or heard from again. Further efforts to locate her proved futile. Although Laura was known to be punctual and reliable, she failed to call her co-

worker Cathy Wilson, as she had promised. The car that Laura had borrowed from Debbie Sunberg remained where it was parked along the road at Cannery Row, and Laura never picked Debbie up or contacted her about the car. Laura never showed up to claim her March paycheck. She never contacted any of her friends, co-workers, or her parents ever again. Worst of all, Laura never came back for, or ever returned to her daughters. The KPD's investigation of Henderson's disappearance initially implicated McDonald as her abductor. As the investigation progressed, more evidence grew to allegedly indicate that Jim Kerwin and Jack Ibach were also involved.

McDonald was arrested at 9 a.m., on March 29, 1986, early the following morning after Laura disappeared. Police found him with two knives in his possession. He also had a passport that had been issued to him just weeks before. That same day the KPD obtained and executed a search warrant for McDonald's van. The police found it had a cargo door window broken. They were able to establish that the window had been broken from the inside, and they had another "Expert" testify that it had been broken shortly before the van had been seized; the break consistent with one caused by the impact of a body part.

Inside the van, the police found two firearms, a 30-caliber rifle and a loaded 25-caliber revolver. The van's interior was dirty and wet; nevertheless, the police discovered two very small, dry feathers on the floor of the van. Forensic analysis later indicated that one of the feathers was an "Asian Duck" feather and had most likely come from the down coat Henderson was wearing the night of her disappearance.

The police found a back clip to the post of an earring in the van and a later search found the front portion of the earring. The earring was also later identified as one that Laura had worn when she left her home to meet with a man she told everyone she had never met before that day.

The police seized an instamatic camera from the van containing film that had been exposed. By developing the film, KPD obtained photos depicting McDonald and Kerwin outside of a small cabin on a cliff. The KPD eventually discovered that this cabin was located at the end of Monashka Bay Road, north of the town of Kodiak. During the months following Laura Henderson's disappearance, numerous items

belonging to Laura washed up along the coastline of Monashka Bay. These items included a wallet, 2 pink tennis shoes, a full length down coat, a belt and buckle, and jeans. Henderson's body, however, was never found.

In the course of their investigation, the KPD spoke with various witnesses who tended to link McDonald with Laura's disappearance. Colleen Jones told police that a white van matching the description of McDonald's van emerged from a parking lot by McDonald's residence at approximately 9:35 p.m. on the evening of March 28, 1986 - within minutes of the time of Laura's alleged abduction. She said the driver pulled out directly in front of her, swerving all over the road.

Dan Merrigan reported spotting a van of similar description near the end of Monashka Bay Road approximately ten or fifteen minutes later. According to Merrigan, between 9:45 and 10:00 p.m. on the evening of the abduction, he saw the van coming from the direction of Kodiak, driving down the middle of the roadway near the end of Monashka Bay Road.

Police discovered that McDonald had been planning to contact Henderson even before March 28, 1986. Ruth Evans, who was affiliated with the KWRCC where Laura worked and was also a friend of McDonald's, reported that two days before Laura disappeared McDonald told her he knew Laura and asked Evans how to arrange a visit at the center. According to Evans, McDonald wanted to confirm that anyone could go up and see anybody at the Center.

Police subsequently spoke with Gladys Baldwin, the Proctor and Manager of the halfway house where McDonald resided at the time. Baldwin told police that soon after Palmer had questioned McDonald on the night of Henderson's disappearance, McDonald handed her a .357 magnum revolver that was wrapped in a paper bag. Mac asked Gladys to "hold it" for him, claiming that it belonged to Kerwin and insisting it had nothing to do with anything. After learning of McDonald's arrest, Baldwin had tossed the gun in a dumpster, but had then thought it over and retrieved it two days later. Baldwin then subsequently gave the gun to another friend of McDonald's. The KPD eventually contacted Mac's friend, JoAnn McKee, who still had the gun and surrendered it to them.

Baldwin also provided the KPD with information about the photos from the camera that the police had seized from McDonald's van. Baldwin explained that the photos were taken during an excursion she had been on with McDonald and Kerwin some weeks ago. They had driven out to the Monashka Bay area. According to Baldwin, McDonald and Kerwin wanted to look for a cabin that Kerwin knew about. Baldwin and her young son decided to accompany them. Baldwin didn't know why McDonald or Kerwin were interested in finding the cabin. She said the photos were taken at the cabin area once they had driven out the road and found it.

Baldwin further established a link between McDonald, Kerwin and Ibach, by telling the police Kerwin had introduced Ibach to her some time before Laura's disappearance. The police learned that Peter Malley, who lived in a house next to the house where Kerwin was staying, had seen Ibach and McDonald together in McDonald's van shortly before Henderson disappeared. Malley allegedly observed Ibach visiting Kerwin several times during the month preceding Henderson's disappearance. Malley stated that he allegedly saw McDonald, Kerwin and Ibach together on at least one occasion.

A friend of Ibach's, "Marjorie Holden", informed the police of several statements by Ibach suggesting that he planned to kill Laura Henderson. Holden told police that, prior to Henderson's disappearance, Ibach said he wished Laura would just disappear. Holden reported that Ibach mentioned several ways of killing Laura. Ibach and allegedly told Holden he wouldn't be caught, because if there was no body, there was no crime.

Holden specifically recalled that on one occasion Ibach told her that he had spoken with someone that would make Henderson "just disappear". Holden said Ibach planned to pay the person out of a \$14,000.00 payment he expected to receive in the near future. According to Holden, Ibach described the man as an older man whose son lived in a mission. Ibach was sure the man wasn't concerned with getting caught since he had serious health problems and not long to live.

The KPD realized that Ibach's statements, as related by Holden, appeared to describe Kerwin. Investigation confirmed that Ibach had in fact expected to receive a

\$14,000.00 payment from his pension account in February of 1986. The KPD had also located a notebook belonging to Kerwin, in which Kerwin had written a partial number that "appeared" to be some of the numbers to Ibach's phone.

The KPD also spoke with a Lynn Hutcherson, a taxi driver and acquaintance of Ibach. Hutcherson described an occasion that occurred about a month before Henderson's disappearance, when Ibach mentioned that his custody battle was getting "sticky". He allegedly stated that Ibach said he wished Henderson would 'Just disappear'. Ibach allegedly told Hutcherson not to be surprised if Henderson just turned up missing some day. A week or two later, Ibach asked Hutcherson if he knew of a way to find a "hit man", or if Hutcherson had any friends that had ever used one. Hutcherson also told the KPD that almost immediately after Henderson disappeared, Ibach allegedly phoned him several times to ask him to keep their previous conversations confidential.

The KPD additionally learned from Nancy Frost, a travel agent in Kodiak, that shortly before Henderson's disappearance, Jack Ibach asked Frost about arranging a trip to Asia in April. Frost told police that Ibach had inquired about the April airline fare to Bangkok, Thailand, and told her that two of his friends were traveling by ship and would meet him there if he were able to go. Before leaving, Ibach asked Frost not to tell anyone he had come in.

Finally, Ibach's friend, John Kostal, provided the KPD with information directly linking Ibach to the .357 Caliber revolver McDonald had given Baldwin the night of Henderson's disappearance. Kostal reported that Ibach had given him a .357 handgun about a month before Laura disappeared. According to Kostal, less than a week before Laura disappeared, Ibach had asked Kostal to return the gun saying he was concerned it might be stolen. At Ibach's request, Kostal returned the gun. Kostal, while being spoken to by the police, told them Ibach had called him from jail asking him to please not mention the gun to anyone.

An Interview with Mac (Facts never presented in Trial)

Mac says he met Laura in late September 1984, while watching a Football game at a house that belonged to her best friend's dad, Mike Losser. Jay Buckalew and other friends were also present. Laura walked in with her best friend, Deb Losser, and they were all introduced at that time. He says he ran into and spoke with Laura around town many times over the next year and a half at stores, bars, and the bowling alley. Kodiak is a small town. When you know someone living in Kodiak, you see him or her sometimes daily and in all kinds of different places in town. He says there is absolute proof of this from people who knew one or both of them, many times seeing them together in a bar at one time or another laughing and joking with each other. Mac believes the dispute in Jack and Laura's custody claim was greatly overstated. Proof of this is in the transcripts and records. Ibach never wanted or asked for full custody and had actually won the custody ruling! The partial divorce decree had awarded them both 50-50 custody of the children, which is exactly all Jack Ibach had asked for. Jack was living in the family home, while the "Mother" was located in a low rent Apartment Complex with her children on a 50-50 custody order granted by the Court. When have you ever heard of that being a divorce decree, unless the Court has reason to find the mother unattractive as to custody of the children? Mac had been introduced to Jack Ibach one time that he remembers but did not know him personally or whom he ran around with. At that time in life Mac was a heavy drinker and alcoholic but had never even had a beer with Jack Ibach. He claims that he knew nothing about their divorce or custody dispute, except that Laura had told him Jack was her ex-husband, they were in a huge divorce dispute, and she hated him. For that reason and the fact that he did spend time with Laura here and there, Mac wanted nothing to do with Jack Ibach. Mac says he did know Laura enough to be together drinking in bars, and even had sexual relations with her. He couldn't have even recognized Jack Ibach on the street back then. Mac never got to know him or who he was until he was charged with being hired by Jack to murder his ex-wife. The first conversations Mac remembers having with Jack Ibach were in Anchorage while being transported in a van together to the Courthouse from Cook Inlet Pre-Trial Facility, and under the Courthouse in holding cells waiting to go upstairs to Court. From what he ever learned from Jack and from what he heard in

Court over the years, it is his opinion that Jack is the one who won the custody hearing and therefore had no reason to have Laura murdered.

Mac did call Laura at her workplace that afternoon and told her he'd stop by about 3 P.M. to talk with her. Mac was involved with the Hope House (Alcohol Rehab) across the street from the KWRCC and was co-chairman of a non-alcoholic All-City dance they were sponsoring at the Hope House. The dance was to take place the next day. Mac wanted to ask Laura to go with him to the dance.

After knocking on the front door at the KWRCC, Mac introduced himself to the lady that answered the door... NOT LAURA! Mac says he had known Laura personally since the first month he was in Kodiak and had no need to introduce himself to her in any way. He was asked to come in by the woman at the door. Stepping thru the front door, and then thru the front porch area and into the main greeting area, Mac could see Laura behind a counter talking on a phone, and behind a glass window atop the counter. He believed she was talking with her Attorney, "MATT" Jamin, which is where her co-workers all get mixed up with the two names "Matt" or Mac" in all their testimonies. When the call ended, Laura went back thru a door in the room she was in and came into the front area where Mac was standing, by way of a back hallway. She had been in another room completely, and the glass window covered counter was a go-between, with a sliding glass door atop the counter. Mac says they said "Hi", and Laura then led him upstairs to a private conference room. He told her of the dance and asked her to go with him. She declined to go as a date by saying she had her daughters but would see if she could show up at the party when she was able to do so. She also told him that she planned to be downtown by the B&B Bar later that evening and asked if he could get her some cocaine. Mac wasn't any kind of a dealer of drugs, but the relationship he had with Laura in Kodiak involved drinking and doing small amounts of cocaine for personal use. Over the past year he had learned whom he could get it from and the cost, etc. Shortly thereafter, Laura escorted him back downstairs and to the front door. There are many testimonies about Laura's actions and what she said after Mac met with her that afternoon. Many different people said she told them she was going to meet with a "Matt" or "Mack", and that she had spoken to a "Matt" or "Mack" earlier that day.

Remember, her Attorney's name is "Matt Jamin"! Many stated that she was, "literally jumping up and down", because she was so excited. There was NO excitement when she met with Mac at the door or took him upstairs. There also was NO excitement when she escorted Mac back downstairs to leave and when they said good-bye. There is also NO testimony of this excitement at those certain times just mentioned! Mac believes Laura was talking with Matt Jamin on the phone when he first arrived and was making arrangements to meet with Jamin at his office as they spoke. The excitement she spoke of to her co-workers, Mac says, was about information Matt Jamin had told her, or had in store for her. Laura was not, in any way, excited or jumping up and down when he spoke with her, or when she walked him back downstairs to leave. All the testimonies, it seems, are contrived to use the words, "literally jumping up and down". This seems to Mac as if the words had been directed to all the people who all said the exact same thing describing Laura. According to her co-workers, Matt Jamin, and Al Ruble, this "literally jumping up and down" statement went on for hours after she had met with Mac? There was no testimony of such, though, from her mother or family when she got home and told them about what was taking place. The strangest thing about these testimonies is that Laura allegedly told them "ALL", she was meeting a man that evening that she had never met before in her life! Not once, in anyone's testimony at her work or anyplace else, did Laura say, "The guy that was just here", or "That guy walking across the street", or "Mac McDonald, the guy I met at my Dad's house". She never pointed out, "Mac McDonald", to anyone, while having many different chances to do so. There is absolute proof that Mac had known and partied with Laura since the very first month he had arrived in Kodiak, a year and a half before she went missing. "She was not meeting with me that evening or any other time for any information about Jack Ibach", says Mac! He believes the seemingly conspired statement that Laura was "Literally jumping up and down" was told to a number of people by the *KPD*, because they had decided they needed this statement to be used against him in Court. And, they could only get it used by way of the Court Rule, "Excited Utterance". How can unexplained "Excited Utterance" go on for hours and hours, when the rule says it is about something said in the heat of the moment just after an event that caused it? When does any statement stop being "Excited Utterance"? How is it that a number of people came up

with the very same statement of "Excited Utterance" over a period of hours, and used the very exact same words? Just "WHY" did Jamin and Ruble decide the meeting Laura told them about was some kind of a "Set Up"? What kind of set up? Why did they have any reason whatsoever, to be in fear for Laura's life? She had never received a physical threat from anyone, not even her ex-husband!

The day Laura disappeared, March 28, 1986; Mac had a friend with him the entire time in question. Jim Kerwin and Mac ate breakfast together. Jim helped him with work on a couple of cars that he had set up to do that day. The two of them had driven all over the town and out the road that day in midafternoon, they ate dinner together and they watched TV together later that night, until Mac went to bed at midnight. They were together in the van that evening when Mac saw Laura, and Jim was with Mac when Laura got out of the van and headed back toward her car. This all took place along the street where they parked Mac's van, just south of the Anchor Bar. Mac had managed and bartended at the Anchor Bar in the evening time for a while, for George House. This was quite a way from the King Crab Cannery, and they had parked there while talking. Mac was deciding if he wanted to go inside the bar to say hi to any friends that might be there, when Laura suddenly opened the passenger door and said Hi. Jim was in the passenger seat at that time and moved over to sit on the engine compartment between the two seats. "If Ruble had driven by slowly, as he said he did, there is no way he could not have seen Kerwin sitting between Laura and I", says Mac. "If he could see Laura sitting in the far side passenger seat, he had to look past both Jim Kerwin and me. Laura was smoking a cigarette while sitting there in the van with us, just as Ruble said he saw her doing". Mac was totally shocked when the Police investigation tore up his van and vacuumed up the floorboards a number of times yet made excuses why they never came up with her cigarette, her fingerprints, or any other physical evidence that even proved she had been in the van. There were 50 some sets of other people's prints all over the van, but none of them turned out to belong to Laura. None of the prints were smeared or scraped, as if made during any struggle. One huge item of interest was the fact that there was no blood or physical evidence of ANY kind found or proven to be tied to Laura. During trial Mac remembers asking his Attorney to find out why they hadn't compared hairs and findings from the van with combs and such from Laura's

apartment. He was told they said they couldn't prove any of the hairs from the combs were Laura's, so they didn't bother. It sure seemed to Mac that any kind of match would be circumstantial proof of some kind, to help their case against him, and why wouldn't they do all they were able to do for proof and truth? Mac believes they didn't want any physical proof, because it would turn out to be proof in his behalf, and that they knew he had not done this crime! Testimonies indicate people "were under the impression" that Ruble -AND- Jamin were both going to watch over Laura that evening. If the two men had done so together, all they would have had to do is park at both ends of the waterfront street to ensure no escape. The closer together they might have been astride the area that the alleged meeting was to take place, the better the insurance of no escape from the meeting would have been! Why is it, as testified to in trial, that Jamin decided at the most improper moment that he needed to go take a nap and not be a second man with Ruble? Why is it that Ruble says he immediately headed back to Jamin's office, when he "lost" Laura? The upper road can be openly seen from the lower road that Ruble was allegedly standing on, and when he came out from behind that building for "less than a minute" there was absolutely no place for Mac to go without being able to be seen. On top of all this, the old worn-out van was a 1966 Dodge, with an old engine and blown out U-Joint had to be warmed up to keep from stalling out, and it was an impossibility to jump on the gas or speed off in any way. It had loud, worn-out mufflers, and there is no doubt that Ruble could have heard the van start up, even "if" behind that building for the short moment he said he was. For sure he would have seen Mac down the street or on the upper street if Mac had turned back to town when driving away from the spot he was parked. Even the starter in that van made a loud "chirping" noise, which sounded like a wounded bird of some sort. That could be heard from a block away! One of the major items never pointed out to the Jury by anyone, was the "lying" change of testimony by Al Ruble in the 1st trial. No one ever knew Jim Kerwin was with Mac the evening he saw and spoke with Laura. Not the police, not Ruble and not Jamin. UNTIL, that is, Mac tried to defend myself by telling the truth! Never charged with any crime before and being somewhat naive of how the Legal System works, Mac made the mistake of defending himself with the "truth", and the State's Attorney and Police did what they are so very good at. They turned it around to be evidence against Mac by charging

Kerwin with the same crime. Mac told the police he had an eyewitness to prove he had done nothing to Laura, nor taken her anywhere. "The KPD immediately arrested Jim and charged him with this crime. They had absolutely nothing to charge either of them with as far as evidence of any kind, but effectively changed Jim from an "Eye-Witness" to a "Lying Defendant", charged with Murder and Kidnapping", says Mac! The fact proving they never had any evidence or any right to charge Kerwin in the first place, is the fact that he was found "Not Guilty" in the same trial and before the very same Judge and Jury that Mac was found Guilty by? They held all three of the men's trials in the same Courtroom and with the same Judge and Jury, while naming it, "Separate Trials". They did this, they said, because of "Judicial Economy". The real fact is they could never have even made it look as if Mac even knew Jack Ibach, if they weren't able to sit him right next to Mac in trial. By sitting them in the same room and at the same defense table, whatever was used against any "one" of the defendants would be effectively held against the other two, simply by way of inference. It doesn't matter if the Jury says they wouldn't be prejudiced against the other two by testimony against the third defendant. The fact that they were all three tied together in the Courtroom, tied them together in the Juror's minds! Once during trial, they tried to make it seem as if they had evidence against Kerwin by suddenly taking a recess shortly after Ruble testified. Upon return, they asked to have Ruble back on the stand because of "New" evidence. Now on the stand the DA asked if Ruble had seen Kerwin in the van with Mac the evening Laura disappeared. And now his answer was, "Yes, he had". That statement, a complete out and out lie and perjury! Mac's Attorney simply allowed the testimony without any argument, and it wasn't until Mac was back in his cell going thru transcripts of former hearings that he found Ruble had been asked that "EXACT" question by one of the Jurors in the Grand Jury. Back then Ruble had testified that he only knew that there was a driver, and he had no idea of anyone else being in the van other than Laura. Remember, he said he was concentrating on her alone, and could never have recognized the driver. Mac remembers arguing with his own Attorney over having separate trials for all three men. Mac wanted to have his own separate trial, instead of the other two men sitting at his table like they had to in the trials that took place. Mac told his Attorney that he wanted a change of venue if Ibach wanted his trial in Kodiak, and visa-versa if Jack

wanted a change of venue. Mac wanted to refuse to waive his 120-day rule and demand his right to a speedy trial, if Ibach wanted to allow more time... and if Ibach wanted a speedy trial as was his right, then Mac wanted to waive his right to a speedy trial, to sever the trials. Mac wanted the exact opposite of Ibach, whatever he chose to do, so their trials would be severed from each other. There is no way the State could even show that Mac knew who Ibach was, without sitting them both next to each other at the same defendant's table, like they did in the trials that took place. Mac remembers his Attorney telling him to "Stop bothering her... she was busy". She told Mac he had none of the rights he was speaking of, because the Court had refused to sever the trials. THIS, Mac says he now realizes, is a tactical lie told to inexperienced and naive defendants like him, because in reality he could have demanded any and all of the rights he was speaking of. Mac could have forced separate trials if he and Ibach simply chose the opposite of what the other one demanded. All Mac had to do was appeal all the decisions made by the Judge in charge at that time. He could have spent months appealing, while Ibach would have had the right to a speedy trial, or vice versa! That is an example of how this one-sided fiasco called our "Legal System" has stuck it to Mac through this entire nightmare! The normal inexperienced and unseasoned person has no idea what to expect, what rights are his, or what he can demand of the Court in his own defense. He is at the mercy of his own Attorney, and those of the State at the same time. "One of the most frustrating things about the past near to 30 years in prison", Mac says, "is how it is my name held responsible on paper for all the actions my Attorney has either done or not done. Well over 90% of the time, I had absolutely no idea what my Attorney was doing or not doing, gave no approval to anything and was never even asked to. On top of that I had no contact with my Attorney most of the time. They deny you contact if you are too demanding or knowledgeable. One never sees the Attorney's name held responsible on paper for not wording an argument correctly or a motion incorrectly. Every paper I have ever seen has the name, "McDonald" did or didn't do this or that, and most of the time I had no idea this or that was even being done or not done, if you can follow what I mean."You get what you can afford in this world, and Mac simply had not been able to AFFORD Truth or Justice!

Jim Kerwin WAS WITH Mac, the entire day and in the evening when he spoke with Laura in his van. Upon actually finding this out, the KPD immediately charged Jim with this crime. Without one iota of evidence or proof and on Mac's say so alone, Kerwin was charged with "Murder"! Mac believes they did so solely because they did not want him to be able to be an Eyewitness in Mac's behalf. Mac signed in at the apartment at 10 p.m. after he and Jim drove around that evening. This would have given him less than an hour to accomplish all he would have had to do, to commit this crime. Other clients were at the apartment when Jim and Mac arrived home, along with Mac's roommate. Mac's roommate testified that he came downstairs at 10 p.m. to watch TV with them until midnight, when Mac went up to bed. Mac says he was sound asleep when awakened by Gladys to go downstairs and speak with the police. "Sound Asleep?"... When he had allegedly just finished what was supposed to have been a "Contract Murder"? At 4 a.m., just out of bed and just awakened, Mac did not recognize the last name "Henderson" when KPD Palmer asked him if I knew Laura Henderson. Mac knew Laura only by "Laura", but had heard her married name, "Ibach".

Mac states... "I only knew her by Laura, and all I ever called her was "Laura". I never had any reason to call her by her married last name, her maiden last name, or even use her last name at all. I don't remember ever hearing Laura's maiden name, "Henderson". I did NOT ask Palmer if she was Jack's wife, as he claims I did! Palmer said to me, "Laura and Jack Ibach, you know who I'm talking about", when he was verbally attacking me at the door. I was NOT shaking, afraid to make eye contact, or anything else that he claims! I was, in fact, angry and defensive because of his demeanor and threats. While yelling at me there at the door, he actually said I was looking at a Kidnapping Charge, "Unless a body turns up... then it will be Murder 1". That is exactly what he said! These statements make me believe he knew more about what was going on than I ever did! Why the hell would he say something like, "If a Body turns up", when in fact, Laura's body has never turned up? That, by itself, is a huge part of this entire scenario! What gave him thought to even mention something like that? I could not believe he was yelling such crap at me, and it made me angry that he was acting as if he had the right to yell at me for anything at all! Laura, at this time, had

apparently only been missing about 6 hours and I thought there was no reason to believe she had done anything more than shack up with some guy without telling anyone. I NEVER told Palmer I had driven Laura around any block, or anyplace else! And, in fact, adamantly and loudly told him to his face that I had only spoken with her a few minutes, and she had got out of the van at the very same place she had climbed into the van. I had driven away with Kerwin in the passenger seat. Laura was not with us! Gladys Baldwin was 10 feet from me standing next to the kitchen table when I had this yelling match with Palmer. She testified in trial to exactly what I have stated here. During all this conversation at the door, Ruble was standing next to my van about 40 or 50 feet from the door, in the parking lot. He testified to this in pre-trial hearings and to the Grand Jury. When I contested Palmer's lies and inconsistent memory of the conversation we had, AND had Gladys as a witness, Ruble changed his testimony. Suddenly he claimed that he was standing on the porch with Palmer so he could hear all that was said between us and could then testify in Palmer's behalf. This was an out and out lie and lying under oath, and we have his former statements in transcripts. It was also taped in the Grand Jury. Both Palmer and Ruble lied when they testified that Gladys could not have heard what she said she heard. They said she was at the other end of the living room, standing by the stairway that went upstairs. You see, they knew there was a stairway at the other end of the room, but in creating their lies I guess they never really checked things out. The stairway is not just at the other end of the living room. It is also through a doorway, and on the other side of an entrance foyer at the front door of the apartment. To be standing at the stairway, she would have been out of sight and on the other side of the entrance foyer, at the other end of the building from me as I spoke with Palmer. You cannot see the stairway from the rear door where Palmer and I were standing! You can only see an open doorway that connects the living room with the foyer. That doorway is across the entrance foyer from the stairway spoken of. Also during this contested conversation between Palmer and I, Matt Jamin was allegedly at another position by the apartment at a front corner, so he was able to see the front door and able to see Ruble standing next to my van. Through all the hearings and 2 trials Jamin was never asked where Ruble was standing. I believe everyone involved did this purposely so Jamin, an Attorney licensed in Alaska, didn't have to

actually lie, or perjure himself about this issue during his actual testimony in trial. I believe my Attorney was completely involved in and agreed to this action! Once my disagreement with Palmer was over and we had spoken with Kerwin in the van, I simply went back inside and headed to bed. Gladys asked me what was going on and I told her I had spoken with Laura that evening, but nothing had happened. I didn't know they had taken Kerwin to jail until the next day. About 6 a.m. I heard another commotion outside, and went downstairs to find Bruce St. Pierre, the owner of Kodiak Towing, hooking up to tow my van away. No police were present, and he told me they had found I was guilty of violating a City Ordinance by allowing Jim to sleep in my van inside the City limits. He had been ordered to tow my van to his lot. Bruce was a friend of mine at that time and still remains a good friend of mine. He testified in trial that I was completely calm during our morning conversation, and my only concern was what was happening to my van and my belongings inside. Later that morning, as it was my scheduled day to vacuum and clean the living room of the apartment, I carried down a load of clothes to wash next door in the little building that had washers and dryers in it. A KPD Officer that I recognized sat in his car in the parking lot, so I actually waved to him, and he waved back as I walked to the laundry building and back. Around 9 a.m. Gladys and I had gotten ready to go get some breakfast and I wanted to find out what I had to do to get my van out of the impound yard, so as we walked out of the apartment to head downtown I walked to the Officers car to tell him what was happening. I also wanted to ask what he could inform me, if anything, as to what was going on and if Laura had showed up. At that time, and before Laura was even legally missing, I was arrested, taken to the KPD Office, and formally charged with this crime. There was never a shred of evidence for me to be charged with any crime, and for sure no truth or evidence to have gotten a warrant for my arrest at such an early time after Laura disappeared. There never has been, and never will be! I have wondered why they didn't stop me from washing clothes that morning, if I were truly a suspect in a Murder case? I believe though, like how they never comparing anything from my van with anything from Laura's apartment, they already knew there would be no evidence. They also knew I did NOT do this crime! A couple things that should be known are that I had my van licensed in my brother's name, "David J. McDonald".

So the lies told by Jamin and Ruble about running my vans license plate with the Department of Motor Vehicles or with KPD is pure BS and mark a number of times they perjured themselves! Yes, I had a passport from the days I worked on the Tugboat. I got both a Seaman's card and a Passport before we took the boat to San Diego in case the boat ever contracted a job where they were needed. I used them both for ID because I had lost my driver's license in Washington State. I also had an illegal driver's license in my brother's name, issued in Kodiak. I have always wondered why that was never brought up in any of the proceedings? I believe it is because they realize they would have been admitting to having lied about my van. The Passport had just come up for renewal, and that is the reason I had it renewed... not "just issued", as the KPD tried to say while trying to make it look as if I were going to leave the Country after this dastardly deed! They knew full well there would never be any kind of physical evidence because this entire case is a lie and a cover up for the Officials in Kodiak. And, for the KPD Officers themselves that were involved in the huge drug scene that went on in Kodiak back in those days! The morning I was arrested, I had put on a pair of dirty work jeans with my best belt knife attached to the belt. I also had a black folding knife in my pants pocket. Neither knife was anything other than a folding knife with a blade of about 3 to 4 inches. It seems to me, looking back, that most the men in Kodiak wore a belt knife. I used the belt knife to eat with, and the other as a tool anytime needed. I put on a dirty green football jersey that I wore to work on cars and was arrested in those clothes. The evening before, when I had met with and spoke to Laura, I had on a clean pair of jeans and a nice blue cardigan shirt. These clothes were hanging on the bedpost, at the head of my bed. When booked into the jail, one of the Officers pointed out some primer paint on my pants saying that it looked like blood. I laughed at his remark and told him it was paint. I also told him, along with telling my Attorney, many of the police I spoke with and anyone else who would listen or had reason to be involved, that the clothes I was wearing when I met with Laura just before she disappeared were hanging on my bed's bedpost. What I want everyone reading this to realize is that NEVER ONCE, during the entire investigation of this case and never during the length of both trials, and all

during the amount of time it took me to get my belongings out of that apartment, did anyone go into my bedroom at that apartment to look for evidence!!!

I finally had to ask my friend, Jay Buckalew, to go and box up all my belongings from the bedroom, because I had been in Cook Inlet Pre-Trial for many months and had to get my belongings out of there before it was tossed in the garbage."

No one was looking for evidence in this case! As you read and see what all went on, you will find for yourself that the only thing any of the KPD or investigators were looking for, was any item they could say something bad about or lie about, to try to make it seem possibly involved in a crime. They knew there was going to be no physical evidence, because they knew Mac was no more than the fall guy in this! Can you believe a Murder case in which no one goes into the specific bedroom where the alleged killer was living and where he had admitted the clothing he was wearing at the alleged time of the Murder were located, when "That Man" is the one who was supposed to have killed someone just hours before? There could have had a dead body under the bed or in the walk-in closet and no one would have found it, because NO ONE EVER LOOKED! They wanted the van, because they could say things about the broken window. A window that was cracked but never leaked, so Mac never had to replace it. A window Mac himself broke when moving his tools. Yet also a window about which statements could be composed to say it had been broken when Laura was murdered in a frightful struggle for her life, in the dark rear area of Mac's van. That window was the State's picture show of Laura's violent struggle for her life! No different than a television show creation of a tragic scene to catch the viewers' attention. The thing is, there was also an overwhelming LACK of evidence that no one ever seemed to want pointed out to anyone! No forensic proofs like fingerprints, blood, hair, fingernails broken, or even the cigarette that Mac fully admits Laura was smoking in the van. Mac had all his clothes on coat hangers, hanging on a pole across the rear of the van. A KPD Officer actually made the statement of how easily the clothes fell off the rack when touched. A lack of evidence to go along with the "fight for her life' scene that they presented in trial, while they

knew full well the entire thing was a spoof! Fifty some sets of prints, yet none smeared as if made during any struggle and NONE tied to Laura? An ashtray used by Kerwin in the rear of the van on the floor next to the bed completely full of ashes, yet not overturned? Ah Yes, they found 2 feathers? One, an Asian Duck Feather, as testified to by one of the paid "Experts" for the State, found quite undisturbed on the front floorboard... yet no blood and not even stepped on. Another, a plain old filler feather, was found in the rear area where Kerwin had been sleeping. Neither feather bloodied or even ruffled, yet the KPD and their paid "Expert" claim the Asian Duck Feather "Most Likely" came from Laura's jacket? What does that mean, I wonder? You see, Mac never even tried to say Laura hadn't been in his van, and it's very true that a feather could have fallen from her coat. But what about the down jackets he owned, hanging there a few feet away? Or the down pillows found there in the rear of the van? Or how about the sleeping bags that drop feathers all the time? What about the numbers of people who had climbed in and out of the van that day alone when Mac gave them a ride, who could have testified for him but weren't ever called by his "State paid" Attorney? Two undisturbed feathers lying on the floor of any van "seem" to mean absolutely nothing at all! The State, though, wanted to say whatever horrible things or thoughts they could conjure up about anything they could use to make Mac look like a bad guy and "Killer" to the Jury. THAT was the investigation they put together, and the kind of evidence they used against Mac. A true investigation collects evidence and pieces it together to find fact. This investigation actually took pieces of the puzzle and then cut and trimmed them to fit each other, in order to create the facade of a story. The glass window that the investigation used as some a kind of evidence proving a murder took place, was actually a flat window in a side door that opened on hinges. The door handle mechanism was broken on the inside, so the side door was never opened or used. The window was double paned safety glass and only the outside pane was cracked. This, in itself, is proof that something broke it from the inside, which is exactly what happened. Though the KPD and their "paid" experts say it was cracked in Laura's struggle for her life by a body part like an elbow, it was in fact broken when Mac backed down the driveway to the Body Doctor's Auto Rebuild where he was working. He was backing to his right rear from a flat area to a driveway that was a steep incline, and the toolbox

tipped into the window. Hitting the curtain that was covering the window is most likely why there was no crushing or smashed glass on the impact spot, on the inside of the glass. It must have hit the glass pane, while at the same time hitting the metal door. The police paid "expert", of course, testified that THAT explanation was impossible, and the impact "HAD" to have come from something like a body part, etc. The fact is, Mac is the guy who broke it, and Mac knows how and when it was broken. No one can create any kind of lie or false evidence to change his mind or scare him into changing his testimony. Why, I must ask, was the glass sent off to the expert all taped up to ensure it not to get broken, then once inspected by them sent back shattered into little pieces that could not be inspected by anyone else? The police "expert" said the lack of dirt and lack of "chattering" in the cracks prove it had only been broken a few days before it had been shipped to him, when Mac knows, because Mac was the one who broke it and Mac was the one who owned and drove the van, that the window had actually been broken a good 5 or 6 months. Why did the "expert" make sure no one else would have the chance to inspect the glass against his professional opinion, by somehow shattering it all to hell? Or was that the work of the Kodiak Police Department when the glass was returned? Mac even had replacement windows that were saved from a second van Jay bought when they rebuilt this van in Seattle. They could prove those glass pieces were still intact and unused, because they were still in the hands of yet another friend at the time of trial and after the trials. None of the "truth" about that broken window ever became known in any of the hearings or trials, and none of the people Mac needed to testify were brought to do so in his behalf. Just what the State Prosecuting Attorney planned and wanted, is what his "State Paid" Attorney allowed to happen! The window was already broken when Mac actually bought the van from Jay Buckalew in the late part of 1985. When Laura disappeared and the State Attorney decided to create a case against him, both the State Attorney and the KPD made sure neither Jay nor his wife Lorna were called to testify in either Grand Jury or any of the pre-trial hearings. They did NOT want the truth to even be mentioned at any of those hearings when it came to that broken window. THAT window was the only thing they could lie about and create a story about, to make it look like there was any kind of violence in that van. Not in

reality, though... only in that puzzle facade created by people who decided to do and say whatever it took to get a conviction in this case!

A statement by Mac:

There are all kinds of questions, lies, assumptions, and inferences made about things that in truth have no validity to them at all in this story. I feel, trying to get this book written and the truth out to the public, that I need to just talk about all that happened and how it was purposely and wrongly presented in trial. I need the public to hear how my own Attorney lied to me at times and actually helped get me convicted. She, and some OPA (Office of the Public Advocacy) investigator actually told me they did not know my actual guilt in what happened to Laura, but they believed I had something to do with it. They believed I at least knew where she had been taken. My own "defense team" told me I needed to tell them what happened to Laura and where her body was, so her family could get closure... or, all they could do was "Walk me thru Trial". The Defense Attorney assigned to me by the State, said those exact words to me! Well, at least they were honest with me, because "walk me thru trial" without defending me, is exactly all she did. For this fiasco, Jack Ibach had been appointed an "Office of the Public Defender's" Attorney, while because of that I had to be appointed one from a different Office, "O.P.A." (The Office of Public Advocacy). Jim Kerwin was appointed a private Attorney who had agreed, I guess, to take on some Court Appointed legal cases. The fact that the public needs to know or realize is, even if the Court calls it "conflicting interests" when two Attorney's might be out of the same office as they said we had in this instance, a door across the hall with a different name on it means nothing at all! Every one of those Attorneys is paid by the State, works for the State, and do as they are told! They do as they are told, or they do NOT work for the State! They eat lunch together. They all know each other's personalities. You can bet they confide with each other about all that goes on in any of these proceedings, even if it is against written rule. The State of Alaska was NOT going to lose a third well known and costly criminal trial in a row, and that was that! My case was all over the news media up here in Alaska, and there had even been large amounts of reward offered in Kodiak. Those rewards caused information about the whereabouts of my van to be places I have never been in

my life, the night Laura disappeared. I was supposedly in places that I have been told my van could never have even been able to drive to!

I want to just put into words what has all happened and have had a difficult time getting my head wrapped around doing so. I am not asking people to feel sorry for me. I don't want to be looked at as if I am trying to "convince" people I am a good guy, or to try to "convince" anyone that I am not guilty. All that is in the reading, the evidence, and the truth, itself. I am not saying, "Woe is me", in the least! What I am trying to get across is that our Legal System is broken and that those of you in Society that read this book need to open your eyes and understand what is going on. Your children, believe it or not, are up to bat next. They are standing in line to be treated righteously or mistreated by the legal system sometime during their lives! I'm not saying every cop, or every politician is corrupt or on the take. Believe me, though, we live in a time that those in power are realizing they only have so many years to pad their pockets and are doing exactly that! My story isn't the real tragedy here. I have lived my life and had a hell of a run. I actually have no regrets, even though I would have liked to have the past 30 years in a different and better situation. Who knows, though, how it would have turned out for me had I gone on down the road I was on with a bottle in my hand? I doubt I had many years left in all that. Even in prison, I have survived and done my best. Both the inmates and the Administration of the Institutions I have been imprisoned in respect me. There isn't a Superintendent or Officer that I have had supervise me here at Spring Creek that could honestly tell you he thinks I am guilty, if he or she has looked into the facts behind my conviction. I have "surprisingly" had a couple of the Superintendents here say exactly that to someone in the public. By itself, that is quite a thing to happen out loud and in front of witnesses! Many Officers who know me say the same. Sure, there are those "Uniforms" that stand on their side of the line and are hard fast about me being in here, so I must be guilty. The true fact is, though, I am in here because our Legal System is actually a Job Security System operating to keep these bunks filled, for the procreation and survival of the jobs held by those who work within! No, I'm not the tragedy here, though. Neither is Jack Ibach, or even Laura (Ibach) Henderson, who I agree lost these years in a much more tragic way than I have. Her parents, for sure, suffered a huge loss by her disappearance... but most of all, and there isn't one of you reading

this that could have the audacity to disagree, the HUGE TRAGEDY that came from all this is the two little girls that lost their Mom for the rest of their lives, and then lost their Dad in one big swoop. From the point of Laura's disappearance, those two little girls have been taught and trained to "HATE" their Dad for killing their Mom. Or, as told in records, having had their Mom killed. Those two little girls, who are middle aged now, actually believe only what they have been told all these years and have never even tried to find out if it is true, or what might have really happened. You see, I am the one who knows if Jack Ibach hired me to kill their Mom, and I know that did NOT happen. I don't, in any way whatsoever, defend Jack Ibach. I have heard all kinds of inferences and stories about him being involved in the drug system in Kodiak, but I also heard those stories about Laura. Hell, I can imagine all the stories out there about me, but they are simply, "Stories". They are stories and lies to me, nothing more. I was not involved and have nothing to even base an opinion on. I do know, though, because I AM the one who was involved, the truth behind the relationship I had with Laura, and did not have with Jack Ibach. I "DO" know, without one ounce of doubt that Jack Ibach never spoke to me about, or ever tried to hire me to do anything to Laura. I would have gone to the police myself if he had and I thought he was serious. The two of us never had any conversation about ANYTHING, until I was arrested for all this. For myself, I can't believe I would do the same as the two girls have. I believe I would want to confront the son-of-a-bitch that supposedly killed my Mom and have the chance to look into his eyes. I would DEMAND the truth! They lost their Mom, and then lost their Dad all in one shot, because of other people's opinions and personal biases, and THAT is the huge tragedy! My God, can you believe what the outcome would be if in fact the real story came out and the truth was told... and it was proven that their Dad actually had nothing to do with their Mom's disappearance... after almost 30 years now? I wonder if the hate is so deeply imbedded now that they couldn't accept the truth, proven or not? I doubt the total and complete truth will ever be told now, because some of those that I have learned that were involved are dead. Somehow, though, I believe the truth is going to come to the surface that Jack never hired me to kill Laura. I have asked and tried in subtle ways over the years to somehow get some kind of communication going with at least one of those two girls, to no avail. My thought is for them to be able to sit and ask

me direct questions about anything they want about what happened and what did not happen, without any kind of agreement that they HAVE TO believe me. Truth be known, I don't really care if they believe me or not. I know, though, there are always two sides to any story, and they should at least hear both of the sides. I also believe they deserve to hear the truth from the "Horse's Ass" himself. They need to decide for themselves if they believe what I have to say, and not have the rest of their entire life carved out of the anger and hatred taught them by those who have blamed Jack Ibach since Laura disappeared. At least, listen to what I say, even if they have already decided they don't want to believe what I tell them! I have nothing to gain by telling them lies at this time in life, and just "maybe" a bit of skepticism about what they "have been told" might sink in? I know how very much my Mom and Dad meant to me when I was young, as these two girls were when they lost their parents. So I feel it important to at least put this on paper. Just maybe they will read it. Yah, I'm the "Bad Guy", but it so happens that I am the "Bad Guy" only because they have been told that for almost 35 years now. In reality they haven't had anything else to believe. I have never stopped fighting this and I am not stopping now. This story has nothing to do with my fight against the corruption that put me in here, and it so happens that I am just now touching a possibility of winning a new trial. A new trial and the State of Alaska is in trouble, and THAT is why they have worked so hard to keep me out of Court. This story isn't about any of that, though. It's just a story of facts and truth, which "might" help those two little girls. And maybe, just MAYBE, it might also put a thorn in Society's ass about the corruption in the legal system that we all know about and allow? Just when did it become the DA's job to win, to get that "Conviction", no matter what it takes or how much it costs? No matter even, if they don't know for sure if the defendant is really guilty or not, nor have any real evidence to base their case on? How in the hell does that help society in any way? When did we become a "Punishing" Society, where we are only happy when the prisons are full? My specific case is what I want you to get to know in this book. Believe me, though, a very high percent of those in prison are there for a lot less than they were found guilty of, or than they ever did. The Dept. of Corrections and the Courtroom Corruption does NOT give a damn about rehabilitation, like they tell you they do. What

they do care about is full beds and jobs all around! The inmate's ID number is nothing more than a "commodity", to be used as needed or desired.

Mac's Kodiak Story... from the "Horse's Ass", himself!

By the time I arrived in Kodiak, in 1984, I was what you would call a "Working Alcoholic". I could hold any job I decided to do and was always one of the best in whatever I put my mind to. Beyond making sure of a place to sleep, though, and many times that would be in the back seat of a car or "van", I would spend every cent I made in a bar listening to music and talking with whoever might be there. I was an easy going, fun drunk. I was never violent or loud. I realize now, after all these years without a touch of alcohol, I was alcoholic from the very first drink of beer I took back in my teenage years. You just don't know or realize it when you are at that young age. Who knows? Just maybe the big man upstairs hit me in the face with this huge brick to save my life and to give me the realization of just how badly I was wasting time? Hell, I don't know, but I have sure gotten the point! And, just to put words to it, have once again found the "Mac" I have always known and been proud of. The old saying that a person loses himself in a bottle is very true!

I arrived in Kodiak with promise from my friend Jay and his wife Loma that I could live in an extra room at their house. I'd lost my Washington driver's license in Seattle for a DUI and figured I could get one under my brother's name in Kodiak, which I did. I also figured that no matter what life had in plan for me, I didn't have to drink and drive in Kodiak because all the bars are close together, and this phony license could last me until I would be able to legally be approved to have one back home. Once I bought the van from Jay some year and a half after I first got to Kodiak, I also put the van in my brother's name, "David J. McDonald". While I was still in Seattle back in 1983, Jay asked me to find a van for him that we could rebuild, and he could take to Kodiak. I did so and we rebuilt it with a newer engine out of a wrecked car I owned. We painted it and he bought another exact old van of the same year for parts. Once completed, Jay drove the van back up to Kodiak and, as I said earlier, I followed him in 1984, in an unplanned trip before that time. The extra parts he had for the van, including window glass from all the windows of the second van, were stored with a friend

of his who owned an Auto Rebuild & Paint Shop. The friend was Wayne Sargent. He was owner of "The Body Doctors" Auto Body Rebuild and Paint Shop in Kodiak. Wayne became a friend of mine in time, and I went to work at his shop sometime in 1985. The window glass parts were wrapped in a piece of old rug with duct tape all around the package. We never took them from Wayne's shop or used them. Back when I first arrived in Kodiak Jay got me a job with DANAC Construction, where he already worked. I worked with Jay and many others, on site at the Coast Guard Base on Kodiak Island. As that job ended, I was drinking heavier and felt the need to move away from Jay's house. Like any alcoholic, I wanted free reign to drink, and I also had a lead on a job as bartender and evening manager of the Anchor Bar. George House owned the bar and became a friend of mine. He told me I could bunk in the extra room he had in his apartment while working for him. That worked out great for me. No rent, spending money from the job, and full access to the bar. By the way, I was a good bartender and had been Manager of two large Restaurant / Lounges back in Seattle from 1975 thru 1977. During this time in Kodiak, I was also working on rebuilding cars on my own. I was able to use Wayne's shop when I needed to, because I would also do work for him in exchange. I had rebuilt a car for Russ Olin, the owner of a rental car business at the Kodiak Airport. He had a six-stall garage, and I made a deal with him to cheaply rebuild and do paintwork on his rental cars for him. In return he would allow me to use the garage to work on cars for myself, on which I'd made deals with other people to repair and paint. Things were looking up. I was legal, with an "Illegal Driver's License". I had a place to live and a vehicle to drive, licensed in my brother's name. I was working under the table for cash most of the time, and other than seriously HATING myself for the fact that I had left home, left everyone, and left everything I loved behind me in Seattle... well, so it goes for an alcoholic. I had no idea just how bad off I was. I was surviving, but then, THAT is all an alcoholic does!

The first week or so in Kodiak, on a Saturday, Jay took me to Mike Losser's house. Mike and Jay had been best friends for some time. There we sat, talked, drank beer and watched a football game on TV. During the game Mike's daughter "Deb", and her best friend, "Laura" came in to say hi. I was introduced to them both at that time. Laura was "Laura "Ibach" Henderson, but I don't remember ever hearing the name,

"Henderson". I saw Laura around town many times after that, sat with her laughing and joking in bars, and over time we even had sexual relations with each other. That, in a sentence, is how well I knew Laura. Our relationship included alcohol and a bit of cocaine here and there, when I was able to buy it. She liked it, so I would get it for her. My thing was the booze, of course, but I'd do a bit of cocaine for fun. There was never anything "Serious" in our relationship, and we both liked it that way. We'd just run into each other and go do whatever we wanted to at the time. We never "dated", and I had no idea if she was ever even seeing any other guy seriously. She did tell me she was going thru what I believed to be a divorce, and that she hated the guy she had been married to, Jack Ibach. I didn't know him and didn't want to.

There came a time when I realized I had to do something about how much I was drinking, so I got myself approved to be a live-in Client at the "Hope House", which was an Alcoholic Rehabilitation Organization in Kodiak. I was incorporated into a 28 day "live-in" Program. The Hope House was located directly across the street from KWRCC, the "Kodiak Women's Resource Crisis Center". I attended AA Meetings, lived at the Hope House, and attended all the needed classes and participations assigned to me while living there to graduate. I got myself sober! It takes serious time, though, for an alcoholic to get his bearings and actually dry out his system enough to even try to function normally again. About the time I had a few weeks out of rehab and was barely getting my feet on the ground again, my Mother died. Any sense of "Give a damn" just left me! By then I had a place to live, a vehicle, jobs, and money in my pocket. I remember, everything that I had going or cared about just "didn't matter" anymore. The next thing I knew, I had been sitting in a bar for how long I have no idea. A couple of weeks, I think. In those years, bars in Kodiak never really closed. They just stopped selling alcohol for 3 or 4 hours to clean the place up. If you cared to, you could still sit at the bar and buy coffee or soda. Having a pint in your coat pocket meant you could drink 24 hours a day! I also had no idea what I was planning to do in the near future, nor gave a damn about it, either. Jim Kerwin, who I had met in the Hope house when he was also a client there at the same time I was, found me in the bar and simply sat with me. The big difference was that he drank coffee or soda, while I drank beer and liquor. Sometime later when he "somehow" talked me into sobering up, he also "somehow" got the people

that managed the Hope House to allow me to be a client for an immediate second, much more needed commitment. I don't know for sure, but just maybe Jim saved my life by sitting with me and "taking care" of me with a bit of understanding during those couple weeks that I quit caring about anything in life? Completing this second 4-week in house agreement, I was allowed to move into the Rehab Halfway house where Gladys Baldwin was Manager. Jim and Gladys had a son together, had spent many years together as alcoholics and lovers, and were friends of mine. Jim was living with a guy he knew in a house right next door to the McDonald's Hamburger place, in downtown Kodiak. I would pick him up there, or he would come to the rehab apartment to see Gladys and me. I got myself together, lined up some cars to work on, and asked Jim to help me. The word had gotten around Kodiak on just how good of an auto rebuild and painter I was, and I had a lot of people willing to wait in line to have me do the repairs on their cars rather than take their car to any shop. Jim worked with me daily on whatever I had lined up. I'd buy food and pay him a bit of cash for his work. He wasn't much help, other than a friend willing to be with me and do whatever I asked, but we worked together like that for weeks and enjoyed the time together.

The day Laura disappeared, Jim Kerwin was physically with me the entire day, afternoon, and evening. He was physically "WITH" me, from 8 a.m. until I went to bed at midnight!

On March 26, 1986, I got up early and drove my van to McDonald's to park in their parking lot and walk next door to get Jim. He had been working with me on a car out at the rental car shop owned by Russ Olin and his wife, Sally. We ate at McDonald's and then drove out to the airport to finish the paint job I had just gotten ready for paint the day before. Jim watched as I painted the car, and the two of us went to lunch with Russ and his wife at the restaurant next door. I had some other deals planned, so once the car was painted and drying we locked up the garage for the day and drove back to say see Gladys at the apartment complex. Via the phone, I called Laura at KWRCC to see if I could meet with her later about the time I had planned to be at the Hope House. She told me to come on up and just knock on the door. I also called to find out that some parts had arrived at the Body Doctors for a different car I was working on, so Jim

went with me to pick up that other car and drive it to the Body Doctor's Shop where I'd had the needed parts delivered. I needed to put the chrome parts on that I had purchased for the car, to finish the repair and repaint job I had done on it. The lady who hired me to repair her car was out of town but had left the keys in a certain place trusting me to take the car as needed and repair it while she was gone. She had already paid me the full price of \$500.00, which I still had in my pocket. I had repaired and painted the damaged rear end of the car but had to order parts thru the Shop to replace the destroyed ones. We drove to where the car was, got the keys, and drove it to the Body Doctors to install the chrome pieces on it. Once finished we drove it back to the lady's house, put the keys back where they were to be hidden, and went our way in the van. In the van Jim and I decided to take a drive, "out the road". That was a saying in Kodiak when someone simply drove south out of Kodiak past the airport and along the one road that led to what was called, "The end of the road". There was a Hotel/Motel out there, and a restaurant-bar business. We only drove about halfway out the road, taking about 45 minutes or so. We just wanted to enjoy the sun and see the wilderness and Coastline that was all around Kodiak. We also enjoyed listening to the music I had in the van. We parked the van along a high cliff overlooking the Kodiak Coastline, listened to music and talked a bit. It was nice and sunny out. It was a beautiful day! Driving back to town, we stopped at the grocery store to buy a couple of steaks for dinner. There we ran into a friend we knew from the Hope House and gave him a ride up to the Hope House. He was a Client there. He was also one of the people who had ridden in my van that day, having climbed over the passenger seat and over the center engine compartment to get into the rear of the van. After dropping him off at the Hope House, Jim and I dropped off the steaks at the rehab halfway house where I lived and headed out to a car wash just north of town. I wanted to spray wash the van and put in some gas. I specifically remember going to that same carwash some months earlier and using the high-pressure spray directly against the cracked window on the side door of the van to see if it leaked. It didn't, so I wasn't worried about having to replace it. It was safety glass with two panes of glass glued together. This, the same window that the KPD got a "Paid" expert to testify couldn't have been broken any more than a few days before it was removed from the van as part of this investigation? From there I drove to the

Hope House to attend a meeting planned with the other co-chairmen in charge of the All-City Non-Alcoholic Dance scheduled for the next day. I was one of the co-chairmen, and we had been planning this outdoor dance with music and food for some weeks. After talking over all the plans we had to get food, refreshment and music all set up, I walked across the street to see Laura. Having called her earlier, I knew she was working and that I could get to see her by just knocking on the front door. A woman I didn't know personally answered the door, and I asked to see "Laura". She said sure, and to come on in. As I entered the main entrance room, I could see Laura on the phone behind a sliding glass window that was atop a wooden counter. She raised her hand while talking to say Hi. There were a couple of other women standing in the main area talking, but no one said anything to me that I remember. When Laura got off the phone, she went thru a doorway in the room she was in and came to where I was thru another doorway. It was obvious she had come up thru a back hallway. We said Hi, and she told me to follow her up the stairway next to where I was standing, just inside the front entrance door. We went upstairs to a single conference type room to talk. I told her of the dance the next day and asked her if she would like to come with me. She told me she had her daughters to think of and didn't want it to be a date but would see if she could show up and would find me if she did. I remember jokingly telling her that I wanted her to show up "naked", and we laughed. When alone, we joked like that a bit. In reality we had good sex together, so it was fun to joke with each other when no one else could hear. Laura told me she would be downtown later that evening around 9 pm or so by the B&B Bar, which is across from the main dock area in Kodiak Harbor and at the very beginning of the road called, "Cannery Row". She asked me if I could get "any", meaning a bit of cocaine to share with her. I told her I would try and might see her later. We did NOT have any set place or time to meet each other, other than her telling me she'd be around the B&B Bar about 9 p.m. A small kiss, and I followed her back downstairs. As I left, I remember looking back and saying, "See if you can make it" to her, meaning to the dance the next day, as I was walking out thru the entrance way and out the door. I walked back across the street to the Hope House, Jim and I got back in the van, and we drove back up to my place where we cooked those steaks.

Anytime a Client living in the halfway house was leaving or returning, he or she had to sign in the book located at the front door and write what time it was. Proofs of all the times I have written about coming and going from the place are written in that book and were used in both trials. Whenever I would buy steaks or anything to cook and eat at the apartment, I would make sure to buy more than just enough for me and whomever I was with. There were a number of people living there, and if they were home at the time anyone was eating it was the right thing to do to offer others the meal you might be cooking. I had purchased 4 large Sirloin steaks to cook, a bag of fresh mushrooms, and a bag of potatoes earlier that day. I loved to shave potatoes in a buttered frying pan to cook, then fry mushrooms in the same buttered pan and broil steaks to go with. I remember Gladys and two other people being home at the time we were cooking the meal, so we cooked a pan of butter fried potatoes, another butter fried pan of mushrooms, and broiled 2 of the large steaks to be cut in pieces for five people after we cooked them. The rest of the purchased food was put in the fridge for anyone who wanted it. Like I always did, cooking and eating those steaks I used my belt knife to cut the meat and eat with. I used that belt knife to eat whenever I ate in any restaurants, too. I kept it sharp and liked using it better than any utensils I ever came across anywhere in town. I remember just about every man in Kodiak wore a belt knife of one kind or another.

After dinner we did the dishes, as was custom. Everyone in the place was in charge of cleaning up after him or herself. I wanted to take a drive out to the airport car rental to look at the paint job we had finished that day. If anything had gone wrong there was nothing I could do about it at this time anyway, but I had the desire to see how the paint had flowed out and how it was drying. Jim was going with me, of course, and we asked Gladys if she wanted to go, just for the ride. We also wanted to stop at McDonald's to get a milk shake or something like that. Does anyone "really" believe, that if I had plans to Kidnap and Murder someone in a short span of time coming up soon, I would have asked Gladys to go for a ride with us? Gladys didn't want to go all the way to the airport but wanted to go with us to McDonald's. The three of us did that. After the pie and milk shake we bought there for dessert, I told Gladys I would drop her back at the apartment instead of her walking back as she said she would. Driving

back to the halfway house apartment and dropping off Gladys, Jim and I then headed out to the airport to look thru the garage door window and inspect the paint job. I had a light left on in the stall I used to paint the car just for this reason. Happy it had flowed out nicely and finished well, we drove back to town and stopped at the bowling alley. The bowling alley was a place many AA members would go to get together and not drink alcohol. It was kind of an AA meeting place, sans any meeting and with a lot of action going on. It was a place for fun and conversation, but no alcohol. The bowling alley was one of the only places in Kodiak to hang around in that wasn't a bar and seemed a natural place to hang out if one wanted to go out and not go to a bar. People testified in trial to seeing Jim and I there the evening in question. From the bowling alley Jim and I drove around town, like we did just about every evening. We stopped at a dry dock on the waterfront to look at a double-ended boat for sale that we both liked. We had been talking about the possibility of making it a "SOBER" live aboard for the two of us, if we could ever afford it and the moorage it would need. We drove down the waterfront street where Cannery Row was located, and where the Anchor Bar was. As I drove up, we saw George House walking from the bar, and he asked me for a ride home. He climbed in; another person who climbed over the seats and engine compartment to sit in the back that day, and we drove him to his apartment downtown. George testified to this, and that nothing seemed out of line in any way during that ride. He felt I was not worried or hurried about anything. This, according to what the police and testimonies say, was allegedly just minutes before I was supposed to have kidnapped and/or murdered Laura. Dropping George off downtown, I drove around the city block where the main shopping center was located and drove back down the waterfront street where the Anchor Bar was located. I had been evening Manager of that bar for George for some time and was deciding if I wanted to walk in to say Hi to the people that George had just told me were there that evening. I parked the van headed south along the side of the road past the bar, and just past the next building south of the bar which was a Cannery owned apartment building where Cannery workers lived. There was no parking spot open along the street before I came to the spot I parked. I turned off the van and we sat there talking about the boat, where we might want to moor it if we could ever buy it, and if it was

a good idea for me to go into the Anchor Bar or not. I wasn't looking to have a drink, but I know alcoholics shouldn't put themselves in spots like I would be going inside the bar. Jim and I were just sitting there talking when suddenly Laura opened the passenger door. I don't remember any knock. I just remember the door opening and her smiling face suddenly there. Jim climbed up on the center engine compartment that was located between the two front seats, and Laura climbed into the van and into the passenger seat with Jim between us. Jim sat back just a little, but I had to lean forward to talk eye to eye with Laura. She asked if I had any luck, wondering if I had been able to buy any cocaine. In reality, I hadn't had the time to even think about it, let alone try to buy any. I told her I had none and we talked about the dance a bit. It was kind of awkward with Jim between us, but I remember Laura smoking a cigarette. I don't remember the door window next to her being open or if she shook any of the ashes out the window, and that is why I was always so puzzled that the police investigation never found the cigarette butt or DNA from her anywhere in the van? During investigations it had been proved the van hadn't been wiped down or cleaned up in any way. Laura told me she'd see me at the dance, opened her door and got out of the van. Jim made the statement that she had startled him opening the door like she did, and I remember thinking I felt the same. When Laura shut the van door, she had to slam it twice to get it shut. Anyone who knows anything about an old 1966 Dodge Van knows exactly what I am talking about. Slamming the door causes a slamming noise that could be heard a block away, and most of the time you had to slam it twice or three times before it would latch. Laura walked toward the rear of the van, back toward the Anchor Bar and her car behind us. I paid no attention to where she went, because I had seen the car she had parked behind me in the mirror while she was sitting in my van. I believed she was just headed back to the car she was driving or maybe even into the Anchor Bar. Laura had visited me there when I was late night bartending a number of times. I started the van, which makes many loud noises while being started. Kind of like a screeching bird of some sort. The engine also always had to be warmed up, or it would die if you stepped on the gas too quickly. After warming the engine and letting it idle for a short while, I "feathered" the gas pedal to slowly drive away headed south on that waterfront street. That street ends about half

a mile down the road where it comes to a Trucking Complex and where boats are unloaded at the docks. At that point, the road turns right and comes to a "T" with the upper road. You have to go left to go to head out to the airport, or right to drive back downtown. This road is located just above, but parallel to the lower road we were just on when I spoke with Laura and where Ruble claims he was. The upper road was farther up the side of the mountain but went to the very same places. I drove back downtown using the upper road on which I could not be hidden or out of sight from anywhere on the lower road, where Ruble says he was. I drove back downtown to the main stoplight, then took a side road up to the apartment complex where I lived. Upon coming to the parking lot for my apartment, Jim mentioned that we should take a drive out to the "Beachcomber's Bar". It was along the waterfront at the other end of Kodiak. Neither of us felt like going inside the apartment just yet. We drove around Kodiak like this just about every evening when it was nice out and the van could get around. There were times it was just too slick on the roads and times there was too much snow. Both Jim and I loved the water and wilderness all around and we constantly found new places to see down some road we hadn't driven on before, just by driving around like this. I drove the van thru the back driveway by the High School next door, and out onto the main road. There is testimony from, "Colleen Jones", saying she recognized my van at that place and time in response to the rewards offered, I guess. She claims I pulled out right in front of her and was swerving all over the road? Then, that I was crazily speeding. This was allegedly just a few minutes before or after Laura's disappearance. Right DURING the time Laura disappeared, I would guess? I did pull out onto that street, but I was going fairly slow and saw no car behind me. I was not swerving and if I were speeding like she said, I would have rolled the van when I turned right off the main road to a side road that she also testified she saw me turn onto. One of the things I requested in my trial Attorney that was never afforded me was a sky view map of Kodiak's roadway system, so I could explain where I had driven and point out exactly where I was during any specific time in question. The road I turned onto was a very hard right-hand turn on to a steeply inclined dirt road. Everyone that lives in Kodiak or knows of the road I am talking about also knows that if I had been going more than 10 to 15 miles per hour the van would have easily rolled down the hill. This dirt road

was a short cut to the main waterfront road where the Beachcomber's Bar was located. We stopped in the parking lot at the Beachcombers, thought it over once again and talked a few minutes, then decided to head home and watch some TV. We headed down the street to circle back on to the main road that would lead us back up to the halfway house. All this time, while Laura had just allegedly just gone missing, and while friends, family, police and a "paid" investigator were searching for her AND searching for my van, I was driving the main streets of Kodiak and had actually been seen doing so. There is no way I could have been missed by anyone that was looking for me! Especially if they had been truly concerned about Laura and looking for her or my van, as Ruble and Jamin say they were. I drove back into the parking lot exactly the opposite way I had just driven out by the school. I parked the van, locked it up, and went inside. It was 9:50 pm when Jim and I walked in the door, and I signed the book 10 pm! I did that because the important thing was the signing in and out, and not the exact times we came or went. The book was in evidence to all this, presented in Court.

There was some special movie on that evening. I can't remember the name as I write this, but I am sure I could pick it out of a list or that it could be found on records of TV Movies on that night. I believe the name was testified to by my roommate in trial and is on transcripts. There were a couple of Clients in the main TV room when Jim and I walked in. They began watching TV with us, and my roommate also came downstairs to watch the movie. He testified to this in Court. They were all with me from 10 pm until midnight, when I went up to bed. THAT is also testified to in Court! Sometime around 4 am, Gladys woke me up by walking into my bedroom and shaking my shoulder. She said there was a KPD cop downstairs standing at the front door that wanted to talk with me. When she left I got dressed and headed downstairs. I walked to the door to be confronted by an Officer "Palmer", who identified himself and told me he was looking for a missing person. He asked me if I knew Laura Henderson. At 4 am, just out of dead sleep, I did not recognize the name, "Henderson". I told him I didn't know anyone by that name. He then angrily shouted at me, "Laura and Jack Ibach... you know who I am talking about!" I then told him, "Yes, I know her." He

claimed that my van had been under surveillance earlier that evening and that I had been seen with Laura. I told him what had happened, that I had spoken with her less than 10 minutes, and she had gotten out of the van right where she had climbed in. He claimed I had been seen leaving the area with Laura in my van and I said, "BULLSHIT!" By this time he was angry, and I was, too. This entire time I could see Ruble (though I didn't know who he was) standing next to my van about 40 to 50 feet away in the parking lot next to my van. Gladys had been standing next to the kitchen table about 5 to 10 feet from me the entire time and heard the entire conversation. She testified to all this in trial, too. Palmer actually said that I was "looking at a kidnapping charge, unless a body turned up... and then it would be Murder." I couldn't believe what I was hearing! From what I had heard and learned at that point, Laura hadn't been missing but about 6 or 7 hours and he was screaming about "Murder"? The thought that went thru my mind was that she was probably out partying with some guy, but I had no idea where she was. I have always wondered what might be behind those statements by Palmer, though. Just what all did he know, surging so strongly about "a body turning "up" and "murder", at that early point in time? And the fact that this case is entirely circled around the fact that a Body never turned up!" What the hell had caused them to think her life was even in danger? She had never received any threats on her life that I knew of. Anyway, at that point Palmer said something like "If she doesn't show up, I'll be back", and left the front porch. (A small note here about testimony given by Palmer in trial. He was asked to draw a picture on where my van was located in reference to the apartment building, and he drew the parking spaces headed in the wrong direction. This drawing should still be in evidence.) I closed the door and Gladys immediately wanted to know what was going on. I told her I had seen Laura earlier, but nothing had happened. Just about to head back upstairs, another knock came on the front door. It was again Palmer, who demanded I let him see who or what was in my van. He said it looked like a body was in the rear of the van under some blankets. I shook my head and headed down the sidewalk to the van, to open the right front passenger door. On the way I told Palmer a friend of mine was sleeping in the rear bed we had made up for nights when he could just jump in there instead of having to go all the way downtown where he lived. I opened the right front door, climbed in to kneel on the engine compartment and called until Jim woke up. I

got back out of the van, and we waited until Jim got dressed and climbed up over the engine compartment to sit in the passenger front seat. Jim lit a cigarette and Palmer asked him about us seeing Laura earlier. Jim gave him the exact statements I did, and Palmer had nothing to say. I left and went back to the apartment, leaving Jim to talk with Palmer. All I knew is that I was tired and needed some sleep for the full day I had planned to come up. I didn't learn until the next day that Palmer had called Jim's name in and found some kind of warrant for his arrest out of Anchorage, and that they arrested him that evening and took him to jail. The warrant, it turned out, was an expired one that Jim had already taken care of via phone some time earlier. He hadn't been able to show up for a Court hearing in Anchorage because he was in Kodiak and didn't have the money to fly to Anchorage. He was allegedly on probation now in Kodiak over the whole thing. Whether the KPD knew that and that they were making a mistake, and whether they wrongly arrested Jim on purpose just to get him behind bars, I don't know. Going back to bed, I got to thinking about a gun I had under my mattress that belonged to Jim. I gave it to Gladys and told her it was Jim's and not involved with anything. I just didn't want it in my room with the cops running around crazy. I then went back to bed and immediately fell asleep. About 6 a.m. I heard noise out my window and looked to see a truck by my van. I quickly got dressed and headed down to see what was going on. It turned out to be a good friend of mine, Bruce St. Pierre. Bruce owned "Kodiak Towing". He told me he had been ordered to tow my van because I had broken some City Ordinance by allowing Jim to sleep in my van inside the City limits. I asked him to please look after the van and knew he would. I also told him that I'd be by his place as soon as I could, to see what I needed to do to get the van out of the tow yard. He knew I had almost all my belongings in the van and told me not to worry. He testified in Court that I never seemed worried about anything other than my van and belongings. I wasn't worried about any search of my van, or anything like that. This time I went back upstairs to just lay on the bed still clothed. I didn't feel there was enough time to get a good sleep going and just nodded off until about 7:30 or so.

In the halfway house we had a written schedule of household duties assigned to everyone weekly. It was my day to vacuum and clean the main TV living room. I decided to wash clothes and clean the room at the same time. I got all my dirty clothes together

from the closet and headed out the front door to go next door to a little building where our laundry room was located. On the way I noticed a KPD Police Officer sitting in his car in the parking lot where my van had been. I realized that I recognized him as the one who had stopped into the Anchor Bar when I was evening manager. I had asked him to please stop in a couple times a night to make an appearance that would affect those who were in the bar drinking. The bar was known for some fights and guys drinking too much, etc. I believe he had appreciated the fact that I asked him to do so, and recognized I knew a bit about handling a bar and appreciating what the appearance of Police Officers can do to help. I waved to the Officer as I was walking to the laundry room, and he waved back. I actually made a couple trips back and forth during a time of about an hour or so to check the items and get them in the dryer, etc. Thinking back on all that, I have often wondered why he would allow me to wash my clothing, if I were a suspect in a murder just hours before? I wonder if the Officer even knew why he was watching me. Maybe he was just watching my place? I got my clothes done and folded, then put them back in my bedroom. At the same time I had completed cleaning the living room in the apartment for the day. Gladys had come down and we decided to walk down to McDonald's for a small breakfast. I wanted to stop at the police car on the way to ask the Officer if he knew what was going on, if Laura had finally shown up, and if he knew the easiest way to go get my van out of the tow yard. On the way out the door I could see him talking on his radio, and when we got to the car he got out of the car and told me I was under arrest. Being someone I knew; he wasn't angry or treating me badly. He cuffed my hands in front of me and had me get into the backseat of the car. I told Gladys we'd get this all taken care of, and that was the last I ever saw her until she testified in trial over a year later.

The evening before, when I had seen Laura, I was wearing a nice clean set of clothing. I had on a new set of blue jeans and a blue/black checkered Pendleton shirt. Going to bed, and because I had only worn them one time so far, I hung them on the bedpost at the head of my bed. I hadn't washed them the next morning both because they really didn't need to be washed ... and because I forgot they were hanging there. My intentions were to go get my van and I had a number of things I had to do before going to the dance. I intended to work at the dance helping cook or whatever, and because

I had so many things planned to do before the dance even started I put on a tan set of work pants with belt and belt knife, and a green football jersey. This is what I usually wore daily to work in, but today they had just been cleaned. The pants had stains of paint and primer from jobs I had done while wearing them. Once I was escorted into the Police Station and told to remove my clothing, etc., one of the Officers actually said he thought there was blood on my pants, pointing at a paint stain. I laughed and told him he was looking at primer. I hadn't yet taken this thing seriously and was having a bit of fun thinking what asses everyone is going to feel like once Laura turns up. After a couple days, my mindset got a lot more serious.

If one was to enter into the KPD Police Station jail cell area and draw the position of the inmate cell areas on paper, I entered at the bottom right corner of a square main (large) room. To the left at the bottom left corner of the room was a hallway with 3 cells that I was told was for women. Directly across, kiddy-corner at the top left corner of the room, was a group cell made to hold a large number of inmates at one time and, at the top right corner of the room was a hallway with three cells. I was put in the last cell down that hallway. There was a bed and a toilet/sink, and no one else in either of the other two cells in that hallway. Three walls were solid, and the front wall was made of iron bars with a swinging door, just like one sees on TV. I was asked to do dishes after meals and did so gratefully, happy to get out of the cell for a while here and there. I could tell some of the Officers would talk with me asking questions and conversing about things that they hoped would help their investigation. I never withheld any conversation, because I hadn't been involved in Laura's disappearance and I wanted everyone to know it. It became obvious even to me, after weeks went by, that Laura was indeed missing, and I began to feel a small pit in my stomach wondering what the hell happened. I could use the phone that was taped of course and could get visitors in a small room that had a window into another small room. A telephone connected between the rooms was used for conversation. That was taped too, I am sure. I remember once, and have no idea why except to try to listen to our possible conversations, I was taken to the women's cells hallway and put into a cell next to the one Jim Kerwin was in. I hadn't realized he was even there until that time. Jim, having had some experience with police and the legal system, said Hi and we

talked a bit about a couple things He told me we shouldn't even talk because it was a sure thing we were being listened to. He said they would listen to what we might say and then twist it all around and tum it into something we never even said. All that sounded a bit much to me, but I have found out thru this experience of almost 35 years that Jim was EXACTLY right!

I was appointed an Attorney. Via the phone, she told me she was with the "Office of the Public Advocacy", because there was some conflict of interest with the "Public Defender's Agency". At the time I had no idea what she was talking about, and after all these years realize that "NO ONE" has any idea how the legal system works, or what rights you have or don't have, etc. Every person that has never been arrested and gone thru the system is at the mercy of both the legal system and one's own Attorney, paid or appointed. They are never the ones held responsible for anything that is incorrectly done or not done... it is the defendant that is alwaysheld responsible. I remember talking with her on the phone, and the only advice she would give me was not to even speak with anyone. Good solid advice, but in the long run didn't matter in the least. Lies were told and false evidence was used throughout my case for the sole purpose of convicting me of a murder I did NOT do! There were a few instances of twisted conversation, too. They might use the words you said, but the words are changed and twisted to say and mean things that you didn't mean or weren't even said by you. They are pretty good at it, too. Good at lying that is. Over time those who work in the legal system have perfected the use of lies and presentation of "evidence" that in truth is nothing more than things they have concocted ways of telling stories about.

There were a number of pre-trial hearings we had to go to, and you wouldn't believe the Circus that was put on. I remember being cuffed and chained waist and ankle and put in a car with two KPD Officers riding in the back seat with me, while two sat in the front seat. Kerwin was placed in his own car, the very same way, and Ibach in a third car just the same. There was a squad car heading up the parade that I couldn't see and so didn't know how many it had in it, and a car at the rear of the convoy, too. With flashing lights going, we paraded all the way downtown to the

Courthouse, a total of about 2 blocks! As we arrived, which was about one minute after leaving the Police Station, I could actually see a figure on top of two buildings with rifles. I told the Officer sitting next to me, "You have to be shitting me... what kind of a Dog and Pony show is this?" I could see he didn't appreciate the statement by the look on his face, so I shut up. In one of those hearings, my own Attorney told me a direct lie and helped the State get their way against me. We had been fighting for and demanding separate trials. The State wanted us all together and in the same Courtroom. That was the only way they could make it look as if I even knew Ibach! They would sit us all at the same defendant's table and present evidence toward one of us at a time. In that way, the jury would reference all the evidence against all three of us, no matter that the Judge would give them instructions not to. The State presented a case of murder that did not happen, without one single bit of physical evidence of any kind. They tied us all together by refusing us separate trials and sat us at the same table during trials. I argued with my own Attorney that if Ibach wanted his trial in Kodiak, then I wanted what is called a "change of venue" and to have my trial elsewhere. If he demanded his right to a speedy trial, then I wanted to waive that right for better investigation, and vice versa on any decision he made. I was demanding a separate trial! At the end of her rope, because I was arguing and she was getting angry, she finally told me I didn't have any of those choices because the State was refusing to sever us (no separate trials). THAT deleted my entire argument! I had been told I no longer have the normal rights of any defendant, because the State wanted us all three in the same Courtroom for trial. I was frustrated and angry but shut my mouth because I thought she was telling me how it was... the truth. My Attorney simply told me I didn't have those rights, and I believed her. I have found out over the years that she lied to me. I had the right to appeal every instance that the Court ruled on, and in that way could have prolonged when my trial would take place. At the same time Ibach could have demanded his right to a speedy trial. THAT would have severed us! My Attorney of course, and the State Attorney for sure, didn't want me to know that. I have also found out thru the years that my defense Attorney did as she was told in all this. The State wanted us all in one Courtroom because that is the only way they could present any kind of case, and my Attorney allowed it. She also waived my right to a

speedy trial without my permission and against my wishes. I wasn't even told, but Ibach had waived his right and then my Attorney waived mine without even asking me. She didn't ask me if I would agree to waive those rights and later told me she did so because she couldn't take me to trial without knowing what all the State had as evidence. She said she HAD to have more time to prepare. Not waiving that right would have severed our cases and the State would have had to try us in separate Courtrooms! When first arrested and put in Kodiak jail, I was assigned an Attorney from the Office of Public Advocacy, as I stated earlier in this story. One of the very first things I asked of that first Attorney assigned to me was if she would be the one I have throughout pretrial hearings and trials. She told me, "YES". She promised me she would be my Attorney thru whatever happened until after any trial, or whatever happened. She is the same one who later told me she believed I was involved in some way, and that if I didn't tell her what happened to Laura she would "only walk me thru trial"! What happened in reality is that she was my Attorney until a week before the first trial. We had one last hearing, I believe called the "Omnibus" hearing, in which items were ruled on as to whether they would be allowed in trial or not. It was at this time, one week before a trial for my life, that I was told she was going on vacation and another woman Attorney would be representing me in trial. From what all I have found out, I believe this was because the first Attorney was truly inexperienced and incapable of standing as my Attorney in trial. In truth, during appeals I have now found out she had NEVER taken any homicide criminal case to trial before. My case was her first. This argument actually came up during appeals and her defense argument was that she "had been involved in being the office backup in many such cases." The very ludicrous thing about this is that the next day after I was found guilty of Kidnap in the first trial, the second Attorney was removed as my Attorney, and I was given back to the first Attorney? This, I believe, absolute proof of the fact that they had changed the two because of my first Attorney's inability and inexperience to be able to represent me in trial. More absolute proof is that if you compare the transcripts of the two trials, you will see "EXACT" questions of the witnesses used by her as were asked the Attorney who represented me in the first trial. She was told what to do and say and given a road map in transcripts of what to use or not use. At one time in the trial, she actually asked a question of a man, who started

answering her question differently than what she wanted to hear. She said, "I object." The Judge laughed and told her she couldn't object to her own question! At this point she actually said, "Out Loud"... "help me Sue". She was looking at the State DA, whose name was "SUE"! I could not believe what I had just heard. As I stated earlier in this story, State appointed Attorneys and Attorneys who work for the State and get paid by the State, DO WHAT THEY ARE TOLD, or they do not work for the State any longer. The two Attorneys' that were assigned to me did not defend me properly and did nothing but put on a show for the public to be able to think I got my day in Court.

There came the time when I was transferred to Anchorage, after some pre-trial hearings in Kodiak. I was sent to Cook Inlet Pre-Trial. I had to go back to Kodiak once for another hearing but made it to the place I would live for the next five years... "CIPT". The first trip was another "Dog & Pony" show that you wouldn't believe! I was to be transferred alone, so without warning one morning I was taken to a room and cuffed. Then the cuffs were locked to a waist chain and ankle chains were put on my legs. I had no idea what was going on and was shuffled out the door to be put into a police car. I had Officers on both sides of me in the rear seat like the prior "Circus", while a driver and passenger Officer were up front. A car with the same number of Officers was in front of us, and the same behind us. This time, though, there were no sirens or lights. We just quickly headed to the airport. We drove into the airport parking lot, and I was told I was being transferred to Anchorage. We sat in one spot for about 10 minutes until the radio spouted some numbers and all three cars immediately sped out of the parking lot and onto a side road that led down the side of the airport runway. We drove on that road around a hill and came to a spot where a Federal Transport Plane was parked, already running. I had been to the airport many times and never knew that hidden area existed. The police hurried me out of the car and because I couldn't walk with all the chains on, 5 or 6 Officers actually grabbed me up and carried me to the plane. It was as if I were being kidnapped. I think they were using me for some kind of training. Maybe they really believed I was some bad guy who might try to escape, or that I had cohort friends who might try to help me escape? I don't know. They did, though, use the entire matter as a reason that 12 guys got a free airplane ride to Anchorage, and I think maybe a paid trip was behind all the pretending that they were on a secret mission. The plane rumbled

out onto the runway and off we went. I, all by myself sitting in an airplane chair and chained so I couldn't move, with 12 cops fully armed!

Once all Kodiak hearings were finished, I was sent back to CIPT. This time I was actually escorted by one transportation Officer on a normal airline jet. We got on the airplane with everyone else and I even ran into a very good friend of mine. The one big difference between the normal people and me was that I was again chained wrist and ankle to belly chains. I didn't even feel embarrassed. I wasn't guilty of this crime, and I had no reason to be embarrassed. There was never a time before I actually went to trial that I didn't believe I would be found not guilty, because I knew that I was not guilty in my mind and heart. It took a bit of time to get settled in. In prison I had to try to do the best I could for my own situation, and at the same time do what I could to try to find out what was happening about my case and upcoming trial. I will write more later about situations one goes thru in prison, what happened to me along the way, and all I went thru. Right now I'd like to discuss the trials with all the false evidence and lies used against me. The entire time going thru all this, I have always known that the State Attorney and police involved in trying to convict me never gave a damn if I was guilty or not. They looked at whatever they found and simply decided what the best way they could present it in Court to make it look as if it hinted any possibility that I had killed Laura, or that the "circumstances" in which the item existed was somehow damning evidence to be used against me.

I had a 25-caliber revolver in my van, and an M1 Carbine rifle. Both of those were guns that belonged to my Dad. The 25-caliber pistol was always in his dresser drawer, and the M1 hung in his closet. Dad actually gave me the little pistol in 1977 to take with me when my lady friend and I drove across the Country in a 1966 Ford Van that I had fixed up. I got a leather holster made with a special strap that wrapped around the handle and snapped shut to hold the gun in the holster. I took it to a specialist to make sure it was safe to shoot. When I came to Alaska, Dad was gone, and I asked my Mom if I could have the M1. It was a favorite thing and connection between my Dad and me. She gave it to me, and it was packed in plastic, nailed inside a 2" x 4" wood case I made for it. The pistol was in the van's glove box, and the box holding the rifle was in

the rear of the van under a bunch of other belongings. The box had never even been opened, but both of these weapons were brought into the Courtroom to show what a bad guy I was. The M1 was out of the box and openly laying on the table. Anything tied to some kind of weapon like a gun or knife is what the DA's love to use against a defendant, you know! Neither that gun nor that rifle had been fired for years, yet they sat on the evidence table out of any box, plastic wrap, or container, being used as "Circumstantial" evidence against me. You will find "Circumstantial" to be an ever-meaning large word that covers any number of things. Anyone who wants to can decide something is "Circumstantial" evidence to be used against someone. All they have to do is make up a "possible" scenario that these "Circumstantial" things COULD HAVE been used for. They don't even have to prove the item "WAS" used as they describe. All they do is "Infer" the possibility. I had toolboxes full of tools in the van. I had ice picks, chains, and a plastic bucket full of screwdrivers and excess metal tools like hammers and chisels right behind the engine compartment of the van and within my reach at all times. I had rope, wire, and even plastic bags within reach in the van. Why is it that the only things brought into the Courtroom to make me look bad, was guns and knives? There was never even a dead body with any wounds to compare how a death might have occurred; yet knives and guns were used as "Circumstantial" evidence against me. How and why is that legal? Another gun brought into Court was the famous 357 Pistol! This 357 Pistol was properly disallowed in the 1st trial. The Judge ruled it had no significance and could not use as evidence against me in the 1st trial, correctly. That gun had absolutely NOTHING to do with Laura or the evening she disappeared, in any way! But, because of a lie before the 2nd trial, it was then allowed in Court as evidence in the 2nd trial. Once again, it was to show what a bad man I was for being in possession of guns. When I sobered up and Jim Kerwin first went to work with me, he brought a duffle bag to have in the van for times he might sleep there, or things he might need. He pulled out this 357 Pistol to show me and said we might be able to sell it. I thought he had stolen it, because he couldn't tell me if it was licensed or to who. For sure it wasn't licensed to him, I knew. It was in a paper bag, and I told him that was all good and well, but I didn't want that Pistol in my van. I told him I would put it under my mattress in the halfway house bedroom, and that is what I did. He told me there was a

broken part on it, and we didn't even have any bullets for it. Under the mattress is where it stayed, until the night Laura disappeared. After Officer Palmer had come to the door screaming bloody murder at me and I had finally gone back to bed, I got to wondering if I had anything I didn't want in my possession in case Palmer returned like he said he might. That gun was all I could think of, so I got it out from under the mattress and gave it to Gladys. I told her it belonged to Jim. I asked her to hold it for me, because I had no idea what was going on and Palmer had said he would possibly return. I told her it had been under the mattress and didn't have anything to do with anything at all that evening. THAT was the absolute truth! I learned later by being around Jim in prison and in hearings and trials, that Kerwin and Ibach had actually known each other. I had no idea of this back when he was working with me, but there was no reason to know that kind of thing or even care if they did know each other. The truth, I found out, is that Jim had tried to sell the gun to Ibach some time before Jim was working with me. Ibach hadn't bought it, but had then offered it to his friend, "John Kostal". Jim decided he wanted it back from Ibach, who in turn had to get it back from Kostal. This all happened without my knowledge. I ended up with the gun exactly how I just told you, from Jim and not wanting it in my van. Like I said, the DA tried to get it allowed into the courtroom as evidence in the first trial but was disallowed. Sometime between the first and second trials Ibach had called his friend John Kostal, just like he had been doing monthly all along. Kostal acted like he was scared about the 357, telling Ibach he wanted to know if the gun was involved in all this or not. He said he had been reading about it in the news coverage all over the place. Ibach told Kostal the 357 was nothing more than the DA trying to dirty up the case with guns and such. The DA got Kostal to say Ibach had called him specifically to ask him not to mention the 357 pistol. THAT statement is how they got the 357 allowed in as evidence in the second trial. They didn't use it as evidence to murder, but to what they claim "proved a connection" between Kerwin, Ibach and me. As I told you, they didn't even have true testimony or proof of any kind that I had ever even spoken with Jack Ibach. They were trying to dig up and use anything "Circumstantial" that they could. I have found out that Kostal was also in some kind of past trouble having to do with probation or whatever. Having listened to Ibach's calls to Kostal, the police put

pressure on Kostal. He was told he would testify to Jack asking him not to mention the gun, or he would be charged with a felon in possession. I had never even been tested for having gunshot residue on me when arrested. Nor was anyone else! I had no bullets for the 357 and yet to get past all that the KPD, for whatever reason you'll have to tell me, took the gun, BOUGHT bullets for it and fired it. Why in the world would they do that? There was no body or wound to compare anything to. Like the shattered glass window that could never be retested by anyone else, it was done on purpose to make it so I could never prove it hadn't been fired. Nevertheless, the 357 Pistol was used in the 2nd trial as "Circumstantial" evidence against me.

When arrested I was wearing the belt knife I always wore. It seems the police weren't very interested in the black one I had in my pocket. I guess you could tell it was a tool because it was worn and tom a bit. The one I wore on my belt was kept sharp and clean. I used it to eat whenever I had to cut meat or whatever. I have many witnesses to that fact. During the investigation of all my "nasty weapons", another of the State's "paid" experts claimed to have found blood on the knife up in the hinge area, but it was too little of an amount to be able to tell if animal or human???. This was used as more of the "Circumstantial" evidence they claim is just as damning as finding a man standing over a dead body. I don't know, but it sure seems to me that if one can tell it is blood, they must also be able to tell what kind. How the numbers of these things were allowed into trial I have no idea, but I have no recollection of my Attorney doing much to argue against any of them. By themselves none of these items that the State makes up some story about is much harm at all. It's when the Jury adds it all together that it becomes thoughts of real evidence in their minds rather than just something called "Circumstantial". THAT was the State's entire purpose for all those "Circumstantial" things! Lies were told and false evidence was used right from the start. In the Grand Jury the DA brought in a pair of boots belonging to Jim Kerwin that had a drop of "blood" on them. They had been found inside a duffle bag that he had stored in a locker. They "knew" he wasn't wearing those boots the night in question, because he had been arrested wearing the clothes he had on that night, and he had no ability to have accessed the locker the boots were later found in. These boots, as presented to the Grand Jury, had a drop of "Blood" on them, and when asked by one

of the Jurors if the blood had been tested, the DA told them there hadn't been time yet, but that this blood was "Positive Evidence" to Murder! Those boots were the only item in evidence that the DA made the Grand Jury Jurors take into deliberation with them. The blood later turned out to be deer blood from a hunting trip. The boots were properly disallowed from trial but were allowed in both of the Grand Jury's to get us charged with this crime. Over the years I have constantly argued with both Attorneys assigned to me and those that were paid for by my sister, that the original Grand Jury's used to get me indicted needed to be gone thru and tossed out because of all the lies, inconsistencies, withheld evidence, and illegal evidence used. To the man, every one of those Attorneys has told me the Grand Jury is just a facade and doesn't mean a thing as far as being able to appeal. It seems everyone knows that anything at all can be said or used as evidence in a Grand Jury, and it's just done like that. "WHAT THE HELL?" Why is anything and everything possible allowed in a Grand Jury to get a man indicted for a crime? Why in the world is it impossible, as everyone says, to get a Grand Jury tossed out if you can show lies and false evidence were used, along with the fact that the DA has withheld exculpatory evidence?

The DA did effectively withhold exculpatory evidence in both Grand Juries held! "Exculpatory" means evidence in my behalf. They purposely made sure neither Jay nor Lorna Buckalew were called to testify at either of the 2 Grand Jury's held. The State did not want the truth to be told by anyone having to do with the broken window in my van. When asked, they said Jay was out fishing and Lorna could not be found. The truth is that Jay and Lorna were both in Kodiak the entire time. Jay was not a fisherman as they said, and they actually "had" spoken with Lorna over the phone and had asked her to come to the Police Department to be interviewed alone. When she told them she wanted to speak with her Attorney about it, they never contacted her again. They said they had gone to her place of work and were told by her boss, Don Zimmerman, that she was gone off the Island on a trip somewhere. Don Zimmerman later sent me a letter saying that was a complete lie, and that the KPD had never even spoken to him about finding Lorna or anything else having to do with my criminal case. As described earlier, that broken window had wrongly been used as evidence against me to seem as if it were some kind of proof that Laura had a terrible fight for her life in the rear of my

van. I broke the window; Laura did not! The window had been broken for at least 5 or 6 months, contrary to the “paid” expert's testimony that because of the lack of dirt and “chattering” in the cracks he believed the window could not have been broken any more than a few days before it had been secured and sent to him. Why in the world would any professional “EXPERT” shatter the window to bits after testing it, before any other professional could have the chance to also test it? The entire window had one side covered with clear tape when it had been sent to him. Why in the world would he remove every bit of that protection? I couldn't believe what I was seeing when I looked into the box on the evidence table in front me in Court. Small little shattered pieces of glass were all that remained, and the window that had been sent out was safety glass. Safety Glass has two pieces of glass glued together, and that is why only one side of it cracked when hit from the other side. To break that window into shattered little pieces, the “Expert”, or whoever handled it for him would have had to remove every piece of tape on it and beat the hell out of it with a hammer or heavy object of some kind. That glass wouldn't have shattered into little pieces if you had even dropped it on the cement floor. It might have cracked again, or a corner or edge break or chip, but it would never have shattered into the little pieces that were returned in that box on the evidence table! I broke the window when I moved my toolbox to the Body Doctors Shop one afternoon. My toolbox had tipped into the window but hadn't broken any hole in it... it had just cracked the outside of it as testified to. The window did not leak, and I wasn't worried about having to replace it. IT WAS SAFETY GLASS and had an entire 2nd pane of glass glued on the inside of the entire window! That window was broken like that when I purchased the van from Jay, which was about 5 or 6 months before Laura disappeared. Once we agreed to the price I drove the van daily and had my belongings in it for months before I was a client in the Hope House the 2nd time. Jay and Loma both knew of the cracked window for all those months and the DA did NOT want their testimony in either Grand Jury! They made sure there was no explanation to the cracked window except what they wanted the Jury to hear and believe.

One of the Grand Jury jurors actually asked the DA a question because of feeling as if there wasn't enough evidence to charge me with this crime. He wanted to know if I would simply get away with everything, or could I be charged again when there was

more evidence to be presented? The DA lied to him, telling the Jurors that if they didn't indict me right then, I would get away free and never be charged. This was a direct lie to pressure the jurors into indicting me without proper evidence in the first place. When Al Ruble testified before the Grand Jury, as mentioned before, he was actually asked by one of the Jurors if he had seen anyone other than Laura, or if he in any way knew there was anyone else in the van that night other than Laura and the driver. Ruble had said "NO", then changed his testimony later during trial when they needed him to back up the lies told by Officer Palmer about the conversation heard I had on the front porch. What did my "appointed" Attorney do about that change of testimony? NOTHING!

No one had any idea where I was the night Laura had disappeared, even though there were supposedly numbers of people looking. No one came forward with any kind of information that could be possible, even though thousands of dollars were set as reward for information. The entire investigation was set south of Kodiak, because that is the direction Ruble said I had headed when I left the spot I was parked. Sightings of me all over the area south of Kodiak came in. Each sighting was more outlandish than the last. Some sightings were at places I have never been to or seen, nor could my van even travel to. UNTIL, that is, the KPD decided to develop film in a camera in my van. This camera had pictures of Jim, Gladys, their son, and I, North of Kodiak, out by Monashka Bay. The rules at the Hope House were set that you had to remain "In House" for the first two weeks doing classes and attending meetings scheduled. The first weekend I was allowed to leave (after the third week), which was in early February 1986, Jim took me to find a little cabin he knew of out the north road by Monashka bay. He told me he had known about it for a couple years and that it was actually built on the very edge of a cliff, overlooking the coast. He told me how "Cool" he thought it was and that he wondered if it was able to be somehow fixed up and even lived in. I wanted to see it, and we asked Gladys if she and their son would like to go. Once out in that area, it actually took us about an hour to find the cabin. It was about 50 to 75 yards off the road in the trees and dense bushes. It was overgrown, and Jim wasn't sure exactly where it was. We parked the van on the side of the road, walked thru the bushes to the cliff edge, and then walked along the cliff until we found it. What beautiful

scenery it had right out its front porch! I loved thinking about whoever might have built it and maybe even lived in it a while, BUT it was so overgrown and rotten that I was scared for my life to even get up on the porch which was facing the ocean. The front of the cabin was actually on stilts, so the front of it facing the ocean was hanging out over the edge of the cliff! I thought the entire place might fall off the cliff if I climbed up on the porch. I also would not go near the edge of the cliff next to or near where the cabin was, because the cliff's edge looked way too dangerous to me. About halfway from the road to the cabin was a tall outhouse, also unused for years. I liked it because whoever built it also carved a half moon in its door as a small window for light, or to look out of if needed. Jim said he had first seen this cabin some time ago, and that was the first time Gladys, or her son, or I had ever seen it. That was also the very last time I ever saw the cabin. It was NOW, you see, because of the pictures developed by the KPD, that they finally had a direction and area to tie me to in their investigation. After all these months and after all the impossible alleged sightings of my van south of Kodiak, even though there had been a picture of the left front and front end of my van in the Kodiak Mirror that everyone saw and recognized, and even though there was NO ONE on Kodiak Island who wasn't aware of the "Disappearance of Laura Henderson"... now two men came forward with new evidence to be used against me. One man, who was a friend of a couple of the KPD Officers involved in this case, claims he decided one day to go beach combing on the beach area just below where the cabin was located. He says he wasn't interested in Laura's case and that he had "just decided" to take his son to that beach to look around. Never mind that the area was completely out of easy access and you either had to scale the cliff to reach the beach or walk hundreds of yards during low tide to get there. You couldn't even just walk the beach to get there. It "HAD" to be at low tide! This man claims he came across a belt with buckle, a pair of worn, torn and faded jeans, and a leather wallet purse that belonged to Laura. The purse, it seems, was still shiny and good leather with readable ID in it. Not torn or shredded from tidal action in the least? It turns out though; that it was the purse Laura let her little girls' play with back in her apartment because she did not use it anymore. It wasn't the one she had with her the night in question, which I am told is a larger purse with a shoulder strap. The ID in this leather clutch purse was old and out of date that she didn't need

and hadn't used for some time. The strangest thing about these items being found is that the police had climbed the cliff, walked the beach, and scuba dived the area a number of times because of the photos found in my camera before these items were found by this "uninterested" man and his son. Why had nothing been found there before? Obviously, and also because of testimony and people recognizing the items, they did belong to Laura... but you can bet they came right out of Laura's apartment during the investigation, and you will learn why as I write this story.

Month's after Laura disappeared and some of this new "north" of Kodiak information was coming to light, another man decided he recognized my van out north the night Laura disappeared. Never mind that he says he saw what was the exact photo of my van all over the newspaper for days after Laura disappeared. This man says he was running his dog that night and it had somehow slipped his mind, but he now remembers seeing my van heading away from Kodiak and driving toward him coming around a left turn... the "EXACT" photo in the paper back then! He was looking at the left front corner of my van, as I was "supposedly" driving by him while he was running his dog back toward town. The photo in the newspaper was of the left front corner and driver's side of my van. His testimony? He doesn't remember the color of the van. He doesn't remember if it was a window van or not, which it was. He doesn't know that the van had a missing front grill with a huge black area where the missing grill would have been, on a white van. He doesn't remember a large wooden front bumper. He doesn't know who was in the van or how many people. What this guy remembers is that the van had two "Large Round Headlights"! THAT is his ID of my van, and it came months after the fact! Oh, and don't forget he also had a good friend that was a KPD Officer. There is no way that man wouldn't have realized he saw my van the day after Laura disappeared! The entire town had total and complete knowledge of the Kidnapping/Murder accusation in a day or so and, as I said, the rewards had everyone talking about nothing else! It wasn't until the police realized how little evidence they had found to convict me in Court, or tie me to ANYTHING, that a few friends came forward to help. I did NOT drive out that road the night Laura disappeared! To enforce my statement I need to talk about the roads that night. One of the KPD Officers made the statement about slipping and falling in the KPD parking lot, and the roads were out of

control. My 1966 Dodge van was totally unable to handle snowy and icy roads and I would never have even tried to speed that road in the icy conditions that existed. There is NO WAY for me to have driven the distance they say I did in the amount of time allowed, either. I asked my trial Attorney to have that proven by having someone try to drive the distance on a good day, but nothing ever came of my request.

More testimony came from another supposed "beachcomber" that just happened to come across a pink tennis shoe somewhere on a beach, also north of town. The great evidence about this tennis shoe was that it had a band-aid lying inside it. This, the State says, proved it to be Laura's. Laura's Mom told them that Laura had a band-aid on her foot because she had just gotten a wart removed. No DNA, and why the hell would it be lying inside the tennis shoe, when she would have worn it on her foot under her sock? "It doesn't matter. This is great evidence," the State claims! Months later the second shoe floated up to make an exact pair, on another beach a mile on the other side of the cliff off which the State claims I tossed Laura. The cliff, of course, the very same one I was afraid to get to close to by that little cabin. I did all this, they say, to have her body washed out to sea and never seen again. At this point I have to say I wouldn't have gone anywhere near that cliff in the dark of the night like it was at that time. As I sat looking at the evidence table not 10 feet in front of me, I told my Attorney that it truly did appear something was wrong. The two shoes matched exactly, for sure. In fact, neither of them was torn or shredded in any way, and they looked as new as if they had just come off the store shelf. No fading of the pink color in the least, even though one was supposed to have been washing around and crashing against the Kodiak Island rocky cliffs for months? It WAS found in a pretty rough place! I was told to stop bothering my Attorney... she was busy! A pair of jeans was found that Laura's mother didn't recognize on her first trip to the Police station. The Officer in charge of matching up this pair of jeans to evidence in a murder case came up with an answer, though. He called Laura's mother back to the Office to show her that the "INSIDE" of the pockets looked new in comparison to the jeans themselves. They had supposedly been washing along the beach for a month and were torn, shredded and discolored, as you would expect the tennis shoes would have been, too. There were cuts and slices on the jeans, but none looked as if other than normal wear and tear from rocks and being washed around on the

beach. No slices or cuts from anything sharp existed. Looking at this new evidence, though, the inside of the pockets made the deal. Mom now recognized the jeans. Do you think just "maybe" the Officer had explained to her how much he needed her to recognize the jeans in order to get me? I am sure he mentioned how difficult it was going to be to convict the terrible guy who had killed her daughter. Just the same as what happens to defendants that lie or make up stories to try to defend themselves, lies and perjury in testimony by Officials and police also tend to catch up with them over time. The following was, of course, not caught in trial. Thru years of going thru transcripts I was able to compare what people said over time and found the perjury they committed to get me found guilty in trial. One time perjury was committed was in testimony about the pair of jeans that supposedly washed up on the Kodiak coastline a month or so after Laura went missing. The same jeans, you might remember, that her mother did NOT recognize until the police officer purposely called her to come back to the police station and recognize the "Inside of the Pockets"? During trial, Ruble and Jamin testified that they recognized the jeans as the ones Laura was wearing earlier when they met with her at Jamin 's Office. They said they recognized the "design" on a rear pocket. What they forgot at that time was that Laura's mother already had testified that "AFTER" work and "AFTER" Laura met with her Attorney, she came home and changed her clothes! Laura's mother was with her when she changed her clothes and personally knew this as a FACT! Laura put those jeans on AFTER she had met with Ruble and Jamin! The lie was about Laura wearing the jeans when they met earlier, and that they recognized the jeans at all. Like I said, those in the legal system will do or say anything they need to, to "Get That Conviction". They believe their job is to win, no matter the cost and NO MATTER if they have proof of anything at all!

I really have no doubt all those items belonged to Laura. Is that strange for me to say? It happens that years later one of KPD's finest confided to an investigator I had working for me. He told my investigator that there had been numbers of photos taken inside Laura's apartment during the investigation. Those "numbers" of photos were never presented in trial, nor have ever shown up at all. The Officer actually made the statement that if all those photos were to ever surface, he had no doubt that a few of the things that emerged along the Coastline would have also been in those photos. Do you

think just maybe a couple of photos were accidentally taken of a few of the things that happened to wash up on a beach at just the right time for "uninterested" civilians to find? One thing to know that will straighten your hair is that I found out, many years after the trials, that the band-aid found in the tennis shoe just happened to be found in the wrong shoe. It turns out that Laura had the operation on her other foot, you see. The KPD professional investigators had actually placed the band-aid in the wrong tennis shoe! A professional investigator who actually "WAS" looking for the truth found this information by checking with the Doctor who had done Laura's wart removal. Along with that description of false evidence being lied about, a taped interview was actually tossed out by a KPD Officer who decided for himself that it wasn't to be believed or needed. The photos have never been found and you KNOW there would have been photos taken! The taped interview was with a man who said he had firsthand knowledge of the man who claimed to have killed Laura. The Judge growled at the Officer who had tossed out the tapes and told him that was very shoddy police work during a hearing, but there was no penalty given and there is no reason whatsoever for any Officer to decide to destroy ANY evidence collected during a murder investigation! I have no doubt in my heart that every bit of the items that washed up on the Coastline came right from Laura's apartment! Pants do "NOT" come off a dead body in the water, and if the scenario is to be that the body was put in the water at a different time or different place, the Tidal action still must be taken in to play. The pants and the body would have been washed the very same way by the tide. I also asked for a Tidal action expert for my defense in trial, to no avail. Just may be my Attorney thought the State had no case at all and she could win my freedom not even having to defend against all this? To tell you the truth, I actually felt that way in trial because I truly hadn't done the crime, and I could actually see there was no real or true evidence unlike the Jury who just weren't allowed the truth. What happens is that the Jury compiles all the stuff up in their mind and holds it against you if you can't come up with some kind of proof as to what really happened. In their mind, you see, a Mother of two little girls had been murdered and someone was going to have to pay! A writer for a newspaper who I knew actually asked the Jury Foreman of the first trial how in the world they could have found me guilty of ANYTHING, let alone "Kidnapping", which is what they had found me guilty of. The

Foreman simply said, "No one offered us any alternate explanation." You know, the legal point is that I do not have to prove what really happened to defend myself against this wrongful prosecution. The State was supposed to have to prove beyond a reasonable doubt, that I was guilty! THAT did NOT happen!

In 1990, the television show, "The Inside Edition" came to Alaska to interview me and went to visit Kodiak to see if they could prove my guilt or innocence. "Bob Reed", the man in charge, told me that if he came all the way to Alaska and found evidence of guilt, he would tell the world. I told him to hurry and get here! They did a 30-minute show and a 12-minute follow up a year later. They proved it was impossible for me to have tossed Laura's body off that cliff, because it would have never reached the water. She would have gotten hung up on the cliff side, which was angled and not straight down. Their entire show was centered on the fact that I did not do this crime and they are still interested in doing another follow up if anything actually happens in the case for them to report on. My sister and I have copies of both of those shows and have sent them out over the years to anyone interested.

Another lady claims to have seen my van in the parking lot at Laura's apartment the evening Laura vanished. This lady testified that she recognized the "pink and yellow flowers on the window curtains" from the newspaper photo. It just so happens that the photo in the newspaper was black and white, while the curtains in my van were completely white on the outside and blue/white striped on the inside. How she came up with "Pink and Yellow Flowers" is way beyond me? This stuff went on and on! As you can see by all the examples I have written about so far, the State went all out in saying something bad about anything they thought they could make look bad, or even questionable. There never was any true or real evidence to anything!

My friend Jim Kerwin was living in a house with a friend of his next to the McDonald's Hamburger Drive-In. Looking at the front of the house he lived in you would see McDonald's on the right on a street corner, with a large parking lot behind it and on its left side between McDonald's and the house Jim stayed in. Right next to the left side parking lot was the House Jim stayed in with his friend. Next, going to the left, would be a slender dirt driveway that was between Jim's house and the rear wall

of a Furniture Store. Jim's house was directly behind another that was actually on the main street. The dirt driveway was the access to the two houses. Both houses had a very small area behind them to park a car and an entrance doorway was there on the rear of each house. I NEVER drove my van into that dirt driveway for fear that I would have to back all the way out. Especially if there was a car in the small area made for one car to park. I "ALWAYS" parked my car in the McDonald's parking lot and walked next door to Jim's house when I went there to get him or to see him. I know beyond a doubt that I was NEVER at that house with Jack Ibach. It is quite possible that Ibach may have visited Jim there, but I have no idea. I only know Jack Ibach and I were never at Jim's house at the same time! Jack Ibach had NEVER been inside my van! EVER! The reason I bring this up is because a guy named, "Peter Malley", testified that he had seen Jack Ibach, Jim Kerwin, and I in my van, in that dirt driveway. I could never understand why that guy would lie about this, until I got all his statements together. He also testified that he had no idea who I was and that he had no knowledge whatsoever about my van. He said he had never seen the van before. It so happens, though, that the van was Jay's for a long time before I bought it from Jay. Jay lived there in Kodiak and had driven the van around town for quite some time. "Peter Malley" actually worked at DANAC Construction with Jay for some time before I got hired there and worked there at the same time I did when I got the job on site. He "HAD" to have known or at least seen the van around at one time or another? I found out that his girlfriend at the time was one of those who worked with Laura at the KWRCC. And like the mistaking the names "Matt" and "Matt" told them by police, I am sure Peter Malley's testimony about seeing me with Ibach was tainted by his girlfriend's feelings. None of this was ever in Court, but I had always wondered why the guy would actually say any such thing, when I was absolutely SURE I had never even driven my van into that dirt driveway! The women that worked with Laura were all angry and full of hatred of me, because the police had told them that I killed their friend, Laura. Peter Malley made up a lie to help out his girlfriend's hurt feelings. None of this is provable, of course, but I know it's true. I wonder if either Jay or I ever did anything to hurt Malley's feelings or whatever? Other than helping his girlfriend's feelings and going to bat for Laura(seemingly), I could never understand why he would testify to what he did?

Let me tell you of the amazing "appearing" Earring, directed into the scene by a "Psychic"! While my van was located at the Kodiak Towing yard, it was supposedly enclosed in a garage without access by anyone. I learned from a guy who worked there, though, that many people had looked into the van and even climbed inside while it was being held as evidence before the trials. The fact that any of this happened "SHOULD" have disallowed anything from the van to be used as evidence in Court, but it didn't, of course. There came a time after the van had been gone thru a number of times already, after it had been torn apart and the floors vacuumed and the rugs ripped up, that one KPD Officer decided to investigate the van on his own. I had a "Skipper's" hat in the van with a bunch of pins on it that were held on the hat with backing clips that had little wings you pinch to release their grip. These are NOT the backs of earrings. One clip was found in my van somewhere along the way, which was silver. I knew it had fallen off my hat when I heard about it and never thought another thing about it. This single cop, though, "decided" it was a back to one of Laura's earrings. Even though Laura's earring post was gold, and the clip was silver. His testimony includes contacting a "Psychic" in Chicago that he read about in some magazine. The "Psychic" told him... "Something is in the van", and that was enough for him! Bruce St. Pierre, the owner of the business, had always been allowed to be present during any investigation of any vehicle in his yard. This one time, though, the cop told him he had to leave and was barred from his own yard while the cop went thru my van, "BY HIMSELF"? This cop says he happened to look thru the driver's door window and saw a glimpse of gold, by the gas pedal. Low and behold, upon closer investigation, he found an earring sitting on the floorboards right next to the gas pedal. Never mind that it is impossible to see the gas pedal from where he said he was standing, this earring turned up after numerous professional investigations of, and the complete tearing up of everything in my van by "NUMBERS" of investigating police! The earring was Laura's, of course, and so proven by testimony of her Mother and friends. Hell, I know that! This cop went way out of the way to plant the earring and get it entered as evidence, though. Instead of just confiscating it and writing a report, he called for another KPD Officer to be the one to actually confiscate the earring from the van and enter it into evidence. First of all, none of that overkill was ever necessary! When discussion came of just "how" that earring

could get to where it had been found, they talked about it falling off her ear in a struggle and falling into the defroster opening in the dash, to go into and down thru the system and fall out on the floor. They said this because they had to admit to having looked at the gas pedal a numbers of times before the van had been garaged at St. Pierre's yard. It had been totally investigated and searched at the Police Department a number of times by a number of cops when it was first held there the morning I was arrested. They said they had the van towed to a gas station to be filled with gas in order to try to estimate how far I had driven that day. How in the world they thought they could decide that when they had no idea how much gas was in the van when I gassed up or how much gas I actually put in the van is beyond me! All this is complete CRAP! None of the hoses were disconnected anywhere on the heater system and the earring could not have fallen into the opening and fallen out somewhere else! The entire scenario is so ridiculous that it stupefies me they would actually testify to what they did. The worst mistake made by them was during testimony. Not caught by my Attorney at the time and it seems to not matter to anyone anymore, but...the two cops didn't coordinate their testimonies before or during trial, I guess. Sitting on the table as evidence, the earring now had a bent post, as if it had been smashed under something. The 2nd Officer who was called by the first cop to actually confiscate the earring from the van testified that the post was not bent when he took it from the van. He was sure of that! He said it was possible that the post had gotten bent during handling or shipment. Hearing this, I could only shrug my shoulders. The first cop, though, the one who had called the "Psychic" for a reason to plant the earring in my van, testified AFTER the 2nd cop. He actually testified that he remembers the earring post was bent when he first found it by the gas pedal? One honest Policeman and one liar took the stand that day. The first cop, the "LIAR", should have been smart enough to compare testimonies with the second cop, before he took the stand!

One huge argument I have constantly brought up with every Attorney involved with mycase and have been told one excuse or another why it isn't important enough to cause an overturn (I "think" I don't have enough \$\$Dollar signs next to my name), is the fact that there were two trials. In the first trial, the three of us were (wrongfully) held in one Courtroom with one Judge and one Jury... and it was called separate trials.

Jim Kerwin was found not guilty of all charges, Jack Ibach had a hung Jury on both charges, and I was hung Jury on Murder, but was found Guilty of Kidnap? I was taken into the second trial already found guilty of Kidnap, and every Juror fully knew it! Every person who lived in Anchorage at that time knew it! In the 2nd trial, both Jack Ibach and I were again wrongfully held in the same Courtroom and with the same Judge and same Jury, called separate trials. Ibach was then found guilty of both charges, and I was found guilty of Murder. Before sentencing, I had my Attorney argue the fact that in the State of Alaska the law states that a person can NOT be charged with or convicted of Kidnapping when found guilty of Murder, if both charges took place in the same act. There was never any evidence of any sort at all, so there was also no evidence to prove Laura had been kidnapped before she had been murdered. Even though there was absolutely NO evidence to any murder, either! The Judge had to agree with this, and to "Cure this problem", he said, he "VACATED" the Kidnap charge and didn't sentence me for Kidnapping. In truth, he tossed out the Kidnap conviction! My point is that I had to go thru the 2nd trial with the Jury prejudiced because they knew I had been found guilty of Kidnap in the first trial! No one alive can convince me that it wouldn't have made a huge difference to the Jury, if they knew the first trial had to be tossed out before they decided if I was guilty or not in the 2nd trial. This entire scenario SHOULD HAVE affected the 2nd trial's outcome for Jack Ibach also. Like from the very start of this story, though, if you don't have the money, you can't buy the Justice! Getting an Attorney to fight this like it was his or her life being slowly washed down the drain is damn near impossible if you can't afford the cost. THAT is the name of our American Legal System, ladies and gentlemen... "JUST US"!

There was a time after the first trial, though, that I had a few feelings of elation. Even though I had been wrongfully convicted of Kidnapping in the 1st trial, I now had my eyewitness back. Jim Kerwin had been found "Not Guilty" of all charges, and he had been with me when I saw Laura the night she disappeared! I got to thinking of a "Not Guilty" verdict in the upcoming 2nd trial, and then an overturn of the 1st trial because of the prejudice caused by the "Vacated" Kidnap Guilty verdict that should never have been allowed in the first place. Don't ever be too quick to smile, though, when you are

up against the Courts of Corruption in Alaska, I found out. In the pre-trial hearings before the 2nd trial a ruling made by the Judge who would oversee the 2nd trial was: "The Jury can be told Jim Kerwin had been charged with this same crime... BUT, they cannot be told he's been found "Not Guilty" in a trial? To tell the Jury he had been found not guilty would prejudice them in this new trial??? What was more important than the truth that Jim Kerwin had been found "NOT GUILTY" of all this in a trial, and HE WAS WITH ME AT THE TIME? "My God", I said, "How in the hell can anyone prejudice this against me any more than this?" Well, I told my Attorney with no restraint that I was going to testify and tell the damn jury whatever I wanted to. You can bet your life I was going to say directly to the Jury that Jim Kerwin was found not guilty in a previous trial, and the Judge's ruling can be damned! What were they going to do... put me in prison? I still have a letter from Jim written to me between the two trials stating facts that he was with me along with other evidence in my behalf. He was on my side and wanted to testify as badly as I did. Obvious to me now, my Attorney talked it over with whomever on how to shut Jim and I up. Jim was called by the DA in the second trial and asked only about whether or not he was with me. They asked him very little, just enough to connect him with me the night in question. He was called by the State Attorney and could only answer to what was asked. I fully expected him to be called by my Attorney later in trial, and when I asked her she told me not to worry and that he would be. The last evening before my case was rested, as it turned out, Jack and I were sitting in a holding cell under the Courthouse after the day in trial. I was called to go see my Attorney in another room. There, my Attorney told me she had decided she didn't want me to testify. She said they were making Kerwin look bad and trying to tie him to me. I HIT THE ROOF! I was yelling and pounding on the table so loudly that the black Police Sgt. who was in charge came to see what trouble there was. I told her in no uncertain terms that I was going to testify, by God! Jim was with me, and there was no way to untie him from me! He is an eyewitness!!! I was screaming so loud that all she said was Ok, Ok, you can testify... and she hurried off. I was left there fuming. She scurried away like a frightened mouse.

The next day trial went on as normal and I asked my Attorney how long until I needed to testify. I was getting worried because she hadn't even tried to prepare me to

take the stand. I wanted to know when Jim Kerwin was going to be called back by her to testify for me. To shut me up she told me we had lots of time and not to worry. She told me to keep taking notes as I had all during both trials. At a later time in the afternoon all hell broke loose. She got up and told the Judge she rested my case. I jumped up out of my chair, saying, "What the hell?" At this point two officers of the Court grabbed me, and the Judge called a recess. The Jury was escorted out of the room, and I was given a few minutes to "talk things over" with my Attorney. I can still remember what she said. She told me I could go ahead and take the stand if I wanted to, but I would do so without any further help from her. She made it sound as if she was defending her argument that she didn't want me to testify, but I knew in my heart it was because she had been told to not allow me to testify. She told me she wasn't going to call Kerwin to the stand and wasn't going to ask me the questions I needed to talk about on the stand. I adamantly wanted to testify, but I needed a conversation and many, many questions to take place so I could tell the Jury what I am now telling the public in this book. I was angry as hell but had absolutely no idea what to do and ended up sitting down and not knowing what to do or say. There was gibberish between the Judge and her, and she made it sound as if she was deciding if I was to testify or not, but her decision had already been made... and I am not sure just by whom it had been made. For sure, she didn't have my best interests in mind. That, I was sure of right now, June 1, 2012, I have spent the last 4 years trying to get the proof of this into Court. It took many years, and no one would actually listen, except my sister. Four years ago she found an expert to enhance the tapes of trial and I have proof, finally, that I was not allowed to testify in trial against my wishes and rights. The State has argued I hadn't been "diligent" all these years in prison (a totally ridiculous statement), and that I shouldn't be allowed into Court at all because of it. That is an example of how the Legal System handles people like me. They make it impossible to get anything done in your own behalf, then if you get lucky enough to get someone involved or obtain some kind of information that helps you, the DA says you took too long. The main fact is that they know damn well if I win a new trial I will overturn this entire matter and win my freedom. They DO NOT want me in Court with this! The Judge ruled in my behalf on the diligence issue, and they asked for "reconsideration". He ruled against them on that,

and they appealed to the Appellate Court. The Appellate Court refused to hear the issue and now they have asked the Supreme Court to hear the issue for them. They are doing whatever they can to drag their feet in hopes that "maybe" they can get this issue before a Judge that "understands" their situation. Everyone fully expects the Supreme Court not to hear it, but the State is trying to drag an anchor every step of the way. Hell, maybe I'll die off in the meantime and they can get their win by attrition or default? The new enhancement solidly shows I was disallowed to testify, and I believe I will win a new trial ruling. Time takes its toll, though, and I am 62 right now. THAT is the State's main tactic. Believe me, it has nothing at all to do with the word, "Justice"!

Going back a bit, let me tell you what happened to Jim Kerwin, my eyewitness? After being found Not Guilty, Jim was ordered by the State not to leave Kodiak. He was to remain in Kodiak while on probation for that unrelated problem he'd had in Anchorage. I was with Jim one time when he went to see the doctor, and I heard the Doctor tell Jim he could possibly die if he ever took up drinking again. His liver was in bad shape. Shortly after getting the letter from Jim I told you of, he was found dead in his bed. I was given a copy of the "supposed" autopsy, and it said he died of natural causes. There had nothing been found wrong with this and that, etc... and nothing wrong with his "LIVER" was written there, too? I believe Jim died of an embolism of the brain, just about the size of a 22-caliber bullet but have no proof. You see, Jim's parents were actually born and raised in Ireland and did NOT believe in cremation. If asked, they would allow ONLY a Catholic burial for their son! Without even asking anyone, the State cremated Jim's body within hours, I was told, after he died. Once again, no one gets the chance to investigate the State Prosecutors' findings or reports. My eyewitness is nothing but ashes! I do have his letter, though, and he had it notarized. I also have transcripts of what little testimony he did give when he was called by the State in the 2nd trial. Jim was the one having past experience with the corruption in the legal system. His testimony will still help me in the long run, because he knew enough to get things recorded.

I have researched, read, and reread the State of Alaska's version of what happened. I have gone through all the transcripts of all the hearings, both Grand Jury's,

and both trials. I have read and reread all the appeals and paperwork entered both for me and against me. Throughout both trials, I took notes on every person that testified and have made a synopsis showing when and what they testified to, and how their versions changed or were altered as needed. I wrote down pages of questions I wanted asked of me while I took the stand in my own testimony and was totally adamant about testifying in my own behalf. I was illegally forced into not being able to testify. I have all kinds of unanswered questions on how this entire matter was handled and I want to share them with you, the public. I realize that just reading what I put to paper isn't anything but my word. Just maybe all the actions I describe here will cause you these same questions. First of all, I know it is easiest for someone to read such a report and think I am making up all this craziness, because we all know these kinds of things don't happen in our Courts of Justice, right? Not quite! I implore ANYONE to research all I have stated in this and see the truth for yourself. If I were guilty of doing anything to Laura "Ibach" Henderson, who was a friend of mine, I would have shut up and sat down years ago. I would have realized I'd been caught and have to suffer the consequences. THAT is not what has happened here! I am NOT guilty, I have been used as the fall guy, and I will not ever stop fighting for my freedom while I am still standing and breathing!

As testified to by both Jamin and Ruble, they had decided on specific rules for Laura to adhere to the night she went to the "clandestine" meeting, which they made her agree to. They decided it sounded like a "Set up", as testified in Court, and wanted to ensure Laura's safety. She was "NOT" to get in any vehicle with the person she met. If there was any kind of trouble at all she was to yell and scream, because they would be nearby. She was told she was "NOT" to do or accept any drugs from the person she was meeting with. Why did Laura, then, go against every one of those rules set down by her Attorney and a professional private investigator? Especially after her Attorney was the one she had gone to for advice and protection! By their own testimony, they set down hard and fast rules. Laura went against every rule they set down and no one stepped in or called it off. Those two are the ones who had decided her life was somehow in jeopardy, and those two are the ones who did absolutely nothing about it! Why wasn't Jamin also there protecting her as he had agreed to, and

as she had told her family and friends? Ruble says he drove down to the lower street when he saw Laura drive by and lost sight of her, but why in the world would he just let her disregard all their agreed upon instructions to not get in any vehicle? He should have stepped in way before he somehow completely "LOST" her on a waterfront street that was completely vacant of anyone else! How in the world can you lose anyone on a waterfront street in the matter of seconds or minutes when there is just NO PLACE TO GO! Why in the world didn't he just ride with Laura to protect her the entire time in question? There was absolutely no claim that the man Laura was to meet told her she had to come alone. NO ONE ever testified to anything like that! Laura never told anyone that the person giving her a tape of drug deals between her husband and City Officials had anything on them he himself was afraid of. He was actually doing a legal and correct action if the truth is told. Why did neither Jamin nor Ruble ever state they thought the man would run off if he saw anyone with Laura? What kind of "Set up" did they think this alleged meeting was going to be? That was never answered in Court. If they actually thought her life was in danger, then for God's sake... all these questions and inconsistencies grow by the hundreds and thousands! Her life in danger, and Jamin thought it best he took a nap at his Office? How could the KPD even consider not being a part of the "sting" when drugs, voice tape recordings of drug deal conversations and most of all, a person's life is in some kind of danger is part of the scenario? Why are both Jamin and Ruble allowed to lie and commit perjury in Court and allowed to change their testimony? The arrest warrant given to them on me was because Ruble said he ran my van's license plate and found my name. This statement was a complete and total lie, and straight up "perjury"! They did and said anything they wanted to, or needed to, to prejudice the Jury against me. Nowhere, in any statement or transcript was it ever said by anyone that the meeting in question was to be ONLY between Laura and the person she was meeting with.

It so happens that Jack Ibach was called to work on a harbor tugboat the evening all this happened. It was proven he was called without any warning, at the last minute. Testimony shows that once Ruble lost Laura and then reported to Matt Jamin at Jamin's office, they both went back down to where Laura had parked the car she had driven. While on that street, almost directly in front of the Kodiak Harbor where Jack Ibach

was working, they actually saw Jack come up from the docks with two men. In trial the DA tried to make it sound as if those two men could have been Jim Kerwin and I, but it was proven to be two other crewmen off the tugboat. The complete and totally peculiar issue about this event is that neither Jamin nor Rubleeven considered stopping Ibach to ask him if he'd seen Laura! They never even considered talking with Ibach? Why in the world would they not IMMEDIATELY think Ibach had Laura somewhere down on the docks or in the water, if they were truly afraid her life was in danger? Here is the alleged MAIN Suspect in this entire matter, yet a professional Private Investigator and an Attorney, both supposedly afraid now that Laura's life is somehow in danger, DO NOT try to even speak to Jack Ibach? They simply let him get into his vehicle and drive away. And they testified to all this! They actually said they saw Jack start his vehicle and pull out on the street. They had actually driven up behind him when he was stopped at a stop sign. He drove away one way, while they drove away the other way??? These two "Professionals" did not have any inclination to at least follow Ibach, but way beyond that never even spoke to him or asked him if he'd seen Laura??? Like the fact that no one ever went into my bedroom looking for evidence, Jack "COULD HAVE" had Laura in the back of his vehicle... dead, or, alive? You need to tell me...

"WHAT THE HELL?"

Earlier, when Ruble says he got afraid because Laura had driven past him and he'd lost sight of her, he said he drove down to the lower road to see if he could find or see her or my van. There was a small dirt road that connected the upper and lower road right where he had situated himself. Why is it he turned back toward town, to the left, when he testified she had driven past going the other way, to his right? Why did he not follow her and try to find her? He is the one who was supposed to be protecting her! He "WAS" on the upper road, so if she had come to the "T" that made a person turn to drive out toward the airport or drive back to town... he would have known she did not drive by him on her way back to town. WHY DIDN'T HE FOLLOW HER? Here's one for you... Ruble states that he lost sight of Laura driving out of town and does not see her drive by him on the upper road where he was watching the area from. He claims he drove down and turned "left" to go back towards town. He actually says he then sees my van

AND, the car Laura was driving!!! Topping this, he also saw Laura sitting in my van. Where the hell did she come from? This case has a lot of amazingly "appearing" things, which in truth "APPEAR" to be nothing more than lies and fantasy! This all sounds as if I'm making it up, don't you think? Check it out for yourself!

Are we really supposed to believe that in less than a minute while Ruble claims he walked behind a building, I am supposed to have started my van up, warmed it up and driven off in a puff of smoke to who knows where? You would actually have to hear that van start up and try to then feather the gas pedal to get it to move in the cold, and then you would have to hear the muffler system to acknowledge the complete stupidity behind that statement. Try shutting the door without having to SLAM it once or twice. Anyone that lives in or knows the waterfront street in Kodiak realizes that this entire scenario is impossible. Believe me, there is NO WAY!

The State claims, and it is testified to, that Laura's stepfather found my van where I was living at 1 am and reported that to everyone he could! Ruble and Jamin both testified that they reported the incident immediately after Laura disappeared. This would be about 9 pm! Why did no one, not the police or anyone else, come to my residence until Palmer showed up at 4 am? Didn't I hear that there was fear for Laura's life being mentioned? There is testimony by police that a "shooting" had taken place somewhere in Kodiak that night, and all Officers were involved in that. I never found out who got shot, or who did the shooting, or anything else about that event being true or not? To actually come to my residence and investigate what Jamin and Ruble were reporting to be either a Kidnapping or a Murder and Laura Henderson's life is in danger, or all of the above, Palmer was called at his home because he had been off duty? If you remember, Palmer had a lot of "Knowledgeable" information that he shouted at me about "Bodies turning up or not turning up" and things like that. I must reiterate once again... why would he even say something like that, if he were only investigating a missing person as he said he was. Why is it that "Palmer" was situated right into the middle of all this at that time of night, or morning? Oh yes, there are many, many unanswered questions in this. Questions that weren't even considered or spoken about back when I was on trial for my life.

I find it really strange that it wasn't until NO damning evidence at all turned up from south of Kodiak, where the investigation was directed for weeks, that the police decided to develop the film in the camera that was found in my van. Why wouldn't they have done that immediately upon finding a camera? It wasn't until they realized they had no evidence at all, that they used the developed film to tie me to a certain area. That marks the time when some people began finding things that belonged to Laura. It is strange that maybe just a few of those things couldn't have been found before they decided I must have gone north because of those pictures. I cannot believe they had absolutely no idea whatsoever where I was or where I had driven after talking with Laura that evening! Now that they had those pictures, I was supposed to have driven her north right thru town and out to the area where the cabin is located. I guess I must have tossed her off that cliff to have her clothes wash back into the shore, while her body went to sea. Transcripts show the police climbed that cliff many times, coming up with nothing. They also walked the beach at low tide and scuba dove it many times to come up with no evidence. What was never done in my behalf is to exact a timeline needed to drive to that spot, carry a dead 150 lb. woman some 50 to 75 yards off the road thru the heavy bushes in the dark, toss her off that cliff, get back to my van and drive all the way home for that 10 p.m. movie show we all watched. I only had an hour between the time I spoke with Laura and was watching that TV show, and this is all verified fact!

One thing that has always bothered me is the fact that I was supposed to have done this murder for hire on "credit". Have you ever heard of such a thing? There is proof that no money or anything else was exchanged between Jack Ibach and me. He was never missing any money, and I had none I couldn't account for. Isn't it a bit strange that all the civic duty minded citizens came forward with stories of Jack telling them he was going to have Laura killed... "AFTER" she was missing? Not a one of them thought to tell the police before anything happened, even though you would think they might consider it. .. "IF" they thought Ibach was serious? Did the amounts of rewards offered have anything to do with them coming forward, I wonder? The guy who came forward to the police about Jack asking him about a hired killer, "Spanky Hutcherson"? It also turns out that Hutcherson was a taxicab driver that Ibach

purchased cocaine from numerous times. Ibach had done so the night Hutcherson claims he asked about a hired killer. Ibach paid him that night with a check and Hutcherson was given immunity from selling cocaine out of his cab a large number of times for his testimony against Jack Ibach. Do you think his testimony was designed or altered from the true facts any, because of what was being held over his head?

The following is a statement written for me by "Ken Gage", who was an inmate here at Spring Creek with me for a time and has since been released.

KEN GAGE: "In the mid 1 980's I was trained as an investigator by the Anchorage Police Department, worked eight years as a BEA (Bail Enforcement Agent) and then five years as a private investigator for the late Edgar Paul Boyko, Attorney at Law.

In 1998, I became greedy and did something very dumb. While working a homicide investigation, I signed a Judge's name on a search warrant. To make a long story short, my own criminal charges began rolling in and I was sentenced to twelve years with four suspended.

It was my own fault that I ended up in prison; however, I have to admit that I learned more about the Judicial System from the inside than I ever could have thru college training and reading books. When I was sent to Spring Creek Correctional Center, I learned really quick that it was best if I just blended into the environment and kept my mouth shut, especially due to my past occupations.

I met Don "Mac" McDonald in approximately 1999. He and I lived in the same module. By keeping my eyes open and my mouth shut I was able to learn a lot about the convicted murderers that were housed at this Institution. Prior to coming to prison and learning about the system and people in it, I used to rely on studies by criminal

profilers, such as Agent John Douglas with the FBI. I figured that a person could hold an interview with a convicted murderer, and presto, they would have the truth. Profilers claim even now, many years later, that there is a lot of surprise and wonder that so many hardened inmates not only agree to talk with them, but also are very willing to come clean about so much of their personal life, their development, and their evolution into violent criminals. Why do they agree to talk? They figure there are a number of reasons, depending on the individual in question: curiosity, boredom, remorse, or an opportunity to relive predatory crimes that, for some, are among the most satisfying experiences in their lives.

I myself have studied criminal psychology for two years and I used to think the same way as that special agent. That was, of course, before I also committed a crime and became just another number in the correctional system. Textbook criminology and real-life experience cannot even be compared. To know what goes on inside the mind of a killer cannot be accomplished by a mere interview within a prison setting. In order to really see and understand what a person is like, you need to spend every day with him, watch his habits, his attitudes and his moods and mood changes. Any person can put on a facade during an interview. Becoming a part of his daily life, though, gives the insight no one else can ever know or understand. A man serving a life sentence is not going to spill his guts to law enforcement during some interview. To think or believe he would to be simply ludicrous. This may not be the case of a mentally ill killer, but as far as any adult male killer, you can never begin to understand him or his crimes unless you see and live with him in his daily life. A true cold-hearted killer has no regard for human life, including that of any law enforcement officer. I remember being told by a special agent once that it's one thing to decide you are going to try to interview this type of person, but it's quite another to actually go face to face with him! The FBI attempted to interview serial killer, Ed Kemper, who stands six feet nine inches and is well over three hundred pounds. If he wanted to, and at one point suggested he might, Kemper could have twisted their heads off and set them on the tables for the guards to find.

Interview a serial killer face to face? That statement tells me the interviewer had some fear about conducting any such interview! A serial killer can smell fear a mile away. "Live day in and day out with a serial killer the way I did each and every day, and then talk to me about having the guts to sit and interview a killer in a protected environment. The type of killer we are talking about will tell you what he thinks you want to hear. The first thing you learn doing time is that the man wearing the badge is no friend. Killers will talk to you just to break up the day-to-day boring routine of prison life.

While writing this, I reside in a module of fifteen convicted murderers. One of them happens to be "Robert Hansen", the "Butcher Baker" serial killer of who knows how many women and girls. By force of habit I watch them, listen to their stories, watch their body language and even learn about their life before prison. I have become friends with many of these men. Mac is a friend of mine.

When I first met Mac, the first thing I noticed was the size of his arms. I thought to myself, "Don't piss this guy off!" I soon learned that he was here for the murder of Laura Henderson and as time went on, I also learned that the victim's ex-husband was also serving time here for the same murder. I, in fact, also worked daily with both Mac and Jack Ibach in the Prison Industries Program building furniture.

Since Mac and I live in the same module, it was easy for me to watch him and see how he lives and conducts himself. Mac is a big guy, but there was something about him that told me he was no killer. Mac was always even-tempered, easy going and I never saw him even get angry with anyone. Mac has explained his case to me over many conversations and has never backed away from questions about what happened. I have the opinion that he is telling the complete truth when he says he is not guilty. I can't even imagine him as a hired killer or "hit man". I have asked trick questions of him, and he has never faulted or not held to the very same answer, no matter how the question is asked. A person doesn't have to remember past lies, you see, if they are telling the truth! Every crime has a motive. The State claims Mac's motive for killing Henderson was money. Regardless of reason, a person that commits murder has something about them that will become obvious in their daily life. To kill for money

would indicate the killer was greedy, but there is also something else. The "Killer" lacks a normal conscience. Later interviews with police officers involved in Mac's case indicate they thought it was possible that Mac cut up Laura's body and placed her in crab pots to be dumped in the ocean and eaten by crabs. A hired killer, as the State claims Mac is, would never go thru the trouble to dispose of a body in such a time-consuming fashion. There was no possible way for Mac to even have the time to do any such thing. Just for the argument, why wasn't there any blood found on Mac's clothing, or any forensic evidence showing a murder at all found ANYWHERE? Guns used in evidence, but no tests ever made to see if there had been a gun fired? The more I learned about Mac's homicide case, the more uneasy I felt about the so-called investigation and legal representation Mac received. There were so many things not done in this case, it makes me wonder how much is truth and how much is made up evidence. Every bit of evidence, of course, was purely "Circumstantial". That alone is very bothering to me!

This particular case was so lacking in evidence that a "psychic" was actually called upon. It's not that I disbelieve or disapprove of psychics, but as a former investigator there is no way in the world I would even consider building a case on the hearsay of one. It has always puzzled me that one police officer claimed a psychic told him to search the front section of Mac's van once again and upon doing so, he mysteriously found an earring belonging to Henderson? If a psychic could allegedly locate a small earring on the floorboard of Mac's van from somewhere in Chicago or wherever he was, why couldn't he tell the policeman where Laura's body was? Here we are twenty some years after the disappearance of Laura Henderson and still no body or evidence of her remains have been located? There are so very many inconsistencies in Mac's case, yet a jury convicted him of Murder in the first degree. How could they have possibly decided the crime was proven beyond any doubt, when there was absolutely no proof of a crime at all?

In 2007, the superintendent of Spring Creek approved Mac to move from Juliet Mod, where I reside, to Fox Mod where the Youth Offender Program inmates reside. Mac was to be a "Mentor" to the youth in that Program. The reason being is that Mac is so mild mannered that he sets a good example for the troubled youths that live in that

module. Sometime in 2010, an underage inmate was brought to Spring Creek, found guilty of having a gun he was handling go off accidentally. The mishap killed his best friend. He was small, intelligent, and "Not" a troubled youth. Being in prison full of predators and true killers... he was in big trouble! Upon assigned agreement to be sent here so he could attend the High School in Fox Mod, it was agreed that Mac would be assigned to be his mentor and protector. While here the younger boy was assigned to live with Mac. Mac put the word out, as he could do because of his size and strength, and because other inmates respect him. The young man was able to do the time given him, graduate from High School and go back to his family without one ounce of trouble while he was here. That is an example of what the Administration at Spring Creek and those who run DOC in Alaska think of Mac. Imagine the problem if that young underage boy had been hurt, raped, beaten up or even killed while here in this Maximum-Security Prison!"

"Mac"...

I want to give some of the credit over the writing of this to Ken gage. He is the one who talked me into the idea, and who collaborated with me some about what was to be written. He was transferred out of here and as far as I know, was released and is now outside of prison living his life. He agreed to write this as a book and try to get it published, but I was only able to contact him a couple times thru friends after he was transferred and then he vanished. I took the notes we shared and went ahead with writing this on my own. I am not an accomplished writer or author and hope I have simply stated the facts readers. There isn't one item I have written about that isn't the total truth, as I know it and remember it. My legal case was and remains a complete sham! I was railroaded and used as a fall guy. I have learned that Laura was using drugs and playing both sides of the street by telling on others... being an informant. She was trying to get whatever information she could to use against her ex-husband, so she could get custody of the kids. There is evidence now that one of the larger drug dealers made the statement, "The bitch knew too much and needed to be shut up. "Laura was playing both sides of the street and got herself in trouble over it. A new trial will allow my

investigator to show proof of what we have found these past 27 years. A new trial, though, if left up to the State, is not in the future for me. The State of Alaska does NOT want me back in Court over this. The State will drag their feet and appeal every word of the law they can, trying to force me to take some deal or give up. I will do neither! My sister has stood by me every step of the way in this, and she has hocked her life's savings and even any chance of retirement to help me with this. I will win a new trial... and then I will win my freedom! The "Truth" will set me free!

For the record... the name of our Legal System is:

"Just Us"

"Hell, there's all kinds of Justice to be found in Alaska, son.

Just how much can you afford?

Into to Documents - Mac

And so...

The Op-Eds/Reports/Writings I am including in this book are written by, reported on, and beliefs of different people. All are investigated and singular person view on the facts and evidence in my case. None collaborated nor copied anything or each other. This, then, shows fact and TRUTH to what they have put to paper. Please take your time and read slowly. This becomes fairly repetitive in doing so, but as I said...the fact that evidence is shown and proved to create these reports becomes TRUTH. Numbers of people do not come to same conclusions without reality behind the facts that they rely on. I DID NOT murder Laura Henderson and been in prison since 1986. If you know of ANYONE or have any idea of how you might help me in this, I would appreciate you letting me know and please...go ahead and give it hell! The legal system in Alaska is corrupt and I simply do not stand a chance at anything against it. Such is life, I guess, BUT...just maybe you know someone or care to look into ideas you might have as to what to do. No idea is without worth, and no words can be lost by saying them. If you read these Docs slowly and intently, you will see what I am talking of.

MAC

Please make copies if you send any out, so you do not run out...

IDEAS:

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AK State Trooper – Peter Caniel

Attorney Peter A. Carmiel's Letter of Request:

The following is a letter written by attorney Peter A Caniel to Colonel Randy Crawford of the Alaska State Troopers requesting an investigation be done into the conduct of the Kodiak Police Department.

May 14th, 2001

Colonel Randy Crawford

Director, Division of Alaska State Troopers (Address Withheld)

RE: Donald McDonald

Dear Colonel Crawford:

I am an attorney and I represent Donald McDonald, an inmate at the Spring Creek Corrections Center in Seward, Alaska. Mr. McDonald is serving a 99-year sentence for his conviction for kidnapping and murder of Laura Henderson Ibach which occurred in Kodiak, Alaska in 1986.

I am writing this letter urging that an investigation be done into the conduct of the Kodiak Police Department that investigated Mr. McDonald, leading to his conviction in this case.

I have been a criminal defense attorney for nearly 20 years representing numerous individuals charged with and convicted of murder. I have been representing Donald McDonald for the last several years as I have assisted the re-investigation of his case. I truly believe that Donald McDonald is innocent of the charges and that police misconduct, including the possible planting of evidence led to his conviction.

Essentially, the state's theory of the case as to Donald McDonald is that he was enlisted by Laura Henderson Ibach's husband, Jack Ibach, to kill her as a result of a contentious divorce/child custody battle taking place between Mr. Ibach and his estranged wife. The evidence against Donald McDonald that led to his conviction was not only circumstantial but was of questionable reliability. It was the state's theory that Donald McDonald arranged a meeting with Laura Ibach on the evening of her disappearance, that once she entered his van in downtown Kodiak, Alaska, he drove her to a cliff located far from town and with the

assistance of companion, James Kerwin, through her over a cliff into Monashka Bay. The only witness who saw Donald McDonald and Laura Henderson Ibach together on that evening was an investigator lost sight of Laura Ibach for a period of time and made an assumption that she left the area with Donald McDonald in his van rather than left the van and entered a nearby tavern as Mr. McDonald has always maintained.

Attached to my letter is a letter prepared by Rollie Port, a former Alaska law enforcement officer, who has been employed by Donald McDonald's family to assist in reinvestigating this case. Rollie Port's report based on numerous hours of investigation and interviews raises a number of questions about whether or not evidence was deliberately planted by members of the Kodiak Police Department to help convict Donald McDonald.

The evidence which we believe was probably planted included an earring that was allegedly found in Donald McDonald's van by Kodiak police officers. Prior to the "discovery" of the earring, the van had already been thoroughly searched. Eight months after Laura Henderson disappeared and several days before the murder trial, police officers of the Kodiak Police Department re-searched the van acting on a "tip" they claimed to have received from a psychic hot line that told them that evidence would be found within three feet of the driver's seat. Amazingly, an earring identified as belonging to Laura Henderson was "found."

In addition to the earring, I have grave concern about the validity of the police theory that Laura Henderson was thrown from Monashka Bay. As Rollie Pott's letter points out, it would have been physically improbable or maybe even impossible for a 180-pound woman to be thrown off the bluff and land anywhere close to the water line. Experiments attempting to re-enact such an event helped prove that it could not have occurred.

Finally, it was alleged that clothing belonging to Laura Henderson was found at Monashka Bay. Laura Henderson's coat and blue jeans were recovered. The important thing about this recovery is that the clothing was not faded as if it had been in saltwater for an extended period of time.

Apart from the clothing that was found and the earring that was recovered from the van, the FBI did not find one drop of blood, not one hair or fiber that came from Laura Henderson Ibach or anything that she was wearing. They didn't find any credible evidence that any kind of struggle took place within Don McDonald's van.

It is now known that in fact Laura Henderson Ibach had for some period of time been acting as an informant to the police on drug activities. It is also known that a notorious Kodiak alleged drug dealer, James McLaughlin, told a number of different people that he was responsible for the killing of Laura Henderson Ibach.

Donald McDonald has never had prior conviction for any act of violence. He has been sitting in jail since 1986 for a kidnapping and murder he most probably never committed. There has never been one shred of evidence showing that he was in fact hired by Laura Henderson Ibach's husband, Jack Ibach, to commit this crime. The state's theory that Laura Henderson was taken and then thrown over the cliff into the water is not only based on speculation but defies the laws of physics. The claim that the earring and clothing were "found" is highly suspect.

Donald McDonald's case has been winding its way slowly through the Alaska courts based on legal challenges to his conviction. There has never been, however, a thorough review of the Kodiak Police Department's conduct in this case. In the interest of justice, it is imperative that an independent, thorough review be done of the investigation in this case to determine whether or not police misconduct led to the conviction of an innocent man. Thank you for taking the time to consider this letter along with other materials that you have received from our investigator, Rollie Port. If you have any questions concerning this matter, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Camiel

Investigative Report – Rollie Port

~Report Fragments from P.I. Rollie Port~

The following are citations taken from a letter to Commissioner Glenn Godfrey, Department of Public Safety, Juneau, AK 2001.

The following information concerns the current incarceration of Donald McDonald for the kidnapping and murder of Laura Henderson Ibach. There is a very real possibility that Mr. McDonald is in fact in prison for a crime he did not commit. This is a tragic story involving a broken a broken marriage, drugs, assumptions, leaps to conclusions not supported by evidence, a very inadequate investigation and, finally, the incarceration of Mr. McDonald.

There have been many theories projected by the State's Department of Law on how the murder was committed and who was responsible for it. There are conspiracy theories involving a corrupt Kodiak Police Department (which has had numerous Federal, State, and local investigations for corruption). There are also allegations of key businessmen being involved in the corruption and involved in numerous drug activities.

Although some or all of this may play a part in the conviction of Mr. McDonald for murder, I would like to deal with the facts. In the later part of 1984 Laura Henderson Ibach and her husband, Jack, lived with their children in Kodiak. They were going through a contested divorce where the custody of the children as well as asset distribution were issues. Ms. Ibach hired attorney Matt Jamin of Kodiak to represent her. Mr. Ibach hired William Ford. Mr. Ibach sued for divorce on November 12, 1984. They had been named since 1978 and had two children. In a letter authored by Matt Jamin during the divorce Mr. Ibach was accused of sexual abuse of his children, the rape of Laura, attempted murder of a baby he had by another woman as well as other criminal activities. None of these charges resulted in the arrest of Mr. Ibach until after Ms. Ibach's disappearance.

In May of 1986 (Laura disappeared on March 28th, 1986) Mr. Ibach was arrested for sexually abusing his four-year-old daughter. The charges were dropped, and it was recently learned through the interview of Officer Walton that the only reason the charges were brought was to keep Mr. Ibach in Kodiak after Laura's disappearance.

I spoke with Officer Will Walton of the Kodiak Police Department and he told me the reason for Mr. Ibach's arrest on the molestation charges. He stated that Sergeant Barry Paris told Officer Bill Rhodes to arrest Mr. Ibach for "something." Thus the bogus sexual abuse charge against Mr. Ibach which was later dismissed.

At the time of Ms. Henderson's disappearance a judge had not yet ruled on the custody matter. The children's Guardian-Ad-Litem had recommended full custody be awarded Mr. Ibach. Ms. Henderson's psychologist recommended shared custody.

At the time of Laura's disappearance she was living in an apartment and working at the Kodiak Women's Resource Center. My investigation revealed that Mr. McDonald had known Laura Ibach for years. They had been introduced to each other by Jay Buckalew. Mr. McDonald was an acquaintance and friend of Ms. Ibach's. They had dated three times in the past. At the time of Laura's disappearance Mr. McDonald was staying at an alcohol recovery group home where he had gone to stay voluntarily after his drinking had become a problem. Mr. McDonald owned a white Dodge cargo van which was not in good repair. The drive shaft on the van was wired together and it shook at speeds over 30-35 mph.

On March 28, 1986, Laura Henderson reported to her attorney and told him that she received a call from a man in possession of a tape recording which would help her get custody of her kids. Allegedly the tape was of a conversation between two prominent Kodiak businessmen and Jack Ibach. An unknown person had provided the tape to Laura Ibach. The conversation concerned illegal drugs. The reason given to Laura by this unidentified man was that he was helping Laura because Jack Ibach had burned him on a \$20,000.00 deal and he wanted to get even.

Cathy Wilson, a co-worker of Laura's, later told the police that the only way Laura could identify this man was that he drove a white van. Further, that a friend of Wilson's, Tom Healy, told her and Laura that Jack Ibach was involved in a \$20,000.00 drug deal and was in need of that same amount. (This is coincidental. Basically Healy had the same information as this "Mac" or "Matt" did. People have assumed that because Laura was seen with McDonald he must be the telephone caller, the person who told Cathy about the \$20,000.00 deal and then the mystery man Laura was going to get the tape from. It is my belief that this was due to the state of confusion that was present at the time.

Cathy Wilson was Laura's best friend and talked to Laura immediately after this stranger had talked to Laura. **There was** NO mention of a "Matt McDonald" in her March 29, 1986, statement to the police. Cathy Wilson was living with Jim Rippie who worked with Al Ruble in his private investigation business. Cathy Wilson was one of several persons who searched for a white van in the downtown area and observed McDonald's van at the Hope House across from where Laura Ibach worked. She was even asked by the police department to watch it. (It is my belief that there were two persons that Laura had contact with. One was McDonald, who she knew, and the other person was someone she talked to on the phone who identified them self as "Matt"). Suzanne Hinson was a co-worker with Laura. Suzanne supposedly identified Laura Ibach's visitor as a person by the name of "Matt" who drove a white van. Laura also then told her story of the drug deal.

(This statement was given after the evening's events and after Ruble had told her that Laura was last seen in McDonald's van. It is my belief that the story that Suzanne told about the drugs was actually the same story that Cathy Wilson was talking about which originated with Tom Healy.)

Janet Carter, a third co-worker, saw a man matching McDonald's description visit Laura at work. She assumed that this person was the same person who identified himself as Matt or Mac earlier in the day when he called on the phone. McDonald did stop and see Laura, there is no question of this. I have to ask myself why a contract killer would boldly contact Laura, with witnesses present, then meet her later, again in public, and kidnap her.

Hinson, Wilson, and Carter all gave written statements at the same time to the Kodiak Police Department. The police did not separate the witnesses at the time of the statement and this I believe is what started the long line of misinformation and assumptions that took place.

Laura had an appointment with Matt Jamin that same afternoon. A private investigator by the name of Al Ruble was requested to conduct surveillance the evening of March 28th, 1986, along cannery row. Although Laura Ibach had never mentioned Matt McDonald to anyone up to that point Mr. Ruble, after the fact, told the police that Laura had told him that she was meeting a person by the name of "Matt McDonald." Mr. Ruble could not have known this name because Laura did not know this name and had not even given the name to her attorney or any of her co-workers. Ruble was caught in this lie on pages 68 and 117 of the grand jury transcript.

Juror: She never said anything about McDonald?

Ruble: No.

My investigation revealed that what really happened was that Laura Ibach did see McDonald downtown that evening, and she talked with him momentarily in his vehicle (a white van) after which she left the van. After she left the vehicle she either went into one of the several bars in the area or met with whomever she had intended to meet after she left the company of Mr. McDonald. (I would note for the purpose of clarification that McDonald had known Laura Ibach since he had arrived in Alaska and that they had dated in the past. It would not have been unusual for Laura to see McDonald on the street and hop into his vehicle with him. Further when PI Ruble saw Laura she was smiling and appeared normal with McDonald. This seems like a perfect example of a man being in the wrong place at the wrong time.)

I believe that Al Ruble used poor surveillance techniques on the night in question. He observed Laura Ibach in the front seat of McDonald's van laughing with him. He then went out of sight and when he returned the van was gone and he could not see Laura.

He did not check any of the bars in the harbor area but rather just assumed Laura had been kidnapped. As a matter of fact while Ruble observed Laura with McDonald, Jack Ibach was only 800 feet away having just come into the harbor area on the Kodiak King tugboat. Ruble, while conducting surveillance never saw Mr. Ibach until a half hour later at which time Ibach was driving a white Ford Bronco. Police Investigation later documents this event.

I further documented this information by speaking with the Captain of the Kodiak King who confirmed that Jack Ibach was on Cannery Row at 9:40pm.

Al Ruble was in contact with Matt Jamin, Janet Carter, Cathy Wilson, Suzanna Hinson, and the Kodiak Police Department. I believe that they incorrectly took bits and pieces of information and unknowingly wove a story with McDonald as the prime suspect. When they gave their statements to the police they already knew what each other's assumptions were, and their statements reflected the assumptions. Keep in mind that it was Cathy Wilson who had heard of the drug deal. How could she possibly have known this was going to be the pretense used by McDonald? This makes no sense at all.

It was incorrect for Al Ruble to assume that Mr. McDonald was alone in the van. He was, in fact, not alone. Aside from Laura, James Kerwin was also in the van. James Kerwin is a recovering alcoholic whom McDonald had befriended. The police, upon learning that Mr. Kerwin was in the van, charged him with the murder and kidnapping as well.

The prosecution used the same theories and evidence that they had used against McDonald. They both went to trial at the same time and the jury came back with an inconsistent verdict. They found McDonald and Ibach guilty, but Kerwin not guilty. At trial it was proven that on the night of the disappearance Kerwin was with McDonald all night until he was arrested on the minor bench warrants from Anchorage. At the time of his arrest he was asleep in McDonald's van outside of the recovery house. McDonald was asleep inside the house and was awoken by the police at 5:00am. The police's theory was initially that Laura had been killed and her body dumped into the inner harbor in Kodiak. The theory later changed when a white van was seen that evening out in Bells Flat. The theory changed a third time when clothing started appearing on Monashka Bay. After film was developed from McDonald's camera it showed that he had once been at a cabin which overlooked Monashka Bay. Going with the last theory the police had come to the conclusion that Laura would have been kidnapped shortly after 9:00pm, driven 9 miles out on an icy road then carried or walked several hundred yards to a bluff overlooking Monashka Bay, killed, then her 180lb body thrown over the bluff into the bay.

The log-in sheet at the group home showed McDonald being there at 10:00 pm. A witness by the name of Jim Clyde positively identified McDonald as being at the group home at 10:45 pm and in fact watched a movie with him. Personally drove from where

McDonald was last seen parked and used the most direct route to drive to the point where the police theorized Laura's body was thrown over the bluff. Traveling at the speed limit it took me 1 hour and 15 minutes round trip. This did not include walking from the road to the bluff and back. There are 5 separate witnesses who said that McDonald was home between 9:50pm and 10:00pm and the log shows other people logging in after McDonald at 10:00pm. As I stated earlier McDonald's vehicle was not in good repair. The drive shaft was "wired" to the transmission and the van could not be driven over 35mph. This was verified in testimony. The speed limit on the road to Monashka bay is 55mph. I cannot see how it would be possible for McDonald to kidnap Laura, drive to Monashka Bay, kill, and disrobe her, throw her body over the cliff and then be back at the recovery house by 10:00pm. The police, when questioning Donald McDonald at the recovery house, referred to Laura as Laura Henderson confusing McDonald momentarily. Donald McDonald knows Laura as Laura Ibach. McDonald had been asleep in his room for four hours when Palmer contacted him in the middle of the night. Once McDonald realized who the police were talking about, he became frightened they were investigating Laura for drug usage and initially denied seeing her that night. McDonald, being caught in this lie fueled the fires for further assumptions and false speculation. McDonald did admit to seeing Laura that night after the Police told him that Laura was seen in his van. McDonald, being caught in this lie fueled the fires for further assumptions and false speculation. McDonald told the supported by James Kerwin.

At this point in the questioning of McDonald at the recovery house, there is a difference in what McDonald remembers and what Sergeant Palmer and Al Ruble remember. McDonald adamantly denies that he ever told anyone he went around the block with Laura and then let her out and James Kerwin's story supports that as well. Palmer states this is what McDonald told him. Al Ruble states he overheard McDonald tell Sgt Palmer that McDonald went around the block with Laura then let her out.

I have been to the location Ruble allegedly heard the comment from and not only could I not hear any conversation taking place, but I could not even see who was talking. Mr. Ruble testified at Grand Jury he could not hear anything but later at the 1st Trial, stated he overheard the conversation. Mr. Ruble is clearly not telling the truth.

On April 2nd, 1986, Al Rubie signed a statement to the police that he overheard a conversation between Sgt Palmer and McDonald. This conversation was critical, and I believe there is a very high degree of probability Ruble is lying.

Following is Al Ruble's memory of the conversation. **Remember, he later in Grand Jury said he heard nothing.**

Palmer: Do you know Laura Henderson?

McDonald: No.

Palmer: Do you know Laura Ibach?

McDonald: No, but I know Jack Ibach, is that his wife?

Palmer: No, it's his ex-wife, have you seen her?

McDonald: No

Palmer: She was seen with you in your van. Let's stop the bullshit, we know about the meeting and the tape.

McDonald: Yes, she was in my van, we were going to do a drug deal, I couldn't get any, so she got out and I....

It is a fair statement that my investigation and review of the records disclosed that Al Ruble lied when he stated he heard the conversation between Sgt. Palmer and Donald McDonald.

Eight months after Laura disappeared and several days before the murder trial Sergeant Michael Andre of the Kodiak Police Department called a psychic hotline he had seen advertised in a magazine. The psychic, over the telephone, supposedly tells Andre that he should search the front of the van again. The van is searched again and an earring similar to the one Laura wore was found above the gas pedal. (This is truly unbelievable. Officer Rhodes and Officer Walton spent 20 hours looking for evidence in this van. They removed **everything** from the van and did not find an earring. The state's crime lab also searched the van and did not find an earring.)

I have reviewed the FBI reports concerning hair and fiber analysis which was done on all of McDonald's and Kerwin's clothing, their persons, the interior of the van and virtually everything in the van. The FBI did not find one drop of blood, not one hair or fiber, which came from Laura or anything she was wearing. The Alaska State Trooper's lab found no fingerprints or palm prints. This does not support the state's theory that a major fight took place in the van. The lack of any physical evidence in the van does not support that theory at all. This is probably the reason the earring was planted.

The state's theory was that a rear window was broken out of McDonald's van, therefore there must have been a struggle.

This is wrong. Investigation revealed that the window was broken before the van was sold to Mr. McDonald by Jay Buckalew. Although there were two footprints on a folder inside of McDonald's van, the state neglected to have them match the two tennis shoes that were found. There is a new procedure where the tennis shoes that were found in the water can be examined along with Laura's other shoes from her apartment. If the tennis shoes don't match then the ones found in the water are probably further evidence that was planted.

One of the most troubling items in this report is how a jury could find James Kerwin, who was with McDonald during the time Laura was in his van, not guilty. Mr. Kerwin is now dead so he could not be interviewed.

I learned from Kathy Jackson Murray that James Kerwin wrote a letter prior to his death stating that McDonald had nothing to do with the murder of Laura Henderson. In this eight-page handwritten summary of events James Kerwin was clearly bothered by the fact he could not testify as an alibi for McDonald. He couldn't do this because he was also indicted in the murder. After Kerwin's acquittal he could have accepted all responsibility for the murder of Laura Henderson and not have been convicted, but he didn't. He didn't because he maintains that he and McDonald are not guilty. Kerwin explained in this letter that it was himself who had possession of a .357 handgun. He also explained that he had given that gun to Jack Ibach so that it would not be on the F.V. Nordby while he was there because he was drinking on the boat. At some point Ibach returned the weapon to Kerwin who gave it to McDonald for safe keeping. This appears to be an honest explanation regarding the weapon from a man who had nothing to gain or lose by lying.

Lastly, I would like to state that there never was a connection between McDonald and Jack Ibach. The police went over the assets of both persons and revealed no financial exchanges whatsoever. Not one!

In this summary I have attempted to stay away from the conspiracy theories and only deal with the facts. From the beginning I think that small assumptions were made and that those assumptions snow balled. There was no turning back until these snowballs avalanched into a conviction of Donald McDonald.

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Interview with Sergeant Barry Paris~ by Rollie A. Port, Private Investigator

I personally spoke with the investigating officer on this case, Sergeant Barry Paris, on July 19th, 2000. Sergeant Paris told me the following information:

1. Paris realizes that the evidence against McDonald was the slimmest of any evidence he has seen in a murder conviction, however he believes McDonald is guilty because Rubel said he was the last one with Henderson; McDonald ended up with a .357 handgun that Ibach had; Ibach, Kerwin, and McDonald were seen together at Kerwin's apartment behind the McDonald's Restaurant in Kodiak.
2. He states he has struggled with the earring being found in the van. His memory of how that earring was found is as follows. He remembers immediately prior to the first trial, Mike Andre came to him and stated he had looked in a Police Catalog and saw an article concerning the psychic. That Andre took it upon himself with no urging from Paris to call the psychic.
3. The first thing Paris says he ever knew about the psychic was that Andre told him about the article and then told him that he had already called the psychic and the psychic had told him to look within three feet of the driver's seat of the van for an earring. (At this point this Investigator asked specifically if the psychic had said to look for an earring and Paris stated it is his recollection that the psychic had told Andre that the earring would be found within three feet of the driver's seat.)
4. He states he was cajoled by Andre into going out and looking one more time in the vehicle. He states when he went out to St. Pierre's aluminum shed the van still had the evidence tape all over it. He used a key which the Police had kept all along for the van, and he noted the van was locked and the windows were rolled up when he contacted the van.
5. He states he remembers the only thing left in the van was the seat and he believes a G.I. ammo box.
6. He states he crawled in and out of the van and Mike Andre was in the van as well.
7. He states he had searched the van until he was satisfied nothing was found and then he stepped out of the van by the driver's side door and was waiting for Andre to get done.
8. He states he was shining the light of his flashlight into the driver's door, and he saw a flash of something and he himself found the earring.
9. He states the earring was on top of a speaker wire and when he saw the earring

it raised the hair on the back of his neck because in his mind, **"how am I ever going to get anyone to believe that we had just found this earring."**

10. He stated after he observed the earring, he then went and got a search warrant for the vehicle and went back, seized the earring, and took it to the evidence room.

At this point Paris was confronted with the statement of Will Walton that it was he and Rhodes that actually found that earring after they had been called in off duty and ordered by Paris to search the front of the van.

11. Paris stated that Walton was incorrect in his statement to that affect because Walton and Rhodes did not find that earring, that he was the person that found that earring. (This is contrary to his court and grand jury testimony.)

12. He stated he wished Walton and Rhodes would have found the earring because it was him, Paris, who ended up having to explain how the earring was found to Chief Justice Burke.

13. He states he remembers Chief Justice Burke basically telling him that he did not believe the story about the earring and did not believe the story about the psychic.

14. He stated he is very embarrassed about having found the earring in the van, however, but that what he is relating to me is absolutely the truth. (here *I am going to skip to number 21 out of 50*)

21. He states he realizes that it is extremely slim, however, that's all they had to make the circumstantial case.

22. He goes on to state that he was aware McDonald was found on the opposite end of Kodiak out the road in his van, on the opposite end of where Monashka Bay was, and he was out there bragging that he was a helicopter pilot and door gunner which Paris states was "bullshit," but goes to show that Kerwin's vehicle was able to drive a distance out of Kodiak. (It still couldn't be driven over 35 mph.) (Here *I am going to skip to number 24 out of 50*)

24. He states he at one point thought that Jim McLaughlin was responsible for the death of Laura Henderson. That was based on numerous statements from persons stating that McLaughlin had in fact told them of killing Laura.

25. He stated Michael Putnam was a Police Informant that was put back into McLaughlin's house to solicit information from McLaughlin. He states he considered Putnam untruthful, but when he came back out and made a report that McLaughlin had made the statement that he was responsible for Laura's death. He states Putnam had been arrested for something else and the Police made a deal with him to go back in to see what information he could get from McLaughlin. When he came back out with that

information, he felt it was unbelievable. (Beyond stating he felt it was unbelievable, Paris could come up with no other reason why he felt this way).

26. He stated Guy Carroll was another unbelievable person who stated McLaughlin was responsible for the killing of Laura Henderson.

27. He stated they did not find Guy Carroll to be truthful, however he cannot remember at this time exactly what Guy Carroll did say.

28. He states in his mind McLaughlin was a suspect, but they had more evidence showing that McDonald was linked to Ibach than McLaughlin being linked to Ibach, therefore McDonald was charged. Along with that was the .357, the meeting between Ibach, Kerwin, and McDonald, and McDonald being the last person seeing Laura Henderson alive.

29. He states he could not remember whether he took part in the search of Henderson's apartment or if that was left to Walton and Rhodes.

30. He states in 1986, the Kodiak Police Department was well aware that Kodiak was a threshold for large quantities of cocaine coming from Seattle into Alaska.

31. He stated he was aware that McLaughlin was very involved in the cocaine trade in Kodiak.

32. He stated he knew Ibach was a user of cocaine and got his cocaine he believes from McLaughlin. He states he did not arbitrarily dismiss the possibility that McLaughlin could have somehow been involved with the homicide, however, he did not pick up any evidence that could be proven in court that McLaughlin was involved with Laura Henderson's death. (Paris went on to discredit Michael Putnam, although he used Putnam as an informant and felt he was credible on some issues but in reference to what Putnam told him concerning McLaughlin's involvement with Laura's death he discounted. This Investigator presented to Paris that it sounded like he had already made up his mind that McDonald was the person responsible for the killing, therefore he didn't keep an open mind in reference to McLaughlin. To that, Paris stated that he felt he did keep an open mind, it was just the evidence as he saw it pointed to McDonald and not McLaughlin. Paris concedes that McDonald was convicted on the slimmest of evidence and probably without the earring being found the chances of conviction of McDonald was probably nil.

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37. He stated he was using a flashlight standing on the outside of the van when he saw something sparkle under the dashboard area in front of the driver's seat. It was at this point he found the earring. (The way the earring was found seems incredible that a person could see it from six to eight feet outside the front door of the van and given the way the van door opens, the position of the seat, a normal person standing upright would not have been able to see that speaker wire or the earring.)

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40. He states he did not know Ruble that well and concedes that Ruble would have a motive for not telling the truth concerning when he saw Laura and who he saw her with, however, he believes Ruble told the truth.

41. He states Ruble basically had to leave Kodiak because of this case. The fact that he lost Laura that night was the biggest issue as to why he had to leave Kodiak. Further, his credibility in the community was lost. Still Paris believed Ruble told the truth about what he had observed that night.

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46. He states he could not comment on whether or not the clothing found in the bay would have been sufficiently bleached given the time they were in the water. He doesn't know what the clothes would look like if they had been in the water one week compared to two months.

47. He states he does not believe the Police planted any of the clothing in Monashka Bay and states the way all of the clothing was found was chronicled in the Police report. He states this homicide investigation was the very first one that the Police Department ever did and although they did not use State Troopers to do the investigation, they did travel to Anchorage to meet with Mike Grimes and have Mike Grimes help them in their investigations. He cannot remember specifically what Grimes told them about the case.

He states he was sure some mistakes were made in the investigation because it was KPD's first major homicide investigation, but that he also strongly disbelieves there was any conspiracy in the Police Force or between the Police Force and specific citizens, i.e. Matt Jamin and Ruble, to frame Donald McDonald.

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50. He states he is currently a Sergeant with the Tacoma Police Department working the hilltop area of town and he likes the adrenalin of being the first person on the scene to-----.

Interview with Former KPD Officer William Walton~

On February 7th, 2000, I interviewed Officer William Walton who provided the following information:

1. He stated he was a Police Officer at the Kodiak Police Department from 1983 to 1993.
2. He stated at the time of Laura Henderson's disappearance he was in Detectives with Bill Rhodes and Col Paris was the supervisor.
3. He states he remembers being called out the night Laura disappeared, and the night was notable in that he fell down in the parking lot because of extreme icy conditions and slipped underneath a vehicle and injured himself. He remembers very well that entire night the roads in and around Kodiak were in the same condition and he states to get out where Barry Paris says the body was thrown off the cliff, a person would not have been able to drive more than 5mph.
4. He stated his job was to collect evidence and he remembers searching McDonald's van for approximately 10 to 12 hours and seizing 8 to 900 pieces of evidence in that case with the majority of that evidence coming from the van.
5. He stated in reference to the glass being broken from the inside and that showing there was a struggle inside, he states the glass expert from the FBI more or less convinced him that was plausible however his feeling was that there was no sign of struggle inside the van at all.
6. He stated he remembers searching the entire van with Rhodes and that would include the drivers compartment where later the earring was found on 3/29/86.
7. He stated Paris was an arrogant person who was prone to not tell the truth and do whatever he had to do to win a conviction.
8. He stated that he remembers Paris specifically telling Bill Rhodes that Bill Rhodes "**would**" make a case against Ibach just to get him into jail on sex abuse charges (the case was later dismissed).
9. He stated he believed Rhodes **manufactured** evidence to make a murder case against Ibach just simply because Paris told him to do it.
10. He stated he does not believe that Laura was thrown off of the cliff as Barry Paris as has found. He stated the way the cliff came into being a possible location is that he and Rhodes had film developed that was in McDonald's camera and as soon as those photos came back, Paris immediately took the photos and decided that the pictures

showed that McDonald and Kerwin were "practicing throwing a body over the cliff" and therefore Paris immediately knew that's where Laura was thrown into the ocean. He states the problem was that you would have to throw the body straight out over 50 feet away from the cliff to get the body to land in water even at high tide, He states when he looked at the 250 foot drop from the cliff and the outward sloping from top to bottom of the cliff, that even if you were able to physically throw a body directly out from the cliff 50 feet, that the body would actually land on the slope or land on the top of rocks that were above high tide. He stated when he brought this information up to Paris, Paris discounted it and was so arrogant that there was nothing else that could be done.

11. He stated that he believes Paris made up his mind that Ibach, Kerwin and McDonald were guilty from day one and Paris went out to build his case from there.

12. He stated he was in the Navy, and he has recovered 20 to 30 bodies from the ocean. This included a lot of clothing. He states when clothing is in the salt water for a limited period of time it becomes highly bleached out.

13. He stated he believes that there is a very good possibility that the clothing was planted on Monashka Beach by someone. He bases this on the fact that when he observed specifically the coat and blue jeans, they did not appear to have been in the water very long and they were not bleached out enough for being in the water the amount of time that Laura had disappeared.

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16. He stated Barry Paris was the person in charge of the evidence room during that time.

17. He stated he became aware that Jim "Mac" McLaughlin was saying he had knowledge where Henderson's body was and that the body was actually in a landfill across from his house.

18. He stated he discussed this with Paris and Paris immediately discounted it and nothing was ever done. He states he wrote this up in the Police report, however, does not know if it found its way into the Police report as Paris was the person responsible for putting the report together. (This information was not found in the official report.)

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20. He states Bill Rhodes is somewhat of a timid Investigator, but he would have done anything Paris told him to do and that would include manufacture evidence.

21. He stated in reference to the earring, he believes he was set up to find the earring. He states this because he was called on a Saturday to come into the Department and search the van for the earring. That meant that he and Rhodes were called in on overtime on a

Saturday to look in the van when Sgt. Andre and Sgt. Paris were both on duty working and could have easily checked the van out.

22. He stated they were told to search the front portion of the van and they started in the driver's seat and immediately found the earring behind the gas pedal of the van. Paris then concluded the search of the van immediately after the earring was found. He stated that Paris did not accompany them to the van, and he now believes that he and Rhodes were both used as patsies.

23. He stated Andre was easily led and would have done anything Paris told him to do.

24. He stated he remembers talking to District Attorney Sue McLean about the McLaughlin theories, however McLean was being run over by Paris as well and she would say she would look into things but never did.

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27. He stated the only person who ever knew the big picture of the investigation and what was being proven was Paris. He stated that other Officers would be assigned small portions of the Investigation to go out and do things, however it was Paris who formulated whatever meaning he wanted to on what was found.

In addition to talking with Detectives Paris and Walton I attempted to talk to Officer Rhodes who refused to be interviewed. Interview with Officer Mark Gregory~

I did speak with Officer Mark Gregory who states Bill Rhodes did most of the evidence work on the Henderson homicide. He states he has always remained friends with Bill Rhodes and on one occasion Bill Rhodes told him of a fiasco that occurred in reference to the Henderson homicide. He states he was sent out to McDonald's van where he observed an earring on the floorboard. He then contacted Sgt. Paris and Paris got a search warrant and the earring was found that was later identified as Henderson's. This occurred two weeks before the trial of McDonald, Kerwin and Ibach. Rhodes reportedly shook his head and scoffed at the idea that a psychic in Chicago came up with this information and indicated to Gregory that the earring was probably planted. Gregory maintains that Rhodes never used the words planted or manufactured, however Rhodes left the Police Department and is now a probation officer.

Interview with Officer Anthony Wills~

I spoke with a new Kodiak Police Officer by the name of Anthony Wills, and he stated on one occasion he and Trooper Chris Hill and Officer Bradbury were riding with Chief Palmer who was acquainting them with the City. They drove by the impound lot and

inside the impound lot was Donald McDonald's white van. Chief Palmer told all three of them that the van had to do with the disappearance of Laura Henderson and that Henderson had been murdered, cut up, put into a crab pot and taken out to sea by a fishing vessel. (This is absolutely contrary to the Police investigation and should be followed up with interview of Chris Hill and Officer Bradbury to support the statement Palmer made to Wills.)

Sincerely,

Rollie A. Port

Rollie A. Port, Private Investigator

Inquiry Questions from P.I. Rollie Port~ The following are citations taken from a letter to Commissioner Glenn Godfrey, Department of Public Safety, Juneau, AK 2001

The probability of McDonald having served 14 years in prison for a crime he did not commit is very real. I believe the questions raised by my investigation should be answered in a manner that puts the issue to rest once and for all. Even though there are appeals currently going in this case I believe an inquiry is called for now and it should not be pushed off to the side. Literally, a man's life is at stake.

I would like to see the following points addressed:

Since the conviction of Donald McDonald for the murder of Laura Henderson the Alaska State Troopers have continued to receive reports of sightings of Ms. Henderson alive.

The Alaska State Troopers have investigated the recovery of unidentified human remains in the Kodiak area. One of the reports concerned a female being found in a shallow grave on an island adjacent to Kodiak.

The television show "*Inside Edition*" reported on a video interview of Wayne Arndt. I spoke with Mr. Arndt, and he states adamantly that he made a report to the Alaska State Troopers about pulling a female body in a bag as well as having seen a woman's tennis shoe, sock, and blue jeans. This all matches what Laura Henderson was wearing the night of her disappearance.

Anthony Wills, a former Kodiak Police Officer, has reported that Sergeant Palmer, currently retired, had told him that Laura Henderson was murdered, put into a crab pot, and dumped at sea. This would be contrary to the evidence presented in court. Sergeant Palmer was an active participant in the investigation of Laura's disappearance. (This information has been requested from the Alaska State Troopers and the Kodiak Police Department; however, they refuse to provide the information.)

It is physically improbable or maybe even impossible for a 180 lb. object to be thrown off of the bluff and land anywhere close to the waterline Monashka Bay. (*Inside Edition* experimented with this issue on video and the item thrown did not even reach the water line. In the experiment two people were throwing the object.) Officer Walton told me that he had film developed out of McDonald's camera and because the bluff area was in the pictures Sergeant Paris immediately claimed this to be the murder scene. No other evidence existed then or now to support this theory. (Is it even possible for a body to be thrown into the bay at this location?)

I personally spoke with Dennis McMurray, the employer of Jack Ibach. Unknown to the police there is a page in the logbook on the date of March 28, 1986, missing. I discovered this when I asked to review the Kodiak King logbook. The missing page is very hard to see but if you look closely the margin of the paper is still in the binding. McMurray's answer was that he must have made a mistake but in the other 250 pages of the log the only mistake occurred on this date. I do not know what was really written in the log, but it is very possible that the information exonerated McDonald. (There should be an investigation into the missing page and what was contained on it.)

The clothing found at Monashka Bay is certainly suspect. Lieutenant Tom Schwantes, now retired, is a 30-year veteran of the Marine Department of the Alaska State Troopers. I spoke with Lieutenant Schwantes who told me he did not believe that a 180 lb. body could be thrown off of the bluff and land in Monashka Bay. Further, that the clothing being found in Monashka Bay from the VFW to Pillar Beach means the clothing would have gone into the water at a place called the Narrows Channel at the mouth Monashka Bay. He bases this statement on being an expert in the area of tides and currents in the Kodiak area. He also finds suspect that Henderson's clothing came off of her body because of current or tide action. He has recovered numerous clothed bodies from the ocean. If Lieutenant Schwantes is correct then the states entire theory of Laura being thrown from a bluff is incorrect. Not only is it physically impossible to throw a 180 lb. object into Monashka Bay it is ludicrous to believe that tidal action took the clothes off. Officer Walton of the Kodiak Police Department has recovered 20 to 30 bodies from the ocean. He believes that Laura Henderson's coat and blue jeans could have been planted. He bases this theory on the fact that the coat and blue jeans were not faded as if they had been in the salt water for an extended period of time. To further add credibility to the clothing being planted on the beach is the discovery of a clutch purse identified as Laura Henderson's. I spoke with Jack Ibach who told me the purse was a play purse used by his children. Laura had a current Alaska Driver's license so why would she be carrying a clutch purse with an expired Oregon Driver's license in it? Jack Ibach stated that in the year previous to Laura's disappearance he purchased a new velvet purse with a strap for her. He watched as Laura changed purses and then gave the old one to the kids. Officer Walton remembers taking numerous photographs of the clothing and other items located in Laura's apartment. I believe it would be prudent to match the items found by the police to the photos taken in the apartment. Again, I see no reason why Laura would have been carrying an expired Oregon Driver's license. (This also needs to be investigated.)

It should also be noted that Lieutenant Tom Walters of the US Coast Guard, along with Lieutenant Richardson and Lieutenant Bartlett, searched for two hours in Monashka Bay on March 30, 1986, and found nothing along the beach or in the water. On April 21, 1986, Lieutenant Commander Maye and Lieutenant Musarra searched the mouth of

Monashka Bay between Termination Point and Miller Point. They found nothing. Yet on that same day a pink woman's shoe and a goose-down coat were found on the beach in Monashka Bay. What is interesting is that stuck to the inside of the left tennis shoe was a band aid. This band aid would have been worn under a sock on Laura's right foot according to a statement from her doctor who had removed warts from her right foot. How did the band aid get into the left tennis shoe? Some sort of transference may be an explanation, but it is more likely, given the other circumstances of this case, that the band aid was put in there to prove that the shoe was Laura's. The only mistake made was that they put it in the wrong shoe. Alex Pederson provided a statement to the police that the tennis shoe looked almost new. This does not make sense when it was not found until April 21, 1986. How could a tennis shoe look new after being in the water over three weeks?

The entire situation on the finding of the earring must be investigated. Keep in mind that the owner of the impound lot has testified while the van was in the impound lot it was not secured. Further, the only time he was denied his request to be present at a search of a vehicle in his lot was when the earring was found.

James Kerwin was acquitted of this charge. He died after his trial but left behind a letter stating that he was with McDonald the night of Laura's disappearance and that McDonald did not kill Laura.

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Taped Interview With William Walton (Kenai PD)
(RPI/99-115/DRAFT/INT/MCDONALD)

R Rollie Port

W William Walton

R Currently the date's the 7th?

W 8th, 8th of February.

R And what time is it Bill?

W 12:53.

R 12:53, and I'm here with, and it's Will...

W William A.

R A Walton. And ahm, ah, Will, I've known you since about 1985. I've told you that I'm an Investigator, I'm working for Peter Camiel on the defensive of Mac McDonald of ahm, the charge. Of homicide of Laura Henderson back March 28th, 1986. We've chatted here for about 15, 20 minutes, and I just wanted to record ah, what we had to say. Do you have any objection at all?

W No, not at all.

R Okay, and you realize this is taped?

W Yes.

R You were employed by the Kodiak Police Department for, between what period of time?

W 1983 to 1993.

R Okay, and between '83 and '93, what was your job?

W Ahm, I started as a Patrol Officer then I switched to Investigations for four years and then ahm, school liaison officer was the title for the last five years.

R So between 1990, 1988 and '93, you worked at the school?

W Yes.

R Okay, did you become aware or become active in a homicide investigation involving a person by the name of Laura Henderson?

W Yes.

R And what was your involvement?

W I worked for the Detective Division at that time and most of my work on that case was evidence collection.

R And, who was the main officers involved in the investigation of Laura Henderson's death. Who was the lead officer.

W Sgt. Barry Paris.

R Did you know anything about Barry Paris' background prior to him coming to Kodiak?

W Yes, I did.

R And what was that?

W That he had, the story was that he had brutalized a prisoner or someone in handcuffs in a booking room in Washington State.

R In Washington State or Oregon?

W It might have been Oregon.

R Okay, ahm, during the course, what, if you would, if you could just kind of walk me through what your involvement in the Henderson case was... going back from day one...forward. Maybe if we do that summary, then I'd have some direct questions?

W Whew, I'll try. Ahm, Hm, where to start. The ah...

R How were you notified?

W I received a phone call at home on ah, March 28, and I remember it was later in the evening and it was very icy out because I fell on the ice in the ah, Police Department's parking lot and slid under a couple of cars.... ah, from the get-go, Bill Rhodes and I were assigned to evidence collection. Ahm, ... that evening I remember that ah, Mac MacDonald's white van was found near the high school and James Kerwin was in it he had a warrant for his arrest,

so he was arrested. Ah, the, the van was secured in the.... Police Department garage. And I believe we got a search warrant, there was so many, I can't remember, but ah, ... the van was searched. Eventually ah, Jack Ibach's house was searched, ... ahm, Laura Henderson's apartment.....·....and my efforts were everything from finding ah, I remember finding a feather.... that seemed out of place and then ah, much later, I believe there was the ah, infamous earing case with the ah, with the psychic ahm, it wasn't Sgt. then, but it was Officer ah. Robo Cop?

R Andre?

W Mike Andre, excuse me. Mike Andre had a vision from a psychic that there was evidence in the van that was Laura Henderson. Bill Rhodes and I were asked to go research the van and that's what, I believe that was on a Saturday, and we did that.

R Were you called in from home to do that?

W Yes, yeah.

R Have any idea why Paris just didn't go out and do it himself rather than call someone in on overtime?

W No, yeah, I always wondered about that. I assumed that he was too busy with paperwork, but then Bill Rhodes and I wound up doing most of the paperwork so?

R Hm. When, I need to back up...

W Sure.

R When the van was first impounded, did you do the search at the, in the garage to find the feather?

W I must have because I remember finding the feather. I... someone had said that the victim, the supposed victim was ah, ... ah, nobody could find, was wearing a down filled coat and levis and tennis shoes and Levi pants and I remember as you went in the side door of the van, there was a feather. And I didn't know if it meant anything at all, but I picked it up and bagged it anyway.

R Okay. Did you, how, how thorough did you go through that van?

W If I remember right, we had ...over 8 or 900 items of evidence.

R Out of that van.

W And most of them were from that van.

R Okay.

W Because we didn't know what we were looking for, so Bill Rhodes and I took everything.

R Okay. Did you pull the carpets out of the van?

W I don't remember.

R Okay. Do you know if anybody, how, how long of a period of time did you search that van.

W It should have been all that night and into the next day I'd need the Police report to know the exact times.

R 10, 12 hours, less?

W Probably 10 to 12 hours.

R Okay. And who else searched that van with you, besides yourself and Bill?

W That's all I remember is Bill Rhodes and myself.

R Okay, when did you find any flashlights in there?

W I don't remember Rollie.

R Okay.

W Could have.

R Okay, did you find a window that was broken there?

W Yes.

R Did you put any significance to that window being broken?

W I didn't at that time.

R Okay.

W It's an old van. An old Dodge van.

R Was there any way of telling whether there was dirt in the cracks to be able to tell that the window had been broken for some time or did it look like a recent break, was there any glass laying down below the window if it was broken from the inside or the outside?

W If I dismissed the window being broken, then it appeared to be an old break in an old van.

R Okay, when you say, did you dismiss that window?

W I don't know, I don't remember. I'm sorry.

R No, that's fine. Ahm, .. What else, do you remember finding, outside of that feather that you found, did you find some duck or down sleeping bags or clothing or?

W Yes.

R Okay, could that feather have come from that?

W I always thought so.

R Okay, did you testify to that?

W I remember being asked if there were a sleeping bag in there, in the van. I don't remember which attorney asked me, there were three there, three defense attorneys.

R Okay, specifically in reference to the earring.

W ahm.

R Ahm, you're called in on overtime by Barry Paris, was Rhodes called in on overtime too?

W I believe so.

R Okay, so you're both called in on overtime on Saturday. And what were your instructions and who gave them to you?

W I remember that the story was related, ah, that Mike Andre had contacted a psychic, ..and the psychic had mentioned to him that there was evidence of Laura Henderson in the van. And Bill and I were sent to research the van.

R ahm.

W Which was not at the Police Department, but if I recall correctly at ahm, Kodiak Towing lock up-facility.

R Okay. s>

W At a warehouse.

R When you were told that Andre had called a psychic. What did you think about thatstatement.

W A lot, a lot.

R Why?

W I had never heard of such a thing in Police work.

R Did you believe it when you were told?

W No.

R But why did you...

W I don't think Bill Rhodes believed it either.

R Did Paris seem to believe it?

W It just seemed to... I had never really heard of psychics doing anything with Police work and I just, you know, this is really bizarre.

R Do you know why you and Bill were chosen to go out there on overtime to search thevan?

W Not really, (never thought about that. Alun, ...other people could have done it.

R Okay.

W Like Mike Andre, I mean, he's the one that got the information.....

R Were you cross examined and recross examined on that issue of the earring? I mean, whotook the heat ah, about finding the earring when people start looking at it kind of with

cross eyes, cocking his head saying oh, yeah, sure? Who ended up taking the heat for that?

W -myself.

R Okay. Would you say that; that van, that someone could not have planted that earring in that van because it was secured? By the time you got out there to the van?

W When the van was first put in the storage facility it was secured. Lots of evidence tape and lots of that red shadow tape, evidence tape. But as time went on, that stuff disappeared.

R Was...

W And it was in a building that 20 or 30 other vehicles, so there had to be other people in that, in the building.

R Would you say the van, in your opinion, as a law enforcement officer, the van would have been secured. Would you be able to testify to that in court?

W No, nope. It wasn't.

R Could someone have ah, planted an earring in there prior to your arrival ah, to search for that van?

W Sure.

R Do you have any feeling on whether or not it was or not?

W

R I realize 15 years after the fact...

W I'm trying to think back to the time. When I found it, I would say no. But, 15 years later...
sure.....That's a definite possibility.

R Okay, why, why is it 15 years later you think it's a definite possibility that that earring was planted?

W Ah, things I've heard about the other officers involved. A lot of it was rumors when I worked for KPD but ah, but I've recently been told, ah, in prior to meeting with you today, that Bill Marsh had been fired and it took a long time for that to happen.

R· Okay.

W I always assumed he was a dirty cop.

R Okay. The location, do you remember who actually found the earring?

W No, I don't. I don't remember if it was myself or Bill Rhodes.

R Do you know where it was found?

W It seems to be it was ah,it was somewhere behind the gas, the accelerator pedal.

R Would that be on the floor, underneath the gas pedal?

W If I recall, there was some insulation material ahm, and kind of like a mat and it was backin there, it was like it had fallen down from up above.

R Okay, did you have to pull anything out to be able to see it or was it in plain sight as youlook around on the floor, in front of..

W No..

R ..the drivers seat.

W I think we had to look hard. I think we had to look really hard to find it.

R Okay.

W I just don't remember.

R Okay. The earring being found on the drivers side...

W Umhm. Probably by Paris and Andre. I don't know if that makes any sense or not. I

R Where it was would be pretty inconsistent, would you say with a, with it falling off a passenger?

W Uhm.

R In the van.

W Yeah.

R Did that strike you at that time?

W Oh, yeah, in the theory going around was if there was a struggle in the front seat, but then what did that have to do with the window in the back of the van?

R Did you ever believe there was a struggle inside the van?

W I had trouble with that for a long time ah, I think the FBI glass fellow was the one that sort of convinced me that something had happened inside. That the glass appeared to have been broken from the inside toward the outside.

R

W But when was a question.

R In talking to the FBI Agent, were you skeptical about a struggle even occurring inside the van?

W ahm.

R Okay. The ahm, have you ever told anybody ah, Bill Rhodes or Sue McLean or anybody that you thought the earring was planted?

W No, at the time it was found, I didn't, [thought it was evidence that we had missed.

R Do you still believe that?

W I'm not leaning that direction anymore.

R Okay. What causes you not to be leaning in that direction, I mean you're an experienced Investigator, you're the one that goes out, finds the facts, whatever the facts are...

W It was too convenient.

R Was...

W We searched the van, and then all of a sudden more shows up because a psychic says it to somebody who - police magazine.

R Did you use more diligence in the second search of that vehicle then you would have used in the first? Or would you have looked in the same areas?

WIt seems to me that on the second search it's called the earing search, and I don't know how we got there, we were more or less directed toward the front of the van. don't remember looking elsewhere in the van. For something more of Hendersons.

R Do you know why you were looking in the drivers compartment area?

W No, I don't...

R Do you believe it was because Paris and Andre directed you in that direction. Or just ...

W I don't remember without looking at a Police report, it just seems funny now, I never thought of it before, or since like that. But why, why go to that part of the van,I mean we should have torn the whole guts of the van out. Everything and laid it on the floorsomewhere. But it seems to me that Rhodes and I went toward the front of the van.

R Okay, in the first search did you do that. Did you empty that van?

W I don't remember emptying it, but the man lived in it. There was lots of stuffin there..... probably still is. Wherever it is.

R Okay, was the carpets taken out from the floor? Floorboards of that van?

W I don't remember Rollie. They should have been, I don't know if they were or not.

R Okay. After you found the earring, did you continue looking for things in the van?

W No, it seemed to me that ah, I wish I had the report on that day. Ahm, the earing was found and then everything stopped.

R Is that kind of odd?

W Yes.

R Why would that be odd?

W

R I guess I'm asking you the obvious right?

w It's obvious. We were led down the path and didn't even know it.

R Do you know who discontinued the search of the van?
WNo because I can't remember if he was there or not or, if he was waiting back at the Police Department.

R I think the Police report would show he went and got the search warrant, and then came back out?
W Sgt. Paris?

R Yeah; The next question if that's the case, why didn't he go out and do it himself?
W Yeah., yeah, since he was already working that day.....

R Okay.
W Hm.

R Have you ever heard ...
W Interesting.

R ..of Barry Paris or Palmer or Bill Marsh, particularly Palmer or Paris ever manufacturing evidence or....doing anything that would affect the outcome of an investigation?
W ahm.

R If you would explain that.
W I'm trying to remember the case ahm, the case- wow, I'm drawing a blank, but I do remember ahm, I remember Bill Rhodes telling me that, that he thought that evidence was either manufactured or created a police report was involved on drug cases..... ahm ...

TAPE ENDS

R We're back on tape. We were just off tape for a minute while I switched tapes, was anything said while we were off tape?
W No, not at all.
R Okay, go ahead.

W Ahn,

R We were talking about a drug case?

W Well there was always, ... innuendo that flirted around the Police Department that, that stuff was made up..... and and I don't remember the particulars. Ahm, I do remember one time when Bill Marsh was testifying in court about evidence and he had ahm, if I recall correctly, he had some of it in his pocket and he was asked that question by the District Attorney and the Defense Attorney and he lied in court. I'll never forget that. That guy should have been canned,----I don't know the case that was - involved.

R Was it drugs in his pocket or money or?

W I believe it was drugs.

R

W He had taken some evidence from the evidence room I don't remember who it was, I'd have to look at log sheets from KPD to figure out...

R And did they actually catch him with the evidence in his pocket?

W He had it in his pocket and everyone knew it. All of us in the court room knew it and he got away with it.

R Hm.

W It was some person...

R Okay, is there any outside, how about Paris, particularly, would he have manufacturedevidence?

W That's entirely possible because he was the person that was also in charge of the evidenceroom. I mean we all had keys as Investigators but he was the head, he was the head muckety-muck.

R Do you know of any cases where he manufactured evidence or he did anything that ah, ... caused the outcome to be different than what it should have been?

W No, I don't.

R Because of him.

W I can't remember any.

R Do you know anything about Jack Ibach being arrested for sexual abuse of a minor?

W Oh, yes.

R If you would just explain that to me.

W That was, ahrn, ...,..... after the van was found on the night of March 28th, 1986, ahm, James Kerwin was found in it, he had a warrant for his arrest and Mac McDonald I assume was arrested for some reason that night, because it was his van, and then I remember Sgt. Paris wondering how he could get ... ah, Jack Ibach and I recall him directing Bill Rhodes who..... who was more or less a juvenile officer find out if there were grounds for a child sexual ...abuse or sexual assault case against Ibach and he put that together for him. And if! remember right, he was arrested for ... before murder and kidnaping charges, he was arrested for sexual assault of a minor, of his two daughters.

R Did Bill Rhodes really think Ibach had committed those crimes or did he...

W I..

R ..he put together...

W I don't think that he did. Bill was under a lot of stress. Barry Paris could stress out anybody....

R Okay.

W And Bill demonstrated it a lot more than the rest of us, Harvey Mulock and I just sort of tried to roll with the flow and disappear when we could but...

R Rhodes, did he ah, did Paris particularly tell Rhodes to do a case and then to have Ibacharrested for sexual abuse.

W Investigate sexual abuse. To put something together. I don't know what it was, what theevidence was.

R But it's your feeling that, that it was, it was done so ...

W To get him in the can.

R Just to get him arrested.

W Get him in the bucket.

R Before...

W Before he could disappear somewhere.

R Okay.

W 'Yeah.

R Ah, did you get the feeling that Paris did not care whether he was guilty or not, he just wanted him in jail?

W He wanted him in jail.

R Did he ever say that, were you ever privy to that.....

W I can remember him saying that. We got to get this guy in jail.

R Did he specifically instruct..... ahm, Bill Rhodes to do whatever he had to do to get him in jail?

W I don't know if he used words like that, but ah, he wouldn't have had to with Bill. All he would have to do with Bill was say I need a case..... investigated against Jack Ibach and he said he wanted it tomorrow morning then Bill was pretty -- created.

R Created whether it be truthful or not?

W Possibly.

R Have you, do you have any examples of Bill ever doing that before?

WI don't think so. I always thought he was a good officer. A good juvenile officer.

R Did Bill Rhodes ever tell you that he had done that only because Paris told him to? Any conversations with Bill afterwards?

W He may have Rollie. I don't recall.

R Okay. Okay, do you know ah, did you ever become aware of the information concerning somebody else other than McDonald and Jack Ibach or James Kerwin being responsible for Laura's death?

W Michael McLaughlin. Not Michael, but his Dad, James. Jim.

R Okay, and what did you hear about that?

W Ahm, the rumor around Kodiak was that McLaughlin had done, McLaughlin did it.

R From where did you hear that?

W That was common common story on the street. From the street people and ...

R Were you ever instructed to disregard those rumors by Paris?

W Ahm, at one point I was told that ahm, Jim McLaughlin had worked at a recent landfill area and indicated that's where Laura's body was. And ahm, I was told to disregard that.

R And who told you to disregard?

W Barry Paris.

R And why?

W ... Because she was in the ocean.

R He already, basically ...he already had his theory, don't convince me of the facts?

W Yes, don't confuse me of facts.

R Yeah.

W Or, yeah.

R Did you ever talk to Sue McLean and tell her that...the drug ah, connection here or the possibility that somebody other than these three guys.....

W I think...

R that they weren't responsible.

W I think I did.

R And what was her response.

W Ahm, it was either don't worry about it or I'll take care of it. I mean she was under a lot of stress also.

R Did you ever have a chance to just sit down and talk to her about this case and whether she really believed these three guys did it or that she...

W She would never say that..... she would never get into that. But I do recall ah, sitting down with her, over a beer a couple years afterwards and the appeal was coming up....ah Alaska Supreme Court or Court of the --I don't remember which one, and she was extremely nervous about that. Because she was working for a private firm at that time....was no longer associated with the Department of Law. And I can recall her saying well I don't have to worry about it, the Department of Law will take care of it.

R Did she believe in the guilt of Kerwin, McDonald and Ibach?

W I'm not sure. She never. I never heard her say that.

R Okay. Is Paris the type of investigator that could bowl her over too?

W Oh, yes.

R And force...

W Anybody.

R And force her to...

W Anybody.

R ... - powerful or arrogant I guess.

W Arrogant is the word.

R Did you ever see him arguing with anybody over ah, specifically Tom Culbertson that he knew what this case was about and it was his way or and he wasn't going to spend his time or resources doing other things.

W That's how...

R

W That sounds entirely like Barry Paris.

R But I'm asking if you particularly in an Investigator meeting, I mean you have to have meetings of investigators as you case goes through. What did Paris say about ah, McLaughlin and about these other theories that were going around?

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W ahm. Nothing. If he knew that, he kept it to himself.

R He never commented on...

W But he was forever arguing with Torn Culbertson.

R About?

W Anything, and getting his way.

R Okay, the theory of the body being thrown off the cliff, do you think that's plausible?

W I never thought that was plausible.

R And why is that?

W Because the cliff slopes outwards toward the sea rather than straight down, ... straight up and down. And it kind of just slips away and ... I don't know the physics involved, but you'd really have to heave something a long way out with an arc to get it to get into the water.

R How far straight out would you have to throw it 50 feet out to get it to land in the water?

W I think it would be further than that. I don't know the distance involved, but there's a... that cliff does not go straight down. It slopes toward the, it's tall, 200, 250 feet up, but slopes toward the ocean or the bay, Monaska Bay, with a great big boulder field at the bottom. So if he did it at low tide, the body is going to wind up maybe, if it was thrown on the rocks. If it's on top of the rocks I doubt that's where high tide was. But they would still be there, even after high tide.

R So...

W You'd need a launcher.

R Did you ever, were you ever chastised because you did not believe that theory?

W Uhm.

R And who did the chastising?

W Barry Paris.

R What did he say.
W Just, he tells me that we've got pictures of them -- and that's where she is. I remember that. Because it was real --- it showed someone - with a youngster at the edge of that cliff

R Did you buy it at that time?
W Nope.

R Did you tell Paris that?
W Yep.

R Who else would have been present?
W Bill Rhodes. I mean I remember when we got the pictures back and we were looking at them, whoa, look at this, somebody is standing there at that little house at the edge of the cliff. Boy, it was immediate, let me see those because we didn't know it was on the film.

R There was ah, at the time that you got that film, had the clothing already been found there on Monaska Bay?
W I don't remember.

R Okay.
W I don't remember timing wise..

R Okay, the....
W Go head.At one point and time I had a timeline and it all written down. Of events. What was found on what day. I wish I had that in front of me now. But.....

R "Would that be in your files?
W Should have, should have been with the Police Reports.

R Do you know of anything that should have been in that file that did not find it's way in there because Barry Paris pulled it out?
W He could have pulled anything out.

R Okay, in particular though, there was information about McLaughlin about people making statements that McLaughlin said he did it, these things.

W Oh, it's so easy to make stuff disappear at that Department. I mean the Police Report wasn't locked up. It was in a file that anybody could get to. And I assumed that now it's probably been microfilmed so what have they thrown away.

R Yeah, did you ever find that some of the reports that you had written had either been excised, changed, or disappeared? In reference to McLaughlin, ah, possible, possibility that he was involved?

W Not that I know of. Anything is possible.

R Okay, there was a report that Barry brought up after the trial that had to do with McLaughlin and that was lost at the time of the first trial and it surfaced later on.

W No kidding.

R Yeah. Do you know anything about that?

W No.

R Have you ever been...

W That's interesting.

R wondered about where any of your reports ended up? Or whether or not any of your information was taken out of a report for any reason?

W I've always wondered that.

R Okay, and why is that?

W Well, curiosity.

R Do you have any examples of things that you think were taken out of the report that you had put into the report?

W

R Observations or investigation paragraphs or information paragraphs?

W Not that I know of. If I could read the report I bet I could find stuff.

R Did you write up the part or were you told not to write up ahm, the information concerning McLaughlin and the landfill.

W That should have been reported that.

R Do you remember typing that...

W Oh, RJ1odes and I - evidence typing summary sheets interviewed so and so today, he orshe said....

R The reason I say that is I never saw that report in your file.

W It should have been.

R Do you know who you got that information from?

W No, I don't know.

R Do you...

W It would be in the report.

R Do you know if Laura Henderson was an informant for Barry Paris?

W I don't know. Ahm, he was a non-communicator. We never knew.....what he was doing.

R Do you know ah...

W It was Chuck Lowry, there at the time?

R Yes.

W She could have been an informant for him, he was doing most of the drug work. ButBarry could have been involved.

R Okay, why didn't you yourself, ah, take it upon yourself to investigate the possibility thatJim McLaughlin was the murder here?

W I was probably told not to worry about it or that he would take care of it. So I typed up a summary sheet and give it to Barry Paris and from there, and from there, I've never -- before either, from there it was supposed to go to the front office and be filed with the rest of the Police report.

Do you have any idea....do you have a feeling that it might have been shit canned?

W Very easily could have been.

R Do you know of any examples where that occurred?

W Well it had to have occurred if you say it's not in the Police report

R I have not seen it.

W Because I remember typing it.

R But keep in mind there's about

W Oh, I know, it's huge.

R About 6000 ...

W Or it was, yeah.

R

W ...time it was done. Yeah.

R Did Paris give you any indication whatsoever that, that he had put Andre up to calling the psychic?

W

R Or did Andre tell you that?

W I don't, I don't remember him saying that, but it would be very easy to do. All you would have to do is paperclip on the page and - Police magazine and give it to Andre and he'd go to the paperclip and go oh, look at this...

R Okay.

W Mike was... he was easily led.....

R But you don't have any personal knowledge whether or not that had been done in this case?

W I don't, no, I don't.

R Have you heard ah, of John Benoit?

W - Yes.

R ahm,.

W We used to live on the same street.

R Okay, did you know of *his* involvement with the Police force there or any rumors that there was involvement with the Police force?

W No, but I heard that he was a heavy cocaine user and or dealer.

R Did you ever hear that he was involved with Bill Marsh and paying Bill Marsh off or supplying him or his wife with cocaine?

W ahm, No.

R Okay.

W But...

R Did Bill Rhodes...

W It doesn't surprise me.

R Hm. Did Bill Rhodes interview you in reference to Jack Ibach's sexual abuse case. You live right across the street from ... Jack Ibach.

W I used to park, across from his house is the Jr. High School. I used to park there in the morning and my daughter off.

R Okay.

W And..... yes, to answer your question, yes, he did. And...

R And what did you tell him?

W That I had seen the two girls running around naked and in one of the rooms the curtains were up and....

R Was that something that Paris wanted you to testify to help Bill Rhodes make his case against Jack Ibach?

W Probably. I don't remember, but I remember being asked about ever seeing anything unusual at Ibach's house and that's the only thing that came to mind.

R Okay. I guess I'll just ask you, would that be something that you actually remember seeing or something that you remembered seeing because it would help get Bill Rhodes off the hook?

W No, I remember seeing the girls running around naked in the living room and I didn't think anything about it. They were tiny. It was not like they were 16 or 17 and exhibitionists.

R When I sit in the Jr. High parking lot, I can just barely see Ibach's house?

W Yeah, right, in the front is a great big long loading zone, which goes up Rezanof and then across is...

R ahm.

W We call it the castle house, his house...

R Because it was that big.

W Really nice, distinctive styling. And depending on which side of the street you parked on, because you can park on both sides to drop kids off, and you can see their living room is right there. It's,

R Okay, how many times did you see ah, his kids running around naked?

W Just once, I didn't think anything about it.

R Okay. Ahn, do you believe that Mac McDonald murdered Laura Henderson?

W No, I always thought that he was the person that had the van that they hired to move people around.

R To move people around, I don't understand that.

W Drive people around wherever, just for what allegedly happened, you know was he driving ah, Jack Ibach and himself and ah, Kerwin and pulled a body around. To get rid of it or I always thought he was the guy that was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

R Okay, ahm,

W But it was his van.

R Okay. Al Ruble, did you know Al?

W Yeah, yeah the Private Investigator?

R Yea. Was he a pretty straightforward guy or?

W Yeah, he could be a little scatterbrained at times.

R Okay.

W He seemed to be straightforward.

R Did you interview the girls over at the Women's Resource Center?

W I don't remember doing that.

R Ah, Susan Hinsonah, Janet Carter and ah, Cathy Wilson?

W I remember those names, but I'm not sure if I was the one that interviewed them or not. Was I?

R Ah,

W I don't remember.

R I don't remember.

W Wow.

R The name on the signature, on the bottom of the statement form either.

W Huh.

R I don't remember who that was.

W That wasn't the world's best interviewer and or interrogator so I, so I usually left that to ah,..... Rhodes or somebody else.

R Okay.

W That's how I ended up being the evidence person

R Why do you think that McDonald is involved even in transporting people around?

R Ah, Gil Munro actually found it, I think. But I'm just wondering, if they had, if they knew who the owner of the van was, why not go up to the door and, is it

fair to say everybody on the Police Department knew McDonald and where he lived.

W Oh, yeah. Sure.

R And so why not just go up there?

W Yep. I don't know.

R Do you know why the search for Henderson's body was out toward south rather than north on Monaska initially?

W

R There was supposedly an informant or someone that had called in and led the Police out to Gashick or out south opposed to Monaska, we never figured out why ... everybody was looking south.

W I remember driving out there in a snowstorm. I don't know, I never knew who that informant was.

R When did you...

W There were lots of them.

R Okay, when was the first time you drove out to Monaska, and I'm getting ready -- here. But when was the last, the first time you drove out to Monaska after the, what I'm trying to figure out is, do you know what the condition of the roadway was on Monaska Bay, out to the supposed crime scene...

W Oh.

R ..that night?

W Oh, the condition of the asphalt parking lot at KPD was glare ice. You couldn't stand on it, so..... the dirt road to Monaska Bay, would have been worse. It would have been horrible. --

R Could you have even made it out that far.

W Maybe at 5 mph with four-wheel drive and chains. But. I mean that was not a road to try...

R Okay.

R I don't have any other questions here. We'll go ahead off tape.

TAPE IS TURNED OFF

R Let me ask you another question Will, did you ever find in your investigation any connection between Jack Ibach and Mac McDonald?

W No.

R Did you ever find any money transferred between Jack Ibach and Mac McDonald?

W No.

R Did that trouble you in this investigation?

W Yes.

R And why is that?

W Well, if the two were in cahoots to get rid of the wife, there should have been.....there should have been a paper trail, if there wasn't a paper trail then you know, why did Mac McDonald have the meager amount of money he had the night he was arrested. I mean, all of his belongings were searched, no large amount of money was found, no money was found on Kerwin..... no massive withdrawals by Jack Ibach anywhere in Kodiak or Anchorage. "

R You were active in the search warrants of bank records...

W ahm.

R Searches.

W Yes.

R Did you ever find any money missing from what Jack Ibach had and money that could have gone to McDonald.

W . No transfers, no large amounts.

R Did that bother you?

W Yep.

R Did you talk to Paris about that?

W Yep.

R What did Paris say.

W Don't worry about it.

R Had, is it fair to say. When was it that Paris made up his mind come hell or high water, ah, McDonald was going to be convicted with Ibach and Kerwin.

W Ah, probably the first night.

R The first night?

W I would suspect it. He was sort of like a bulldog, if he gets it in his mind, something happened, in his mind that's the way that it happened.

R Is this the type of person that would save, ah, say that he would manufacture evidence to show that he was right?

W I think he's capable of that.

R You don't have a very high regard of him as a, ah, as having a lot of integrity as a Policeman.

W ahm, Nope.

R Are there any examples of why you don't feel he has much integrity. I mean, cops, when I was a cop, when you were a cop, our integrity got us out of more trouble...

W Yep.

R When things got tough, you know, because we could say look it, all I can do is tell you what I saw, what I observed and what they said. That's all I can do.

W Ahm....

R Is tell you that information. And that integrity carries today, because we're honest and straightforward.

W Oh, yeah, you don't want the reputation for not being honest.

R That's right.

W You'll never get believed in court.

R Well what, what is it that makes you believe that Paris had lost his integrity?
W Just the way he acted and he was very quick to make up his mind about a crime.....

R Did Barry Paris specifically tell you not to follow up the McLaughlin led with the landfill?
W He might have, I don't remember.

R Okay.
W That would not have been something that I put in my Police report, that he had directed me not to. Because he reviewed the reports.

R Okay, ah, did you leave on good circumstances with the KPD?
W Yeah, I thought so.

R Okay, there was a clutch purse found out on Monaska Bay, and it had Laura's Oregon license ahm, drivers license in it..... .
W When?

R Ahn,

W Recently?

R Not recently.
W Oh, okay.

R Back then.
W Oh, back then.

R It was about six or eight months afterwards.
W Wow, why don't I remember that.

R A clutch purse found on Monaska, between Pillar Creek and Monaska Creek.
W I remember the pants and the coat.

R Okay, but there was a clutch purse found by ...ah, Palmer I believe. And in the clutch purse was the money and an Oregon drivers license.

W Who found the purse?

R Ah, Palmer.

W

R Do you remember, it's a very important question. Do you remember seeing the clutch purse in Laura's apartment with her Oregon driver's license. The reason I ask is the Oregon driver's license was expired....

W Hm.

R The purse was given to her daughter to play with as play grown up, little kids playing grown up stuff.

W Sure.

R And it just doesn't make any sense that you can have clothes thrown off, on a body, and then a clutch purse too big to go in a pocket, thrown out separately from the body...

W Eight months later?

R And somehow they all are found in the same area. So my question is, when you're serving the search warrant on the apartment, Laura's ...

W Yes.

R ... place do you remember seeing a clutch purse there?

W No, but it could be in the, listed on the evidence forms in the Police report... if they found one. I don't remember that we...excuse me that we did. I would have remembered

R This is would have been in...

W ..grabbing hairbrushes with hair in it, because ... of DNA evidence even at that time, but no, I don't remember.

R Do you, did you ever remembering taking any earrings out of the bathroom or anything?

And placing them into the evidence room?

W I could have, but I don't recall.

R Let me ask you a question then. If Bill Rhodes was much like the incident with the sexual abuse complaint, if Paris says hey, ahm, ... we need some, we need Laura's clothes, let me ask you this first. When you went over to the apartment, how long after Laura's disappearance was that?

W It might have been that same ah,.... the morning after or the next day.

R Okay, did you find clothes of Laura's where she had come home from work and just gotten out of her jeans and shirt and changed into something else to go to town that night? It would have been laying on the floor?

W That sounds familiar.....

R But do you have a specific memory of that?

W No, I don't.

R There would have been a belt ah...

W I'd need to read the reports.

R On the jeans...

W I don't remember Rollie. I'd need to see photographs or. We were all taking rolls androlls of film.

R Okay. Huh.

W Too long ago.

R Because I'm just trying to figure out whether those, the clothes and the clutchpurse were planted there afterwards.

W You know, hum, I completely forgotten about that purse. I don't know why I don't remember that purse..... gee.....

LONG PAUSE

R That's something you should have....

W I think I would remember that, because I remember, I remember checking in Levis to theevidence room. I remember a down coat and them having to call the Mother who was in town to come identify it. That was a fun day.

Ahm,.....those kinds of things I specifically remember the coat and the, and the

Levis, I'm just wondering why I don't remember this purse.....
Unless somebody else was in the evidence room that day or whatever, but they should have mentioned.

R The cuts on the ah, her coat, did you wonder why if the coat's been cut why there's no blood?

W ahm.

R Did you come up with an answer?

W Somebody that's - is the coat was cut by the rocks. But ah, yeah, still where's the blood?.....

R Do you believe...

W And why weren't all of the feathers gone. I mean to me, I mean, it's a down coat...

R Uhm. How many bodies have you seen come out of the ocean?

W Skeletons?

R Skeletons or yeah? Good point. Good point. How many bodies or people skeleton or bodies have you seen come out of the ocean?

W 20 or 30.

R And in that 20 or 30. The ones that went in with clothes on, ...did they-come out with clothes...

W No, no clothes. No clothes and very little, bones, picked clean.

R By sand fleas?

W Yeah, it doesn't take long.

R Okay.

W It's incredible.

R What, what happens to the clothes after the sand fleas are done?

W Gosh, I've never found any ah, any of the skeletons with clothes on. If they're, if there are clothes, they're ah, they're always bleached from the salt water and they're raggedly looking and the bodies were usually bloated but..... I

just finished dinner too. Ahm, ... most of the ones I found were skeletons. That was all that was left.

R The clothes that you put into the evidence room, the blue jeans, the tennis shoes, ... the down coat, did that appear that they'd been in water for any lengthy period of time?

w No, they apparently not. I can remember we used to throw dungarees over the fan tail of the boat to bleach them, and it took like half an hour to turn blue Levis almost white from the salt water.

R Did you think anything was unusual when ...

W Yeah, they weren't in there very long. And if I recall it was kind of a mauve or ahm, ... pinkish purple coat and it still looked pinkish and, purple. That's what probably got to the Mothe.-- because she knew it was her daughter's coat.

R Do you think that's odd that coat wasn't more bleached out. from your experience.

W Umhm. I didn't think about that then.

R Is there anything else that you can think of, I mean how about the tennis shoes. The tennis shoes were found several months apart from each other but you set them side by side here, and they look identical.

W Hm.

R Do you remember anything about...

W I can't remember the tennis shoes. I think I remember checking one in, but I don't remember when that was.

R How about a band aid that was found in one of the shoes?

W I don't remember a band aid. Ahm, ...

R Okay.

W I...

R It was found in the left shoe?

W Huh?

R You don't remember that?

W You'd think it had been in the ocean for a while, the band aid wouldn't have been there.....

R Do you believe that evidence was planted on the beach?

W I didn't then, but I'm I beginning to think that way now. Too many inconsistencies.

R Was---- really a freewheeling investigation where people could bring in their own thoughts and say hey, this isn't matching up or this doesn't make sense or...

W You're kidding?

R ...or how about.. No, I'm not. I mean that's how, that's how investigations are done.

W Not at Kodiak Police Department.

R Okay.

W Not with Barry Paris in charge.

R Is it fair to say that from day one, Barry Paris had a theory of who did this, how, how it was done and everything was pointed toward...

W He, he directed the, the detective division and it all flowed downhill from him.

R Okay, but my question is, from day one did he have a theory that McDonald._

W Oh, I think he probably did,

R Kerwin and Ibach...

W Oh, he had a hard on for all of those guys?

R Why?

W Whatever. Probably because he arrested them for DWI or something. I'm not sure, but. he could hold a grudge.

R Any examples of that?

W Oh, a guy named Robert Walton, no relation, tip of mine, ahm, as I recall Barry having it in for him and ah, he arrested him for DWI and then a month or two later he saw the guy driving and ah,... he knew that he didn't have his license back so he pulls him over and ah, they get into a tussle and he ends up breaking the guy's leg. I mean it's just,that was common. He would hold a grudge.

R Is Paris a brutal man?

W Yep.

R In your opinion.?

W In my opinion, yeah.

R Is he a truthful man? In your opinion?

W I thought so, but then, you know..... I don't know anymore. I really don't. I mean he's gone through a lot of good Police Officers and driven people away a lot of good wives, ahm,..... I don't know anymore.

R Okay. I don't have any other questions; we'll go off tape.

Investigative Report – Edward Jack

~P.I. Edward Jack, Report Letter Oct. 1987~

The following is the content of a letter written to Katha McDonald (Mac's sister) from the initial investigator, EdwardJack, that she had on Mac's case. In this letter is his initial report on what he found in Kodiak Alaska. He did have more unwritten information he had been planning on reporting to Katha but his death prevented him from relaying any more information to her.

October 9, 1987

Ms. Kathy MacDonald (Address Withheld)

Dear Kathy:

You told me, in our phone conversation earlier this week, that Melvin Belli, of San Francisco, is willing to look at your brothers' case. I think this is great, and in talking to George Vogt about it, he feels that it was a step forward. He says that he knows Mr. Belli and will talk with him about the case if he would like to contact him. His phone number is (Phone number Withheld)

As you know, I have always felt that your brother was innocent, and that the police and District Attorney's office bent the evidence to fit their conception of the case. I did the original investigation for the "Public Advocacy" and do not feel free to release copies of their letters written to me or my reports to them. However, if Mr. Belli decides to investigate further, I would suggest that he have his people contact me for details of the contents of the reports. I will say, also, that Public Advocacy had prepared their defense before any investigation in Kodiak and gave me very little altitude in the investigation. I was given a list of specific people to interview, virtually all of whom were to show that Mac was working steadily, had money coming in, and jobs scheduled in the future. Other than this, all they wanted was information on Laura's movements on the day of her disappearance, her relationship

to the Woman's Resource Center and its personnel, and what she said about Ibach in the past. I was also to go through Macs' van and make a record of the photos there. These instructions were received in a letter dated the 30th of May. In addition, Public Advocacy wanted me to work for \$125.00 per day and were upset that I charged \$35.00 per hour and had no daily rate. They kept pleading poverty. I finally told the attorney, Pam Graves, to go to the Court, as had other attorney son cases I had worked, and have the Court provide investigative funds. I guess she did because the Court authorized \$5,000.00 for investigation. Out of this, the total I received was approximately \$1,200.00 The reason I have mentioned this, is that in the course of my investigation I was given specific instructions not to stray from their instructions without consulting them first. Each time I found something that I felt needed to be followed up, there was a day or two to a week delay from them before they got back to me and then I was told that they did not have the money to investigate those things. One example was a lead to a guy Laura had been sleeping with off and on during the weeks immediately prior to her disappearance. I felt we might have gotten information on her heavy use of drugs. It appeared to me that the disappearance was drug distribution related and not a husband getting rid of his wife because of a custody battle.

I was getting word back from off the street that she had been threatening to give drug distribution information on Ibach if he did not drop the custody fight. I had also been told that some of the other ladies at the Woman's Resource Center were party "coke" users. These were not followed up. I was also told to do only what was asked. The investigator who followed me was an Advocacy in Anchorage. I recognized her because she had been in "rehab" and in Kodiak a year or so before. When she arrived in Kodiak, she borrowed copies of my reports to Public Advocacy which she apparently had not obtained before coming down here. I also briefed her on notes which had not been made into reports yet. She asked to borrow the notes in order to make copies and then returned to Anchorage with them. Despite numerous calls to both the investigator and the attorney, most of which were not answered, it took me 1-1/2 months to get those notes back so that I could file my formal reports. During her time in Kodiak the investigator did almost all of her

interviewing by telephone. When you are interviewing an important witness, it is necessary to be with them in person to judge their reactions to various questions and their emotional condition. I even got calls from various people complaining about this type of investigation, and the fact that she did not feel that what they had to say was important enough for her to see them in person.

I felt that you should have this background before I go into specific things regarding this case that were not right.

1. It took approximately 5 weeks to obtain copies of police interviews of witnesses that were important to this case. The unimportant ones were released immediately.
2. There are problems with the testimony of Al Ruble to the Grand Jury. Why didn't Ruble park where he had an unobstructed view of the place where Laura and Mac were supposed to meet. The location gave no view of it. He was supposed to be protecting her from Mac. When he saw her go by and then followed her 7 to 10 minutes after, he saw her car and her in the front of Macs' van facing him in the driver's seat. (No fear on her face). She had been given instructions not to get into the van, yet when he saw her he went 2-1/2 more blocks and parked instead of stopping immediately, because things were not going right. Then he walked back to the International Seafoods bunkhouse, which I timed at 1 minute and 50 seconds, and out of sight of the van to go around the back of the bunkhouse, which takes a little more than 1 minute in daylight. If he was supposed to protect her, he should have kept her in sight. He did not have her in sight while driving the 2-1/2 blocks and parking and could not have had the van continuously in sight for over a minute while going around the bunkhouse. With a subject not following instructions, he was either an idiot or in collusion to have let her out of his sight at all. Moreover, the situation had been discussed with the police (Culhertson). Why wasn't there police support as it would have taken only one car, besides Rubles, to control all exits (3) from the meeting place. When Ruble came out from behind the building, Macs van was gone. Mac claims he had agreed to give her some coke if she met him. He said he could not get it and that she got out. (There is a discrepancy I pointed out to Public Advocacy here...Did he let her off there or drive her down the road to another point

and let her off. He says that she said she had another appointment.) Ruble also states that around 9:30 or 10:00 he and Matt Jamin saw Ibach in the Sutliff with a couple of people, fishermen?. They didn't bother to identify the individuals with Jack Ibach. Why not?

3. I established Kerwin was in the van at 8:30 p.m. when Mac gave George House a ride to his apartment in the Mecca building. Kerwin was sleeping in Page Three the van when the police came investigating in the night. If Kerwin was declared innocent, how can Mac be guilty? I established Mac was in the re-entry before 11:00 p.m. through witnesses. This allows less than 1-1/2 hours to do everything the police allege. The time is too tight.

4. The witness out at Monashka Bay who saw a van said he could not see the people, but that he thought it was white and had round headlights. It was doing 35 to 40 m.p.h., and he did not even notice if it had windows on the sides.

5. One of Laura's ex-girlfriends said that Laura was heavy into "coke" during the last 3 to 4 months before her disappearance and was associating with "lowlives" in town, both townies and fishermen. It was so bad that she would not associate with Laura. I also found a waitress at the Beachcombers who said Laura associated exclusively with the "coke" crowd there which included her sister and Debbie Loesser.

6. The van was searched by Officer Paris, at least once, and twice by Officer Rhodes, who searched it meticulously while it was in the hands of the KPD. The searches by Rhodes included blood samples and finger printing, etc. I remember not being allowed to go through the van because Officer Paris had gone to school and learned of some new blood tests he wanted to try. This was in June or July sometime. Isn't surprising that they (the KPD) had not found the earring during any of the searches until after the clothes had been found on the beach at Monashka four months later and a clairvoyant told them to keep searching the van, that something of Laura's was in it. A coincidence?! Even if there was an earring, Mac said he had had relations with Laura in his van in November when he provided her with some "coke" for it, and she had been in it the night she disappeared according to Ruble.

7. There are at least two witnesses to the broken window in Mac's van. It belonged to Jay Buckaleu, who sold it to Mac. Mac had been staying at Jays' and the van was parked in front of the house one evening. This was before Mac bought the van. Jay had a fist fight with a neighbor out in front of the neighbors from teasing his dog. The neighbors even filed a complaint with the police but they said Jay was defending himself when they investigated. The van window wasn't broken then. The following morning the window was broken. Jay, Mac and Loma (Jays' wife and soft good manager at Sutliffs) can all verify that it was broken during the night. The F.B.I. expert at the trial inferred that it was broken by an elbow in a fight.

8. Public Advocacy would not let Mac Testify. If Kerwin is innocent and he testifies he was with Mac and Mac testifies saying the same, and he didn't do it, how can Mac be guilty?

9. I have seen any number of ladies after they have been in the water and invariably they still leave their clothes on. (A year ago a 16-year-old boy was under water 3 or 4 months in the boat harbor. He floated up with his clothes still on). How did a pair of blue jeans show up so suspiciously about 4 months after the disappearance on Monashka beach?

10. Marvin Newlin had a meeting with Officer Palmer away from the police station, in which he passed on information concerning statements of an individual named Guy Carroll who is in jail in Anchorage (2-1/2 to 5) on Page Four another matter. Marvin recorded this meeting which occurred away from the police station to protect himself from the police. I believe that Officer Palmer was aware it was being recorded. Guy Carroll had stated to the KPD earlier in the case that he and another man had been approached over the phone to murder a woman by an individual who called himself "Jack". The man who set it up was a street dealer in drugs. Guy was later in jail on another matter and Marvin Newlin got him out to fish with him. During the fishing trip Guy told him about the proceeding and what actually happened to Laura. Also, that Guy said who did it, where, what was done with the body and where the perpetrators went. Guy was beaten for having a loose mouth while Marvin watched, and Marvin was told to watch himself too. It is my understanding that he gave all of the information to Officer Palmer. I am trying to

get this tape or a copy of it now. If Officer Palmer had this information from an interview, it should have been provided to the Defense. If it wasn't, it is probably sufficient grounds for an appeal or a mistrial. Marvin has said that he will give me a copy of the tape, but with his name deleted.

11. In Kodiak, a person desiring to get rid of a body has a fool proof means available. put it in a 600-pound crab pot, cut the lines and drop it in 100 or more fathoms of water. It is interesting that the *MN Nordby*, owned by George Yoder, a good friend of Jack Ibach, had a fire on his vessel about a month after the disappearance of Laura.

12. A side issue of this case is the harassment of a witness in this case by the KPD. Gladys Baldwin, who ran Re-Entry at that time for Mental Health, and is an alcoholic herself (recovered), was interrogated by Officer Bany Paris of the KPD in such a nasty manner that she mentioned it to people at Mental Health who got an attorney to go with her to the second interview. The attorney had to threaten Officer Paris to stop his harassment. However, the attorney could not keep going to interviews by the KPD without pay. There were an additional 4 or 5 interviews. She said she did not want to talk to them without an attorney but was told by Officer Paris that if she did not do it voluntarily, he would haul her into jail, put her behind bars, and then she could get a lawyer. Gladys is an Eskimo woman who is an alcoholic and has a pathological fear of being behind bars. She has a habit of thinking a long time before answering. I have never had her lie to me although sometimes answers took a while. Mental Health has stories about her coming to meetings, not saying anything in the discussion and then, out of context at the next meeting, a week later, giving her opinion on what had been discussed the week before. I did not find she had a bad memory, although she would say alcoholism had affected her memory if pressed too hard. Officer Paris apparently took this to be obstruction and threatened her. In addition, at one interview he pulled out a rabbit square and told her they had killed Laura with it. Kerwin was Gladys' ex-"wife". From what Gladys mentioned, it became obvious the Officer Paris was turning the recorder on and off and he was using one which an expert should be able to determine. Sue MacLean and Officer Palmer interviewed Gladys and

whipsawed her during the interview. She was threatened with not having her son returned from the Baptist Mission around Christmas. They hassled her about perjury and the recovery of her son and did not give her a chance to answer after thinking. She was scared to death by the pressure tactics. It turned out that she had been given a gun that had not been fired in some time as far as I could find. But Gladys would have been fired from her job for just having it. They were not allowed at Re-Entry so she tried to get rid of it. **Page Five** I hope these thoughts help as I strongly feel that Mac was set up in the whole thing. he was on the fringe of the bar, dmg, party group, was unstable from being an alcoholic, and had no relatives nearby or who had money to defend him if accused. He was an ideal person to be used as the "fall guy" in a crime of this nature. I have no doubt that Laura is dead, but I feel that in her attempts to get custody of her kids, she stepped on the wrong toes and was eliminated. Mac just happened to be handy.

I will be happy to show Mr. Belli copies of various reports if he decides to take Mac's Appeal. Good Luck!! I'll keep digging. Sincerely yours,

Edward Jack

(Address Withheld)

EJ/cc

Statement – Jim Kerwin

The following is the transcript of the pages from a letter that James Kerwin, a friend of Macs, wrote in regard to the conditions and events that surrounded the Kodiak Police department and the arrest and conviction of Don "Mac" McDonald, and his knowledge and role in the events. Some of the material was difficult to transcribe because of the clarity of the letter. The entire handwritten letter follows this typed transcription.....PQ

I, James J Kerwin, was with Donald Mac McDonald March 28, 1986, in Kodiak Alaska. Mac and I were together all day and all night: Mac did not kidnap or murder Laura Henderson.: At one point in the evening a lady, who I later became aware was Laura Henderson, got into Mac's van on Cannery Row in Kodiak. Laura talked to Mack for a couple of minutes and then got out exactly where she had gotten in. The van never moved while she was in it. I was in the van when she got into it and out of it, the night of March 28, 1986

In order for the District Attorney get indictment against me, she had to mislead the Grand Jury, which she did by showing the grand jury a pair of boots that belonged to me and had blood stains on them:

I was not wearing the boots the night Laura disappeared, they were back at the house where I was living. I was not back at that house that day or evening.

The boots had blood on them and the DA gave the Grand Jury the impression the blood was human blood and it might be Laura's and that I was wearing the boots the night of the incident!

After I was indicted the blood stains were proved to be deer blood, By this time the DA had what she wanted. An indictment. After I was indicted, being a defendant being tried along with Mac an Ibach, I could not testify.

If I had not been a defendant in the first trial and had been allowed to testify there was no way Mac would have been convicted. Laura's involvement in drugs as a known user. Also

her knowledge of the cocaine trade in Kodiak was not allowed in any way to be brought up in either of the two trials.

My involvement in the case leaves me with the impression that somehow the Kodiak Police Department or certain people in that department. Also people in the judicial system had reasons for Laura's disappearance.

The drug scene in Kodiak is a very big business with a lot of money involved. There have been deaths due to overdoses, there have been arrests, but it appears to be selective enforcement and token sentencing. Somebody is controlling it and allowing it to flourish. Common sense would leave an objective person to believe that the law, maybe knows more about the situation than they let on. It's possible that the same people in law enforcement are getting wealthy due to the cocaine and heroin in Kodiak.

People were who in the district attorneys team before, during and after both trials and who are no longer a part of Kodiak's legal system.

Jack Nelson - Resigned

District Attorney Sue McLean - Resigned

Assistant District Attorney Greg Re....- Resigned

Police Chief Max Hulbert - Resigned

Private Detective Al Rubel, who was supposed to have been watching Laura for the night she disappeared, left Kodiak and his business shortly after the incident.

Probation Officer Joel Davis - quit his job and moved out of state. He is a friend of Laura's. Laura's mother and father, and Laura's two children moved out of Alaska.

Officer Lowrey who had been a Kodiak police officer, had left Kodiak to work in Barrow Alaska as a police officer, was rehired back as a police officer in Kodiak, a very short time after Laura's disappearance Mar 29th. He is now married to a Kodiak policewoman who has been with the Kodiak department for a number of years. Officer Lowrey's brother is also now a member of the Kodiak Police Department.

It has been said by many that Officer Lowry is very well informed on the drug dealing in Kodiak and if someone from outside Kodiak would take a close look at the Kodiak Police Department, Mr. Lowrey and his people would get damn nervous.

At the time of the incident Tom Culverson was the acting chief but was replaced by Max Hulbert who the city brought in from California and made Chief of Police. After the second trial and the state got their convictions, Max quit as Chief of Police and Tom Culverson would not accept the job. At this time in Kodiak has no chief of police.

The 357 magnum was aboard F/V Horley, which was a fishing vessel I was taken care of for

George Yoder who owned the boat, and still does.

I gave Jack Ibach the gun to keep for me because I did not want any weapon aboard the boat on account of people drinking.

Jack gave me the weapon back and I have it at Gary Bradham's house before I gave it to Mac to hold for me. Mac had it in his room where he was staying.

All the misunderstanding about the 357 have led to speculation that are unfounded and turned around to be presented as facts by the DA.

Ibach lied when he said he bought the gun from me. It was not my gun to sell in the first place and if I sold it to him why would he give it back.

Start glass in Max van was broken before the night of the 28th.

The picture of the van that was developed by the Kodiak Police Department will prove this, if is blown up and enlarged by a photo expert.

Brian Connors of the Kodiak Police Department who testified that it was not broken when he saw the van parked at the city market the night of the 28th is pure bullshit. Connor is the type of person who wants to be part of everything that is happening and will go to any lengths to please whoever he is working for. In this case he was working as a jailer, low man on the totem pole in the Police Department. This was a chance for him to feel

important for a brief moment, and the DA used him. Why the defense lawyers did not expose him under the cross examination is a very good point for ineffective counsel.

Mac and Ibach did not know one another as far as I know.

The three of us were never together at the same time.

If something should happen to me, I want this information that I have written, be made available to Donald Mac McDonald who has wrongly been convicted of murdering Laura Henderson. Mac is now serving 99 years in prison.

Signed

James J Kerwin

Contact if need be:

Name and address

Withheld for privacy

*Kerwin was later found dead in his place of living.

Cremated shortly thereafter!

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that I was wearing the boots the night of the
incident!

After I was indicted the blood stains were
proved to be deer blood. By this time the
D.A. had what she wanted - the indictment. After
I was indicted, being a defendant, being tried
along with Mac and I back, I could not testify.

If I had not been a defendant in the 1st trial and
had been allowed to testify, there is no way Mac
would have been convicted. (2)

Jammy K...

5/11/66

Laura's involvement in drugs, as a know user also her knowledge of the cocaine trade in Kadiak was not allowed in any way to be brought up at either of the two trials.

My involvement in the case bears one with the impression that somehow the Kadiak police dept. or certain people in the dept., also people in the judicial system had reasons for Laura's disappearance.

The drug scene in Kadiak is very big business with a lot of money involved. There have been deaths due to overdoses, there have been arrests, but it appears to be selective enforcement and token sentencing. Somebody is controlling it and allowing it to flourish. Common sense would leave a objective person to believe that the law, maybe know's more about the situation than they let on. It's possible that some people in law enforcement are getting wealthy due to the cocaine and heroin in Kadiak.

James J. Keenan

People who were on the district attorney's team
before, during and after both trials, and who
are no longer a part of Kodak's legal system!

Judge Nelson - Resigned

District attorney Sue McLean - Resigned!
assistant District attorney - Greg Reggio - Resigned!

Police Chief Tom Hulbert - Resigned!

Private detective Al Ruble - who was supposed to have
been watching Lauri the night she disappeared, left
Kodak and his business shortly after the incident?

Probation officer Joel Davis - quit his job and
moved out of state. He is a friend of Lauri's

Lauri's mother and father, and Lauri's 2 children
moved out of Alaska

James J. Keenan

(14)

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officer, Lowrey who had been a Kodiak
police officer and had left Kodiak to work in
Barrow Alaska as a police officer, was rehired
back as a police officer in Kodiak, a very
short time after Sam's disappearance Mar. 29th.

He is now married to a Kodiak policewoman
who has been with the Kodiak dept for a number
of years. Officer Lowrey's brother is also now
a member of the Kodiak police dept.

It has been said by many that officer Lowrey
is very well informed on the drug dealing in
Kodiak and if someone from outside Kodiak
would take a close look at the Kodiak police
dept., Mr. Lowrey and his people would get
damn nervous!

At the time of the incident Tom Culverson was the acting
chief, but was replaced by Tom Kullbert who the city
brought in from California and made chief of police.
After the second trial and the state got their
conviction's, Tom's quit as chief of police and Tom
Culverson would not accept the job, at this
time Kodiak has no chief of police!

James H. Kemi

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The 357 magnum was aboard the No. 70 fishery, which was the fishing vessel. I was taken care of for George Jordan who owned the boat, and still alive.

I gave Jack Ibach the gun to keep for me, because I did not want any weapons aboard the boat on account of people drinking.

Jack gave me the weapon back, and I had it at Gary Bradham's house before I gave it to Mac to hold for me - Mac had it in his room where he was staying -

All the misunderstanding about the 357 have led to speculation's that are unfounded and turned around to be presented as facts by the D.A.

Ibach lied when he said he bought the gun from me. It was not my gun to sell in the first place, and if I sold it to him why would he give it back?

James J. Keenan

The glass in Mac's van was broken before the
site of the 25th.

The picture of the van that was developed by the
Kodiak police dept will prove this, if it is blown
up and enlarged by a photo expert!

Brian Connors of the Kodiak police dept who testifies
that it was not broken when he saw the van
parked at City market the site of the 25th is pure
bullshit - Connors is the type of person who wants
to be part of everything that is happening and will go
to any lengths to please whoever he is working
for - In this case he was working as a father, law
man on the totem pole in the police dept, this was
a chance for him to feel important for a brief
moment, and the D A used him - Why the defense
lawyer's did not expose him under cross examination
is a very good point for ineffective counsel

McC and Black did not know one another as
far as I know.

The three of us were never together at the
same time.

James J. [Signature]

If something should happen to me,
 I want this information that I have
 written, be made available to
 Donald Mac Donald who has wrongly
 been convicted of murdering Laura Henderson.
 Mac is now serving 99 years in prison
 James J. Keenan

Contact if needed:

James J. Keenan

KEENAN WAS LATER FOUND DEAD IN HIS PLACE OF LIVING.
 *CREATED SIMILAR THEORY!

Op-Ed - Robin Barefield

What Happened to Laura Henderson?

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What happened to Laura Henderson? This is one of the most controversial court cases in the history of the state of Alaska. At best, this case is an example of an inept police investigation, a prosecution determined to win at any cost, and inadequate defense counsel. At worst, this case represents a corrupt police force and perhaps even a corrupt judicial system. No one can even prove a crime occurred because a body was never found. Yet, two men have each been sentenced to serve 99 years in prison for the murder of Laura Henderson.

It is unlikely Laura is alive since none of her friends or family, including her two daughters, have heard from her since March 28, 1986, but what happened to her is still very much in question. Let me tell you the facts, and then you decide if this crime happened the way the prosecutors claimed it did.

This case involves many individuals with conflicting stories and testimony that changed over time, and I will do my best to keep the various players and their stories straight for you.

Laura's Disappearance:

Laura Henderson disappeared on March 28, 1986, and this is one of the few certainties in this case. Laura Henderson had recently divorced Jack Ibach, her husband of seven years, and the two were engaged in a contentious custody battle over their two daughters. They currently shared custody of their children, but Laura was seeking sole custody, so she and her daughters could move to Oregon to be closer to her family. Laura and her two daughters lived in an apartment in Kodiak, and Laura worked at the Women's Resource Crisis Center. Attorney Matthew Jamin represented Laura in her divorce proceedings.

On March 28, 1986, Laura Henderson received a call at the Women's Resource Crisis Center. She later told her attorney that she did not recognize the caller's voice, but the man told her he had a tape which would incriminate her x-husband, Jack Ibach, in some way, and the caller claimed the tape would help her win the custody battle for her two children. The man and Laura agreed to meet at 9:00 p.m. near the King Crab Cannery in Kodiak, and he promise to give her the tape at the meeting.

Police learned that Jim Kerwin and Jack Ibach knew each other and reportedly had met several times in the month preceding Laura's disappearance. According to other witnesses, Jack Ibach made several statements claiming he wished his ex-wife would disappear. One friend stated Jack told her he wanted to kill Laura, and he said he planned to pay a man to do the job. The hitman Ibach described to his friend fit the general description of Jim Kerwin. Police arrested Jack Ibach, and he, Mac, and Jim Kerwin were all charged with the kidnapping and murder of Laura Henderson.

The Mysterious Clothing:

In the months leading up to the trial, several items of clothing matching what Laura reportedly had been wearing when she disappeared washed up in the surf at Monashka Bay, below the cliff where police say Mac and Kerwin stood as they tossed Laura's body into the ocean. The clothing looked suspiciously undamaged as if it had not been in the ocean for several months. A purse also washed up, and while the purse did belong to Laura, it was one she hadn't carried in years and had long since given to her daughters to play with. Inside the purse, police found Laura's expired driver's license from Oregon, instead of her current Alaska driver's license. Even more curious, was a shoe found in the surf. Laura's mother told police Laura had been wearing size nine pink shoes on the night she disappeared. Her mother also said Laura recently had undergone surgery on her foot to remove a planter's wart and was still wearing a Band-Aid on the foot. The shoe found in the ocean was a left shoe, and sure enough, there was a Band-Aid in it. After all the legal proceedings were over, though, trial records included a report from Laura's podiatrist indicating Laura's surgery had been on her right foot, not on her left foot. In any case, it was cold the night Laura disappeared, and she must have been wearing socks, so how did a Band-Aid end up in her shoe instead of in her sock?

The Psychic:

In August 1986, two months before the trial was to begin, Kodiak Police Department (KPD) Corporal Michael Andre saw an advertisement for a psychic in a police magazine and decided to contact the psychic about the case. The psychic told Andre to search Mac's van again, and even though Mac's van already had been thoroughly searched, Andre sent KPD Corporal Barry Paris alone to inspect the van.

After the original search of Mac's van, the van had been moved to an unsecured wrecking yard, and this is where Paris reportedly looked through the driver's side window and saw something glistening near the gas pedal. Paris then instructed

two of his subordinates to take a closer look at the van, and on the floor, in plain sight, they discovered a porcelain earring with a purple flower painted on it, just like the earrings Laura Henderson had last been seen wearing. The police deduced that during a struggle, Laura's earring had been knocked from her ear and had travelled down the front window defroster slot. They then speculated that when they towed the van to the wrecking yard, the jarring motion caused the earring to fall through the heater/defroster system to the floor. Mac's lawyer nor anyone else ever tried to prove or disprove this theory, but it has since been determined if the earring had followed the path the police suggested, it would have ended up on the floor of the heater housing delivery system and not on the floor of the van.

The Trials:

The first trial for Mac, Jack Ibach, and James Kerwin began on October 27, 1986 in Anchorage, AK. I think it is relevant to the outcome of this case that the men were tried in Anchorage and not in Kodiak, because most Kodiak residents would have realized there was a problem with the prosecution's time line in the case. Each defendant had his own lawyer, and while they were tried together, their guilt or innocence was to be determined separately by the jury. Jim Kerwin was acquitted of all charges, while Jack Ibach received a hung jury on both charges. The jury was also deadlocked on the charge of murder for Mac but found him guilty of kidnapping Laura Henderson.

Jack Ibach and Mac were again tried in Anchorage in mid-April 1987. Both Mac and Jack had inept attorneys, especially at their second trial. Mac's attorney promised to let him testify and said she would call Jim Kerwin as an alibi witness for him, but something happened at the last minute, and she rested her case without calling any witnesses or allowing Mac to testify. She reportedly still will not answer questions regarding this case. Both Jack Ibach and Mac were found guilty of the murder of Laura Henderson, and they were both sentenced to 99 years in prison.

The Problems with the Evidence:

Much has been written about this case in the more than thirty years since Donald McDonald and Jack Ibach were sentenced. Unfortunately, if some of this evidence had come to light before their trials, they might never have been convicted of kidnapping and murdering Laura Henderson. Mac appealed his conviction, but the appellate court found against him on every issue. Many of the appeal issues dealt with the hear-say evidence the judge allowed by classifying it under the excited-utterance rule. I don't have the legal expertise to discuss those issues, but I will

point out a few glaring inconsistencies with the evidence as well as the changing testimony of some key witnesses and the questionable conduct of the Kodiak Police Department.

The Timeline:

Changing Stories:

When police first interviewed Laura's co-workers, only one claimed to know Laura was planning to meet a mysterious man on the evening of March 28th, 1986, but she said Laura did not know who the man was and did not recognize his voice on the phone when he called to set up the meeting. When police asked the co-workers to come into the station to write their statements, though, they put all the co-workers in a room together and suddenly Laura's colleagues all recalled that Laura was planning to meet a man named "Matt" in a white van the night she disappeared. Why did their statements change? Were they fed information? They got Mac's name wrong and instead of writing the name "Mac" in their statements, they used the name "Matt", and Matt was the name of Laura's attorney, so what did those statements mean?

Al Ruble, the private investigator tasked with watching over Laura while she met the mysterious stranger, changed his story several times. He first told police he sat in his car at an agreed-upon spot, and when Laura drove past him, he waited until she got out of her car and then drove past her and the white van to find a better vantage spot. He said he lost sight of the van for only a minute, but the *van* with Laura in it disappeared during the time it was out of his view.

He then changed his story and said he got out of his car and walked down the street to get a better view and lost sight of the van. He then changed his story one more time and said he remained parked in the same spot the entire time, and Mac drove away and out of his sight. Laura disappeared in a quiet section of a small town. Al Ruble was either a very bad detective, a bad liar, or both. Numerous people have suggested Al Ruble knew much more about Laura's disappearance than he admitted. Some believe he was the last person to see Laura alive, and they believe he knows what happened to her. It is suspicious that when Ruble lost track of Laura, he did not attempt to find her. He did not search any of the numerous bars in the area nor ask anyone if they had seen Laura. He simply reported her disappearance to Matt Jamin, and they called the police to report a kidnapping.

What Happened to Laura Henderson?

Sadly, we probably will *never* know what happened to Laura Henderson. She disappeared over 33 years ago, and her remains still have not been found. Laura

Henderson was involved in the drug community in Kodiak, and she was a police informant. A drug dealer by the name of James McLaughlin told *several* people he killed Laura Henderson because she knew too much about his drug dealings and he suspected she was planning to inform on him to the police. The police were aware of McLaughlin's admission, but they chose to ignore it. It is possible Mac and James Ibach were involved in Laura's murder, but the facts of this case prove the murder did not occur in the manner suggested by the Kodiak Police Department and the prosecutors.

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Op-Ed - Alice and Tish

April 16, 2020

By Bloggers Alice and Tiah

Part 1/2: A life lost and many lives destroyed

When someone is found guilty of a heinous crime, we all breathe a sigh of relief; thank God that monster is off the street! But what happens when the monster walks free and the innocent is jailed? The innocent loses their family, their friends and their freedom. At times the fight for justice continues, but more often than not the fight is lost due to a lack of money and/or a lack of a support system of people who will stand by you and help you fight for real justice.

In the case of Laura Henderson-Ibach, justice was never served. Not for her, not for her children or her family, and certainly not for the two men wrongly convicted for her death.

In previous posts about this crime, it was pointed out that no evidence existed and we saw in the video clip that the prosecution's theory simply didn't work. The previous owner of the van testified that the window of the van was broken before he sold it to Mac. The forensics expert also stated that the cracked glass of the van window proved nothing, nor did the two down feathers. In fact, he said he saw no evidence of a crime having taken place in the van at all.

That alone means nothing but there is more, much more, that shows police first formed a theory and later forced the evidence (which is suspect as well) to prove their theory. For those that have read the other posts and the comments to those posts, you know I have no personal involvement in this case, I have no axe to grind, I am not related to or friends with anyone in this case. So, why the interest? It's simple: I believe we are all responsible for doing our part to see that the courts and law enforcement serve the purpose they were intended to serve: to remove real criminals from the streets and to keep innocent people out of jail! How else can victims get the justice they deserve?

There are so many troubling discrepancies in this case. Two men have spent 25 years locked up behind bars for a crime they didn't commit. More importantly, the children of these men have been led to believe that their fathers are stone cold killers. These two men have lost seeing their children grow up and being a part of their life. For Ibach's children, they lost both their mother and their father and have grown up believing their father is a monster. That alone is a tragedy.

However, someone also walked free all these years ago for the crime they did commit.

Actually, several people are responsible for that: the Kodiak Police Department (KPD) for their willingness to lie and plant evidence, Al Ruble (PI) for his ongoing lies which is evident in his repeatedly changing story about the events of that night, the people of Kodiak who also changed their stories and made the "facts" become whatever the police wanted it to be so it would fit the theory police had adopted, and of course, the real killer(s).

There are several key players in this mystery. Some we will look at now and some will be discussed in follow up posts.

First, let's recall who the main parties are:

Laura Henderson-Ibach - Victim, mother of two daughters, and ex-wife of Jack Ibach

Jack Ibach - Ex-husband of the victim - hung jury on first trial, convicted on second trial, serving a 99-year sentence.

Jim Kerwin - known associate of Jack Ibach, acquitted on first trial, and with Mac the evening in question. He could have provided an alibi for Mac but was not allowed to testify to that.

Donald "Mac" McDonald - associate of Kerwin's and knew Laura - hung jury on first trial, convicted on second trial, serving a 99-year sentence.

Matt Jamin - Laura's attorney at that time.

Al Ruble - The attorney's private investigator

Bottom line: their statements changed completely and they changed again later when it came time for the trial. The Kodiak Police Department had never handled a homicide investigation before. They had assisted in homicides investigations but never conducted an investigation by themselves. I think they were so eager to solve their first big case they came up with a theory and then forced/created evidence to support that theory.

Another person who repeatedly changed his story is Al Ruble. He was asked by Laura Henderson-Ibach's attorney to follow her that night as she picked up the tape. The attorney said he had her followed for her own safety and had instructed Laura not to get into the vehicle with the unknown man (he later changed his story to say that he told her not to get into the white van).

It seems odd that IF someone is offering to help Laura, the attorney fears for her safety, and sends a PI to follow her. If he really felt there might be a problem why didn't he ask police to keep an eye out as well? It's a small community and the street where they were supposedly meeting, only had three exits: each end of the street and an alley. Ruble and one police officer could have easily covered it all. But the lawyer just sent Ruble and Ruble claims he lost sight of Laura in an area only a couple of blocks long.

Ruble told KPD he was at the agreed spot. He saw Laura pull up and park on the street in front of a white van. He stated that he saw her get out of her car and into Mac's van. He claims he decided to move to get a better view and as he drove past them, he saw Laura in the front seat smiling and talking to Mac. He said it was just the two of them but what Ruble didn't know then was that James Kerwin was also in the van!

James Kerwin was with Mac from before 8:30pm until they got home that night. James didn't have a place to sleep so he slept in the van. Mac was living at a rehab center for his alcohol problem and couldn't let James stay there. Ruble claims that after he drove past them he lost sight of them for only a minute and then Mac's van was gone and Laura was nowhere in sight.

He later changed his story and said he got out of his car and walked down the street for a better view and then lost sight of them. Later he changed his story again and said that he was parked in the same spot, Mac drove his van around the block and then he lost sight of them. Al Ruble was a trained investigator with years of experience. Why do you suppose his story kept changing and why would he let Mac supposedly drive away and not follow them?

Ruble also told police that SH, another of Laura's co-workers, had told him that she could identify Mac as the person who came to their workplace to see Laura and that he was driving a white van. But, as it turns out, it was Ruble who told SH that he saw Laura get into Mac's white van and that Mac was probably the one who had come to their workplace that day to see Laura. He was caught in this lie during the Grand Jury procedures where he had to admit under oath that SH never told him a name or a vehicle type and that in fact, he had told her!

The same thing happened when CW suddenly remembered Laura saying that she was meeting this unknown person in a white van. That had come from Ruble to CW as well.

It is important to note that Ruble, who was in charge of protecting Laura that night, changed his story to police, the grand jury, at the first trial, and the 2nd trial. He also changed it when interviewed by the first private investigator hired for Mac's appeal. That investigator did submit reports and was certain Mac and Jack were not involved

at all. Just before he was to have a meeting with Mac's sister, he learned about some new information that he was certain, would clear them.

Unfortunately, that information will forever remain a mystery. That investigator was on his way to the meeting with Mac's sister when he suddenly died and the new information he was so excited to share with her, died with him.

Laura Henderson-Ibach. Part 3. Who else was involved in this case?

by guest blogger - Tiah

Ruble's reputation was sullied by all his actions and lies and he chose to leave Kodiak. He has refused to speak to anyone regarding this case ever since. I strongly suspect that Ruble was somehow involved in Laura's disappearance whether that involvement was direct or indirect. He knows what really happened. I think he and Laura's attorney both now exactly what happened but chose to use the convenient fact that Mac was also downtown that night and talking to Laura, as a cover up.

The police and the prosecutors say that Jack hired Mac to kill Laura because of the custody case but could not find a shred of evidence of any money changing hands. In fact, they could not connect Mac to Jack at all. They knew of each other through James Kerwin, but Mac and Jack were not friends. Mac was a friend of Laura's and had even dated her a few times. Why would Jack hire a friend of Laura's to kill her?

After both trials and the conviction of both Jack and Mac, it was learned that a man had previously reported to police that he was contacted about killing a woman. The following is an exact quote from the first appeal. Sergeant Barry Paris admits he withheld this information from the defense.

I think Laura Henderson-Ibach's attorney and Al Ruble convinced police that Jack must be involved and that allowed police to work out a theory and force the evidence to fit that theory. Ultimately, very shoddy police work.

Guest post: Part 4 by Tiah.

Laura Henderson-Ibach: The timeline does not work and police do not care.

Two different private investigators interviewed everyone who was connected in any way to this case. Much of what they found I will discuss here. If I use the phrase "we know" it is because the information was collected and corroborated by several sources. Most of this was not known until after Mac and Jack were convicted due to the fact

that their public defender did not do her job. Therefore it cannot be used to get them a new trial.

The prosecution did not use a timeline to prove their case because the timeline disproves it. Instead, the prosecution presented the events out of order and in a confusing manner so it appeared it could have happened that way.

There are some things we know that simply don't make sense. Police and the prosecution have stated that Mac and Kerwin picked up Laura that night at 9:00pm and then drove her out to Monashka Bay to dispose of her body. Kerwin was acquitted of all charges. The same theory was used in the 2nd trial which means that Mac would have had to work alone or, with Jack. But Jack wasn't involved according to police. He hired Mac to do it all!

However, that would be impossible. The timeline proves there was not enough time. This information comes from statements police made to other officers as well as what they witnessed firsthand, statements police made to two different private investigators as well as in their police reports, and various witnesses.

Let's look at the timeline.

We know that at 55 mph (the speed limit for the road) it takes 1 hour and 15 minutes with good road conditions (dry) to drive a roundtrip from the place where Laura was last seen to Monashka Bay - this is just to the road. Add to the timeline how long it would take to walk from the road to the bluff.

One of the officers, Officer Walton, said that on the night Laura vanished it was VERY ICY and difficult to drive more than 5 mph on those roads. He also stated it was very difficult to just stand up and walk. He remembered well because he almost slipped and hit the ground the night this happened.

We know that Mac's van was not capable of driving more than 35 mph because the drive shaft was wired to the transmission. This was verified by testimony and an examination of the van. So, the road trip alone would have taken almost two hours roundtrip in Mac's van. But remember police said it was so icy you could only do 5 mph at most. I can't even imagine how long that would take.

Laura was last seen at 9:00pm by Al Ruble.

Mac was signed back in to his re-entry house (like a half-way house) between 9:50-10:00 pm. This is known because the person before him signed in at 9:50pm and several people signed in after him at 10:00pm. This log was monitored by the house manager. There are also five people who witnessed Mac being there by 10:00pm. One

person stated that he watched a movie with Mac until 1:00am. Police woke him up at 4:00am to question him. Witnesses show he had not left the house. The house manager locks up so they couldn't have left anyway.

Al Ruble, the PI sent by Laura's attorney, said he last saw Laura at 9:00pm and then went to tell Matt Jamin, the attorney, that he lost track of her. Jack Ibach was seen by none other than Matt Jamin and Al Ruble at Sutliff's bar between 9:30-10:00pm that night! Jack was with two other people described as "fisherman" yet neither Jamin nor Ruble spoke to either Jack or the other two men. They did not even try to identify those two people all the while claiming to be concerned for Laura's safety. Until what time Jack was in the bar is also unknown because again no one asked and Jamin and Ruble had left themselves by 10pm.

After Ruble realized he lost track of Laura, he did not go into any of the several bars on that street to look for her. He left the area and said he went to tell Jamin he lost her. Laura could have easily gotten out of Mac's van and walked straight into any number of places on that street. She could also have been approached by the alleged man who was going to give her the tape or, she could have been picked up by a friend. We don't know and Ruble surely didn't try to find out. I suspect Al Ruble was actually the last person to see her and knew he didn't need to look for her any further.

Ruble last saw Mac in the van with Laura at 9:00pm and according to both Mac and Kerwin, Laura asked Mac if he had gotten any cocaine and he said no. She then said she had to meet someone and got out of the van. Still, even if that was not true, it would give Mac less than 50 minutes to make a two hour roundtrip on horribly icy roads plus the time it would take to carry the body (or even walk her) to the bluffs, disrobe her, and toss her off the cliff. Then he'd have to walk back to the van and drive back to town. IMPOSSIBLE! Even more impossible because the roads were so icy he couldn't have made the trip in the two hours it would have taken on dry roads!

It would also have given Jack less than 30 minutes to have been involved with any of this because he was seen by Ruble and Jamin between 9:30-10pm.

We also know this was the first ever homicide investigation for the city of Kodiak. We know Officer Paris ignored evidence of another killer and made-up false charges against Jack. James McLaughlin said he killed Laura and put her in a landfill. The Chief of Police told people that Laura's body was cut up and placed in a crab pot and then dumped in the ocean.

What is inescapable is that Kodiak police wanted a conviction on their first big case and they wanted the guilty party to be the ex-husband. From that they made the facts fit their theory and the truth was never a consideration.

If we were to speculate on what could be a much more plausible explanation of what happened to Laura that night, we have a couple of scenarios we could look at.

The first and easiest explanation is of course that James "Mac" McLaughlin is the killer just as he told many people he was. He was a drug dealer, supplied cocaine to Laura, and knew Laura had become a police informant. No one actually questioned McLaughlin except the informant. No one ever looked into any other possibilities for her disappearance. It is possible that Laura was still alive and was killed later or, that later her body was moved.

The next scenario (again just speculation) involves a much more sinister motive. Recall that Laura said she got a call from an anonymous man whose voice she didn't know, who wanted to give her a tape that would show two very prominent business men and Jack discussing a very large drug deal? Police have assumed all along that there never was a tape and that it was all a ruse to get Laura to meet her hit man. But what if the tape really did exist and someone didn't want it to become public?

What if the attorney suspected that the prominent business men on the tape were his clients or, close friends and he didn't want that tape to become part of a custody battle in court? It would incriminate all parties on the tape. What if the attorney told those business men or, just decided to intercept the tape himself? Under that scenario, Ruble was really sent to get the tape and get rid of Laura so the identity of the business men would never become known. Maybe Ruble thought Laura was getting into the van of the man with the tape and didn't realize she simply saw a friend and was asking for drugs.

It is very hard to believe that Rubie could lose sight of Laura in under a minute's time and why didn't he start looking for her then? Remember that Kodiak is a small community and at the very least he should have gone inside some of the bars along that same street to see if she was there or, look for her by car. But he didn't.

The sad truth is that no one ever looked for her. No searches were ever conducted. The attorney and Ruble immediately reported her as being kidnapped and murdered. And that is a big leap unless they knew something no one else knew.

The End

Laura Henderson-Ibach: Mac's van

APRIL 27, 2011 BY ALICE



One of the issues in the Laura Henderson-Ibach case has been Mac's van. Did a live or death struggle take place here or not?

As you have been able to read in our post, the van doubled as a temporary home to Jim Kerwin.



Justice Denied - Natalie Smith

Impossible Prosecution Theory of a Woman's Disappearance -

The Donald McDonald Story

By Donald McDonald

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My name is Donald Charles McDonald, but my nickname since childhood has been Mac. I have been wrongly imprisoned in the state of Alaska for over 18 years for a murder I did not commit.

I lived on Kodiak Island in 1986. That is where I was arrested along with James (Jim) John Kerwin and Jack Anton Ibach, in the disappearance of Jack's ex-wife Laura Lee Ibach (Henderson) on March 28, 1986. I met Jim Kerwin in 1985 and we became casual friends. Laura Ibach was a woman friend of mine who was the ex-wife of Jack Ibach, who I had seen several times around Kodiak, but didn't know.

As you will see, the prosecution's case hinged on the supposition that Laura and I were strangers who hadn't met prior to about 3 p.m. on March 28, 1986. However our friendship was attested to at my trial (in Anchorage) by at least two witnesses, Laura's friend Debbie Lesser, and my friend Jack Buckalew. They both testified that Laura and I had been introduced to each other prior to March 28th and that Laura, several of her friends, and I, had socialized at Kodiak bars on multiple occasions.

The Events of March 28, 1986

On the day of Laura's disappearance, I went to see her at the Kodiak Women's Resource Center (KWRCC) around 3 p.m. That is where Laura worked, and I asked her if she would be my date at a street dance I was co-hosting the next day, to raise money for Kodiak's Hope House (a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility) where I was residing. Laura politely declined my invitation but said she might see me there. While I was at the KWRCC, Laura asked me if I could find her some cocaine. She then told me she would be on Shelikof Street to meet some people around 9 p.m. and asked me if I could come by and let her know whether or not I could find her the drugs. I had been out of the world of illegal drugs for quite some time so I never intended to look for any cocaine for Laura. Since I had been clean and sober for months I wasn't going to find her any drugs, but I didn't tell her that outright because I didn't want to tick her off. Although it was the reason for me to see Laura for what would be, the last time, and it may have had something to do with her disappearance, the judge barred any mention of Laura's drug use at both my trial, and my retrial.

On the evening of March 28, 1986, Jim and I ate dinner at Reentry Dorms, and then went to McDonald's restaurant for dessert. The housemother where I lived, Gladys Baldwin, accompanied us. We drove around for a short time and then took Gladys back to Reentry Dorms because she was tired. Jim and I decided to continue our Friday night cruise around the town of Kodiak. We drove south on Shelikof Street to its southern terminus city dock. I must guess it was about 9 p.m., since I did not have a clock in my van. Laura came up to my van and got in. However she left after five minutes at the most, when I told her I wasn't going to find her any cocaine. When she exited my van, Laura must have walked toward the B&B Bar, opposite of the way my van was parked. I never saw her again. After Laura left my van, Jim and I remained parked for several minutes while I started the engine and warmed it up before leaving. It was a Friday night and we cruised around town some more before I went home around 10:00 p.m. I told Jim he could sleep in my van.

Matthew (Matt) D. Jamin was Laura's divorce lawyer. Jack Ibach and Laura Henderson, due to the bifurcated divorce, shared custody of the couple's daughters and Jack approved of that arrangement. However Laura was seeking full custody so she and the children could move to Oregon with her parents. With shared custody she would be unable to move the children out of state. Albert (Al) Huff Ruble was a private investigator who worked with Jamin on cases such as Laura's custody dispute.

Although Laura said nothing to me about it when I saw her that afternoon, two of Laura's co-workers later told the police that she told them she was planning to meet "Matt" at 9 p.m. near the B&B Bar on Shelikof Street, down by the harbor. The B&B Bar and the small boat harbor are about 20 yards apart at the opposite end of the road from the King Crab Cannery. Suzanne Hinson, one of Laura's co-workers, wrote in her March 29th Kodiak Police Department (KPD) statement that Laura told her "Matt had a tape." There has never been an adequate explanation about the 9 p.m. meeting that Hinson said Laura was to have with Matt - *after* she left my van - at what happened to be her last known whereabouts. The contents of the mysterious tape - or if it ever existed - is likewise unknown.

Another one of Laura's co-workers told a little different version of Laura's planned meeting. She said Laura told her that Ruble and Matt Jamin would be "watching on" at 9 p.m. on Shelikof Street, because she never met and didn't know the man who was supposedly going to give her a tape to use against her ex-husband in their custody dispute.

Although some of Laura's actions and words after 3p.m. on March 28th are open for interpretation, one thing is certain: It is impossible that Laura was referring to me, because I not only knew Laura, but I had seen and talked with her for 10-15 minutes at the KWRCC that very afternoon, and there were witnesses to verify it. Yet after Laura's disappearance; the police and prosecutors choose this as the version they wanted to accept as true, perhaps because the other version directly implicated Matt Jamin and Al Ruble in Laura's disappearance. However the only way I could be implicated as the mysterious stranger was for the police and Prosecutors to claim that I had never met her - which is exactly what they did.

Oops! Someone put a Band-Aid in the wrong pink shoe!

Laura's mother mentioned to KPD investigator William E. Rhodes that she was wearing designer jeans, a belt with a heart shaped buckle, a mauve down-filled coat, pinkish tennis shoes, and white porcelain earrings with a purple flower painted on them. Clothing items consistent with her description were later found over a period of months along a two mile stretch of Monashka Bay below the cliff from which the prosecution alleged Jim and I tossed Laura into the water. However Kitty Munro also mentioned Laura was wearing a type and color of shirt that was never recovered, and she didn't mention a purse that was recovered. Considering the discrepancies between Kitty Munro's description of Laura's attire and what was and wasn't found, it is possible that none of the recovered items were Laura's, particularly since none of the items were positively identified as hers. However the purse did have something in it that is rather curious - Laura's *old* identification, and it is also curious that nothing in the purse indicated she had it the night of her disappearance. The questions raised by the clothing found on the beach were compounded by the bizarre circumstance of how a "pinkish tennis shoe" was discovered, and what was found inside of it.

One of the most interesting details that Kitty described was the shoes. In the latter pages of the April 3, 1986 KPD Rhodes interview, Kitty describes them as women's size 9, pinkish suede with gray swatch reinforcements. She says they were Velcro tie tennis shoes. Without being asked Kitty volunteers that Laura had planter wart surgery and wore Band-Aids until her wounds healed. No one asked or determined from which foot the warts had been removed.

On April 13, 1986, a beachcomber, Dennis Pederson, was wandering the shores of Monashka Bay near Pillar Point. He noticed a tennis shoe in the tidal wash and felt that it might be significant. It was sodden pink and had a Band-Aid in it. He threw the shoe into an area above the high tide line. Kitty Munro learned of the shoe and on Sunday, April 21, 1986 she and her friend went to the location where Dennis had thrown it. The Band-Aid was still in it. Kitty and her friend picked up the shoe and drove to KPD to report their find. KPD Timothy Lowry took the report. All agreed that the shoe is consistent with footwear that Laura left home wearing on March 28. However, there are a couple of questions that were neither asked nor answered. It was proven at the trial that the shoe was to be worn on the left foot. All agreed that it was a left shoe and that it was remarkably similar to shoes that Laura was wearing. There is a glitch however. After my trial records were received from Laura's podiatrist stating that *Laura's wart surgery was on her right foot, not her left*. In either case, it leaves the question of how the sock disappeared, leaving a Band-Aid in the wrong shoe. It is beyond ridiculous to seriously consider waves and currents did it - since it was something only possible by human intervention. The obvious planting of the shoe as evidence to support the prosecution's theory that Laura died by being tossed off a cliff into the ocean was so badly bungled that it would be laughable if the bogus evidence hadn't been used to help convince the jury to convict me.

Another obvious but unanswered question is how did the various items of clothing that Laura supposedly wore that night happened to be removed from her body after she was allegedly tossed into the water?

Truly magical psychic evidence discovered in McDonald's van

In August 1986, five months after my arrest and two months before my first trial began in October 1986, KPD Cpl. Andre said he saw in a police associated magazine an advertisement for a Chicago area psychic, William Ward. Andre called him on an "urge." The psychic told him to "look for something in the van."

To see if the previous fine tooth comb searches of the van had missed some piece of evidence, KPD Cpl. Paris went *alone* to inspect my unsecured van at Bruce's wrecking yard. He did this on October 19, 1986, just nine days before the start of my trial. He testified at my trial that he looked through the driver's side window and saw something glistening in plain sight near the gas pedal. Officer Paris then called his subordinates, detectives Rhodes and Walton on their day off. He instructed the two detectives to take another look in my van. While visually inspecting the van KPD Rhodes and KPD Walton spotted the object. Laying in plain sight on the van's floor near the gas pedal was a white porcelain earring front with a purple flower painted on it. This earring was *magically* discovered in plain sight after all the months of the van being searched, tom apart, illuminated throughout for blood, and available for public inspection. Detective Rhodes took a triangulation of photos to accurately determine the earring's position.

With the fortuitous finding days before my trial of an earring consistent with the one described by Laura's mom, the prosecution could at least argue there was something tangible indicating Laura was in my van, and she may have encountered violence sufficient to cause an earring to "fall off" her ear.

The spotting of the earring in plain sight was not the only thing suspicious about the October 19th search of my van: It was conducted under the very unusual circumstance of being the first time during Bruce St. Pierre's ownership of the wrecking yard that he or an employee was *not* allowed to be present - which was a stipulation of his contract with Kodiak - while the search of a vehicle took place.

The KPD's reliance on a psychic vision as justification for their third search of my van is as ridiculous as their official explanation of why the earring front wasn't found in previous searches: The KPD had my van towed to a gas station to see how much gas was needed to fill it to determine how far the van had been driven. That is a farcical explanation, because the KPD didn't know if my van was full of gas around 9 p.m. on March 28, or if I might have had a gas can to add gas, or if my van's gas tank had been siphoned. The earring front, according to the prosecution speculation, had been knocked off an ear violently and gone down the front window defroster slot. They then speculated the jarring motion of towing the van enabled the earring to fall through the Edmund Burke. Although we were seated next to each other, we were legally considered to be "tried separately, but together, before the same courtroom in the interest of judicial economy." The legal reasoning was that a judge and jury could keep all the testimony regarding each defendant separate, and that the jury would not infer damaging testimony regarding one individual against the other two. Common sense says that is impossible.

Jack retained an attorney to represent him, and Jim and I had court-appointed attorneys. Acting on advice from our attorneys, all three of us elected not to testify at trial. The result of the trial

was Jim Kerwin's complete acquittal, Jack Ibach received a hung jury on both charges, and I received a hung jury on the murder charge but was found guilty of kidnapping Laura. Jack Ibach and I remained in jail, and the Kodiak prosecutor decided to re-try us.

The second trial, again in Anchorage, began after mid-April, 1987 in Judge Mark Rowland's courtroom. Jack and I were tried together but separately, just as before. My trial attorney, Louise Ma, was no longer able to represent me through the public defender's system; so, Pam Cravaz acted as my counsel for the second trial. Scott Dattan was appointed as Jack's attorney.

My experience at the second trial was worse than at the first. Pam Cravaz was inexperienced and outmatched. Just as in the first trial, there was no cooperation between Jack's attorney and mine and the legal march toward my wrongful conviction continued. I was convicted of Laura's murder and sentenced to life in prison.

At both trials there was much uncorroborated and unchallenged testimony. The "Exceptions to Barring Hearsay" rules, one of which is "Excited Utterance" allowed five prosecution witnesses to make all sorts of statements to the jury that went beyond Laura's apparently very "excited utterance" to a co-worker Suzanne Hinson around 3:20 p.m. on the day she disappeared. If the prosecution's case is to be believed, Laura was emitting "excited utterances" over a period of 1-1/2 hours and at two different locations about a mile apart. In spite of the hearsay exceptions rule and limits on the exception about ignoring what was said, and in spite of the judge's explanation that the jury should only use any "excited utterance" statements to perceive Laura's intention, the attorneys asked numerous questions of each of the five witnesses. The questioning went to the particulars of what Laura said.

Conclusion

After 18 years my state and federal appeals were exhausted in the spring of 2004 when the U.S. Supreme Court denied my writ of certiorari.

However there is some hope, because the person or persons responsible for Laura's disappearance are still "out there," and one or more people may have critical information about the circumstances of her disappearance, and who may have seen her after 9 p.m. on March 28, 1986.

One important lead that is still hanging, is that given the statements by Laura's friends, and that I know she walked away from my van that night, to the best of my knowledge two people who likely saw Laura Ibach before her disappearance are Albert Ruble and Matthew Jamin. Although they are the most likely people to have vital information regarding the fate of Laura, they were never considered as suspects in her disappearance, or investigated for their contacts with her on March 28, 1986.

Another possible lead is that after my arrest I learned Laura was a sometimes drug dealer in Kodiak who was a police informant. If one or more of Kodiak's key drug dealers learned that Laura was feeding the police information, that certainly would be a motive for them to make her disappear.

The only certain thing about Laura's disappearance, is that no one has come forth to say they have seen her since she left my van at approximately 9 p.m. on March 28, 1986. If she is alive she must have had a very good reason to keep herself successfully hidden for 18 years. More than anyone else in the world I want to know what happened to Laura - because that is the very information that will set me free.

I am thankful for my sister, Katha McDonald, who has remained steadfast through my ordeal and for the small group of people she has been able to alert and keep focused on my predicament. I also thank you for reading about my plight. I can be contacted at:

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The Disappearance of Laura Henderson

This episode covers the disappearance of a woman right here on Kodiak Island in 1986. What happened to Laura Henderson? This is one of the most controversial court cases in the history of the state of Alaska. At best, this case is an example of an inept police investigation, a prosecution determined to win at any cost, and inadequate defense counsel. At worst, this case represents a corrupt police force and perhaps even a corrupt judicial system. No one can even prove a crime occurred because a body was never found. Yet, two men have each been sentenced to serve 99 years in prison for the murder of Laura Henderson.

It is unlikely Laura is alive since none of her friends or family, including her two daughters, have heard from her since March 28, 1986, but what happened to her is still very much in question. Let me tell you the facts, and then you decide if this crime happened the way the prosecutors claimed it did.

This case involves many individuals with conflicting stories and testimony that changed overtime, and I will do my best to keep the various players and their stories straight for you.

Laura's Disappearance

Laura Henderson disappeared on March 28, 1986, and this is one of the few certainties in this case. Laura Henderson had recently divorced Jack Ibach, her husband of seven years, and the two were engaged in a contentious custody battle over their two daughters. They currently shared custody of their children, but Laura was seeking sole custody, so she and her daughters could move to Oregon to be closer to her family. Laura and her two daughters lived in an apartment in Kodiak, and Laura worked at the Women's Resource Crisis Center. Attorney Matthew Jamin represented Laura in her divorce proceedings.

On March 28, 1986, Laura Henderson received a call at the Women's Resource Crisis Center. She later told her attorney that she did not recognize the caller's voice, but the man told her he had a tape which would incriminate her ex-husband, Jack Ibach, in some way, and the caller claimed the tape would help her win the custody battle for her two children. The man and Laura agreed to meet at 9:00 pm near the King Crab Cannery in Kodiak, and he promised to give her the tape at the meeting.

At 3:00 on the afternoon Laura disappeared, Donald McDonald (Mac) stopped by the crisis center to talk to Henderson. According to Mac, he and Laura were friends and had dated a few times. He claims he stopped by the center to invite Laura to a dance

he was co-hosting to raise money for Kodiak's Hope House, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility where Mac resided. Laura politely declined his invitation but asked him if he could find her some cocaine. Again, according to Mac, he had been clean and sober for several months and had no intention of scoring drugs for Laura, but he promised to try to get the drugs for her only because he wanted

The house manager then locked the house, so no one could leave during the night, and one of the other residents testified he watched a movie with Mac until 1:00 a.m. the following morning. [So, we know Mac was back in his dorm before 10:00pm where he spent the night.] As you will see later, this timeline is important in understanding this case.

The Investigation

Mac was arrested the following day, and his van was impounded. James Kerwin, Mac's friend who was living in Mac's van was also arrested. Police found three knives in Mac's possession and two firearms in his van. According to court documents, the van was dirty and wet, but police photos show a neatly organized van. One of the van's cargo windows was cracked, and police testified it had been broken from the inside shortly before the van was seized. The previous owner of the van, though, testified the window was already broken when he sold the van to Mac.

The police search of the van yielded little evidence. They found no blood or tissue residue in the van, and although they found fingerprints in the van belonging to 59 people, none of the prints belonged to Laura Henderson or her ex-husband, Jack Ibach. Police also compared soil samples from under the frame of the van and from the tire grooves to the place where they allege Mac dumped Laura's body, but the soil samples did not match.

Police did find the back from an earring in the van and an instamatic camera. When they developed the film in the camera, they found photos of Mac and Kerwin outside a cabin. They soon located the cabin at the end of Monashka Bay road, a 40-minute drive from Kodiak.

The police postulated that Jack Ibach hired Mac to murder Laura. Mac then met Laura at 9:00 p.m. on March 28th, 1986, got her into his van, killed her, drove to Monashka Bay near the cabin he had photographed, and he and Kerwin tossed her body off a cliff. As I will explain shortly, there are several problems with this theory.

A witness said at 9:35 p.m. on March 28th, she saw a van matching the description of Mac's van leaving a residence near where Mac lived. According to the witness, the driver pulled out directly in front of her and swerved all over the road. Another witness reported that between 9:45 and 10:00 p.m., he saw a white van near the end of the Monaska Bay Road.

Police learned that Jim Kerwin and Jack Ibach knew each other and reportedly had met several times in the month preceding Laura's disappearance. According to other witnesses, Jack Ibach made several statements claiming he wished his ex-wife would disappear. One friend stated Jack told her he wanted to kill Laura, and he said he planned to pay a man to do the job. The hitman Thach described to his friend fit the general description of Jim Kerwin.

Police arrested Jack Ibach, and me, Mac, and Jim Kerwin were all charged with the kidnapping and murder of Laura Henderson.

Tried together, their guilt or innocence was to be determined separately by the jury. Jim Kerwin was acquitted of all charges, while Jack Thach received a hung jury on both charges. The jury was also deadlocked on the charge of murder for Mac but found him guilty of kidnapping Laura Henderson.

Jack Ibach and Mac were again tried in Anchorage in mid-April, 1987. Both Mac and Jack had inept attorneys, especially at their second trial. Mac's attorney promised to let him testify and said she would call Jim Kerwin as an alibi witness for him, but something happened at the last minute, and she rested her case without calling any witnesses or allowing Mac to testify. She reportedly still will not answer questions regarding this case. Both Jack Ibach and Mac were found guilty of the murder of Laura Henderson, and they were both sentenced to 99 years in prison.

The Problems with the Evidence:

Much has been written about this case in the more than thirty years since Donald McDonald and Jack Ibach were sentenced. Unfortunately, if some of this evidence had come to light before their trials, they might never have been convicted of kidnapping and murdering Laura Henderson. Mac appealed his conviction, but the appellate court found against him on every issue. Many of the appeal issues dealt with the hear-say evidence the judge allowed by classifying it under the excited-utterance rule. I don't have the legal expertise to discuss those issues, but I will point out a few glaring inconsistencies with the evidence as well as the changing testimony of some key witnesses and the questionable conduct of the Kodiak Police Department.

The Timeline:

As I mentioned earlier, this case was tried in Anchorage, and I think this venue hurt the defendants because jurors not familiar with the Kodiak Island road system missed one of the biggest problems the prosecution had with their case: the timeline.

With perfect road conditions in a good vehicle, it takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes to drive round-trip from where Laura was last seen in Kodiak to the end of the

road at Monashka Bay where police and prosecutors claim Mac tossed Laura's body off a cliff. The speed limit on that road was 55 mph at the time of Laura's disappearance. Mac had an old van, and because the drive shaft was wired to the transmission, it would not go faster than 35 mph. Furthermore, according to one Kodiak Police officer, the roads were very icy the night Laura disappeared, and it was nearly impossible to drive more than 5 mph. Yet, the prosecution put one witness on the stand who testified she saw a van matching the description of Mac's van in Kodiak at 9:35 and another witness who claimed he saw the white van on the road near Monashka Bay 10 to 20 minutes later. It is impossible Mac could have covered the distance from Kodiak to Monashka Bay in such a short amount of time in his van on those roads. Furthermore, Laura was last seen alive at 9:00 p.m., and Mac signed back into his dorm by 10:00 p.m. at the latest. How could he

I think it is interesting Jim Kerwin stated repeatedly he was with Mac the entire evening of March 28th, 1986, but Kerwin was found not guilty of all charges. Why was Kerwin not called by Mac's attorney to testify to Mac's whereabouts and the events of the night in question? How could he be in both places at once, or in the time limit allowed?

Psychic

The first thorough search of Mac's van provided no evidence, but nine days before the first trial when a psychic suggested police search the van again, they miraculously found an earring matching the description of the earrings Laura had been wearing when she disappeared. After receiving the psychic's advice, KPD Cpl. Paris went alone to inspect the unsecured van at Bruce's Wrecking Yard. Paris claimed he looked in the window and saw something glistening near the gas pedal, so he sent two detectives to search the van again. The search of the van was conducted outside the presence of a Bruce's Wrecking Yard employee, a violation of the contract between Bruce's Wrecking Yard and the Kodiak Police Department.

Changing Stories:

When police first interviewed Laura's co-workers, only one claimed to know Laura was planning to meet a mysterious man on the evening of March 28th, 1986, but she said Laura did not know who the man was and did not recognize his voice on the phone when he called to set up the meeting. When police asked the co-workers to come into the station to write their statements, though, they put all the co-workers in a room together and suddenly Laura's colleagues all recalled that Laura was planning to meet a man named "Matt" in a white van the night she disappeared. Why did their statements change? Were they fed information? They got Mac's name wrong and instead of writing the name "Mac" in their statements, they used the name "Matt", and Matt was the name of Laura's attorney, so what did those statements mean?

Al Ruble, the private investigator tasked with watching over Laura while she met the mysterious stranger, changed his story several times. He first told police he sat in his car at an agreed-upon spot, and when Laura drove past him, he waited until she got out of her car and then drove past her and the white van to find a better vantage spot. He said he lost sight of the van for only a minute, but the van with Laura in it disappeared during the time it was out of his view. He then changed his story and said he got out of his car and walked down the street to get a better view and lost sight of the van. He then changed his story one more time and said he remained parked in the same spot the entire time, and Mac drove away and out of his sight. Laura disappeared in a quiet section of a small town. Al Ruble was either a very bad detective, a bad liar, or both. Numerous people have suggested Al Ruble knew much more about Laura's disappearance than he admitted. Some believe he was the last person to see Laura alive, and they believe he knows what happened to her. It is suspicious that when Ruble lost track of Laura, he did not attempt to find her. He did not search any of the numerous bars in the area nor ask anyone if they had seen Laura. He simply reported her disappearance to Matt Jamin, and they called the police to report a kidnapping.

Investigation – Stan McKnight

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On rugged Kodiak Island, Monashka Bay cuts into the Island just north of the city of Kodiak, Alaska. After leaving the city, this beautiful Bay can be viewed from the Monashka Bay Road as it winds its way along the Bay for roughly nine miles and then terminates in a dead end.

According to a police investigation, on March 28th, 1986 this scenic landscape was the site of a brutal murder. Near the end of this dark lonely road, in the back of a white Dodge cargo van, Laura Henderson was murdered in a violent struggle. The murder was committed by Donald McDonald. After murdering Laura, he carried her lifeless body over steep snow-and ice-covered terrain through a wooded area in the dead of night, and then threw her body from a cliff into the ocean 250 feet below. The police later found items of clothing from the victim, including a small purse containing Laura's expired Oregon driver's license. However, Laura Henderson's body was never recovered.

Three men, Jack Ibach, Laura's former husband, Donald McDonald, and James Kerwin were arrested and charged with kidnapping and murder. The jury found Kerwin not guilty. In Ibach's case, the jury was deadlocked, unable to reach a verdict on the charges of kidnapping and murder. And in McDonald's case, the jury convicted him of kidnapping but was deadlocked on the charge of murder. During a second trial, Donald McDonald and Jack Ibach were tried for murder and the jury found them both guilty. They were sentenced to 99 years in prison. And after 34 (05/20/20) years in prison, both men maintain their innocence.

The prosecution theorized that the motive for the murder was a bitter custody dispute over Jack Ibach's and Laura Henderson's two daughters. The state's prosecutor claimed that Jack Ibach hired Donald McDonald to murder Laura and to dispose of her body so it would never be discovered.

But did McDonald commit Laura's murder? In the tragic case of Laura Henderson's disappearance was justice served. Before I answer these questions, I will provide a history of his case according to my understanding. And I say history, because Laura Henderson disappeared 34 years ago, and since that time McDonald has been in

prison. What is critical in this case is not the circumstantial evidence, which is fascinating and makes a compelling story, but it is the hard evidence which provides clarity and answers the critical questions. Consequently, I will conclude with the hard evidence in this case.

After McDonald's conviction, his sister, at her own expense, hired private investigators to uncover evidence about the unsolved disappearance and supposed murder of Laura Henderson. In addition, she hired attorneys to appeal McDonald's conviction. Despite years of effort, court appeals have been unsuccessful in securing a new trial for McDonald or his release from prison. Two separate appeals, one in 1994 and one in 2001, were both denied.

On April 12, 1994, the State of Alaska's court system responded to McDonald's appeal in a lengthy and detailed document. Under the heading of "facts" the court summarized the case against McDonald. The summary in the court's document errors in describing the prosecution's case as "facts" when the case was built on circumstantial evidence and the interpretation of that evidence. From the onset, the case against McDonald was controversial as the victim's body was never discovered; consequently, there was no forensic evidence linking McDonald to Laura's murder.

Interestingly, the court's document Summary (1994) of "facts" fails to provide hard evidence in clarifying how McDonald actually committed the murder. The courts summary of "fact" does provide a brief narrative regarding the police's theory of how and where Henderson's body was disposed of and why a body was never discovered. The following quotation is from the summary of "fact".

"The police seized an Instamatic camera from the van; the camera contained film that had been exposed. By developing the film, the police obtained photographs depicting McDonald and Kerwin outside a cabin. The police eventually discovered that this cabin was located at the end of Monashka Bay Road, near the town of Kodiak: During the months following Henderson's disappearance, numerous items belonging to Henderson, including her wallet, pink tennis shoes, a full length down coat, a belt and jeans washed up along the shoreline of Monashka bay, below the cabin site. Henderson's body, however, was never found."

According to McDonald he had been introduced to Laura at a friend's house while he was drinking beer and watching a football game on TV. This was when he first arrived in Kodiak. In Mac's Story, McDonald writes about his relationship with Laura.

"I saw Laura around town many times after that, sat with her laughing and joking in bars, and over time we even had sexual relationships with each other. That, -in a sentence, is how well I knew Laura. Our relationship included alcohol and a bit of cocaine here and there, when I was able to buy it. She liked it, so I would get it for her. My tiring was the booze, of course, but I'd do a bit of cocaine for fun. There was never anything "Serious" in our relationship, and we both liked it that way."

What are some of the events leading up to the night of 3/28/86 and Laura's disappearance.? Laura received a phone call at her place of work, the Kodiak Women's Resource Center, informing her that a stranger would provide a tape with information about her former husband involvement in an illegal drug deal, information which would enable Laura to gain full custody of her two daughters. She was to meet the stranger that evening on Shelikof St, apparently near the B&B bar.

Following the telephone call to Laura about the tape, Donald McDonald arrived at Laura's place of work and was greeted by a woman at the door. There were other women working at the Resource Center as well and they all saw McDonald. Again from Mac's Story, McDonald describes his meeting with Laura that afternoon.

"We went upstairs to a single conference type room to talk. I told her of the dance the next day and asked if she would like to come with me. She told me she had her daughters to think of and didn't want it to be a date but would see if she could show up and find me if she did. I remember joking telling her that I wanted her to show up "naked", and we laughed. When alone, we joked like that a bit. In reality we had good sex together, so it was fun to joke with each other when no one else could hear. Laura told me she would be downtown later that evening around 9 pm. or so by the B&B Bar, which is across from the main dock area in Kodiak Harbor and at the very beginning of the road called, "Cannery Row". She asked me if I could get "any", meaning a bit of cocaine to share with her. I told her I would try and might see her later. "

Many years later, Rollie Port, a private investigator working for McDonald's sister reflected on McDonald's visit to Laura's place of work that day and wrote, "McDonald

did stop and see Laura, there is no question about this. I have to ask myself why a contract killer would boldly contact Laura, with witnesses present, then meet her later, again in public, and kidnap her. (Rollie Port, private investigator, 2001)

Later that same evening, Laura met with her attorney, Matt Jamin. She reportedly told her attorney about the tape and the meeting with the stranger later that night. For Laura's safety, Al Ruble, a private investigator was assigned the task of following Laura once she arrived on Shelikof St.

That night, at 9:00 pm, on poorly lit Shelikof St., Laura parked the car she had borrowed in front of the B& B bar. Al Ruble, the private investigator, observed Laura in McDonald's van a few minutes after 9:00 but he did not notice that a friend of McDonald's, James Kerwin, was also in the van. Ruble loses sight of Laura and McDonald's van when he walks behind a building. When he again has a clear view of the street, Laura and McDonald's van are gone. At this point, Ruble apparently assumes that McDonald has kidnapped Laura. Ruble failed to check any of the nearby bars to see if Laura had simply exited McDonald's van and had ducked inside out of the weather.

McDonald recalls the events on Shelikof street on March 28th, 1986. He was parked in his van. Near the Anchor Bar and with him, in the passenger seat, was Jim Kerwin, a recovering alcoholic and a friend of McDonald's.

"Jim and I were just sitting there talking when suddenly Laura opened the passenger door. I don't remember any knock. I just remember the door opening and her smiling face suddenly there. Jim climbed up on the center engine compartment that was located between the two front seats, and Laura climbed into the van and into the passenger seat with Jim between us. Jim sat back just a little, but I had to lean forward to talk eye to eye with Laura. She asked if I had any luck, wondering if I had been able to buy any cocaine. In reality, I hadn't had the time to even think about it, let alone try to buy any. I told her I had none and we talked about the dance a bit. It was kind of awkward with Jim between us, but I remember Laura smoking a cigarette. I don't remember the door window next to her being open or if she shook any ashes out the window, and that is why I was always so puzzled that the police investigation never found the cigarette butt or DNA from her anywhere in the van? During investigations it had been proved the van hadn't been wiped down or cleaned up in any way. Laura told me she'd see me at the

dance, opened her door and got out of the van." Laura walked toward the rear of the van, back toward the Anchor Bar and her car behind us."

Al Ruble, once he loses sight of Laura and suspects that she has been kidnapped in the van, immediately contacts Matt Jamin, Laura's attorney, and the frantic search for Laura and the white van begins. The police, Laura's co-workers and friends, along with her father are mobilized in the search. This is important to know as the police investigation was initiated with statements from these individuals. It is likely that in the confusion their recall of events leading up to Laura's disappearance was skewed, compromised, and unreliable.

Rollie Port, private investigator, wrote, "Al Ruble was in contact with Matt Jamin, (and several of Laura's co-workers) Janet Carter, Cathy Wilson, Suzanna Hinson, and the Kodiak Police Department. I believe that they incorrectly took bits and pieces of information and unknowingly wove a story with McDonald as the prime suspect. When they gave their statements to the police they already knew what each other's assumptions were and their statements reflect the assumptions." (Rollie Port, private investigator, 2001)

These assumptions were the beginning of a flawed, inadequate, and questionable police investigation which eventually ended in McDonald's murder conviction. Because McDonald was the last one seen with Laura, he was awakened in the early hours of the mowing and questioned by the police. Later that day, he was arrested and charged with kidnapping and murder.

McDonald was raised in Seattle, Washington, excelled in football, and as a Marine served in combat during the Viet Nam war. He had no criminal record. But he was a recovering alcoholic, who voluntarily sought treatment and was living in a group home for recovering alcoholics. He was self-employed doing auto body work and was able to earn enough money to support himself.

However, at the time of his trial, he lacked the financial resources necessary to hire an experienced defense attorney. Consequently, he was provided with an inexperienced court appointed attorney who apparently had no meaningful independent investigative resources available to her. Without information and evidence beyond the police investigation, it appears that the defense attorneys tactic was to defend

McDonald by placing the burden of proof on the prosecution. This tactic was unsuccessful.

Before the second trial, McDonald requested that he not be tried in the same court room with the other defendant, Jack Ibach. This request was denied. McDonald believes that being tried with Ibach seriously compromised his chances of being found not guilty. Having both men together in the same court room may have been the prosecution's strategy for gaining murder convictions for both men. It supported the prosecution's theory, convincing the jurors by seeing the two men together in the court room that Ibach and McDonald had plotted together to murder Laura.

In the first trial, McDonald had been convicted of kidnapping, a fact which was apparently openly shared with the jury in the second trial. Without a strong defense, the jury would assume logically that after McDonald kidnapped Laura he murdered her.

With regard to the state's theory that Ibach hired McDonald to murder his wife as the result of a bitter custody battle. No money ever passed between the two men. One time when visiting McDonald in prison he asked to me, "do you think I would kill someone without getting paid first?"

Laura was a known drug user and reportedly a police informer. Unfortunately, this information was suppressed and never presented in court. Being an informer on illegal drug traffickers is probably a more compelling motive for murder than a custody battle. The police who investigated Laura's disappearance were aware that she was an informer. It is likely that the state's prosecutor was also aware of Laura's connection to illegal drug trafficking.

Jim Kerwin, McDonald's friend had been with McDonald when Laura was in the van on Shelikof St. the night she disappeared. He was later charged with murder along with Ibach and McDonald, but in the first trial the jury found him not guilty. Therefore, he was free to testify as an alibi witness for McDonald. But the defense never called him to testify in McDonald's behalf. Later, after McDonald had been convicted of murder, James Kerwin wrote handwritten letters stating that he was with McDonald all night on March 28th, and that McDonald did not murder Laura Henderson. Shortly after Kerwin wrote those letters, he died.

McDonald writes, "Jim (Kerwin) was called by the DA in the second trial and asked only about whether or not he was with me. They asked :him very little, just enough to connect him with me the night in question. He was called by the State Attorney and could only answer to what was asked. I fully expected him to be called by my Attorney later in the trial, and when I asked her she told me not to worry and that he would be. The last evening before my case was rested, as it turned out, Jack (Ibach) and I were sitting in a holding cell under the Courthouse after the day in trial. I was called to go see my Attorney in another room. There, my Attorney told me she had decided she didn't want me to testify. She said they were making Kerwin look bad and trying to tie him to me. I HIT THE ROOF! I was yelling and pounding on the table so loudly that the black Police Sgt. who was in charge came to see what trouble there was. I told her in no uncertain terms that I was going to testify, by God! Jim was with me, and there was no way to untie him from me! He is an eyewitness!!! I was screaming so loud that all she said was OK, OK, you can testify...and she hurried off. I was fuming. She scurried away like a frightened mouse."

The next day trial went on as normal and I asked my Attorney how long until I needed to testify. I was getting worried because she hadn't even tried to prepare me to take the stand. I wanted to know when Jim Kerwin was going to be called back by her to testify for me. To shut me up she told me we had lots of time and not to worry. She told me to keep taking notes as I had all during both trials. At a later time in the afternoon all hell broke loose. She got up and told the judge she rested her case. I jumped up out of my chair, saying, "What the hell?" At this point officers of the Court grabbed me, and the Judge called recess. The Jury was escorted out of the room and I was given a few minutes to "talk things over" with my attorney. I can still remember what she said. She told me I could go ahead and take the stand if I wanted to, but I would do so without further help from her. She made it sound as if she was defending her argument that she didn't want me to testify, but I knew in my heart it was because she had been told to not allow me to testify. She told me she wasn't going to call Kerwin to the stand and wasn't going to ask me questions I needed to talk about on the stand. I adamantly wanted to testify, but I needed a conversation and many, many questions to take place so I could tell the Jury what I am nowtelling the public in this book. I was angry as hell but had absolutely no idea what to do and ended up sitting down and not knowing what to do or say. There was gibberish between the Judge and her, and she made it sound as if she was deciding if I was to testify or not, but her decision had already been made...and I am not sure just by whom it had been made. For sure, she didn't have my best interests in mind. That, I was sure of!"

"Right now, June 1, 2012, I have spent the last 4 years trying to get this (the evidence that his right to testify had been violated) into Court. It took many years and no one would actually listen, except my sister. Four years ago she found an expert to enhance the tapes of trial and I have proof, finally, that I was not allowed to testify in trial against my wishes and rights."

December 24, 2013, from freemacproject.net, "Bad, bad disheartening news." After listening to the enhanced tape of the court room argument between McDonald and his attorney over his request to testify, Superior Court Judge, Michael L. Woverton concluded, "The newly enhanced audio has not actually been enhanced." In other words, the Judge could not hear the critical conversations on the enhanced audio. Therefore he ruled "It is hereby ordered that the applicants motion for summary disposition is denied;" Unfortunately, Judge Woverton had failed to use special equipment which was required to listen to the enhanced audio. Why the Judge failed to use the required technology is unknown. He may have been unaware of the requirement.

I met McDonald at Spring Creek Correctional Center, a maximum-security prison located in Seward, Alaska. Beginning in the fall of 2006, and for three years during the winter months, I was employed as a part time instructor at the prison for the pre-release program. The program stressed the skills needed to find employment once an inmate returned to their community. Instruction included, resume writing, job search knowledge, and interviewing skills. McDonald was assigned to me as a computer tech. Therefore, I eventually became acquainted with him and learned of the unique story behind his murder conviction.

After ending my employment at the Spring Creek, I maintained telephone contact with McDonald and from time to time visited him at the prison. He asked me to find someone who would write about his case. Despite my efforts to interest writers and newspapers about McDonald's case, I was unsuccessful. But my interest in McDonald's case persisted. I went to the freemacproject.net site and re-read Rollie Port's reports on his 2000 investigation. Rollie Port's resume includes being an Alaska State Trooper and a police officer for the Anchorage Police Department. As an aside, when Rollie Port worked for the Anchorage Police Department it was his detailed investigative skills that uncovered the .223 shell casing which proved to be critical evidence in the murder trial of Robert Hansen, Alaska's notorious serial killer. At some point, Port

became a private investigator. His extensive law enforcement background makes him a credible source.

In 2000, Rollie Port was hired by McDonald's sister to investigate Laura Henderson's disappearance. Port flew to Kodiak Island and talked to individuals familiar with McDonald's case. He interviewed a number of Kodiak police officers who were directly involved in the police investigation at the time of Laura Henderson's disappearance. From Port's 2000 investigation and report.

"I have reviewed the FBI reports concerning hair and fiber analysis which was done on all of McDonald's and Kerwin's clothing, their persons, the interior of the van and virtually everything in the van. The FBI did not find one drop of blood, not one hair or fiber, that came from Laura or anything she was wearing. The Alaska State Trooper's lab found no fingerprints or palm prints. This does not support the state's theory that a major fight took place in the van. The lack of any physical evidence in the van does not support that theory at all. This is probably the reason the earring was planted."

Port apparently believed that an earring was likely planted in McDonald's van to support the police's theory that a violent struggle took place in the van. Prior to the discovery of the earring, the van had been meticulously searched for evidence and then parked in an unsecured lot. Reportedly, a KPD officer contacted a psychic who said that evidence was still in the van. Consequently, in one version of the story, KPD officer, Barry Paris, went to the unsecured lot, unlocked the van and found the earring.

Likewise, the items of Laura's clothing found below the cliff in the tidal zone are suspicious. The old purse, which Laura's children played with, and which contained Laura's expired Oregon driver's license seems too convenient in establishing the identity of the owner of the clothing. On the night that Laura disappeared, why would she be carrying an old purse with her expired Oregon driver's license? She already had an Alaska driver license. But the questionable evidence was critical in establishing the state's case.

Rollie Port's report continues, "The State's theory was that a rear window was broken out of McDonald's van, therefore there must have been a struggle. This is wrong. Investigation revealed that the window was broken before the van was sold to Mr. McDonald by Jay Buckalew."

Port also drove out the Monsahka Bay Road to see for himself if it was possible to com.7Tlit the crimewithin the well-established time frame.

"I personally drove from where McDonald was seen parked (9:00 pm) and used the most direct route to drive to the point where the police theorized Laura's body was thrown over the bluff. Traveling at the speed limit it took me 1 hour and 15 minutes round trip. This did not include walking from the road to the bluff and back. There are 5 separate witnesses who said that McDonald was home between 9:50 pm and 10:00 pm and the log shows other people logging in after McDonald at 10:00pm. As I stated earlier McDonald's vehicle was not in good repair. The drive shaft was "wired" to the transmission and the van could not be driven over 35mph. This was verified in testimony. The speed limit on the road to Monashka bay is 55 mph. I cannot see how it would be possible for McDonald to kidnap Laura, drive to Monashka Bay, kill and disrobe her, throw her body over the cliff and be back at the recovery house by 10:00pm."

Port interviewed former KPD officer William Walton.

"He (William Walton) states he remembers being called out the night Laura disappeared and the night was notable in that he fell down in the parking lot because of extreme icy conditions and slipped underneath a vehicle and injured himself. He remembers very well that entire night the roads in and around Kodiak were in the same condition and he states to get out where Barry Paris says the body was thrown off the cliff a person would not have been able to drive more than 5mph.

Intrigued by Port's investigation and the lack of hard evidence in McDonald's case, along with my own curiosity, I decided to visit Kodiak Island and do my own investigation of the timeline. I planned to be in Kodiak a few days before March 28, 2015, and to re-visit the site of the murder under the same conditions.

Once in Kodiak, I was very fortunate to meet with Kelly Wakefield an acquaintance of McDonald's. She was living in Kodiak before Laura's disappearance and is very familiar with McDonald's case. Over the years, McDonald and Wakefield have stayed in contact.

I learned that Kelly Wakefield had been the local contact person when Inside Edition arrived on Kodiak Island to shoot a nationally televised program about Laura

Henderson's disappearance. The program aired on television in May 1991. The television crew went to the cliff above Monashka Bay at the location that the police theorized McDonald threw Laura's body into the ocean below. They simulated the act of throwing a body off the cliff by using a burlap bag filled with dirt and stones weighing 120 pounds. But even two men were unable to throw the bag into the ocean below, and, in fact, they were unable to throw the bag beyond the high tide mark on the rocks below. Therefore, it is very unlikely or even impossible for Laura's body to have been carried out to sea at high tide. If she had been thrown from the cliff, it is likely that evidence of her remains would have been found on the rocks below.

It was Kelly's assistance that made my investigation possible. She quickly provided me with detailed information and directions. She drove me to the point on Shelikof St., near the B & B bar, where Laura was last seen in McDonald's white Dodge van. She then drove me out Monashka Bay Road to the site where the trail led to the old cabin that was captured in photos developed by the police from the Instamatic camera found in McDonald's van after his arrest. The original trail to the old cabin is now largely overgrown with alders. However, the area remains in a very natural state, probably much as it was 29 years ago. Kelly pointed out the direction and described the terrain leading out to the cliff overlooking the Bay.

At the time of Laura's disappearance, once out of the city of Kodiak, the road to Monashka Bay was gravel. Within the last few years the road has been paved, and I assume that this would include improvements to the roadbed. In addition, new guard rails and speed limit signs were probably installed. With these improvements, the road along Monashka Bay still does not encourage speeding, as there are a number of serious 30 and 25 mile per hour curves.

Under ideal conditions, in day light, on a dry newly paved road, it took me 19 minutes to drive from Shelikof St., the place where Laura was observed in McDonald's van, out Rezanof, and then along Monashka Bay road to the site on the road where the path led to the old cabin. Then I walked through alders, looking for the old cabin, which I did not find. Perhaps it had collapsed and was overgrown with vegetation. But I did find in a clearing old metal roofing, riddled with bullet holes, old rusty joist hangers, and the remains of numerous campfires. From there I hiked through thick vegetation and uphill through a forested area until I reached the cliff overlooking Monashka Bay. It took me 20 minutes to walk from the road to the cliff overlooking the Bay. Although the distance to the cliff is not a long hike, walking is slow due to the steep terrain

and the thick vegetation. The total round-trip calculation: $19+20+20+19=78$ minutes. I timed my road trip a second time to ensure accuracy. There was only a slight variation.

I repeated the trip from Shelikof St, adhering to the city's speed limits, and setting my cruise control at 35 miles per hour (the top speed for McDonald's va.11.), and slowing down only for curves. It took me 23 minutes to drive to the spot on the road where the path lead to the old cabin and I then hiked to the cliff again. Only a slight variation. The total round-trip calculation: $23+20+20+23=86$ minutes.

How much longer would it take McDonald to make the same trip on icy gravel roads.? Then in his van murder Laura in a violent struggle. And afterward's, in the dead of night, carry her lifeless body weighting 150 plus pounds over steep snow- and ice-covered terrain through thick vegetation. And, finally, in the dark, approach and throw her body off a 250 cliff? McDonald could not have done this in 55 minutes. The timeline does not support the flawed police investigation or the prosecution's theory of murder.

What is the hard evidence in this case? The FBI found no physical evidence linking McDonald to Laura's murder. In addition, the lack of physical evidence from the van indicates that Laura was not murdered in the van during a violent struggle. And finally, the timeline does not provide sufficient time for McDonald to physically commit the crime. If he could have possibly thrown Laura's body from the cliff above Monashka bay, her body would not have been carried out to sea by a high tide.

Therefore, in summary, it is my opinion that McDonald was convicted as a result of a flawed, inadequate, and questionable police investigation, and ineffective legal defense, a less than ethical prosecution, and a court room judge who failed to protect McDonald's right to testify. Again, this is my opinion.

It is easy to be distracted by assumptions, speculation, and circumstantial evidence, In contrast, the hard evidence in this case is clear, the FBI report and the timeline are evidence that McDonald did not murder Laura Henderson. His conviction was unjust. Therefore, what happened to Laura continues to be a mystery.

I am requesting that his case be thoroughly investigated by an experienced and qualified investigator. No doubt, repeating the timeline measurements will prove that McDonald

could not have committed the crime in 55 minutes as maintained by the state's prosecution. Keily Wakefield would be a valuable resource. The use of a GPS unit would likely be helpful.

I talked to McDonald and he said that the issue of the time required to commit the crime was testified to at his trial. It would be very interesting to review the court transcripts and determine in what detail the issue was explored. In their investigation, did the police actually measure the round-trip time required to commit the crime? And at the trial, did a witness provide inaccurate or misinformation?

If technically possible, it would be extremely helpful if another enhancement of the critical courtroom argument between McDonald and his attorney over his request to testify could be accomplished by a qualified expert. Ideally, the enhancement would allow the audio to be heard without special equipment.

McDonald's sister, Katha, is in her late sixties and has serious medical issues. Over the last 29 years she has used her own income to hire private investigators and attorneys in an effort to free her brother from prison. She has reached the point where she needs to retire. Consequently, McDonald needs additional resources to continue his fight for freedom.

As a citizen, I am concerned that Alaska's court system will never grant McDonald the justice he deserves in the form of a new trial. The court steadfastly supports the prosecution's interpretation of circumstantial evidence as "fact", rejects all of McDonald's appeals, and seemingly avoids considering hard evidence. The state seems unwilling to consider the possibility that a tragic mistake has occurred. Therefore, after 29 years in prison, I think it is time that McDonald's case be reviewed in a federal court.

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Memo to File in re: Case of Laura Henderson

Discrepancies, Disagreements, and Defense Remiss

1. Upon Laura's admittance to KWRCC shelter residency there is no drug/alcohol screen performed.
2. No paper trail how Atty Ford was relieved by Nelson P. Cohen as Jack Ibach's divorce Atty.
3. Defense remiss not identifying who the female KWRCC client was at about 3:15pm on 3-28-86.
4. Defense remiss not determining who the "Matt" phone caller to KWRCC during a.m. on 3-28-86 was, as Suzanne Hinson states Janet Carter told her.
5. Defense remiss not determining how and when Laura's and Matt Jamin's appointment to meet at his office was made, and if Laura had an appointment set why she didn't tell any of the KWRCC employees until she called Cathy Wilson to tell Wilson that she'd gone to see Matt Jamin.
6. Defense remiss not determining how each witness assumed or states they were told by Laura or others that she did not know nor had she ever seen the gentleman that came to KWRCC to see Laura at about 3pm on 3-28-86. Cathy Wilson was the only witness that was interviewed for her testimony away from the jury about how she came to assume that Laura didn't know Mac McDonald. The jury never heard that Laura had not actually told anybody at KWRCC that she did not know Mac McDonald nor had she ever seen him. The jury did hear Al Ruble testify that Laura had told him that she didn't know the gentleman visitor nor had she ever seen him. This testimony is in direct conflict with testimony of Debbie Losser that she had been in the company of Laura Henderson at least three times when Mac McDonald socialized with them and that Mac and Laura were at least casually acquainted with each other. Defense was remiss not stressing this serious conflict of witnesses' testimonies, and in not getting testimony from Mike Losser, John Kostal, and John Buckalew that Laura had been introduced to Mac McDonald during the football season of 1984, in an effort to impeach Al Ruble's testimony.

7. Defense remiss not determining when each witness first learned the name "Matt," "Mac," or "Matt or Mac."
8. Defense remiss not focusing on the incredible coincidence of five witnesses stating that Laura was "jumping up and down" at three different locations at four different times plus that Matt Jamin and Al Ruble describe Laura as "literally jumping up and down," and how this term was used by the prosecution as an exception to the rules against hearsay/excited utterance.
9. Cathy Wilson writes in her 3-29-86 KPD hand-written statement and she states it twice during Grand Jury 1 that Laura had told her Al Ruble and Matt Jamin would be down on Shelikof Street at 9pm on 3-28-86 watching the meeting that Laura was going to. In Trial I Cathy Wilson never mentions that Laura had told her that Matt and Al would be present on Shelikof Street and Defense is remiss not inquiring of Wilson what Laura had told her about Matt and Al being there, and how this conflicts with Al Ruble's and Matt Jamin's testimonies.
10. Cathy Wilson writes and testifies that Laura told her the meeting at 9pm on Shelikof Street was going to be near the B&B Bar. Suzanne Hinson testifies the meeting was going to be down by the harbor. Defense was remiss not contrasting the conflicts, in that King Crab cannery as Ruble and Jamin testify and Janet Carter writes is at the opposite of Shelikof Street from the B&B Bar which is across the street from the Small Boat Harbor.
11. Matt Jamin states in Grand Jury 2 that he can be no more precise as to times he met with Laura on 3-28-86 than between 3pm and 5pm. He states that he could be more precise if he'd brought his records with him. At Trial 1 his testimony changes and he states he kept no records of the meeting with Laura. In his tardy 7-24-86 KPD interview he states that he'd had a scheduled appointment with Laura to meet on 3-28-86. Defense is remiss not inquiring how and where Jamin's appointment records are kept, as well as about why he changed his testimony regarding his keeping of records of the meeting between 3pm and 5pm.
12. Matt Jamin's testimony and KWRCC written log records conflict on the issue of full custody. Jamin states Laura wasn't firm on full custody until late February/early March 1986 that she demanded full custody. KWRCC records show that Laura insisted on full custody as early as within days of Jack Ibach filing for divorce from Laura Ibach in December of 1984.
13. Defense was remiss not showing that custody authority interviewers, Michael Rose, John Hanscomb, and Joel Davis all agreed that shared custody of the Ibach daughters would be best and that Matt Jamin and Laura had insisted on a fourth opinion from Fran Purdy, as yet uncompleted on 3-28-86. Jack Ibach had instructed Atty Cohen to file for a court adjudication of custody date in late February/early March 1986. It appears that Jack and Laura would have shared custody. Laura needed full custody and to have Jack Ibach's parental rights severed if her goals of moving to Oregon with her mother and pursuing a Social Work education, as she stated to the custody authority interviewers, could be attained.
14. Al Ruble in Grand Jury 1 states that Laura told him the name of the man she met with at 3pm at KWRCC was "Matt McDonald." He repeatedly states this until District Attorney, Sue

McLean, prompts Ruble that he didn't learn the last name of "McDonald" until later in the unfolding of events. McLean ceases any further inquiry of the man's name. In Grand Jury 2 Ruble now changes his testimony that Laura told him the man's name was "Matt, or Mac."

15. Defense remiss never sorting out the various discrepancies regarding Ruble says Laura told him the man's name was "Matt McDonald" then Ruble changes testimony to she said "Matt, or Mac," Suzanne Hinson says she thought she heard the man say his name was "Matt," Cathy Wilson and Matt Jamin are never inquired of the name Laura told them, and that Janet Carter said the man's name was "Matt (or Mac)."

16. Ruble talks of two prominent business men recorded on the alleged surreptitiously recorded audio cassette whose voices Laura would recognize and that the recorder of the tape would soon be leaving for Las Vegas. Wilson talks of two Kodiak business men whose voices Laura would recognize and the tape maker would soon be leaving for Las Vegas. Hinson talks of two business men from San Francisco and the tape maker would soon be leaving for San Francisco.

17. There was a protective order attained against any inquiry or testimony regarding Laura and drug (cocaine) usage. There is record that Laura was a drug informant to KPD Rhodes, and there are rumors derived from interviews that Laura was a cocaine user, herself. Illicit drugs and drug snitching could be motive for Laura's disappearance.

18. Matt Jamin states he asked Al Ruble to use whatever means he could to protect Laura.

19. Matt Jamin and Al Ruble are vague &/or imprecise regarding times at all junctures on 3-28/29-86.

20. Marjorie Holden states in her KPD interview on 3-30-86 that she saw and nodded to Laura at Alaska- USA Federal Credit Bank at 4:30pm on 3-28-86. Defense is remiss not determining how firm Holden is on the time since this under oath statement is in serious contradiction with Jamin saying he met with Laura around between 3pm and 5pm and Al Ruble stating that he met with Laura and Matt then with Laura alone right around 4pm until 5pm on 3-28-86.

21. Cathy Wilson in Grand Jury 1 states that Laura's first phone call with Wilson was between 4pm and 5pm. At Trial 1 Wilson states the earliest that Laura called her in the first phone call was 5pm. Defense is remiss not inquiring of Wilson about this change after over five months.

22. Defense is remiss not adequately addressing the departure of Al Ruble and Laura from Matt Jamin's Law office at, as Ruble says, right around 5pm, and Jamin thinking he may have said good-bye to Laura.

23. Defense is remiss not inquiring of Al Ruble the name of the friend he contacted at KWRCC just after 5pm, and how that relates in the time line of Laura's last day to Laura's phone call to Cathy Wilson at KWRCC somewhere around 4pm and 5pm.

24. Al Ruble and Cathy Wilson disagree in testimony. Ruble states, due to Laura's

condition of extreme excitement, he didn't think Laura was really listening to him as he covered his ground rules for the 9pm meeting. Wilson states Laura explained during the three phone calls she had with Laura between 4pm and about 8:15pm the ground rules she was to follow as related by Ruble to Laura at the 9pm meeting.

25. Kitty Munro in her early April 1986 KPD interview discusses the earrings Laura wore on the evening of 3-28-86 just before leaving for the 9pm appointment, one of which was found in the white van in October 1986 after a call to a psychic by a KPD personnel not involved in the investigation, and a questionable third search of the van. Kitty states she didn't notice what earrings Laura was wearing, but since "they just found out," the earrings are a white painted one with a flower painted on each one. The issue of the earrings Laura wore is critical. Defense is remiss not probing the details of the KPD interview with Kitty Munro in April 1986 about the earrings Laura wore on 3-28-86 and how that relates to the

KPD recovery of one of those earrings in October 1986.

26. Defense is remiss not probing the details of Al Ruble's and "a friend" that works at KWRCC at 5pm on 3-28-86 (Cathy Wilson?) whether they discussed that Matt Jamin and Al Ruble would be care-taking of Laura's activities during her 9pm meeting on Shelikof Street that night.

27. Defense is remiss in not calling acting Kodiak Police Chief, Tom Culbertson, to testify as to what Al Ruble told him about Laura's meeting at 9pm and Al Ruble's (and other(s)?) activities involved, therein.

28. Defense remiss in not attempting to determine why Suzanne Hinson, Cathy Wilson, nor Al Ruble attempted to contact Hope House in efforts to locate the white van and identify its driver until Wilson did after 11pm. All three state they were aware the van and driver had some affiliation with Hope House at the last of the three, Al Ruble, before 5pm on 3-28-86.

29. Defense is remiss not inquiring of Al Ruble and Cathy Wilson the substance of the meeting around 5:15pm at KWRCC between Al Ruble and his friend, most likely, Cathy Wilson.

30. Al Ruble never exited his vehicle at McDonald's fast food restaurant to get a better look at the white van he'd located, nor did he enter the establishment to attempt to visually identify the van's driver that Al states Laura gave him a physical description of. Ruble states Laura told him the man she met with at 3pm at KWRCC had a similar appearance to Al Ruble, himself.

31. Defense is remiss not inquiring of Ruble why he shot no film from the vantage point he selected across from King Crab cannery. Al Ruble states the white van passed twice, and Laura once. Upon his word alone the prosecution rests. He had no supporting documentation of the vehicles movements nor any accurate time log of events.

32. Al Ruble makes a KPD written statement, has numerous discussions with others involved in the case, testifies at two Grand Juries, but is not until Trial 1 that Ruble makes mention that he saw two people in the van while the van was seen by Ruble at around 8:48pm as it drove by King Crab cannery twice. Al Ruble can give absolutely no physical description of either occupant.

33. Al Ruble goes first northbound on Shelikof Street when he decides to abandon his surveillance position across the street from King Crab cannery at about 9:06pm. Ruble last saw Laura when she was

south of Ruble as she drove out of sight of Ruble out on to City Dock. It is never inquired of Ruble why he didn't check first the last place he'd seen Laura.

34. Al Ruble states that one of the people in the parked white van was smoking a cigarette. Ruble gives great detail of how he made eye contact with Laura, but can give absolutely no description of the van's driver.

35. Defense was remiss in not performing a test to determine whether in fact Al Ruble would be able to see Laura's eyes as he says she sat in the white van at 9:07pm. Ruble's statement that someone in the van was smoking a cigarette implies the cigarette glowed which would indicate the interior of the van would be too dark for Ruble to see anyone's eyes.

36. Defense is inadequate in cross-examining Al Ruble about his drive by the parked van at about 9:07pm. Ruble stated that everything appeared normal when in fact everything was abnormal. Laura had broken every one of Ruble's ground rules for the 9pm meeting that she possibly could and the Defense didn't point this out and stress it. How was Ruble certain that he would be able to walk behind the cannery bunkhouse and get to the crab pots storage area at the south end of the building? The Defense didn't ask. The Defense doesn't inquire of Ruble why he felt such a need that he remain "covert."

37. Ruble is incorrect that Laura could only be 15 to 20 feet away during the time that he went out of sight of the parked white van and he walked behind the Pacific Pearl cannery bunkhouse. In fact, Laura could be as much as 176 feet away from the van. The Defense does not point this out, nor do they make much effort to impeach Ruble's testimony.

38. Defense never inquires why Matt Jamin and Al Ruble felt it was necessary that only Laura could be the one to fetch the alleged tape.

39. Defense never inquires of Matt Jamin if he discussed with Laura whether the alleged tape could be a tool, and how, in the full custody efforts of Laura and Matt Jamin. In fact, Defense appears to act deferential to Matt Jamin.

40. Defense fails to attempt to establish who actually was the first to arrive in the parking lot of Jamin's Law Offices when Ruble and Jamin vaguely describe their meeting around 9:20pm and they discussed the fact they'd lost sight of Laura.

41. Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies disagree on which plate(s) is/are run by KPD Deeter around 9:45pm. Jamin says Jack Ibach's Ford Bronco plate was run and that Ruble discussed with KPD Deeter some other information. Al Ruble states that he asked KPD Deeter to run the plate on the white van and he asked KPD Deeter to keep an eye out for the white van.
42. Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies disagree on the time they spent together searching for Laura and/or the white van. Ruble says they spent 2 to 3 hours searching after 9:20pm. Jamin says they spent about an hour and a half. It appears from Cathy Wilson's testimony that the time Ruble and Jamin spent together after meeting at 9:20pm was around an hour and a half.
43. Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies disagree on why they parted company after the 9:20pm meeting. Ruble says they split up into two cars to be able to conduct a better search. Jamin says they split up _so Jamin could go home to try and get some sleep.
44. Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies disagree on what time they got back together at some time after 11pm. In Grand Jury 2 Jamin says he and Ruble got back together some time after midnight. In Trial 1 Jamin says he and Ruble got back together around 3am or 4am.
45. Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies disagree on how they got back together at some time after 11pm. Ruble says Jamin telephonically paged Ruble. Jamin says he got in his car and went out driving around looking for Ruble. Jamin is in certain where they actually got back together. Al Ruble is vague on the time and location when they met.
46. Both Ruble and Jamin give testimony about the all available KPD personnel call-out regarding shots fired at Aleutian Homes between midnight and 1am.
47. Defense has no discovery evidence of the KPD call-out regarding shots fired.
48. Al Ruble waits until around 4:30am on 3-29-86 to make a visual determination of the white van as it was parked at Reentry Dorms. Ruble had known the location of the van since around 11:30pm on 3-28- 86.
49. Cathy Wilson and Al Ruble testify about meeting at KPD at 2am. There is no mention of Jamin at this meeting, nor does Defense inquire of anybody if Jamin was present at this meeting.
50. Defense is remiss not determining more definitely when Ruble and Jamin got back together after 11:30pm.
51. Defense is remiss not determining clearly who went in which vehicles from KPD to Reentry Dorms between 4am and 5am.
52. KPD Palmer does not get a signed citizen's complaint from either Ruble or Jamin, nor does KPD Palmer start an official police log regarding Laura.

53. Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies disagree on the ride to Reentry Dorms. Jamin says he rode with Ruble as Ruble drove and followed KPD Palmer in his car. Ruble says he and Jamin rode in KPD Palmer's car. Defense is remiss not determining through testimonies of Cathy Wilson, Suzanne Hinson, and KPD Palmer who rode with whom and which person was driving. It appears from vague testimonies that Matt Jamin is telling an untruth. It appears that Jamin and Ruble were passengers in KPD Palmer's police cruiser.

54. Ruble and Jamin contradict each other as to Ruble's location at Reentry Dorms while KPD Palmer conducted an interview of Mac McDonald. Jamin draws State's Exhibit# 15 showing KPD Palmer's, Ruble's, and Jamin's positions at Reentry Dorms.

56. Matt Jamin needs prompting from Kodiak District Attorney Sue McLean to testify that he didn't have Al Ruble in sight at all times as his rendering of State's Exhibit # 15 shows.

57. Al Ruble changes his testimony about Jim Kerwin asleep in the white van. In Grand Jury Ruble says Mac McDonald opened the side cargo door and reached in to rouse Kerwin. In Trial 1 Ruble says KPD Palmer reached in to rouse Kerwin.

58. Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies disagree on the awakening of Jim Kerwin. Jamin says KPD Palmer knocked on the front passenger side door, then Kerwin awakened.

59. Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies disagree on Kerwin exiting the van. Ruble says Kerwin exited the van within seconds of being awakened. Jamin says Kerwin was slow to move and sat in the passenger seat for some time before exiting.

60. Defense is remiss not eliciting testimony from KPD Palmer about the awakening of Kerwin in the van and his exit from it.

70. Defense is remiss not determining how Kerwin was transported to jail. Ruble never mentions it, nor is he asked about it. First, Jamin says another KPD patrolman transported Kerwin, but ultimately Jamin is unsure. The KPD record shows that it was KPD Rambek that transported Kerwin. Defense is remiss not showing that KPD Andre is telling an untruth when he testifies no other KPD personnel were available during the unfolding of events at Reentry Dorms after 5am. Defense is remiss also in not inquiring of KPD Palmer how Kerwin was transported to jail.

71. Defense is remiss on the issue of the found tennis shoes that match the description of shoes worn by Laura, and the fact the band-aid inside the shoe was the wrong foot that Laura wore a band-aid on, plus raising doubt that after weeks passing a band-aid would still be in the shoe even though no sock that would be between the bare foot and a shoe is never found

72. Defense is remiss on the issue of the earrings Laura wore. On April 4, 1986 Kitty Munro states she didn't notice if Laura was wearing earrings, but she says, "they just found out" and Kitty goes on to describe a pair of Laura's earrings, one of which was found in the

impounded white van after two extensive searches had been completed, then a call to a psychic, finally a suspicious third search in October 1986 was performed.

73. Defense is remiss on the issue of recovering the earring. KPD Paris and KPD Rhodes contradict each other on the condition of the solitary earring recovered in the white van. KPD Paris says the post was straight. KPD Rhodes says the post was bent over. KPD Paris says he saw the earring first. KPD Rhodes photographed *it* and recovered it. KPD Andre who had no position in the investigation of Laura's disappearance was the individual that called the psychic then advised head of Investigation KPD Paris.

74. Defense was remiss not calling the Illinois psychic, Bill Ward, to testify what he said to KPD Andre.

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This investigator, for over one year, has delved into the Case for Finding of Guilt in, State of Alaska vs. Ibach, Kerwin, and McDonald, Kidnapping and Murder. This was undertaken at this investigator's initial learning of, and subsequent curiosity about the case, plus some remuneration has been paid in consideration by Katha McDonald. This investigator wishes to thank all those who have cooperated and contributed to this investigator's understanding of the case. This investigator's report is, as follows:

On Friday, March 28, 1986, Laura Henderson, a divorced mother of two juvenile daughters, 6 years and 3, reported to Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center (KWRCC) where she was recently hired within the previous two weeks as a full-time Resource Center advocate. Her shift is the 7am to 3:30pm slot. Laura had no higher education/formal outside training for such a job. Laura's initial contact with KWRCC was contacting Suzanne Hinson on 9-15-84 regarding a suspected child abuse incident upon her older daughter, Erin, by a babysitter. On 11-7-84 Laura calls KWRCC and talks to Maureen McDonnell for admittance to the KWRCC residence shelter where Laura attests she's an allegedly abused woman and filing for divorce from her spouse that she wants away from, one Jack Anton Ibach. Cathy Wilson admits Laura and her girls to reside at KWRCC Women's Shelter without a drug/substance abuse "screen" for Laura. The standardized form has a big "X" over the not filled in page. This investigator believes Laura's drug dependency was covered up, and allegations of abuse by Jack Ibach on Laura were never proven, and in fact appear to be inflated hype and some outright lies to influence authorities that Laura should prevail in any legal proceedings. Laura's association with KWRCC has spanned an approximate

duration of at least 15 months. Laura Ibach, after the divorce granted on February 14, 1985, reclaimed her name as, Laura Henderson. Jack Ibach was the Plaintiff in suit for Dissolution of Marriage while represented by a Kodiak attorney, Richard Ray, then due to illness of Ray by Anchorage attorney William Ford. The issues to be settled due to the bifurcated divorce were handled by Laura's Kodiak attorney, Matt Jamin and Jack Ibach's new Anchorage attorney, Nelson Cohen. This investigator notes there is no clear paper trail how or when Jack's interest's representation was transferred from Ford, after the divorce

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decree, to Cohen.

Laura's shift was a typically quiet Friday daytime shift. It was only Janet Carter, KWRCC Executive Director, and Laura on paid staff that that day. A female KWRCC client either enters KWRCC lobby at a critical time that day, or she is a resident of the KWRCC shelter and happens to be in the lobby during a crucial unfolding of events. It is very important in the case that Suzanne Hinson states to Janet Carter (Grand Jury 1, Pg. 38) that Carter told Hinson that Matt (Note: Matt Jamin, Mac McDonald, or any other Matt or Mac that Laura knew? The Defense is remiss in never inquiring who had called during Friday a.m.

Janet Carter states to Suzanne Hinson that Matt had contacted Laura in the morning of Friday, March 28, 1986. Matt Jamin states in his 7-24-86 KPD interview that he had an appointment with Laura on Friday, March 28, 1986. Undetermined is, when was this appointment made? The defense fails, again.

At approximately 2pm, one Mac McDonald telephones Lo KWRCC in order to speak with Laura. Laura receives the call. Janet Carter emerges downstairs to get coffee and hears, at least, the tenor of the conversation. Janet Carter states she hears Laura say the name, "Mac or Matt," but in later testimony retracts she heard Laura say, clearly to Carter's recollection, the name of "Mac" or "Matt. The call was short, and Janet Carter assumes Laura has made a business appointment to meet with a client with issues regarding KWRCC. In fact, unbeknownst to at least Carter, Laura has made an appointment to meet with Mac to discuss personal affairs. It is proven in Trial that Laura was familiar with Mac, socializing with him on at least three

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occasions over a span of about 18 months and, at a minimum, should know the man that entered KWRCC to see Laura at 3pm, was Mac, or McDonald or should indicate to the unaware, yet present, women at KWRCC some indication of recognition. Laura, at 2:30pm on the fateful Friday, has given nobody that testifies any indication she anticipates some panacea event that offers her Full Custody of the children, Jack is placed in jail on drug dealing charges for years, and Laura is free to move with her relatives to Oregon so Laura can pursue her life's aims. This investigator queries the "neat little package deal" to solve all Laura's life woes. The scenario for Laura's victory of Full Custody is a very sophisticated plan. *Only* an attorney in the jurisdiction would know for sure how a surreptitiously recorded tape of illegal acts could be used as a tool for Laura to get Full Custody that she so vehemently sought. The tale of a tape seems too complicated and exotic for Jack to conceive of, then to implement such individuals with no experience such as Mac and Jim to be henchmen.

Somewhere between 2:45 and 2:55pm on Friday, Suzanne Hinson and her daughter, Anne Handley, arrive at KWRCC to see Cathy Wilson, the scheduled worker on the 3pm to 11pm shift. Suzanne expects Cathy will be there at 3pm. Suzanne is informed, upon arrival, that Cathy will be late. Laura is seated at the desk in the shelter office and Suzanne, Anne, and Laura talk. The wall, with the window that gives visual and communication access between the lobby and the shelter office is the portal for Suzanne and Laura to discuss matters. At some point Janet Carter, the KWRCC Executive Director, comes downstairs

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for coffee, again. Suzanne, nor Janet, has any indication Laura has startling information to reveal.

At right about 3pm, Friday, Mac arrives at KWRCC and summons acceptance for entry. Being the closest to the entrance, it is Suzanne Hinson that goes to the door. She, this investigator believes, doesn't recollect accurately what the individual at the door stated to her his name was. This investigator believes the caller stated his name in presentation to Suzanne that he was, "Mac." It is shown in Trials that, by those present in the lobby when Mac was allowed entrance, no one present in the lobby heard Mac McDonald ever say anything as to his name to Laura. Nobody at KWRCC, except Hinson, knows for sure they heard the name of "Matt"

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or "Mac" said by the gentleman caller. All that is presented is that Suzanne Hinson thought she heard the man while at the entry door say, "Hi, I am Matt." Upon Laura's emergence from the shelter office area to meet face-to-face with Mac in the lobby at 3pm, it is testified that Laura stated to Mac, "Hi, I'm Laura." The "Matt or Mac" myth arrives.

This investigator believes that Suzanne commits to error in her memory a name related to her at 3pm. Suzanne states in KPD Statement on Saturday that she heard the KWRCC presence of a male at the door, an indeed Donald Charles "Mac" McDonald, say he is Matt. Suzanne states the gentleman caller at 3pm stated to Suzanne his name is "Matt." Suzanne makes an error. Stated truthfully by him as, actually "Mac," Suzanne is still confused on Saturday a.m. when she pens her KPD Statement about what Laura related to Suzanne. Hinson pens her KPD Statement, yet after extensive discussion with Wilson, Jamin, Ruble, and Carter during the interim, and she's sure that she heard the name as "Matt." Heard only once at the door, Hinson most likely would not attach any particular significance to the name. It was only after Laura had talked to Hinson in the shelter bathroom, and Laura is chattering confusingly that Matt has access to a tape that Hinson attaches any significance to the name she thinks the man at the door of WRCC at 3pm introduced himself to Hinson as being, "Hi, I'm Matt." Suzanne is preconditioned prior to her Saturday a.m. March 29, 1986 KPD written statement that the man caller at 3pm told her his name was "Matt."

Mac McDonald and Laura Henderson met with each other upstairs at the customary location for staff to meet with male clients, or _personal callers. This investigator's time estimate away from other KWRCC personnel is 10 to 15 minutes. Mac and Laura emerged to descend the stairs to the lobby. Janet Carter remembers incorrectly that Laura was a bundle of nerves and very excited, anticipating telling all as she came down the stairs. That is not just the one error in her testimony. This investigator discounts Janet Carter's testimony as to accuracy, and details. Additionally, this investigator believes Carter is testifying from second-hand information. Janet Carter was, at best, on the periphery of events at KWRCC keeping

a watchful eye on her new-hire. Carter testifies she heard the name of the man was Mac or Matt from someone else at some later, never discerned, time after the man had left KWRCC, and that Janet Carter called Cathy Wilson at 10:30pm on March 28 to learn about the success of Laura's efforts to retrieve an

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ex-spouse incriminating audio tape. Mac and Laura descended the stairs. There is no indication that Laura has just received some information that may be helpful in her full custody efforts from the man she was just upstairs with. Both Mac McDonald and Laura Henderson are smiling. Mac left, nearly immediately. No one in the lobby states they heard either name, Matt, or Mac.

Laura summons Suzanne away from those present in the KWRCC lobby. A KWRCC client, a female, is in the lobby. Laura has reason to seek an away location to make a statement to Suzanne Hinson. The two women go to the bathroom in the shelter and close the door. Laura begins blurting her wishing, and relating to Hinson. This investigator believes Laura relates a fantastic story that Matt has access to a tape, Laura gets her kids, and all will be well. This investigator believes the man at the KWRCC entry door told Hinson his name is Mac. Laura is now confusingly relating to Hinson that Laura has been in touch with Matt Jamin, or some other Matt that Laura knows, about a tape that will be a sure-fire tool in her custody goals. Suzanne Hinson makes the erroneous assumption that Matt, the man Laura speaks of that has access to the tape at 9pm, is the same man Suzanne admitted to the KWRCC lobby at 3pm. It is clear from Suzanne Hinson's testimony that Laura never tried to straighten Suzanne out on the issue of the man at KWRCC, Mac, and the man with a tape, Matt, are two different people. Suzanne realizes that Laura thinks she has a solution to having full custody of her kids and assumes the man, Matt, with the good news for Laura is the man recently departed from KWRCC. Laura is incomprehensible for clarity and the bathroom conversation is very short. Laura states to Suzanne what Laura has related to Hinson must be kept a secret by Laura as to what Matt told Laura and what Laura is relating now to Hinson. Suzanne writes that Laura is concerned her ex-husband, Jack Ibach, may learn of the tape.

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This investigator notes if the Prosecution's Case is to be believed, that Mac McDonald who is a stranger to Laura entered into a lobby full of witnesses to meet with Laura privately, then expects Laura to keep secret what he tells her of some fantastic revenge scheme that he only has 10 minutes to tell her about and make it convincing. This investigator notes that Mac McDonald had no prior violence involved arrests nor convictions. Rather, this investigator believes that Laura had been keeping the story of a tape of drug deals a secret for a number of days, at least, and that it is Matt Jamin that has been in discussions with Laura about a cassette tape possibly to be used as a tool in the custody efforts, and further, that Matt Jamin stressed to Laura that what he told her in private must be kept a secret or the entire tape exchange may fall through. This investigator believes Matt Jamin and Laura had discussed that at 9pm on March 28, 1986 Laura alone would have to meet with someone on Shelikof Street by the B & B Bar in order to receive the alleged tape. Mac McDonald is a convenient scapegoat for those all too ready to point accusing fingers, such as Matt Jamin and Al Ruble, Mac is a victim of confusion due to his going to visit Laura at KWRCC at 3pm, the Matt or Mac dilemma amongst the KWRCC women, and he was at the wrong place at the wrong time, parked on Shelikof Street around 9pm.

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The Prosecution Case has an instance of "jumping up and down." First, Hinson writes it in her KPD Statement, second is Wilson (Grand Jury 1; pg. 42), next is Ruble (G.J. 1; pg. 68), fourth is Carter (Trial 1; pg. 1071), finally Jamin (Trial 1; pg. 1325). This is a key phrase to allow Court deemed "excited utterance exception to rules regarding hearsay" to allow hearsay as to Laura's intentions, but not as to facts of statements she made. This investigator posits that the jury hearing the testimony would have a very difficult time separating what the various witnesses said Laura said from what those hearsay testimony conversations merely indicated would be Laura's intentions. In fact, once objection by Defense and over-ruled by Judge Burke, it appears that hearsay comments by Laura were directly examined and cross examined as to what Laura said, and not as to what Laura's statements indicated Laura intended to do. One of the key victories in the Prosecution Case battle hinged on the exception to hearsay rule.

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Hinson never mentions that phrase again in any testimony, but once mentioned by each of the others it is mentioned in virtually all of their later testimonies. This investigator wonders if Kodiak District Attorney Sue McLean has coached or rehearsed testimony with the five witnesses. This investigator has estimated that Laura was jumping up and down from about 3:15pm until 4pm, twice at KWRCC at different times, and twice at Jamin's Law Office at different times. That is, at a minimum, 45 minutes of excited utterance at two different locations around town. This investigator believes that the only allowable "excited utterance exception to the hearsay rule" statement that Laura made was to Suzanne Hinson that Laura states, as Hinson states Laura said over and over again, "I'm going to get my kids." Therein lies the key for Laura's motive to meet with somebody at 9pm that night.

This investigator believes that Donald "Mac" McDonald, Jack Ibach the ex-husband of Laura, and Jim Kerwin are, all three Not Guilty, and in no way culpable of the, most likely, unfortunate demise of one Laura Henderson. Another party or parties worked to cease Laura's life. Other motive(s) to want Laura dead should be explored.

Mac met with Laura at KWRCC. There is confusion about his meeting with Laura, Janet Carter, states she heard the name of "Matt" or "Mac," until Trial where she admits she heard the name or name from someone else. This investigator concludes Carter heard the name(s) from someone other than Suzanne Hinson, who states she thought she heard the man say his name is "Matt," or Cathy Wilson whenever states a name that Laura told her. Suzanne persists she heard the name, Matt. No other witness states, with a ring of sincerity or truth, they heard the name, Matt, only. Every other witness never mentions a name, or they say they heard from Laura or someone else the name "Matt or Mac." Suzanne Hinson states she thought she heard the man say his name was Matt. Cathy Wilson never mentions any name Laura may have mentioned, nor does Matt Jamin. Al Ruble changes that Laura told him the name of "Matt McDonald," to Laura told Al that the man's name was "Matt or Mac." Janet Carter states the man's name was Mac or Matt, but states she heard the name from someone else, well after the 2pm phone

call from Mac McDonald to Laura that Carter initially and erroneously testifies that she heard Laura say on the telephone, "Yes, Mac or Mall." Hinson slates Carter told her Mall had called to Laura in the a.m. of Friday, March 28, 1986. In fact, Mac McDonald called KWRCC at around 2pm. The Defense never pursued whether the a.m. call was actually Matt Jamin calling, or whether Carter errs on the time of day of the phone call to Laura at KWRCC by Mac McDonald, and Carter is laboring under the illusion that the man who came to see Laura at KWRCC at 3pm is the "Mac or Mall" that Carter refers to, and is in fact the same man Suzanne refers to as "Matt." The Mac or Matt confusion is in full swing, and to this date in the year 2000 has never been properly sorted out. Debbie Sundberg, Laura's friend and closest neighbor, testified that in a phone call with Laura at 2:30pm she detected no indication that Laura had any startling news to reveal to anybody. Laura had a shift Lo complete, and a need Lo please her new boss that hovered around Laura's actions. Laura is near the end of her shift and Wilson has not yet arrived for her shift. This investigator concludes that Cathy Wilson was Laura's closest confidante among the KWRCC staff, but Wilson has not arrived yet. Hinson is the next staff person closest, emotionally, to Laura. Laura has an appointment that Friday to see her divorce attorney, Matt Jamin (see Jamin's KPD interview, 7-24-86). "Zero hour" is nigh, where Laura is off shift and she has a time to be at Matt Jamin's office. Laura is desperate to communicate her subconscious reservations and fears regarding the uncertainties Laura felt about "Matt's" information and what she would have to do to receive it. Wilson and Carter had been close confidantes of Laura's involving her divorce affairs and custody efforts dating back to early November 1984 when Laura was first a KWRCC shelter resident. There is indication from trial testimony that, indeed, Laura could conceal her overly exuberant emotions that could be displayed at Laura's will, for others, later. Laura could keep a secret.

This investigator believes that Hinson and Laura did go to the shelter bathroom where Laura babbled, ""crying and laughing" to Hinson, and Laura revealed what Laura had to believe about a voice cassette tape and that it could be a tool in Laura attaining full custody of the two minor Ibach daughters, thus freeing Laura to move

to Oregon with her relatives, as she had related her wish to authority interviewers in prior months. Their discussion in the bathroom about some fantastic startling news is estimated to be around five minutes in duration. Cathy Wilson arrived at KWRCC while Laura and Suzanne were in the bathroom. Hinson and her daughter must depart KWRCC, so Laura is left to talk to Cathy Wilson. When Laura and Hinson returned to the lobby Suzanne says, "Cathy, talk to Laura." This investigator must remark, "So much for a secret."

This investigator believes that of the three KWRCC staff women present on March 28, 1986 in addition to Laura, those being Janet Carter, Suzanne Hinson, and Cathy Wilson, that it is Cathy Wilson that Laura talked to the longest, and in the most detail. Laura and Wilson spoke in the KWRCC lobby, and in the shelter office. Laura called Wilson between 4 and 5pm and they spoke for about 10 minutes.

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A short telephone call discussion between Laura and Wilson was made as a distraction for Laura while she was sewing at home at a later time. A third call of about 10 minutes duration was made at around 8:15pm, and Laura and Wilson discussed further Laura's plans. This investigator estimates that the total time that Laura and Kathy discussed events around Laura believing that Laura would pick up an audio tape as being around 45 minutes in total length. It appears, to this investigator, that Laura and Cathy are communicating some anxiety, by the sheer number of phone calls between the two, about the meeting on Shelikof St. At 9:00 PM that Laura feels compelled to attend. Suzanne Henson testifies that after she and her daughter left KWRCC around 3:25pm she never directly talked to Laura ever again but that Hinson was involved in several discussions with numerous others regarding Laura's situation on March 28/29, 1986, and Janet Carter states she first learned of something amiss with Laura's plans when Carter called Wilson at KWRCC at around 10:30pm to specifically inquire about Laura and her expectation of listening to, then receiving, a tape that would be a tool in her Full Custody efforts. It is clear from testimony that there was much communication, speculation, and opportunities to get the stories better aligned as each believed their own

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truth to be well before the first KPD citizen's statement was written by the three KWRCC staff women.

Cathy Wilson wrote in her KPD Statement on Saturday morning, March 29, 1986 that Laura had told her that Laura was to meet with "this man" at 9pm by the B&B Bar, that Laura told Wilson that Al Ruble and Matt Jamin would be in the area watching, and that on the tape there would be voices recorded in addition to Jack Ibach two prominent businessmen that Laura might possibly recognize. This investigator wonders why Cathy Wilson never states the man's name that came to KWRCC, and why she states in testimony that Wilson is under the impression that Laura didn't know "This guy's name", Not once in an accumulation of around 45 minutes of discussion between Laura and Cathy, both in person and via telephone, did the issue of the man's name that came to KWRCC at 3pm versus the name of the man at 9pm who was to have Laura listen to a tape and then would give her it ever came and the woman he knew up? Wilson writes that Laura told Cathy that Laura had never seen nor heard of the man that came to KWRCC at 3pm. This is proven untrue at Trial. Cathy Wilson was never actually verbally told by Laura that Laura didn't know the man that came to KWRCC at 3pm, rather it was Cathy's impression that Laura didn't know the man, in fact, Mac McDonald. This was discussed out of presence of the jury, and the jury was left with the impression that Roth did not know the name, had never seen, nor have ever met with the man that met with Laura at KWRCC at 3 pm. Debbie Losser, a social acquaintance of Laura's, testifies that a personal introduction was made between Mac McDonald and Laura Ibach/ Henderson at Debbie's father's residence during the Pro Football season of 1984, and that Mac had spoken with and brought liquid libations for Laura on at least two occasions between that date and March 1986. Mac McDonald and the woman he knew as Laura Henderson had met on at least three separate occasions. Additionally, Cathy

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Wilson never mentions any names that Laura told her of any man Laura met with on Friday, except those of Matt Jamin and Al Ruble. Intriguingly, it is Matt Jamin that never mentions he heard Laura ever tell him the name of the man she met at 3pm at KWRCC, or the name of

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the man she intended to meet with at 9pm on Shelikof Street. This investigator concludes Laura was jabbering in the bathroom something to Hinson that Matt Jamin, or some other Matt Laura knew, had made Laura privy prior to March 28, 1986 of some stranger Laura had never met nor seen had a tape that Laura, alone, must listen to then receive down by the harbor at 9pm. The Mac, Matt, or some man Laura doesn't know scenario has arrived. The prosecution served to further confuse that that Mac was Matt, and Mac was the man that Laura didn't know. This investigator believes that Mac was Mac, Matt was Matt Jamin, and that the man with the tape was the man Laura didn't know, but certainly not Mac McDonald.

Cathy Wilson writes that Laura had told Wilson that the meeting at 9pm on Shelikof Street was to be near the B&B Bar. This establishment is about 4 blocks from King Crab Cannery where Ruble, Jamin, and Carter state the meeting was to be, yet still on Shelikof Street, but Ruble could have no view of this area of Shelikof due to a blind kink in the road as it follows the shoreline. This investigator is prompted to state that to properly cover to ensure safety for Laura in a surveillance of her activities a minimum of two people would be necessary to both ends of Shelikof due to the blind curve, and better would be to have three people watching to cover all entrances and exits via road on Shelikof in light of Ruble being unable to see to the end of Shelikof Street where it ends at City Dock and it's driveway up to Rezanof. (Note City Dock Road linking Shelikof and Rezanof is different than the driveway to Rezanof Street via the actual City Dock.) Ruble and Jamin make crystal clear the impressions in their first testimony AL Ruble was alone that night as Laura's "surveillance". At what point did change in plans occur where Cathy understood from Laura as late as 8:15pm that Matt Jamin and Al Ruble would be "watching on" during the meeting at 9pm, and at around 10 pm when Wilson must have first learned from Ruble and Jaimin that Ruble says he was tie lone watcher on Shelikof and he lost sight of Laura.

Lastly, from Wilson, she writes the man with the secret tape is soon leaving for San Francisco, and that the two prominent business men involved in illegal drug deals that are secretly recorded Laura might possibly recognize the voices. Wilson writes of this in her KPD written statement on 3-19-86. Al Rubie makes mention, his statement on 4-3-86, the man with the tape was soon leaving for Las Vegas and the tape contained two prominent men in Kodiak whose voices Laura would recognize and those two doing illegal drug deals recorded on the

tape. Suzanne Hinson in her KPD written statement on 3-29-86 writes the man with the tape was soon going to Las Vegas and then in in Grand Jury 2 on May 15, 1986 adds in Testimony that the audio tape included 2 business men from San Francisco. Suzanne makes no mention, ever, that Laura might recognize those two persons: voices on the tape. (NOTE: it is this investigator's belief that the supposed audio tape never existed, that it was meant as bait to lure Laura to

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the waterfront canneries area, and she eagerly, with trepidation, leapt. There had to be a grain of truth, or strain of familiarity, coupled with Laura's pure desperation to gain full custody of her children, at any cost, for her to believe a tape actually existed. This investigator believes that mention of two prominent business men on tape and maybe an implication of Felonies is most likely involved in the motivation for Laura's being killed)

Laura's Friday shift at KWRCC is over at 3:30pm. Laura has told Hinson, Carter, and Wilson what Laura thinks is true about a tape and what her plans are about receiving it at 9pm. Since Wilson was late arriving to work at KWRCC this investigator estimates the shift check-off with Wilson is complete, Laura departs for KWRCC at about 3:40pm, and proceeds to her divorce attorney's, Matt Jamin, office. However, none of the KWRCC women ever state that Laura had told them that Laura was going to see her lawyer, Matt, immediately after getting off work. This investigator asks, was this a part of Laura's secret? Finally, in a tardy KPD interview with a primary witness, Matt Jamin., it is not until July 24, 1986 that it is revealed that Laura had an appointment to meet with Matt Jamin on Friday afternoon March 28, 1986. This investigator believes this woefully late interview was conducted to close a gaping hole in an illegitimate and unlawful Kodiak Police Department investigation of a crime. Matt Jamin did not testify at Grand Jury 1. Any record of Matt Jamin under oath is first picked up at Grand Jury 2, on Tuesday, May 15, 1986. Jamin did testify at Trial 1 and Trial 2.

During Trial 1 Matt Jamin testifies that a bifurcated divorce is not uncommon. This investigator has determined that the year 2000 that, indeed, bifurcated divorces are very uncommon. It is undetermined when if, in the state of Alaska during 1984 and 1985, bifurcated divorces were rare or common. Jamin, in Grand Jury 2, states that he met with Laura between 3pm and 4pm., but if he had his time records with him, which he didn't bring, he could be

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more precise and can't pin the times to closer than between 3pm and 5pm. In Trial 1 Matt Jamin states that he has no precise time records of when he met with Laura. Jamin has contradicted his own testimony. This investigator finds it strange that an attorney, whose firm bills in 15-minute increments, would not be acutely aware of the time initially seeing Laura and the duration of time in meeting with her for billing purposes. Jamin is the only witness to recollect that Friday the 28th was in fact Good Friday, and Jamin states he is unsure if that Friday was the 28th.

Laura arrives at Matt Jamin's office at around 3:45pm. She is in the reception area and acting very excited. Matt Jamin tells Laura to cool down and that he'd see her in a few minutes. This investigator estimates the time that Laura would have to be with Matt Jamin in his office as, at the latest, 3:50pm. This would allow 10 minutes for Laura to calmly express understandably to Jamin, for Jamin to learn for the first time from Laura that she'd met with "this guy; with a white van at KWRCC, and what she believed about her listening to and to receive a secretly recorded audio tape of illegal drug deals involving Jack Ibach that she thought would be a tool to get full custody of the Ibach daughters, for Jamin to suspect

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it may not be as Laura perceives and that it may be a trap to prove her own drug usage, for Jamin to be concerned for Laura's safety, for Jamin to convince Laura someone should be watching her, for Jamin to make mention of Al Ruble, and finally for Matt Jamin to call Al Ruble at 4pm. Cathy Wilson testified Laura left KWRCC at about 3:40pm. Allowing 5 minutes to go from KWRCC to Jamin's office it is now about 3:45pm. Jamin testifies that he is unaware what time Laura actually arrived at his office, but after he told her to cool down, he didn't make her wait beyond 15 minutes. This would make it 4pm, which is impossible due to the time that Ruble testifies he had received a page to respond and Ruble arrived to meet with Matt and Laura right around 4pm. This would leave a window of time for Laura to be alone to discuss with Jamin at no minutes. This could not possibly be, unless Matt Jamin and Laura had discussed at length on a prior occasion the issue of a tape available to be used as a strategic tool in Jamin's effort as Laura's divorce attorney to gain Laura the full custody rights.

In testimony Jamin explains his strategy was to gain Laura full custody all along, although he says negotiations with Jack Ibach's divorce attorney, Nelson Cohen, of various other forms of custody had been explored. Jamin states that Laura made it her goal to gain full custody in late February or early March of 1986. This investigator has found among the records of Laura's stay at KWRCC shelter during the late months of 1984 that Laura stated on November 10, 11, and 25, 1984 to an employee current at the time, Maureen McDonnell, that Laura wanted full custody, but Jack Ibach wanted shared custody. On November 25, 1984 Maureen McDonnell writes that Laura told her Laura didn't know what Laura would do if Jack Ibach received shared custody, but that Laura would be very upset. On November 26, 1984 Maureen McDonnell logs that Laura committed to paper Laura's reasons why Laura should have full custody. This investigator believes there is ample support from KWRCC records that Laura wanted full custody from the moment divorce papers were filed by Jack Ibach, and that Laura was extremely nervous about proper authorities' conclusions as to Laura's fitness for full custody. Attorney Matt Jamin's 1986 testimony contradicts Laura's statements and actions about custody issues she revealed to others as early as 1984. This investigator believes Matt Jamin intentionally deceives the court regarding the facts and situations about Laura's need for full custody. This investigator finds it important the divorce of the Ibach's was granted on February 14, 1985, a span of one year and almost one month to March 28, 1986 passes, and that none of the issues pertinent to the bifurcated divorce have been settled. This investigator finds it significant that a bifurcated divorce was granted, but lawyers remained in service. There is no wonder that Jack and Laura were perplexed and felt antagonized due to the passage of time and issues of property split and child custody went unresolved. Judge Joan Katz did not grant Laura as primary caretaker at the divorce. This investigator finds, that significant, as well. After the bifurcated dissolution of marriage the Guardian Ad Litem for the Ibach daughters, Joel Davis, incidentally a family friend of Laura's parents plus Guardian Ad Litem for the Ibach daughters, John Hanscomb, as well as Dr. Michael.

Rose who performed psychological evaluations on Jack and Laura all agreed in their written findings that Shared Custody would be the proper decision. Recently around February of 1986 Matt Jamin and Laura had retained a fourth opinion person, Fran Purdy, because the three previous beliefs were unsatisfactory to Laura. Jack Ibach was going to win the Shared Custody issue if it went to Court. Laura had to have Full Custody or she would be unable to move to Oregon, as she had told the experts she wanted to do. Laura was truly desperate in February 1986 and Jack Ibach had no motive to want the mother of his children actually to be dead. This investigator wonders as to what lengths and measures Laura would be willing to go to in order to ensure the upcoming Court hearing would grant her Full Custody she felt that her life goals dictated? Had Laura perhaps somehow threatened Matt Jamin with public exposure of some career ruining unsavory aspect of his private life that Laura had become privy to?

This investigator believes that Laura and Jamin would have to spend a minimum of 10 minutes to discuss Laura's plans for a meeting, as Jamin states Laura told him, at King Crab cannery at 9pm, if in fact Matt Jamin was hearing all this for the first time, then for Jamin to discuss with Laura whether a surreptitiously recorded tape of voices involved in illegal drug transactions could even be a tool to gain Laura full custody, and finally Jamin would then be concerned enough to want to call Al Ruble. Jamin testifies in Trial 1 that when he met with Laura she was, Jamin states, (Laura was)"...literally jumping up and down. Eyes very excited looking, very animate." Al Ruble states in Grand Jury 1 that when he met with Laura and Jamin at Jamin's office at approximately 4pm that Laura was, Ruble states, (Laura) "...was basically just in a state of euphoria. She was literally jumping up and down. She was really happy." This investigator feels that Laura's emotional state would take a goodly portion of the 10 minutes that she and Matt Jamin must have had in order for Jamin to get Laura's story straight, and to ultimately feel concerned enough to call Al Ruble. The window of time that Laura and Matt met alone in his office is very cramped for Jamin to make a rational decision to call Al Ruble. This investigator feels it very

significant that nowhere in Jamin's testimony does he state any name that Laura conveyed to him either of the gentleman visitor to KWRCC at 3pm, or a name of the person she was going to meet at King Crab cannery at 9pm. Jamin merely states "this fellow," "this guy," etc. This investigator wonders if Matt and Laura had discussed the story of the tape and Laura retrieving it at a prior date in time? Matt Jamin telephones Al Ruble's office which is just down the hall in Jamill's building in the year 1986, the Center Office Plaza Building. Ruble is paged and Ruble is just around the corner. Ruble arrives at approximately 4pm. The time window is too tight for Laura to tell Matt for the first time this strange story of the tape. This investigator notes that when working "on the clock" the accurate noting of the time is an important detail in the field of Private Investigations. This investigator finds Matt Jamin's testimony about meeting with Laura on March 28th vague, and is apparently deceitful regarding his records of the time frame he was with Laura on March 28, 1986.

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Jamin states that he contacted the private investigator that is in Kodiak. Al Ruble arrives to meet with Jamin and Laura in Jamin's office at, as Ruble states, "approximately 4pm" on March 28, 1986. Ruble states that prior to March 28th he'd had only a 1 hour consultation with Laura because Laura had been receiving harassing phone calls, experienced strange happenings, and her apartment had been illegally entered. The billing date for that consultation is January 21, 1986.

As stated above, Ruble testifies that when he arrived that Laura was "literally jumping up and down." This investigator feels compelled to state no wonder that Laura was driving a VW Rabbit, if in fact she was doing so much hopping around at different places at different times. This investigator is very suspicious about any truth regarding Laura doing so much hopping, and is very doubtful that five people would make the "jumping up and down" statements without some coaching of testimony, or perhaps, all

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five got together to compare testimonies so that the exception to hearsay rule could be invoked. Clearly that would involve knowledge that is known mostly only to lawyers. This investigator notes of the five witnesses that only Matt Jamin is an attorney. Of course the Kodiak District Attorney, Sue McLean, could have coached all five to stress the "jumping up and down" statement. This investigator finds it particularly suspicious that Jamin and Ruble use exact rhetoric of "literally jumping up and down" to describe her behavior when each saw her at different times. There is at least a 10 minute elapse of time at Jamin's office when Jamin states Laura was "literally jumping up and down" and when Ruble arrived to note that Laura was "literally jumping up and down" to describe Laura when each saw her at a different time, both many minutes later than when Laura talked to Hinson in the KWRCC bathroom, then Wilson and Carter, six minutes later, describe Laura engaging in that behavior. This investigator inquires, what's happening here? Truth appears to be subverted. Laura, if Hinson, Carter, Wilson, Jamin, and Ruble are all to be believed, would have to have that particular physical activity, the jumping up and down, in her personal repertoire of standard physical gesturing to express to others that they should be excited about what Laura is saying or doing. Her peculiar gesturing would be no indication of "excited utterance." This investigator, not an attorney however, states opinion that the only exception to the hearsay rule should have been the apparently very excited and very confusing utterances, for whatever rationale, Laura had at about 3:15pm after Laura had summoned Hinson to the shelter bathroom behind closed doors away from sight of any other persons. Laura's statement was, "I'm going to get my kids." That is the motive for Laura's, later in the evening, actions to go to Shelikof Street, that ultimately led to her death.

Ruble states that he arrived within 2 to 3 minutes of a telephone page made by Ruble's office assistant. To make the window of time that Jamin met alone in his office, this investigator will state the time of Al Ruble's arrival at Jamin's office as no later than 4:05pm. Jamin states in testimony that upon Ruble's arrival he briefed Al Ruble on what Laura and Jamin had been discussing and that Jamin told Ruble that Laura could not be dissuaded from going ahead and being on Shelikof at 9pm to meet with a man about

the tape. Ruble states that he felt he was initially called in to Jamin's office so Ruble could express his opinion about Laura's statements.

In Grand Jury 1, pg. 68, Ruble initially states that Laura told Ruble that approximately one hour before that, around 3pm, she had been contacted by an individual who she did not know prior to that time, and that Laura named him as, Matt McDonald. Ruble states the name "Matt McDonald" numerous times until page 81 of the transcript of Grand Jury 1 where Kodiak District Attorney Sue McLean prompts Ruble to check his notes. Ruble checks his notes and agrees that Ruble didn't learn the last name, McDonald, until a later time on March 28th. There is no further inquiry by McLean about the name of the man Laura met with at KWRCC, or the man she planned to meet at 9pm on Shelikof Street. Ruble's corrected testimony would be that Laura told Ruble that the name of the man she met with at KWRCC at about 3pm was, Matt. There is something wrong here. It was proven in Trial that Laura had at least a passing acquaintance with Mac McDonald. It can be assumed that Laura would know the man that came to KWRCC was either Mac, Mr. McDonald, or Mac McDonald. This investigator is leery that Al Ruble may have had inappropriate access to reading of KPD written Statements, specifically Suzanne Hinson's, and perhaps Cathy Wilson's before Grand Jury 1. If those two, then why not Janet Carter's, as well? What else of the KPD did Al Ruble have inappropriate access to at KPD, and who is the inside KPD contact? After Grand Jury 1 that was held on Friday, April 4, 1986, there was a second Grand Jury held on Tuesday, May 15, 1986 and Al Ruble fantastically now states, page 70, that Laura told Ruble that the man she met with at 3pm at KWRCC on Friday, March 28, 1986 introduced himself to Laura as, "Matt, or Mac." Ruble would have the Grand Jury 2 jurors believe that Laura was confused on the name of the person she spoke with for 10 to 15 minutes, and was unsure whether she had heard the man say he was Mac, or Matt. This investigator would like to see Mr. Ruble's notes on that meeting with Laura, and what she told him. This investigator feels there is something very screwball regarding Al Ruble's testimonies under oath.

This investigator's opinion is that Laura's unexpected and extended outburst to Hinson in the KWRCC shelter bathroom quite possibly was a result of Laura's pent up, over time, need to express to the closest friend immediately available, as Laura's work shift time ran out and before she went to her appointment with her lawyer, Matt Jamin, Laura's conflicting emotions of fear (crying) and eager anticipation (laughing). Suzanne Hinson states that Laura was crying and laughing at the same time as Laura related to Suzanne the story Laura had to believe to be true about a tape but had to keep certain portions a secret. The fear was about why, really, Laura had been adamantly told by Matt to keep the meeting set for 9pm on Friday, March 28, 1986 a secret, and the elation was to express relief that she would soon be free to move to Oregon with the children and to be rid of Jack Ibach. Who could compel such trust by Laura regarding such a matter of the supposed tape as a custody tool in the time window of Mac McDonald

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Ruble testifies about two prominent business men that Laura related to him could be heard on the tape, and that Laura would be able to identify them by their voices. Ruble's testimony, here and in nearby pages of Ruble's Grand Jury 1 testimony (see pg. 69-74), parrots Cathy Wilson's KPD written statement that his gut feeling was that Laura was very convinced, indeed, that Laura believed she was going to receive a tape that would be a tool in the custody negotiations that had recently broken down and was now scheduled for Court Hearing during June, 1986. This investigator bases this conclusion on testimony from Al Ruble, at various Court proceedings in time, that Laura was basically in a state of euphoria, really happy, that Laura was saying this is her rainbow that she's been waiting for, that Laura believed the tape was going to get her children custody free of Jack Ibach, that she was very, very happy, that Laura said, "This is the pot of gold at the end of my rainbow," and that she was extremely happy and bubbling over with excitement. This investigator receives indication from Ruble's various testimonies that Laura was in a state of nervous anticipation and truly believed she would receive a tape that she was going to listen to with Matt or Mac. This investigator's opinion is that Laura's unexpected and extended outburst to Hinson in the KWRCC shelter bathroom quite possibly was a result of Laura's pent up, over time need to express to the closest friend immediately available, as Laura's work shift time ran out and before she went to her appointment with her lawyer, Matt Jamin, Laura's conflicting emotions of fear (crying) and eager anticipation (laughing). Suzanne Hinson states that Laura was crying and laughing at the same time as Laura related to Suzanne the story Laura had to believe to be true about a tape but had to keep certain portions a secret. The fear was about why, really, Laura had been adamantly told by Matt or Mac to keep the meeting set for 9pm on Friday, March 28, 1986 a secret, and the elation was to express relief that she would soon be free to move to Oregon with the children and to be rid of Jack Ibach. Who could compel such trust by Laura regarding such a matter of the supposed tape as a custody tool in the time window of

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This investigator feels it is important that Cathy Wilson's KPD written Statement versus Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies disagree in that Wilson writes that Laura told her the meeting at 9pm on Shelikof Street, also known as "cannery row," would

be by the B&B Bar versus Ruble and Jamin testifying that Laura told them the meeting was going to be in front of the King Crab cannery. This investigator notes that while these two locations are on Shelikof Street they are about 200 yards apart at exact opposite ends of cannery row, and separated by gentle curvatures of the road that prohibit one person located on Shelikof Street from being able to see King Crab cannery and the B&B Bar at the same time. Further, this investigator notes that Suzanne Hinson's KPD written Statement does not include any location that Laura may have related to Hinson where the meeting was to be, but in oral testimonies at later dates Hinson states Laura told her the meeting was at 9pm down by the harbor. The Boat Harbor is about 20 yards from the B&B Bar where one person could easily see both the Boat Harbor and the B&B Bar at the same time, and Jack Ibach's Ford Bronco truck was parked right across Shelikof Street from the ramp to the

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floats of the Boat Harbor while Jack was away at work on the Kodiak King tug boat assisting the SeaLand Corporation container cargo vessel, Philadelphia, ease from it's berth and escorting out to sea. This investigator notes that Janet Carter's KID written Statement is vague and brief, and that Carter writes that she understood Laura was going to the meeting at 9pm at King Crab cannery. This statement disagrees with Hinson and Wilson, so Carter is further discredited. This investigator feels that it appears Janet Carter's KPD written statement and testimonies are derived from second-hand information heard or learned from other people, and not directly communicated to her by Laura.

Both Jamin and Ruble mention in Grand Jury testimonies that Laura mentioned she might engage in cocaine use with the man she was to meet at 9pm. This establishes that Laura was a cocaine user, although there was a protective order gained to not allow any mention of "Laura and Cocaine use" at any later Trial before Defense and the Jury. Both Jamin and Ruble testify in Grand Jury that they told Laura to not engage in any cocaine use, because it might be a trap to use against her in the custody efforts, but to accept the drugs and retain it in its container for whatever purposes, unknown. Jamin states that after initial consultation with Ruble that Jamin asked Ruble to use whatever measures he could try to protect Laura and that at the time, between 4pm and 5pm,

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Jamin and Ruble were more concerned that the meeting at 9pm might be a situation where evidence might be gathered against Laura that could hurt Jamin's and Laura's case for seeking full custody of the Ibach daughters. Ruble states that to him, what Laura had told Ruble about the meeting at 9pm, it sounded personally and professionally like a setup. Ruble states that he was not happy about what he heard and was primarily concerned for Laura's well-being, concerned that during the meeting at 9pm something might be done to implicate Laura in something illegal, and concerned that she may be sexually assaulted. This investigator notes that Cathy Wilson in her final few communications with Laura on March 28th, states Wilson was told by Laura that Matt Jamin and Al Ruble would be watching during the meeting at 9pm. Wilson writes this in her KPD written Statement, and at Grand Jury 1 states it twice, that Matt and Al would be watching at 9pm and Laura was happy about that. This investigator feels that Cathy Wilson is certain that Laura told Wilson that Laura understood that both Al Ruble and Matt Jamin would be present on Shelikof Street at 9pm. Cathy Wilson was away in Pittsburgh, PA during Grand Jury 2, and this investigator finds it very significant that this issue of Jamin and Ruble both on Shelikof Street at 9pm, is never mentioned at either Trial 1 or Trial 2 and that the Defense was remiss in not introducing the name of Matt Jamin as possibly being on Shelikof Street at 9pm. if what Wilson states repeatedly about Matt and Al "watching on" at 9pm is believed, this investigator would conclude that Matt Jamin would be the other person on the B&B Bar/down by the harbor end of Shelikof Street at the opposite end of the road to cover the view at the northern end of cannery row. This investigator states that an effective surveillance of Shelikof Street at 9pm that night would have required a minimum of three units to cover all entries and exits via road.

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Also, it would be advised to have some effective way to watch the water side of the canneries. Of course, this investigator concedes that Ruble probably did not have the resources to organize a proper watching on Shelikof Street for Laura's safety at 9pm on March 28, 1986, but whatever Ruble was doing by himself, if Ruble is to be

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believed, on Shelikof Street that night it was in no way anywhere near effective assistance should Laura require Ruble's assistance.

Jamin states that ultimately, after consultation with Ruble, a plan was made that Ruble would monitor the meeting at 9pm. Ruble states that he couldn't dissuade Laura from delaying the meeting, or to just not show up. Laura was going to go, regardless. Ruble suggested to Laura that he be there, then basically told Laura that Ruble would be there. Ruble states that Laura might require additional help during that night, and Ruble felt that for Laura's safeguards it would be to Laura's benefit if Ruble was involved with it. Ruble also states that Laura turned down Ruble's offer to ride along with Laura to the meeting at 9pm on Shelikof Street under some pretext, because Laura said the man Laura was to meet at 9pm was adamant that she tell no one that he'd spoken to her about the tape of illegal drug deals, nor to say anything to anyone about the meeting at 9pm on Shelikof Street. There is something amiss here. If Laura was so certain about the existence of a tape, then why didn't Ruble go to the meeting himself and confront the party Laura told Ruble she was to meet at 9pm?

Ruble states that the reason he didn't like what Laura was telling him about going to meet with this man at 9pm, and the feeling Ruble had that it was all a setup, was because "Matt" (Grand Jury 1) or "Matt or Mac" (later testimonies) had also explained to Laura that he'd obtained information by following Laura around for the previous couple of days. "Matt or Mac" had also explained to Laura he knew quite a bit about Laura, a lot of her personal habits, who Laura ran around with, who Laura's friends were, areas Laura frequented, knew **that** Laura went by her maiden name, knew where she worked, knew the car Laura drove on a daily basis belonged to a girlfriend of Laura's, and knew where Laura lived. Ruble states that in his opinion, and he states he does a lot of background work one doesn't find out so much information by following someone in a 2 days period, or even a 3 days period. "Matt or Mac" simply knew too much about Laura. This investigator is very leery of Ruble's testimony. If Ruble is to be believed during Grand Jury 1, then Laura had told Ruble that the

man at KWRCC at 3pm had told Laura his name was "Matt." In later testimonies Ruble states that Laura told Rubl that the man's name was "Matt or Mac."

Jamin states that Laura and Ruble left his office to go sit down not in the reception area, but an area where the secretaries work Ruble states that Jamin had other plans, or business to do, so Laura and Ruble went to an out office and talked for another 15 or 20 minutes. Jamin states that he may have said good- bye to Laura after she and Ruble had gone to the other area, but Jamin knows that Laura and Ruble talked for some time after he'd finished with them. Ruble states that at that time, the 15 or 20 minutes he and

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Laura discussed the situation alone, Ruble was laying down the ground rules and going through some details. Ruble estimates he spent a total of talking with Jamin and Laura then talking alone with Laura a total of 45 minutes to I hour. This investigator comments that Ruble and Jamin should have precise times recorded by their respective timepieces as to when they began their respective meetings, as well as the times when their participation in the meeting was ended. They are both acting very unprofessionally for some reason, and being intentionally vague, or they have got together and fabricated a lie that requires stating no precise times.

This investigator notes that Marjorie Holden in her KPD interview on Sunday, March 30, 1986 states to Detective William A Walton that she saw Laura at Alaska USA Federal Credit Bank at 4:30pm on Friday, March 28, 1986. In the year 2000 the address for this bank is 2685-Mill Bay Road, but it is undetermined if the bank has relocated since 1986. This bank, which is about 1/4 mile from Laura's apartment on Woody Way, is about 2 and 1/4 miles from Jamin's office. Additionally, in Grand Jury I Cathy Wilson states that Laura called from Laura's neighbor's apartment to Wilson at KWRCC between 4pm and 5pm on March 28th telling Wilson for the first time that Laura had been to see Jamin and that Al Ruble had been called in. However, in Trial 1 about 6 months later, Wilson states firmly that Laura called Wilson at the very earliest, at 5pm. This investigator feels the Defense was remiss in

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never inquiring in testimony from Marjorie Holden about how firm she was on the time, 4:30pm, she says she saw Laura about 2 and 1/4 miles away from Jamin's office, but within 1/4 mile of Laura's neighbor's apartment. The Defense was also remiss in not pressing Cathy Wilson on better pin-pointing the time of Laura's first telephone call to Wilson, between 4pm and 5pm, and how 6 months later, Wilson is now certain that at the earliest the call was made at 5pm. In addition to vagaries and disagreements as to the man's name at KWRCC at 3pm, there are obvious conflicts of witnesses to Laura's time line for Friday, March 28, 1986. It appears the total time Laura spent at Jamin's office talking to Matt and Al could be a maximum that is substantially less than Ruble's estimate of 45 minutes.

Ruble states that Laura and he, after going over the ground rules and discussing some details, left together from Jamin's office building at approximately 5pm. Ruble never mentions, nor is he questioned about, Jamin saying good-bye to Laura before she left. This investigator notes that Jamin states he may have said good-bye to Laura, but neglects mentioning the same to Ruble.

If Ruble and Jamin are to be believed, Ruble states he arrived at Jamin's office approximately 4pm, the total time he spent with Laura was between 45 minutes and 1 hour, spent 15 or 20 minutes talking alone with Laura, and parted company with Laura at approximately 5pm. Jamin's best time estimate he can give is between 3pm and 5pm, and is at best deceitful about his time records. This investigator puts Ruble, Jamin, and Laura together at 4:05pm, puts Ruble's total time at 52 minutes, and puts Ruble spending 18 minutes alone with Laura. This investigator puts Jamin having other business to do at

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4:39pm, and Laura and Ruble leaving the building together at 4:57pm. This would make Marjorie Holden mistaken as stating in KPD interview she saw Lama at the bank at 4:30pm, and Wilson mistaken that Laura called Wilson between 4pm and 5pm, yet changes her testimony 6 months later to conform with the Ruble and Jamin time line. This investigator asks why would Wilson alter her testimony, and

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why was Marjorie Holden not cross examined regarding her KPD Statement that says Holden made passing nods with Laura in the hallway of the bank at 4:30pm?

During Grand Jury 1 Al Ruble states that he was aware of the white van and some affiliation it and the gentleman visitor at 3pm to KWRCC had with the Hope House. This investigator notes that the Hope House in 1986 was right across Hillcrest Street from KWRCC. Ruble states that upon leaving Jamin's offices at approximately 5pm the first thing he did was check the *Hope* House area for the white van and he made contact with a friend of his that works at KWRCC to ask her to call if she sees the white van if it returns to the Hope House. This investigator notes that it is after 5pm on Friday, most likely Janet Carter has gone home, and Cathy Wilson is working the 3pm to 11pm shift at KWRCC. Is Cathy Wilson Al Ruble's friend? The Defense was remiss in not determining if Cathy Wilson was Ruble's contact at KWRCC at a little after 5pm. Cathy Wilson states in Trial 1 testimony that she knows Al Ruble because he is a neighbor and in business with her partner. This investigator concludes that Ruble's friend at KWRCC is, indeed, Cathy Wilson. A friend might fudge a little on the times to align with the other, especially if both are convinced of the Guilt of the accused. There is ample support that Wilson felt Jack Ibach to be a perpetrator of any deed most foul, in light of Wilson's written record of Laura's stay at KWRCC shelter.

Ruble states that during the time he met with Laura at Jamin's office Ruble developed .and explained the ground rules Laura must go now if she intended to-carry through-with-her intentions to go to Shelikof Street at 9pm to meet the man with the tape recording of illegal drug deals. In Ruble's typed KPD Statement, completed on April , 1986, just one day before Grand Jury 1, Ruble writes the seven rules that he explained to Laura, as follows: "1) Drive to King Crab Cannery and park in front, arrive early and let McDonald come to you. 2) Leave your parking lights on. 3) Do not under any circumstances, get into-the van if there was anyone else in the van other than McDonald. 4) Do not go anywhere in the van with McDonald. 5) If the van attempts to go with you in it jump out, or tell them you will have to turn your lites (sic) and then run! 6) If you have any problems whatsoever scream and I will respond. 7) If McDonald offers you drugs, do not take, tell him you have to pick up (sic) your

children if he gives you drugs take them and give it to me after the meeting. These were explained to Laura several times. She was given my phone number to call should McDonald contact her and attempt to change the meeting location or time." This investigator notes that Ruble uses the last name of "McDonald" It should be stressed that Ruble testifies at the time he was explaining to Laura the ground rules that he had not

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learned the last name, "McDonald," yet. "Matt," or "Matt or Mac" should be substituted for the name "McDonald," if Ruble's testimony is to be believed.

Ruble states in Grand Jury 1 that his first rule to Laura was that he did not want Laura to go to the meeting on Shelikof Street at 9pm. Ruble believes Jamin had said the same thing to Laura. Jamin's testimony never mentions this. Jamin testifies he told Ruble that Laura could not be dissuaded from intending to meet to listen to and receive a tape on Shelikof at 9pm. This investigator believes that Jamin calculated his testimony to lay onus upon Ruble for the results -Of Laura's meeting at 9pm, and that Ruble wants to spread responsibility for whatever happened to Laura onto Laura and Jamin, in order that Ruble doesn't seem so ridiculous for his own actions. Ruble tries to defray his ineffectiveness in protecting Laura by stating that Ruble didn't think Laura was really listening, even though he went over each of the rules 3 or 4 times with some rules stressed more than others. Ruble is wrong in his statement, in that Cathy Wilson states that Laura, during the phone calls between 4pm and 8:30 pm, told Wilson of the ground rules that Ruble had told Laura to keep when she met with the man on Shelikof Street .at 9pm. In Ruble's typed KPD Statement he writes that Laura was in an extreme state of excitement during the entire time that Ruble met with Laura on March 28th and that it is what he bases his reasoning upon that Laura wasn't really listening to Ruble while he told her what to do for best results in protecting her safety. Ruble adds in testimony that another of his rules he claims he told Laura to keep was to always; have her hand on the exit door handle while in the van. Ruble states he went over each of the rules with Laura several times, with stressed emphasis on his rule to

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not get in the van if there was someone in the van other than the man she met at KWRCC at 3pm.

Ruble states he perceived himself about his personal participation on Shelikof Street and monitoring Laura while meeting someone at 9pm on Shelikof Street as, Ruble states, "More or less I was going to be an insurance policy. Should anything go down." This investigator remarks as to what a curious way Ruble perceived himself in his job to monitor Laura's meeting at 9pm. An insurance policy in no way protects a holder of the policy from the unexpected peril covered by the policy. An insurance policy indemnifies the holder in hopes to recover from loss due to the peril, after it occurs. Ruble would be correct to state he saw himself as the body guard for Laura. This investigator feels strongly that Ruble should have realized himself, and acted as, Laura's body guard before, during and after the meeting at 9pm on Shelikof Street. This investigator feels that certainly Ruble, and most likely Jamin as well, failed miserably in any efforts to adequately safe-guard Laura's well-being. This investigator feels that Ruble or Jamin, or Ruble and Jamin, is/are perhaps aware and possibly culpable of events immediate to Laura disappearing. Jamin's and Ruble's combined testimonies on the situation, their actions, and their conflicting testimonies lend credence to this investigator's conclusions that Jamin's and Ruble's performances were something less than :fiduciary obligations to Laura.

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At approximately 5pm Ruble states he and Laura were leaving Jamin's office building at the same time. Jamin states he thinks he may have said good-bye to Laura. Laura's drive to her home is unaccounted for, and no investigation of her activities between 5pm and 8:40pm was done. It is assumed Laura went home, made arrangements with her mother, Kitty Munro, to baby-sit and that Laura went about her household chores in preparation for a 9pm meeting with a man on Shelikof Street. It appears from Kitty Munro's KPD interviews that she was aware of Laura's plans for 9pm and was concerned for Laura's welfare. However, there are some oddities regarding these interviews, and this investigator is suspicious of them, particularly

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regarding the earrings issue KPD and Kitty discussed. It appears that Kitty was coached, and all too ready to rush to conclusion of Jack Ibach's guilt.

As Wilson states, Laura told Wilson that both Ruble and Jamin would be on Shelikof Street during any meeting Laura had at 9pm. Ruble, nor Jamin, make any mention that Jamin would be present at 9pm. As stated above, Al Ruble first drove to Hope House in efforts to locate the white van, then he contacted his friend that was working at KWRCC. This investigator assumes Ruble's friend he contacted at KWRCC is Cathy Wilson. Wilson never states that Ruble told her Jamin and Ruble would be monitoring the meeting. The Defense never inquired of Wilson whether Wilson and Ruble may have discussed Jamin being present to help Ruble monitor the 9pm meeting when Ruble went to KWRCC between 5pm and 5:15pm. This investigator feels that the Defense was remiss in not seeking testimonies from Ruble, Jamin, and Wilson about Laura telling Wilson that Al Ruble and Matt Jamin would be on Shelikof to monitor the meeting at 9pm. Matt Jamin's activities between the time he thinks he said good-bye to Laura at some time around 5pm and when he arrived at his office building parking lot somewhere around 9:20pm have never been accounted for.

Al Ruble states that at about 5pm or 5:15pm, after going by Hope House and other areas of downtown, Ruble contacted the Kodiak Police Department Acting Chief Tom Culbertson to advise him of the situation of Laura meeting someone on Shelikof Street at 9pm. Ruble claims Culbertson told Ruble that was fine but that it was purely a diversion situation that the KED could not be involved with because Jamin and Ruble didn't have enough evidence that drugs would be involved during the meeting at 9pm about the tape. Ruble goes on to say Culbertson told Ruble that if Ruble needed any kind of assistance the KPD would be more than glad to help Ruble out. This investigator comments that what Ruble states is ludicrous, and questions that the KPD would not be interested in a purported surreptitiously recorded audio tape of numerous illegal narcotics talks and transactions involving Jack Ibach, and at least two

prominent Kodiak business men. Ruble and Jamin didn't have enough evidence *drugs* would be involved? It appears that Ruble is advising KPD that Laura may accept drugs while meeting at 9pm, and not informing KPD that there is supposed to be a tape of illegal drug deals exchanged on Shelikof Street at 9pm. This investigator notes that the state of Alaska is a one-party notification state, which means it

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legal to make a telephonic recording if at least one party to the conversation is aware the conversation is being recorded. It is undetermined if the rumored recorder of the rumored tape was a party in the conversations about illegal drug transactions or whether it was supposedly a line tap on Jack's telephone. In any case, the recording would be regarding conspiracy in committing crimes. Certainly KPD would have probable cause to stop the white van for a safety inspection, or improper display of the rear license plate that was taped to the rear window. This investigator notes that a good traffic patrolman can always find at least one safety violation on any vehicle. This investigator feels that either KPD is not fully informed by Ruble, or the KPD is remiss in not investigating the white van, it's driver, and a rumored audio tape of illegal drug transactions upon a tip from Ruble. This investigator is compelled to state that KPD operations surrounding the investigation of Laura's disappearance are strange, as well.

Ruble states after Ruble parted company with Laura around 5pm and until around 8:30pm Ruble's primary activity was to attempt to physically locate the white van by driving around the Kodiak downtown area. This investigator wonders why Ruble nor Cathy Wilson attempted to contact Hope House personnel around 5pm, after Ruble contacted Wilson a little after 5pm, to check if the white van was indeed affiliated with the Hope House in any way. Ruble locates and writes the license plate number of three white vans during the interim of 5pm to 9pm. Ruble locates, parked in the McDonalds fast-food restaurant parking lot, what turns out to be Donald Charles "Mac" McDonald's white van at about 7pm. Ruble goes through the drive-thru service so he can get the best over-all look at the van that Ruble feels he can afford Ruble

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returns at 7:30pm and the van is still parked nose-in in the same space, the second slot right next to the McDonald's seagoing supplies delivery storage van. Ruble states that he got a very good look at the van from 360 degrees, but doesn't describe any details such as dents or broken windows. Ruble does notice that the license plate is taped inside the rear window of the white van, that the van grill is missing, and that the front bumper is wooden. This investigator wonders why Ruble never got out of his vehicle to get a better look at the van, inside and out, and why Ruble never went inside McDonald's restaurant to see if anyone inside resembled the physical description of the man, Ruble says, Laura told him she met at 3pm at KWRCC. This investigator finds it interesting that Ruble cannot determine the make of the van any closer than Ruble thought it might be a Ford, but can't be certain because the front grill was missing. Mac McDonald's white van, in fact is a 1966 Dodge.

The time is the 8:15pm hour. Ruble states he went to King Crab cannery at about 8:30pm. He is setting up his surveillance at his pre-selected position at about 8:35pm. Ruble has his camera and binoculars available. Ruble stands alert and poised at his position watching the middle portion, only, of Shelikof Street. The B&B Bar end of Shelikof Street, and the area of City Dock are left uncovered, according to any testimony. Ruble notes that one of the white vans Ruble had noted a license plate on earlier on the 28th, in fact Mac McDonald's van, passed below Ruble's position of static surveillance

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going southbound on Shelikof Street at approximately 8:45pm to 8:50pm. This investigator places the van driving by at 8:48pm. Less than a minute later the van passes below Ruble returning northbound on Shelikof Street. This investigator places this passage, based upon Ruble's testimony, as 8:48pm, as well. Ruble states that it was about 5 minutes later that Laura drove passed below Ruble while Laura drove southbound on Shelikof Street. This investigator places the time that Ruble states Laura drove by, as

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8:53pm. Ruble states that Laura never returned from the area where Ruble lost sight of Laura as she drove south and entered the City Dock complex. This investigator notes that Laura must have returned to Shelikof Street via the driveway up from City Dock to Rezanof Street, and not via City Dock Road nor by returning northbound on Shelikof Street. This investigator places Laura back on Shelikof Street at 8:55pm. Laura has broken rule #1. Laura does not intend to wait in front of King Crab Cannery and let the man in the white van come to her. It appears Laura wants to evade Ruble's monitoring. This investigator feels the defense investigators as well as the Defense Attorneys should have probed further as to where Laura really intended to meet with a man at 9pm on Shelikof Street and how it is that each individual came to their conclusion where Laura intended to meet. Ruble had given Laura his contact number to call in case any plans changed before 9pm. Ruble never received a call from Laura, and Ruble's wording appears to want to convince the Court to believe the meeting sight had been changed and Laura failed, or elected not, to notify Ruble.

At his position of surveillance Ruble had his camera and binoculars available, a flashlight was in his vehicle. Ruble was set to shoot film, but takes no pictures of the white van passing twice, nor of Laura driving by going southbound, nor did he record the precise times according to his time-piece. Ruble states he had a good view of the white van for about 30 seconds both times it passed below Ruble's position. Ruble states he got a good view of the license plate of the van, but can give no description whatsoever of the driver. Sue McLean attempts to question Ruble about the number of passengers Ruble had noted in the van as Ruble saw it moving by twice on Shelikof Street. This investigator notes that Ruble had briefed KPD Palmer, had filled out a 5 page single-spaced typed KPD Statement, had numerous interviews with Kodiak District Attorney Sue McLean, had testified at 2 Grand Juries, and it is not until Trial 1 that Sue McLean and Al Ruble appear to want to spring surprise testimony that Ruble the afternoon before the date of this day's Trial 1 testimony of Ruble that Ruble mentions to McLean that Ruble had seen 2 people in the white van as it drove by the two times around 8:45pm to 8:50pm. This

investigator assumes Ruble noted a passenger as the van drove southbound on Shelikof Street, then noticed a driver as the white van went northbound less than a minute later. Attorney Steve Cole, Defense counsel for Jim Kerwin, vigorously objects and moves to suppress Ruble's testimony. The issue is tabled for a period of time and Sue McLean moves to another area of questioning. The jury is excused for a brief recess and Judge Burke hears the issue of Ruble's new testimony that was not made to Defense discovery until this day's morning

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of Ruble's Trial 1 testimony. Ruble tells Judge Burke Ruble's reasoning for never mentioning it. Ruble states to Judge Edmund Burke, "No, sir, I don't---! don't believe I've made it known to anyone. The question was never brought to my attention." This investigator asks, wouldn't it be Ruble's responsibility to mention it?- Why would Ruble seek to withhold this information until someone asked him? Judge Burke allows Ruble's testimony and the Jury in Trial 1 hears Ruble state that Ruble saw two people in the white van as the van went by Ruble's position twice. Ruble can give no physical description, whatsoever, of either occupant he now says he saw. Under cross-examination Ruble states the reason he's never mentioned it was because no one had ever asked him a pointed question toward that.

This investigator has looked at the above issue in some detail and notes the facts of Ruble's under oath testimony, as follows: In Grand Jury 1, (pg. 83), Ruble's position would enable Ruble to see any person seated in the passenger seat as the white van drove by within Ruble's view for about 30 seconds. Ruble makes no mention of any passenger, but states only of the driver, and that Ruble can give no description of the driver. In Grand Jury 1, (pg. 99 & 100), Ruble is asked by "unidentified juror" if Ruble had any indication of a third person in the van when Laura was to meet with the man in the white van. Kodiak a District Attorney interrupts to say that the Jury will hear Ruble's testimony on this subject later. At this time Ruble makes no mention of any reasons why at any time he might suspect the driver of the white van had a

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passenger in the van so that when Laura entered the van there would now be 3 people in the van.

This investigator notes this juror's question was pointed question number one for Ruble to enter into testimony that Ruble had seen a passenger in the white van. Grand Jury 1, (pg. 259), Ruble states he had no indication from what he saw that when Ruble states he saw Laura in the parked white van when Ruble drove by at around 9:07pm that there would be anybody else in the white van besides Laura and the driver. This investigator notes this is Ruble's answer to the "unidentified juror's" pointed question number one. In Grand Jury 2, (pg. 99 & 100) Ruble is asked by an "unidentified juror" if Ruble had any indication if Laura and the driver of the white van might be in company of other parties while Laura and the driver of the white van met. Ruble's response to this juror's pointed question number 2, is, "No." This investigator notes that Ruble was asked specifically, and allowed to answer, at least twice if Ruble had any indication or suspicion that there had been a driver and at least one passenger in the van. This investigator feels that Ruble has been dishonest, either willfully or through lack of memory, a sense that Ruble must state something about seeing two people in the white van as it drove on Shelikof Street, in explanation to Judge Edmund Burke and the cross-examining attorneys' one question each of Ruble as to why Ruble has never mentioned before this testimony in Trial 1 that Ruble saw at least two people in the white van as it was moving before Ruble states he saw Laura's vehicle drive by once. This investigator also notes that in Trial 1, (pg. 1491), that it appears it is possible that KPD Barry Paris may have known from an early date after Laura's disappearance that Ruble may have told KPD Paris that Ruble had seen

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two people in the van as the van was mobile on Shelikof Street. It is page 1493 of Trial 1 that Ruble states for the first time in front of a jury that Ruble says he saw two people in the white van as it passed his position twice that night on Shelikof Street. This investigator feels this testimony by Ruble is very important for two reasons.

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One, it shows Ruble to be a perjurer, or victim of male macho ego with failed memory but need to assert a statement or two, that Ruble was aware the possibility that Laura had broken his ground rule #3, the rule Ruble states he stressed the most emphatically to Laura, and Ruble's knowledge that there might be a second person now concealed in the white van, now out of sight of Ruble as Ruble drives by the parked van. This is another contradiction to Ruble's stating that everything "appeared normal" as Ruble passed the parked van while Ruble drove his black van by and observed the parked white van in his driver's side-view and rear-view mirrors. This period of events is to follow in up-coming pages and paragraphs.

Ruble states he sees the vehicle Laura was driving go southbound on Shelikof Street below Ruble's position he selected to make surveillance from. Ruble states the vehicle never returns on Shelikof Street, nor does Laura park in front of King Crab cannery. This investigator feels that this should have been Ruble's second indication that everything did not appear normal when, in fact, Laura did not stop and did not return to park in front of King Crab cannery. The first indication of a possible problem deviation from Ruble's ground rules was that Ruble had seen two people in the white van as it was driving on Shelikof Street.

The 9pm hour tolls, the time that all witnesses agree Laura told them the meeting was to be. Ruble remains in his position until approximately 9:05pm. Ruble states that Laura and her vehicle had been out of his sight for over 10 minutes. At 9:05pm Ruble decides to get in his car and go northbound on Shelikof Street toward urban Kodiak. This investigator wonders why Ruble did not go southbound on Shelikof Street at least onto the City Dock to the point where he lost sight of Laura driving the car to see if Laura had stopped for some reason in an area out of sight of Ruble where he last knew she was headed_ Why would Ruble elect to not check that area, first thing immediately upon deciding to vacate his position of surveillance? It appears that Ruble is certain she is not there, or Ruble is remiss in not checking the City Dock area first. That is the point where Laura had vanished from Ruble's sight.

Ruble's activities as he states in writing or various testimonies are very curious as to actions of a reasonable man. This investigator notes that former KPD William A Walton, in a year 2000 interview, recalls Al Ruble in 1986 was a "scatter-brain."

Ruble loads his surveillance gear at hand and himself into his vehicle and Ruble states he proceeded northbound on Shelikof Street. Ruble is never questioned why he didn't check the extreme south end of Shelikof Street where it ends going onto the actual City Dock as his first activity upon deciding to go mobile, that location where he lost sight of Laura in her vehicle going southbound, to see if something had

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happened or was happening there. This investigator is prompted to state that a reasonable person usually looks first in the place they lost something when they first seek to relocate it. Ruble states that Laura had been out of his sight for 10 to 15 minutes.

Ruble states he saw Laura in the parked at the curb white van at 9:06pm or 9:07pm. This leaves a gap of 13 minutes that Laura and her vehicle she drove had been out of sight of Al Ruble. Ruble states he first drove northbound on Shelikof Street and then sees the white van parked at the curb, and Laura is noticed by Ruble in the van. Ruble makes repeated and labored notice that he's re-made contact with Laura.

Ruble states that Ruble drove by the parked white van while Ruble had his driver's side window rolled down and Ruble drove by at a speed of 10 to 15 miles per hour upon discovering that the white van was parked legally at the curb on Shelikof Street after Ruble has driven northbound. Ruble labors in all his testimonies that he noted Laura in the parked white van. Ruble strains himself for the Court to believe that Ruble notes Laura inside the van. Ruble implies he made eye contact with Laura in order to get a "read" of Laura's mind. This investigator believes that Ruble willfully lies that he made detailed personal note in Ruble's psychic read of Laura's mental state/safety as Ruble states he drove by the parked white van. Ruble, this investigator feels, is a

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perjurer. This investigator feels that Ruble willfully lies about his experiences driving north, at this time, on Shelikof Street and the ensuing unfolding of events. This investigator believes that Al Ruble never actually saw Laura Henderson in Donald Charles "Mac" McDonald's 1966 Dodge van. What would be Al Ruble's motivation to lie to a Court of Law? This investigator believes that Al Ruble is in thrall of Matt Jamin, and delusional about his status as any position he perceives himself to be as a public servant, or quasi-cop. This investigator believes Al Ruble to be a willful liar before the Court.

Nevertheless, Ruble states he drives by the parked van. Ruble states he made eye contact with Laura in order to read her mind, yet Ruble still can give no physical description of the driver of the white van. Ruble states all his concentration was on Laura while Ruble states Ruble saw Laura in the white van as Ruble drove by. A detailed analysis of Ruble's testimony, were this investigator Al Ruble, would give at least 2 seconds to note any description of the white van's driver. Al Ruble, for whatever reason, is very careful to never give any description, even in the remotest terms, of the white van's driver or the passenger Ruble finally states in Trial 1, for the first time, he says he noted. This investigator finds Al Ruble's testimony very likely, perjury.

Ruble states he rounds the slight, but combining to make blind, curves that now give him view of the northern section of Shelikof Street while Ruble drives his automobile. Ruble states he sees the white van, with the car Laura was' driving parked directly behind the white van. The car Laura was driving does not have its parking lights illuminated Ruble goes through his belabored detail about how Ruble notes Laura in the van, but can give no details of any other person in the van. Ruble states he rolls his automobile on

further northbound while watching the parked van in his side-view and rear-view mirrors. Ruble states as he had driven by the parked van Ruble had his driver's window rolled down, Ruble was driving about 10mph, the temperature at around 9pm was around 36 to 38 degrees F, and that because there was a lot of canneries operations noises that night Ruble couldn't tell if the white van was idling as it was parked on Shelikof Street when Ruble passed by. Ruble states that Laura was sitting with her back to the passenger door with her face up close to the white van's windshield, and more like she was sitting toward the center of the van rather than merely sitting in the passenger seat with her head turned. Ruble says he made eye contact with Laura as she was sitting in the van but can give no description whatsoever of the driver because Ruble was totally concentrating on Laura's face, making eye contact with Laura, trying to read her state of mind or her general demeanor. This investigator would estimate that Ruble would have had at least 2 seconds to make any notice of the van driver once Ruble passed the windshield of the van where Ruble could no longer possibly see Laura in the van and Ruble was directly opposite the white van's driver's window and to a point where Ruble was now north of the parked white van and Ruble could no longer possibly see the white van's driver. Ruble can give no description of the driver, not even to state the possible gender of the driver, hair color, hat, clothing color, or anything. Ruble makes the strange statement that one of the people in the van was smoking a cigarette. This investigator wonders if in fact Ruble would be able to even see the eyes of anyone in the van at a time of between 9:06pm to 9:08pm, at least dusk, on March 28, 1986. This investigator has suggested that an informal test using similar vehicles under similar lighting conditions could be conducted to ascertain whether what Ruble states he saw, Laura's eyes, and Ruble states he read from her eyes and general demeanor that everything appeared okay to Ruble. Ruble's testimonies regarding events as Ruble states he drove by the parked van seem exaggerated and, this investigator believes, have the ring of falsehoods.

Ruble states that he made no eye contact with anyone, noted no motion, nor any sign at all that indicated to Ruble that his "cover had been blown" by anybody in or near the parked white van as Ruble drove by it. Ruble states in various testimonies on various pages that Ruble continued northbound on Shelikof Street to find a parking space at the lot of

the last cannery before the Small Boat Harbor begins because everything appeared normal or okay for Laura as Ruble could read from her eyes, or everything appeared to be okay or normal to Ruble. In Grand Jury 2 Ruble states mysteriously that he, always, in situations like Laura's meeting on Shelikof Street that Ruble says he always tries to look for the worst and then if it's not that way, then it's better.

This investigator notes that, in fact, using Ruble's ground rules Laura had already broken his primary

wish that Laura would not go to Shelikof Street to meet with someone at 9pm on Friday, March 28, 1986. Ground rule #1 had been broken when Laura did not park in front of King Crab cannery to wait for the van to come to her. Laura had broken ground rule #2 because Laura did not have her parking lights

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turned on when Ruble states he drove by the parked light blue VW Rabbit she drove. Ruble had seen at least two people in the white van when Ruble saw the van traveling southbound and then northbound on Shelikof Street at around 8:48pm. Ruble could not assume that the driver had let the, unidentified nor described by Ruble, passenger out before Ruble states he drove by the parked van and states he saw Laura sitting in the parked van. Ruble should have had warning bells going off all over in his head. Ruble can assume that Laura might be breaking rule #3, the ground rule that Ruble states he stressed the most often to Laura, that is, do not under any circumstance get into the van if there was anyone else in the van besides the driver, "Matt," or "Matt" or "Mac." This investigator reminds the reader that Ruble has stated that he always, yes always, looks for the worst and then if it's not that way, then it's better. This investigator asks, wouldn't Ruble naturally assume there may be at least a third individual in the van quite possibly concealed from Laura's knowledge? Additionally, mentioned previously, Ruble states in testimony another rule not mentioned in his KPD typed Statement that Laura was to keep one hand on the passenger door exit handle at all times. It appears from Ruble's description of Laura sitting closer to the middle of the van with her head near the windshield and facing the driver that Laura would have to be in a strained position in

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order to keep one hand on the exit door handle at all times. Ruble could assume that Laura was quite possibly breaking that rule, as well. This investigator is leery of Ruble's description of how he saw Laura was seated in the white van. This investigator is suspicious that Ruble fabricated this description in order to make it sound more credible that Ruble could see Laura's eyes and could read that everything appeared normal. In fact everything was abnormal, Laura could possibly be in danger from a concealed threat, a third passenger, and Laura had broken every possible ground rule she could, so far. Why didn't Ruble immediately turn around in the Anchor Bar parking lot and return to park quickly and obviously near the parked white van and pretext the van driver that Ruble had seen Laura and wanted to talk to Laura about something? This action could have possibly coaxed Laura from the van, if in fact Ruble states truthfully that he saw Laura in the van, and would have put the notice on the driver that there was now an eye witness, Ruble, that could give descriptions and identifications if anything untoward happened to Laura.

However, Ruble states he drove northbound on Shelikof Street another 300 to 350 feet to park, leaves his black van and then proceeds on foot southbound back to a location closer to the parked white van. This investigator comments that Ruble's action at this point is absolutely absurd. At any time while Ruble was on foot the van could pull away from the curb leaving Ruble out of position away from his vehicle. Ruble crosses the street to the side the white van was parked on and continues to walk toward the parked white van. As Ruble gets to the northeast corner of the blue metal clad building, the Pacific Pearl cannery bunkhouse, for some seemingly irrational reasoning by Ruble he decides to not continue on foot along the walking area on the street side of the cannery bunkhouse. This investigator quotes from Ruble's Grand

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Jury 2 testimony. Ruble states, on page 88, "At that point I felt my best thing---there would be no---no cover from there to the vehicle. So I went behind the cannery building bunkhouse...And I would still have good cover, still being in the covert

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stage, and also close enough to hear any kind of warning should Laura holler or scream, or whatever." This investigator quotes Ruble's Trial 1 testimony, page 1437, "...I felt I was close to the van and I felt at that point it would be to my benefit to stay covert and out of the line of sight." Finally, this investigator notes that in Trial 2, page 3428, Ruble states, "I felt at that point it would behoove me to stay in a covert type situation so I went behind the building..." Ruble has already let Laura get away from Ruble's sight once, the time when he states he saw Laura driving southbound on Shelikof Street at about 8:53pm and loses sight of her as she drove out onto City Dock until he says he relocates her at about 9:07pm. This investigator states a rational response, upon Ruble's first losing sight of Laura by Ruble, would have been to wait no longer than 3 minutes, carefully watching the clock. It would be apparent that Laura does not intend to arrive first to park in front of King Crab Cannery and let the white van come to her. Ruble should first drive south on Shelikof Street to the area Ruble lost sight of Laura's borrowed light blue VW Rabbit looking for Laura or the white van, then to go northbound on Shelikof Street and continue to patrol back and forth on Shelikof Street continually looking for presence of Laura or the white van and for Ruble to not leave his automobile while Ruble could assume Laura was in the VW Rabbit. Once Laura has broken Ruble's ground rules #1, that is, Laura not parking in front of King Crab cannery, Ruble would always look for the worst, all bets would be off as to whether Laura might break any other rules, and whatever reason Ruble thinks part of his job is to remain covert would be thrown out the window, and due to Laura and the white van's driver having automobiles available. Ruble could never rationally reason to get himself 300 to 350 feet away on foot away from his automobile.

Conveniently, Ruble is out of sight of Laura at the critical time of 9pm and a total span of time around 14 minutes with about 7 minutes on either side of the 9pm hour. Now, Ruble-selects to allow Laura out of his sight a second time, if only for around a minute or two so that Ruble can keep himself hidden, to go behind the Pacific Pearl cannery bunkhouse, then to hopefully emerge on the southern end of the bunkhouse to find a concealed position near the southeast corner or amongst the crab pots storage lot immediately south of the cannery bunkhouse, so that Ruble might be

able to hear "Laura holler or scream, or whatever." This investigator is prompted to ask, how is Ruble so certain that he would be able to, in fact, get behind the bunkhouse and get to the south end of it by going that way? This investigator notes that a more proper action by Ruble would have been to simply walk up the street side of the bunkhouse to the van, maybe like a drunk leaving the Anchor Bar, or some cannery operation employee taking a walk, and turn to feign surprise upon hearing activity in the van, then state recognition of Laura. This investigator finds Ruble's stated opinion that he should remain in "the covert stage" is ridiculous. As to the events regarding Laura's and Ruble's activities around the 9pm meeting time so far, if

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Ruble's testimony is to be believed, Laura broke every ground rule she possibly could, yet Ruble says everything was normal or okay. At every opportunity that Al Ruble could he made the unreasonable decision. The outcome is likely predictable for any uninitiated reader. Ruble states that upon emerging into the crab pots storage area at the south end of the cannery bunkhouse he would be about 30 feet from the parked white van and this investigator averages Ruble's estimates of distance to Laura's car as 25 feet from Laura's parked car. Not surprisingly, Ruble states that upon emerging into the crab pots storage area the white van was no longer parked at the location just south of the southeast corner of the Pacific Pearl cannery bunkhouse, Laura's apparently unoccupied car remained at the curb, and Ruble is 300 to 350 feet away from his car. Ruble never heard a vehicle's ignition start a motor, any sounds of a vehicle leaving from a parking space in any manner, nor did Ruble hear "Laura holler, scream, or whatever."

This investigator notes that an average speed of a normal pace walking person is 2 miles/hr. Given a nearly totally unbelievable coincidence that Laura would exit the van at the exact same time that Ruble states he left the white van from his sight to proceed behind the bunkhouse in order to get a better view of the white van, Laura

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would be 176 feet away from the parked white van. Ruble states that this time away from sight of the white van that Ruble states he saw Laura seated in was about 45 seconds to 1 minute. A private investigations company employee made the same trip behind the cannery bunkhouse and committed to record a time of 1:30 seconds. This investigator feels that Ruble fudges his time so he seems less unreasonable about why he would ever select to let the white van Ruble states Laura is inside of be out of Ruble's surveillance. Given Ruble stating his one minute while going behind the bunkhouse and the nearly unbelievable coincidence of Laura exiting the van, and the van starting up and leaving it's parking space, and Laura having one minute to walk at 2miles/hour would allow Laura to walk at a normal pace a distance of 176 feet. This would be more than enough time to cover distance for Laura to disappear from any possibility that Ruble could see Laura anywhere on foot on Shelikof Street if Laura walked northbound and went into the Anchor Bar, into any autos parked in the Anchor Bar parking lot, or across the street to any dockside building. There were an estimated 35 to 40 vehicles in the Anchor Bar parking lot at that time of night. Ruble never stopped to inquire at Anchor Bar. This investigator finds that this nearly unbelievable coincidence of letting away from view of Laura by Ruble and Laura exiting at the exact same time Ruble loses her from view a bit of a stretch, but feels the Defense should have at least raised the possibility that Laura could be 176 feet additionally away from the white van's parked location. Instead the Defense asks Al Ruble and Cathy Wilson if they ever, at any time on March 28/29, exited their vehicles to check any of the possible places Laura could have gone into on Shelikof Street.

This investigator-feels that Defense attorneys raised some valid doubts but never vigorously pursued possibilities at any point to raise reasonable doubt in any juror's mind, and the Defense did not address some areas of raising reasonable doubt that some bird-dogging investigation and proactive attorney

representation would have produced. This investigator also firmly believes that the trials separately of each, but all together, due to judicial economy was a farce and the Defense attorneys failed to act as a team. This investigator realizes that, of course now, proof of innocence is incumbent upon the convicted.

Ruble states he very quickly looked up and down the street, took a quick look into the windows of the car Laura had been driving, then ran over 100 yards back to his vehicle. Ruble states there was no traffic on Shelikof upon Ruble discovering the white van was no longer parked where he'd last seen it and while running on Shelikof Street back to his car. Ruble states he also did not see the white van at any point, even up the hill on Rezanof Street, the main North/South thoroughfare of Kodiak Island Ruble's estimate that if Laura had exited the white van while Ruble had selected to be away from keeping her in sight was that Laura could be no more than 15 to 20 feet away. This investigator has pointed out that, in fact, Laura could be over 170 feet away from where Ruble states he last saw Laura. This investigator comments that Ruble is either lying, unaware of the distance a human could be estimated to walk in the time Ruble was away from sight of the white van Ruble states he'd last seen Laura seated in, or Ruble is totally nuts and still sub-consciously rationalizing his motives for his numerous irrational responses. This investigator concludes that Ruble is an unreliable witness for prosecution, quite possibly a perjurer, and wonders of why Ruble would testify that he committed so many nearly insane self initiated actions and also responses to actions that he states in testimony he did This investigator believes that Ruble never actually saw Laura in the white van while parked as Ruble describes, so strained: and painfully detailed, yet lacking key incidentals to toll the ringing of truth.

Ruble reaches his black van and proceeds now, once again in his automobile, immediately southbound on Shelikof Street looking at obviously available to eye sight locations such as drive ways to cannery docks and vacant lots while he drove. Ruble now states he drove out beyond the end of Shelikof Street and onto the City Dock,

itself. Ruble estimates he spent about two minutes there because he could see from there south on Rezanof Street out to "dead man's curve." The reasons Ruble states he did such was because the last he'd seen of the van it was facing southbound on Shelikof Street, while legally parked, and that Ruble didn't notice any white van going northbound on Rezanof during any opportunities possible to see Rezanof Street, above, from Shelikof Street while Ruble says he ran back to his vehicle. This investigator notes that what was not pursued by Defense was why Ruble went northbound on Shelikof first, after he'd decided Laura wasn't going to be at any meeting in front of King Crab cannery at 9pm, and to not instead make a quick drive around on *City Dock* itself, where Ruble states he'd last seen Laura while driving the automobile she was in. This investigator wonders what knowledge Ruble might have that he never states in any testimony was motive for why he acted so irrationally. Coupled with Matt Jamin's statements, bizarre actions and responses, as he in sworn testimony attests to, this investigator feels that Matt Jamin is a pivotal player with non-public knowledge of Laura's demise, and that Al Ruble

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is part and parcel to the death of Laura, or that Ruble was victimized himself by Jamin, to toe the line of Jamin's Citizen's Posse rush to convict. This investigator feels that Matt Jamin shields knowledge of the remains of Laura's body. At the B & B Bar end of Shelikof Street, this investigator feels, Laura met Death. Al Ruble, at the opposite end of the street remained. Laura entered Mac's white van at about 8:56pm, or she could have been in and out of the white van before Ruble first saw Laura drive southbound on Shelikof Street at about 8:53pm. The meeting of Mac McDonald, Jim Kerwin, and Laura could have occurred in the interim of the last time Ruble saw the white van go north at 8:48pm and the time Ruble states he saw Laura drive south at 8:53pm. She startled Mac and Jim. She had a lit cigarette. She sat in the passenger seat of the van. Brief small talk went on, and Laura inquired if Mac had procured cocaine. Mac hadn't any. Within moments of idle chat, Laura exited the van and went North, by foot, on Shelikof Street to her

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death. This Investigator believes that Al Ruble had not yet driven by the location the white van had been parked.

This investigator believes the entire tale told by Al Ruble and Matt Jamin of their presence on Shelikof Street that night in efforts to be safeguards of Laura's well-being to be a totally ridiculous-scenario, and quite possibly indicative of criminal culpability in whatever happened to Laura. This investigator would inquire of any rational and reasonable person, "Why was it necessary that Laura be the "point person" to retrieve the tape?" Why didn't Matt and Al go to meet this mystery man in some vehicle, let him know they had the story, and demand the tape?

At between 9:15pm and 9:20pm Matt Jamin states he returns to his office building parking lot in anticipation, and as pre-arranged, to learn the results of Laura's meeting somebody at 9pm on ShelikofStreet. Matt pulls into the lot and Al Ruble drives over. It appears, although very foggy, that Al was in the lot, first. This investigator believes that Matt Jamin arrived in his vehicle to the parking lot after Al Ruble had arrived at the office building parking lot. Al related to Matt, there is a problem. These two jokers were remiss in assuring that Laura remained alive. These two gentlemen had intimate knowledge of Laura's beliefs and her plans to access a believed possible tool to assure her full custody of the Ibach daughters in her failing bid to get more than shared custody. Why was it necessary that Laura must be the one to meet with someone at 9pm?

This investigator's posit is that Matt Jamin, or Matt Jamin and Al Ruble, are involved with specific knowledge about the death of Laura Lee Henderson. This investigator believes that Ruble was at the southend and Jamin was at the north end of Shelikof Street. The meeting for Laura about the tape did not take place in front of King Crab cannery, nor was the secret ever revealed that it was never intended to be there. Ruble waits until about 9:05pm, to make sure the meeting isn't at King Crab cannery, then he drives south onto City Dock to look at where Ruble lost sight of

Laura. Ruble returned to Matt Jamin's office via Rezanof Street because Ruble wanted his covert status to remain in tact. This investigator

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believes that it was Matt Jamin that related to an unsuspecting, most likely, Al Ruble that something had gone wrong during Laura's meeting at 9pm.

This Investigator concludes that the coincidence of Mac McDonald talking to Laura at KWRCC, then Mac McDonald and Jim Kerwin sitting with Laura in the white van, and the fact Laura had to believe in a tape as a tool to give her Full Custody of the children, is the crux of the Alaska authority adjudication of Crime and Conviction. Additionally, this Investigator's suspect(s) pegged Jack Ibach. This Investigator looks at Charges of Crime in this Case, and Injustice.

Testimony tells that Matt and Al got into Al's vehicle. Matt and Al exchanged stories as they drove around. They got out of Ruble's vehicle to make a very brief visual search for Laura near her parked vehicle, now apparently abandoned. Much discussion, and numerous passes on Shelikof Street, prompted Matt Jamin to note Jack Ibach's parked Ford Bronco. Al and Matt go to the police for involvement of official police record, again. Al Ruble states he attained only one license plate registry from KPD Evelyn Deeter and KPD Collins, that being the white van's plate returned as registered to a, David McDonald. Matt Jamin states that Al Ruble asked to run the plate on the Ford Bronco, and it returned to Jack Ibach's registration. Matt states Al stated other information to KPD Deeter. Al Ruble and Matt Jamin contradict each other, or at best are vague. Capital Murder testimony is most certainly a time to be specific.

Nevertheless, Matt and Al drove around Kodiak. Ruble is vague, but says he and Jamin spent about 2 or 3 hours in their search. Matt Jamin says it was about an hour and a half. Cathy Wilson places Jamin and Ruble at KWRCC at about 10pm. Wilson recollects Ruble alone around 11pm. This Investigator puts the time of 9:20pm until 10:10pm that Al and Matt were together. Ruble and Jamin spent about one hour, together. Ruble states that Ruble and Jamin felt it a better chance if Ruble and Jamin split-up and searched

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separately. Ruble states that Jamin was going to look. Jamin states, "At some stage I left Mr. Ruble to continue to look, and I went home to try and get some sleep." This investigator is incredulous. Mr. Jamin, a man that had Laura in his office, and supposedly listening to her tale, goes home at 5pm, then, after learning a possible foul toward Laura, looks around town for about an hour, finally to go home, again? This investigator reminds the reader that Cathy Wilson was under the impression she received from Laura's phone statements that "Matt and Al would be watching on." Matt Jamin's actions are, frankly, bizarre. This investigator must conclude that Matt didn't take what Laura told him about meeting someone at 9pm on Shelikof Street, seriously. Otherwise, Matt is being deceptive for motives, as yet, unknown.

Cathy Wilson's testimony is that Al and Matt contacted her at KWRCC shortly before 10pm. They told Cathy about something amiss with Laura. The responsibility of placing a call to Gib and Kitty Munro was placed upon Wilson, who had to report second-hand that something had gone wrong during Laura's intended meeting with someone on Shelikof Street at 9pm. Why is it not until 11pm that only one of the

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"red-faced boys," Al Ruble, meets with Gib Munro and his friend Tom Healey on Shelikof Street at Laura's car to discuss what exactly happened? Where, exactly, was Matt Jamin at 11pm, and why was he not the primary communicator to all parties regarding what he allowed Laura to get herself into? To this investigator, Matt seems something of a coward, he hides behind Al Ruble, and he seeks to conceal himself at critical moments in what have proved to be fateful to Laura.

Matt Jamin states, after the stint of approximately 9:20pm until some time before 11pm, he went home to try to get some sleep, "two, three, four hours, something on that order." At right around 10pm Matt was accompanying Ruble to meet with Cathy Wilson at KWRCC. At just before 11pm, Cathy Wilson testifies that Ruble stopped by, alone, a second time at KWRCC. $9:20 + 2 \text{ to } 3 \text{ hours} = 11:50\text{pm}$. Jamin states he was at home. This investigator believes that Jamin was at KPD, with Ruble at the midnight shift change of cops.

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Cathy Wilson testifies that she finally got around to calling Hope House after 11pm to follow-up Wilson's, Hinson's, and Ruble's knowledge that what is, in fact, Mac McDonald's white van is associated with Hope House. Wilson makes a few calls, and gets Barbara Yara-McNair on the phone at Reentry Dorms. Barbara determines the van is parked in the lot at Reentry Dorms. Since KPD Sgt. Andre doesn't start his shift until after midnight, this investigator places Sgt. Andre making visual I.D. of the white van at some time between midnight and 1am. Gib Munro and Tom Healey may have been there, around 11:30pm, to get a visual. This investigator believes that the crux of the "witnesses" case depends on involving police officials, the KPD, but not until the proper time.

Testimonies of Ruble and Jamin are vague, at best, as to when they got back together after 11pm. Jamin guesses he got back together with Ruble after midnight, Grand Jury 2, pg. 62, after Jamin arose and went out driving and looking for Ruble. Jamin is unsure where he made contact with Ruble. Ruble testifies that Jamin telephonically paged Ruble, but is vague on the time and location where the two met. In Trial 1, pg. 1363, Matt Jamin states his best recollection is that he and Al got together around 3am or 4am after Matt left his home and went out driving to find Al Ruble on Saturday, March 29, 1986. Al Ruble and Matt Jamin have contradictory testimonies, again. Al states Jamin paged him, and Matt says he went out driving and looking for Ruble. Again, Ruble's and Jamin's testimonies contradict each other.

Both Ruble and Jamin give testimony about the shift change at KPD, and the fact KPD shift commander Sgt. Michael A Andre and all KPD officers, at about 1 am, were called away to a report of shots at Aleutian Homes, ostensibly unrelated to Laura's unknown whereabouts. This investigator queries, "Why is there no KPD Police Report of the incident included in investigative files?" Wouldn't Al, or Matt, or *t,I* and Matt want to know, immediately, the details of a Report of Felony Shots Fired in' the Aleutian Homes development to see if it involved Laura?

Al Ruble states he never got a visual on the van again from about 9:15pm on the 28th until after 4am

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on the 29th. This investigator finds it odd. Ruble knew the location of a white van he'd made a verbal report to KPD about, and yet he doesn't go to double-check if it's the same white van on a possible mistake? Gib Munro, as a passenger in Tom Healey's vehicle went to LD. the white van. Then KPD Sgt. Andre makes a visual, as well. Three men rely on Ruble's word of a white van. Why is Ruble reluctant to make a visual I.D. on the white van? Ruble's testimony as to why he didn't go to Reentry Dorms, as follows: "Not at that time (I am) I did not. I---at that time I felt that this was good, now---to keep everything on the legal side of it---I have no arrest powers. I---or anything of that sort." Clearly, Ruble wants the KPD involved, desperately. At 2am we have Wilson and Ruble meeting at KPD station. There is no mention of Matt Jamin's presence. What the testimony shows is that from at the latest, I am, until the earliest, 5am, Ruble remains away from the white van by his own choosing. That is a lapse of four hours that Ruble again allows Laura to be away from his surveillance. Why does Ruble want the KPD involved? Ruble's actions, from 9pm onward, show a man certain that something foul has befallen Laura. What is it that Al Ruble hasn't revealed yet about why he is so certain that Laura met with foul play? Who is Ruble's confidante with special knowledge that Laura has met with foul play? Where is Matt Jamin?

Enter KPD day-shift commander John Palmer. Jamin and Ruble state they call him at nearly 4am. Jamin and Ruble need police action. Palmer, a friend of Ruble's, goes to KPD with his full police gear on. Ruble and Jamin brief KPD Palmer with an abbreviated version. KPD Palmer states it's his decision to commence a police log of Laura's events of March 28, 1986. KPD Palmer never states, nor is inquiry made, about the trip to Reentry Dorms. Ruble testifies that he and Jamin rode in KPD Palmer's police cruiser. Jamin states that he and Ruble followed KPD Palmer in Ruble's vehicle. Cathy Wilson states that she and Suzanne Hinson, in Hinson's pick-up truck

followed KPD Palmer to Reentry Dorns. Wilson recollects no other vehicles trailing KPD Palmer. Once again, this investigator notes, Ruble and Jamin contradict each other. Why does Jamin seek to conceal his presence in a KPD police vehicle enroute to Reentry Dorms? Does Jamin have knowledge that this is a bogus police authority investigation that lacks Due Process? No written oath statement has been filed of a possible Crime, nor an administrative decision made. KPD Palmer is an off-duty policeman acting as Public Servant of the Peace. Matt and Al are seeking authority to lend credence to their improper, ineffective, and most likely contributory acts of negligence that led to Laura's disappearance.

KPD Palmer states, upon his arrival at Reentry Dorms, that he saw lights on at the apartment nearest to where the white van was parked. Al Ruble could have performed the same amazing sleuthing four hours earlier. What of Laura, in the interim? KPD Palmer went to the door and knocked. Ruble and Jamin stayed outside. Jamin states KPD Palmer asked Ruble to watch one door, and for Jamin to watch another. Jamin states KPD Palmer went inside the apartment unit and Ruble and Jamin stayed outside

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getting cold. Jamin states KPD Palmer was inside about 15 minutes. Jamin draws State's Exhibit #15 during Trial 1 showing positions of KPD Palmer, Ruble, and Jamin. This investigator feels it important to gain a certified copy of this drawing. This investigator feels it will show testimony that Ruble could in no way hear KPD Palmer's interrogation of Mac. It took prompting from D.A. McLean to Jamin that he wasn't in view of Al at all times. This investigator questions Prosecutorial misconduct, as well. Al's testimony parrots KPD Palmer's. Ruble states KPD Palmer went inside the unit. Ruble states he heard and observed KPD Palmer's conversing with Mac. Ruble and Jamin contradict, again.

The upshot of KPD Palmer meeting with Mac was that, this investigator believes, Mac and Jim Kerwin had met with Laura in his white van while it was parked, the white van never moved, that she exited of her own accord before the time Ruble says he

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drove by (if in fact Ruble ever did), and Mac never saw her again. Mac and Jim were not motivated to harm Laura. KPD Palmer feels it necessary to make a police case, for whatever reason. The power of the Citizen Posse has overcome KPD Palmer. Due to reasons of cocaine arrangements between Mac and Laura, yet uncompleted, Mac McDonald was leery and elected to be evasive with a policeman that was awakening him at 5am with questions about a woman Mac knew as Laura Henderson. This investigator notes that from investigative exhibits that Al Ruble and KPD John Palmer are, at a minimum business associates, and more likely friends. There is record that Ruble loaned Palmer money in excess of \$800.00. This investigator feels there should be an inquiry as to the specifics how private citizens without filing a police report can summon an off-duty cop to do their bidding.

Some gobble-de-gook about seeing a body in the white van as KPD Palmer, Ruble, and Jamin left the apartment was made. Either KPD Palmer or Al Ruble said it. KPD Palmer went back to the apartment and Mac allowed access into his white van. Jim Kerwin, asleep in the van, was ultimately arrested and transported to KPD jail on a warrant to hold from Anchorage. Ruble states Mac opened the cargo door of the van and reached in to arouse Jim Kerwin. Then, in Trial 1, Ruble states KPD Palmer reached in to rouse Kerwin. Jamin states that KPD Palmer knocked on the front door passenger side of the white van, then Kerwin came out. Ruble states that Kerwin exited the van within seconds of being awakened. Jamin states that Kerwin was slow to move, and sat in the passenger seat of the van for some time. Ruble and Jamin contradict, once again.

Ruble never testifies about, nor is he queried, details of Kerwin's transport to jail. Jamin is unsure how Kerwin was transported to jail. Jamin states another KPD Patrolman was summoned, but ultimately, Jamin is unsure. Jamin states that KPD Palmer asked someone else to watch the white van while KPD Palmer is gone. This investigator would suggest that logic states Ruble and Jamin were in the same car

as KPD Palmer, otherwise, Ruble and Jamin would be available to keep a watch. This investigator finds in official records that KPD Rambek transported Jim Kerwin to incarceration. This fact lays it to a lie that no other KPD was available until around 10am on Saturday, as shift supervisor KPD Michael A Andre

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states.

This investigator feels that KPD on-duty personnel were reluctant to get involved with Matt's and Al's scheme. Matt and Al were forced to call Al's friend, KPD Palmer. Testimony shows it was Cathy Wilson and Suzanne Hinson who were asked by someone in the police car to stay behind and keep an eye on the white van. Cathy Wilson's testimony is vague on who in the police car asked her to remain and watch. Her testimony implies more than one occupant in the police car, however. This investigator believes that KPD Palmer, Al Ruble, and Matt Jamin all went in KPD Palmer's vehicle to Reentry Dorms, and most likely Cathy Wilson and Suzanne Hinson were at KPD when Al Ruble contacted KPD Palmer.

This investigator believes that Matt (Jamin) called Laura on Friday, March 28, 1986. He and Laura, for some period of time exceeding days, had been discussing a tape that Matt had brought up. Laura was compelled to be intrigued Her future, as she believed, depended upon full custody. She would keep the talks Matt told her of a tape a secret, and this investigator believes, Laura would lie. Her shift was ending, that day, at KWRCC, and Cathy Wilson hadn't arrived. Laura felt a need to communicate this too fantastic news of a tape to somebody. Laura understood from a trusted person that she, Laura only, could attain a tape. Laura had some doubt. Laura, through desperation, selected Suzanne to relate the facts. Laura excitedly uttered a string of facts, lies, and half-truths to Suzanne. Laura is blathering her goals, the name "Matt", and that the man upstairs with her recently was the actuator of some tape as a tool in Laura's custody dispute. Laura revealed and then covered the secret. Laura wants to win, and Laura wants to survive. This investigator feels that Matt had, for some reason as yet to be made certain, a motive to want Laura deceased. Perhaps, Laura had jumped up and down and

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threatened Matt with a way she'd ruin him if he didn't win her case. The two Kodiak prominent business men come into play, as well. Could they have known Laura would expose them to felony charges in order to get her children in full custody? What would they elect to do about a threat of Laura? This investigator can only conclude that Matt Jamin, by his testimony and statements, by his actions and inactions, is a primary causation of Laura's unhappy demise. It is money, sophistication, power, and the desire to retain a position in something illicit at whatever cost, that is the motive of the evil behind Laura's disappearance, and not a disgruntled ex-husband with so much hate for his ex-wife that he'd disgrace his beloved daughters with a stigma, and doing so by payment of no money to babes-in the-woods hit-men he never discussed getting rid of her with, to kill Laura Ibach/Henderson.

This This investigator believes that a motive to frame Jack Ibach for Capital Murder is related to the unhappy circumstance of a nearly fatal job related injury that put Jack in a position to win a multi-milliondollar law suit that could possibly entail penalty monies paid by the City of Kodiak Harbormaster's Office and prominent employers in Kodiak, Pete Ramaglia, and his son Jim, of Kodiak Oil Sales. Undetermined is who represented Kodiak, as well as Kodiak Oil Sales. This investigator finds it particularly intriguing

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that the Personal Injury suit Jack was pursuing, started around February of 1985, required his attorney's investigator to be in Kodiak mid-August of 1985. It is in September 1985 that first statements by periphery witnesses and statement to police makers make mention that a Kodiak citizen and drug dealer, James John McLaughlin, was talking about a contract for murder of Laura Henderson. The underworld is already made aware. The KPD head of detectives, KPD Barry Paris, quashed a legitimate investigation that would have included Jim McLaughlin, as well as any open minded and in the light of day legitimate Felony Investigation. Left hanging is the true motivation to commit Capital Murder inflicted upon Laura Henderson. In Defense exhibits this investigator has a copy of a response to a defense request and response from KPD William Rhodes on 9-12-86, about two weeks prior to Trial 1, where he

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writes in response to #6 that Laura Henderson did supply KPD Rhodes with information about drugs and drug activity. What was inquiry #6? No mention is made of Jack Ibach's relations to drugs prior to 1980, nor Laura delivering information regarding Jack Ibach as it pertained to the bifurcated divorce issues, only. This investigator assumes the reference to drug snitching by Laura was more contemporaneous to 1985 and the drug use and snitching by Laura may very well be the reason for the perverse rationale for wanting her dead. The powers that were in Kodiak in 1986, and perhaps are yet to this day, saw fit to destroy and obliterate a family, and to roll up in a cloud of guilt any parties coincidentally involved in Laura's last day alive on Earth. This investigator believes very strongly that Laura's death and disposal was planned well in advance of the actual date of Laura's demise, and that the actual date and time was predicated upon a date in time where Jack would be working on the Kodiak King. Initially, the frame was going to be upon Jack Ibach to sew little Kodiak Island's affairs all into the its tight little fist of illicit power brokers. Mac McDonald, an unfortunate yet expectant recovering aspirant in success, stumbled in with his happy wishes into Laura's sphere, coincidentally in 1986 at KWRCC, on the only day since the previous July of 1985 that Jack Ibach had been called and was crew on the Kodiak King. The glitch in the frame was the fact that SeaLand had problems unloading containers that date, thus giving Jack Ibach an air-tight excuse that he was at sea at 9pm. Trial testimony reveals that Jack Ibach paid nobody for any actions to disgrace his daughters with the reality that Dad killed Mom.

In closing, this investigator includes the shoes and earrings Laura wore on the final day anybody saw her. First, the shoes. Laura was wearing tennis shoes. A left and right tennis shoe were found on different dates and identified as being similar to those worn by Laura. As ridiculous as it sounds, a loose band-aid was found in a shoe washed up on a beach. What of the sock that guarded the band-aid, and how did it go missing, yet the band-aid stays in the shoe? Further disbelief is lent by the fact that Laura's injured foot that required a bandage was the other foot that belonged in the other shoe. The earrings? On April 4, 1986 Kitty Munro, Laura's mother, is

interviewed by KPD. She is asked early on in the recorded portion about the earrings Laura wore. Kitty states that she didn't notice which earrings Laura was

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wearing, but that, she responds, " ...they just found out." It appears Kitty has learned, after a KPD search warrant and an inventory by Kitty, that there is a missing pair of earrings. Thus, Kitty concludes that Laura had to be wearing those earrings. Phenomenally, KPD Andre in August 1986 regarding a case he has no business being involved with, calls a psychic from an Ad in a Police organ and inquires about the case of Laura Henderson. Derived from the discussion, KPD Andre reports to KPD Paris. On October 17, 1986 KPD Paris actuates a third search of the impounded white van that belongs to Mac McDonald. Twenty-four man hours in one continuous search of the impounded white van, then a second search, has now a third search six and a half months later precipitated by a call to a psychic. Miraculously, this search finds and delivers to evidence an earring that *Kitty Munro* described, evidently by default, on April 4, 1986. The earring is found in plain sight and able to be pictographically displayed by three different angles. The Prosecution attempts to explain this by the fact that the van had been tow-trucked to a gas station to determine the missing fuel to make a full tank. Stipulation is that the earring had been jarred through the defroster vent. This is laughable, especially in light that the Defense didn't inquire adequately about the entire psychic involved incident, nor whether the white van defroster could possibly leak to framing just above the floorboard to where the earring was found KPD Paris states that when he first discovered the earring the post was straight. KPD Rhodes, who along with KPD Walton were both called in from their day off, discovers the location of the earring. It is KPD Rhodes that takes the triangulated pictures. KPD Rhodes states that the earring post was severely bent when he recovered it and entered it into evidence. KPD Paris and KPD Rhodes have a severe digression in their testimony regarding police recovered

evidence testimony. The reader is reminded that the white van contained no evidence of any potentially person upon person violent activity that occurred in the van. There is no indication of disruption to the contents nor stored articles in the van. There are no incriminating finger prints, no blood stains, or other indicative forensic evidence, save the generality of a feather and the broken chain of evidence white van window that is at best inclusive. KPD investigative misconduct is everywhere pertinent to this Case.

The Citizen's Posse of prominent Kodiak businessman Matt Jamin, with recruited members in order of length of time in the Citizen's Posse membership, Al Ruble, Cathy Wilson, Suzanne Hinson, Janet Carter, Kitty and Gib Munro with Tom Healey, KPD John Palmer, and finally KPD head of detectives Barry Paris have started a rush to judgment without ever looking back and never conducting a legitimate police investigation into the Truth of Laura's meeting she went to attend at 9pm on Friday, March 28, 1986. Laura went to that meeting thinking someone was willing to help her in her vehement efforts to attain Full Custody of the Ibach daughters. This investigator, in the year 2000, seeks to help in the Search for Truth, to help to find closure for Laura's loved ones, those involved in any aspect, as well as the soul of one Laura Lee Henderson.

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Sincerely Yours,
George A Wade, Jr.
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Donald McDonald

Kodiak Island, Alaska

Date of Alleged Crime: March 28, 1986

After 28-year-old Laura Henderson Ibach disappeared, Donald "Mac" McDonald and James Kerwin were charged with her kidnapping and later with her murder. Laura was last seen with McDonald and Kerwin in McDonald's van on the night of her disappearance. According to the two she had only been with them for a short period and they gave a plausible explanation as to why.

Laura's husband, Jack Anton Ibach, was later arrested and charged with the same offenses. It was alleged that Jack employed McDonald and Kerwin to commit the actual murder. Jack and Laura shared custody of their daughters; an arrangement Jack approved of. Laura was seeking full custody of the daughters, so she could take them to Oregon. Two of Laura's coworkers stated that she talked about picking up a "tape" on the day of her disappearance to use against her ex-husband in the custody dispute.

McDonald was friendly with Laura, but only knew Jack on sight. Kerwin was a close acquaintance of McDonald. No direct evidence existed that Jack had paid money to McDonald or Kerwin or conspired with them in any way.

Clothes similar to those worn by Laura had been found along a two-mile stretch of Monashka Bay on the Pacific Ocean. None of the clothes were positively identified as hers and it is possible that none belonged to her. The prosecution theorized that McDonald and Kerwin tossed Laura's body off a particular cliff into the bay. The ocean currents then carried Laura away. It was not explained how the clothes, if Laura's, could have come off her discarded body.

A purse was found on the beach, containing Laura's old identification. Laura had been wearing "pinkish" tennis shoes prior to her disappearance. She had recent wart surgery on her foot and was wearing Band-Aids until her wounds healed. After this information became known, a pink shoe was found on the beach with a Band-Aid inside. If these items belonged to Laura, the evidence did not explain how her sock disappeared. Even more mysterious was the fact that the found shoe was a left one, but medical records showed that Laura had surgery on her right foot. One might suspect that evidence was being planted.

Police impounded McDonald's van and searched it twice but found no incriminating evidence. Months later, Kodiak Police Corporal Andre reportedly called a Chicago area psychic to ask for help in the case. He said the psychic told him to "look for something in the van." Nine days before trial, police checked McDonald's van, then unsecured, and reported finding an earring in plain sight near the gas pedal. The "found" earring was porcelain with a purple flower painted on it, consistent with the earrings Laura had been described as wearing. The prosecution theorized that Laura's earring had been violently knocked off her during a struggle in the van. It then had gone down the front window defroster slot and had remained in the heater/defroster system during the first two searches. Subsequent towing had jarred the earring enough to fall through to the floor.

Laura weighed about 150 lbs. prior to her disappearance. McDonald's lawyer arranged for reenactment of the prosecution theory that McDonald and Kerwin tossed Laura's body off a cliff into the bay. He had two men about the size of McDonald and Kerwin attempt to toss a 150 lb. sack from the location into the bay. The high tide line was 50 feet straight out and the two men could not throw the sack anywhere close to it. The defendants' trial judge would not allow the results of the reenactment to be presented at trial. Inside Edition, a national TV show, later performed a similar reenactment, with identical results.

At trial, Kerwin was acquitted of all charges. McDonald was found guilty of kidnapping Laura, but the jury hung on his murder charge as well as the charges against Laura's husband, Jack. At retrial, McDonald was tried for and convicted of the murder charge and Jack was convicted of both charges.

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Posted in: Victims of the State, Alaska Cases, "No Body" Murder Cases

A Couple of Items in DISPUTE - Mac

A. In the first trial I (Mac) was Convicted of Kidnap, Hung on Murder, while the person with me the entire night in question (Jim Kerwin, who's Attorney is now a JUDGE!), was found NOT GUILTY of both charges. Jack Ibach, who in their theory had hired me to kill his wife, was hung jury on both charges. In a second trial I was only charged with Murder, while Ibach was charged with both Kidnap and Murder. That in itself prejudiced the jury, because all evidence brought against us both in the 1st trial was again brought in the 2nd trial and the jury of the 2nd trial was fully aware that I had been found guilty of Kidnap in the 1st trial. In the 2nd trial I was found guilty of Murder and Ibach was found guilty of both charges. They refused to separate any of us in either of our trials as they SHOULD HAVE, but claimed "Judicial Economy" and said instructions would be given the jury? AFTER the 2nd trial and before sentencing, I found law that said they shouldn't have been able to even charge me with Kidnap, because they had no separate evidence of any such charge let alone any kind of evidence to any crime what so ever. In reality they were without any evidence of anything! My Attorney, Pam Cravez, went to the DA with my dispute and I believe they put their heads together to figure out that I truly had a point of law and how to get around it. They realized I had an immediate overturn argument, so in a presentence hearing Pam Cravez argued "Double Jeopardy" on the point I wished to argue, AGAINST MY WISHES! It was NOT Double Jeopardy! I was not charged twice for the same crime, I told her. I was improperly and illegally charged with Kidnap when there was no separate evidence of Kidnap against what was called evidence to the Murder charge! The Judge ruled that the two charges "MERGED" and said he would CURE the problem by "VACATING" the 1st trial's conviction of Kidnap and only sentencing me 99 years for the Murder conviction in the 2nd trial. **THIS CURED NOTHING!!** The law states that they should never have been able to charge me with Kidnap without separate evidence, and that shows that theist trial was **"ILLEGAL"**. This, then, shows the 2nd trial using all the same evidence used in the 1st trial was improperly prejudiced by the conviction I

already had from the 1st trial! **I HAVE THE RIGHT TO A NEW TRIAL CHARGED WITH MURDER ALONE AND NOT ALREADY CONVICTED OF KIDNAP!!!**

(They knew this back then!) There is no getting around the fact that the Jury in the second trial knew all the same evidence used in the 1st trial was again used in the 2nd trial, and while I was only charged with Murder in the 2nd trial, Ibach was sitting at the very same table charged with both Kidnap and Murder. The Court cannot get around the theory they used against me saying Ibach hired me to kill his wife and all the evidence used against him was also used against me in the jurist's minds in BOTH trials. This, no matter what instruction given the Jury at the time! There is also no getting around the fact that every person in Anchorage and most of Alaska was aware of my trial because of the media and they knew that I had already been convicted of Kidnap in the 1st trial.

B. During trial and completely testified to: Jamin (Laura's Atty. Who is now a JUDGE!) and Ruble (PI) believed that Laura's life was in danger...and said so to the KPD, to her friends and to her family. On the way to watch and protect her that evening as they said they would do, Jamin decided, I guess(?), that Laura really wasn't in that much danger? He decided he would wait for all this planned secret meeting to take place sitting in his Office. (Something I don't believe, either!) Ruble, he decided, would be the only one to watch Laura that evening as she had her supposed clandestine and "dangerous" meeting. As it went, Ruble unbelievably **lost** Laura **while on a waterfront street in Kodiak**, an impossible thing to do. Ruble then decided to go get Jamin from his office, and together they went back to the waterfront street to search for Laura. While there, as testified to by both of them, they actually saw Jack Ibach coming up off the docks and getting into his vehicle to drive away? **Jack Ibach** is the **MAIN CHARACTER** in this entire scenario! Jamin and Ruble say they actually watched Jack Ibach stow equipment into and get into his vehicle then drive away, and **didn't even try to ask him if he had seen his wife???** "Hey Jack, have you seen Laura this evening?", would have sufficed! Laura could have been tied up or dead inside the trunk of the vehicle he was climbing into, or could have been hidden on a boat or somewhere on or under the docks that Ibach had just come from? **None of that...they simply watched him drive away!!!** This action taken by a professional Attorney and Private Investigator!?! Does

this NOT toss red flags and flares all up in the air to anyone except me? Those two men KNEW Ibach had not seen Laura, and I believe, they knew what had happened and/or where Laura was, or they would have stopped Ibach to question him! The lady they were supposed to be protecting had, they SAY, just disappeared and now they **had reason to fear for her life!**

All this atop lies testified to by both of these men in both trials. One huge lie was about the pair of Jeans worn that evening by Laura. Said jeans are said to have washed up on a beach north of Kodiak. The reason for this was to somehow tie her disappearance to me by placing me north of Kodiak that same evening. I was at home and can prove it! Jamin lied about the jeans, saying he recognized them as the same ones Laura was wearing earlier that afternoon when she came to visit him, and while he gave her instructions on going to the waterfront clandestine meeting the upcoming evening. YES, Jamin is the one who created this entire scenario of Laura going to a clandestine meeting with someone on the waterfront street, and Jamin is the one who told everyone she was in danger and then did not do as he said he would to protect her! Jamin testified that he recognized the pair of jeans Laura was wearing by the specific design on the designer rear pocket. What this really says, and all it says, is that Jamin says he was looking at Laura's ass! What is missed here is the fact that Laura's mother later testified to being at Laura's home when Laura returned that afternoon. She testified that she watched Laura CHANGE CLOTHES into the pants she wore that evening, **AFTER she had come back from her meeting with Jamin and Ruble!** Ruble also lied about numerous items during testimony. Ruble was also caught changing his story about happenings and where he was at certain times that evening. There are all kinds of lies and made up (created) scenario testified to by people who used me as the fall-guy for Laura's disappearance! I know now from years inside Alaska's prison system, who was involved in all this. Sitting and discussing the case with anyone who already knows some or most of the situation always brings up info that adds to all the proof I have that I was wrongly convicted. Stan McKnight actually went to Kodiak and created a report of doing so, for the purpose of proving my wrong conviction. His report shows that the roads are paved now and even on a sunny day with the roads paved against 1986 when the roads were dirt and gravel, and all this is supposed to have happened in the dark of

night with it icy and impossible to travel more than 10 to 15 miles per hour road...to this day he could STILL NOT drive the path and distance they testified that I would have had to travel in the amount of time allowed by the theory they testified to. This is NEW PHYSICAL PROOF never brought forth in trial!

What I would like to do is put together a mass of all these issues and have them brought before a Judge by an accomplished Attorney. This, to show an ability to take this into the Appellate Courts for some time yet, costing the State years more of Court costs and time consumption. Such an argument could help them see a gracious way of keeping their precious conviction and allowing me Mandatory Parole (2/3 sentence) ...just cut my sentence in half from 99 years to 45 years and I have done more than 2/3 of the sentence! There were many years I would have never agreed to any such thing, demanding a new trial...but the thing is, time is always the winner and I have only so many years left to share with my sister and loved ones. I did NOT do this crime, but they can have their guilty verdict if they will do this and I will agree to plead "No Contest". The thing is, they gave out 99 year sentences back in 1986 because of the wealth behind oil. Now days they only sentence Murder convictions to 30, 40 and 50 years or so...depending. This conclusion of which might be the only way I can ever find freedom.

In November 2017 I was denied Parole, telling me I would be eligible again to request Parole in 10 years...more or less unlawfully tossing the sentencing Judge from the issue and resentencing me to another 30 years in prison, because Discretionary Parole becomes available at 1/3 sentence. Because of the fact that I am the only inmate in Alaska to do 33 years without one disciplinary write-up, their response/excuse used was that I "must be Institutionalized"??? Hell, they don't even know the proper meaning of the word? There are numbers of inmates with numbers of infractions and even crimes while incarcerated that they have let out on the first Parole hearing. The only reason for their animosity for me is, they can't force me to admit to a crime **I DID NOT DO!**

Written by Don "Mac" McDonald.

NOTE: The only reason Jim Kerwin was even charged with this crime is because he was an eyewitness for me, having been physically with me the entire day and the evening when I met with Laura. The Police did not even know this until I told them defending myself. No evidence at all...they waited until 2 days before the Grand jury to go to a locked locker Kerwin had rented at the airport to keep his hunting equipment in. There they found a pair of boots with a drop of blood on one of them. This was the evidence used against him, even though they KNEW he never had any opportunity to access that locker the evening in question. They KNEW this was false evidence and used it anyway! The Jury actually asked the DA what kind of blood the drop was, and she told them they hadn't had time to test it yet but said "THIS IS POSITIVE EVIDENCE TO MURDER". A complete lie and known to be a lie by the DA at the moment she used it! The "Bloody Boot", as it was called, was tested and disallowed in trial because it was a drop of deer blood, which Kerwin had been telling them all along. Now comes the fact that the Grand Jury stands true, even though false evidence was knowingly used. Why was the Grand Jury not overturned and Kerwin able to testify in my behalf? In the first trial we did not testify. He was tried and found "NOT GUILTY" of any charges in the very same trial Ibach and I were tried in, called "separate trials" for Judicial economy. Kerwin, Ibach and I were all tried in SEPARATE trials, while in the same Courtroom, sitting at the same table (which is the ONLY way they could make it look as if I even knew Ibach), and with the very same Judge and same Jury...all at the same time. THAT was the only way they could present supposed evidence against one of us to KNOW it would be considered and used against the others because of the human brain, even though the Jury was instructed to not use any evidence against anyone other than who it was being presented against. PURE BS! PURE CON and FRAUD, and they fully knew it!

Another note in question is the fact that even though they had arrested me the early morning and the Grand Jury took whatever time, then the trial was months after...and this is supposed to be a Kidnap + Murder case that

was supposedly being completely and very thoroughly investigated...and I was found at my Apartment after sleeping there a few hours...

KPD NEVER WENT INTO MY APARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE!!!

How about the clothes I was wearing? How about anything to do with blood, weapons, or anything to do with the gun they wrongly used against me in trial to make me look bad? That gun, wrongly used in trial, was actually in my apartment under the mattress I slept on that evening and would have been found there if KPD had even investigated as they should have. The reason they did not is because they had to create a scenario of what I was supposed to have done and how I did it. The scenario they concocted did not include anything to do with my apartment, so they never even went there to investigate! The fact is, that there were numbers of well-known people, including KPD Cops and Attorneys all involved...TOTALLY INVOLVED in the drug system that was going on in Kodiak at the time. I had no idea how much drug trade involvement there was in Kodiak back then and have no idea how it is there now days. But I have been told and have found out during these years in prison that it was overwhelming and that Laura's Attorney at the time was right in the midst of it all...this told me by inmates "GUILTY" of, and directly involved in that exact thing. Said inmates have a lot more knowledge to all that than anyone even knows. I always believed that the supposed "drug tape" used in trial that I was supposed to have used to entice Laura to the shoreline road that night was just a lie made up to tell the Jury. I believe it was real now, and that "MATT" Jamin (Laura's Attorney) either knew of it from Laura or actually had taken it from her and had to somehow make it disappear. I do not doubt for a second that he, or people he knew were on that tape! I became the fall guy! To make it disappear, she had to disappear!

Given this shown evidence presented and situation and if Matt Jamin was in jail charged with this crime, and under the very same situation with no proper defense Attorney...I believe he would have been found guilty of what I have just presented in trial. I was found guilty of a crime I did not do!

Don "Mac" McDonald -112338

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mac McDonald", is written over the address text.

A Final Statement - Mac

Having written this information about 2014 or so, I have some final statements to put forth in this final section of this book. All the statements and facts I have written are true and can be found in trial transcripts and records if anyone cares to search. I had all that paperwork properly staged and named; easy to find testimonies and dated at one time in legal boxes, but inmates are systematically stripped of all that through rules of property allowed and inspections of cells that include Officers removing whatever they care to in the name of rules and regulations. I mailed out those boxes, but over time they get looked thru and destroyed to the point that no one can find what they are looking for. Papers go missing and are misplaced to the point that one cannot find any certain issue. BUT any statements I have made in this book CAN BE FOUND in Court House history of transcripts, if anyone cares to look.

Thru all these years I have been in contact with numerous establishments that "Claim" to be there to help people like me. In touch with numerous "Non-Profit" Organizations, I have found that although they are able to pay their employees very well thru the donations they get from Society, each and every one of them I have been in contact with tell me they cannot help me because they don't have the wealth or time that it would take to do the investigation needed to prove my trial was a farce and I am in fact, Innocent. Every last one of them tell me they need "Physical Evidence" they can qualify to disprove my guilt? You see, in my legal case there was never one piece of physical evidence that proved I was guilty. To my way of thinking, the total lack of physical evidence should be proof. I am innocent, because that fact is impossible to accomplish. I was convicted of Murder 1, with no fingerprints or blood, no proven used weapon, no proven crime scene, and most of all...NO DEAD BODY! I was convicted on lies and made-up scenario stories told by the State. In fact, the only real proof there was shown, was proof that the timeline was impossible, and that I was with witnesses the entire time I was supposed to be committing this crime. I was convicted in a Court of Law without any evidence that proved I did anything at all to cause Laura's disappearance. What my question to all those Non-Profit Organizations is..." If I had some kind of physical evidence that physically could be tested to prove my innocence...why the hell would I need a Non- Profit?" As far as I am concerned, and I mean this to challenge each and every one of them listed out there...every one of them are part of the money mongering corrupt Legal System our Country has developed into. What ever happened to "Innocent until proven guilty"?

I have numbers of reports, investigations, Op-Eds, and Opinions on paper that factually prove and agree I could not have physically committed the crime of which I was convicted. The "theory" of how I was supposed to have committed the crime is proven impossible. The timeline is impossible. Yes, what really got me convicted was the incompetence of my State appointed Attorneys...but, was that really their fault or was it a directed outcome? Did they do only what they were told to do and stop there? How come certain people were never called in my defense to testify to where I was and what really happened ...and about many items used against me that that could testify to? Provable FACTS were left not testified to by anyone on my side. How come I was not allowed to testify in my own behalf, when I had made it clear to my trial Attorney I wanted to? And then, of course, the Appellate Court turned that issue down because the "Court Appointed Attorney" denied her incompetence and told the Court I had agreed not to testify, even though taped testimony of me proved different. Numerous people could have testified to the timeline being impossible, yet none were called? Planted evidence is proven and false evidence is lied about. Even the changing of testimony in different hearings was allowed by those who testified to convict me. I could go on and on, but unless someone decides to step in and really look into what I am saying, I'm the bad guy in all this for those who want or need someone to hate. Isn't it strange that NO ONE WHO KNOWS ME believes I did this crime? Does a person actually turn into a hired Murderer overnight, as what the State's theory concludes?

Which brings me to another view I have always had and wish for. I cannot fathom why Laura's family, especially her two daughters, have never demanded to sit across from me at a table and demand answers to any of this? I know FOR ABSOLUTE FACT, if my Mom had supposedly been murdered by a man who continued to demand his innocence...I would **DEMAND** to sit across from him at some table or whatever and demand he answer questions I have. Yes, they did turn up at my Parole Hearing to cry and have their ability to spew hatred at me without any ability by me to answer back to any certain statement for them to realize...but not one of them have ever directly asked or demanded answers to any questions from me. I especially direct this statement at Laura's older daughter that happens to be an Attorney now! She has even made the statement that she would love to have litigated my case but has never even tried. They all just choose to believe all the lies told against me and refuse to see that the lies are impossible to have taken place. I do not want, or care to argue about guilt or innocence. I would like to have a true conversation with question and answer about what happened and did not happen...about testimony presented in Court and about what is real or not even possible. I don't care to try to win them over to my side of things, but to actually

speak of things to give reality to what they have no idea about. They have been told a lie their entire life, so I understand their hatred for me. They need facts and proof to rely on, or they will never have any kind of closure to any of this in their life. At this point I am 71 and my life is pretty much over. They still have numbers of years to go, and I believe they would be way better off hearing what did and did not happen from the Horse Ass himself. WHY, I ask, has that never been accomplished or even requested? I would definitely demand to know if the guy they have in prison was the guy that murdered my Mom, because if there is any chance he didn't...and if all this has really been a set up lie as he continues to demand...then the guy who actually did murder Mom, or "those" involved whoever they may be, need to be brought to Justice. I have paid with over half my life for a crime I DID NOT DO!

One last statement about this huge Murder Investigation that took place: HOW IN THE WORLD DID THE KPD DO ANY INVESTIGATION WITHOUT WALKING INTO AND INVESTIGATING THE APARTMENT I LIVED IN AND WAS FOUND SLEEPING THE MORNING I WAS ARRESTED? AFTER BEING CONFRONTED ABOUT LAURA'S DISAPPEARANCE THE EVENING BEFORE, I WENT BACK TO BED AND AWOKE THE NEXT MORNING. I WAS ARRESTED AFTER WALKING 3 TIMES BACK AND FORTH DOING MY LAUNDRY. I COULD SEE A KPD OFFICER WATCHING ME FROM THE PARKING LOT. I "COULD HAVE" BEEN WASHING AWAY EVIDENCE...COULD I NOT? DOING MY LAUNDRY WAS NEVER EVEN DISCUSSED OR QUESTIONED, AND MY APARTMENT WAS NEVER INVESTIGATED. HAD I BEEN THE BAD GUY THEY SAY I WAS, COULDN'T LAURA "POSSIBLY" STILL BE IN MY APARTMENT AT THAT TIME? WHEN ARRESTED, I HAD ON DIFFERENT CLOTHES THAN I HAD WORN THE EVENING BEFORE WHEN LAURA HAD DISAPPEARED. HOW IN THE WORLD CAN THE KPD SAY THEY INVESTIGATED ANYTHING, WITHOUT EVER GOING INTO MY APARTMENT?

There was no "Real" investigation...only stories and insinuations to make me look like the bad guy! Possibly even a "set up" covering the true guilt!

Please see: ["freemacproject.com"](http://freemacproject.com)

Letter to the Governor

Written by a friend on behalf of Mac. If you believe that there is the slightest chance of Mac's "Innocence" please write to the Governor and ask him to look into this as well.

Robert Kelly
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November 9, 2021

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RE; PLEA FOR ACTION ... re; DONALD 'MAC' MCDONALD - Case# 3AN-19-10957 CI .in regard to 35 years of unlawful incarceration ...

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

This letter comes your way, under necessity, going to the top, in hopes of getting someone's attention to a travesty of injustice!

In a nutshell, 'Mac' was charged with the murder of a woman, a Laura, whom were friends (no issues), who had a cassette tape of a few people involved in the drug business in Kodiak, who was going to turn it over to her attorney or his investigator. She was involved in a divorce, with two children.

The day of her disappearance, she met with Mac and his friend for a 10/15 minutes in Mac's van, then left, headed towards a tavern. Supposedly she disappeared some sometime later! Next morning the police stated that she was murdered and that 'eyes' were on Mac/

That night she disappeared, she was seen driving a white van in two or three locations and seen driving out of town on a cold Icey night going a little fast! One investigator's report (40 pgs.) states that 'she had to have a plan to escape and leave Kodiak/'

The next mid- morning, Mac was arrested for the murder of this woman. No one waited the normal three days to see if she had returned from somewhere and was *OK!*

Three days later this woman showed up in Ashland, Ohio and began communicating with her parents and children, who had previously moved to Oregon, via a 'Facebook' investigation. Laura later remarried, and they too moved to Oregon since.

While there were two trials and there was let's say, irregularities in both/

However, there was no weapon found, no witnesses, no hard evidence, no DNA, no murder scene, no blood, no modus operandi, etc., and most importantly ... no body!

Habeas Corpus was filed recently and dismissed by the Court, but the court opened the door for "Post-Conviction Relief", and that has been filed and to BOTH were attached and included the:

'Facebook' investigation with captured photographs of Laura and her new family! Which a few months later most all of her Facebook photos were taken *down!*

The court assigned the case (Post Conviction Relief) to the 'Alaska Public Defender Agency' 900 W. 5th Ave., Suite 200, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

The problem is, it's been over 6 months and no activity/action has commenced in this matter for Mac in his 'Post Conviction Relief! It seems the 'attorneys' either don't have the time or some have vanished... with one attorney quitting on Mac's case!

Five months or more have elapsed or rather 5 or 6 months of time has been wasted in nothing done what-so-ever on Mac's case ... a man unlawfully incarcerated for a murder he did not do! He obviously maintains his innocence still today!

35 YEARS UNLAWFULLY INCARCERATED!!!

All said and done, HERE'S AN INTERESTING QUESTION; .. .IF the woman 'Laura' was murdered back in the early 80's (though no body was found!) and that on that day/night that 'Laura' was murdered, but three people seeing her that day/night and leaving Kodiak ... and if • • Laura showed up 3 days later in Ashland, Ohio ... and it was not the 'Laura' that was presumed murdered, and later this Laura remarries ... then what is the percentage, that ' • Laura's new husband then, out of the blue, makes telephone contact and carries on continual communication with the 'Dead' Laura's brother in Oregon?

We believe that this a dynamic case, whereby a man is incarcerated for 35 years for a murder he didnot do and apparently ..it appears that nobody gives a damn ... all the while people have been released from prison only after a few years in prison (7 to 10)/

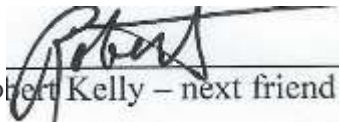
We certainly hope for a sort of intervention! Hell, maybe even a pardon! That's something not to unrealistic to consider ... so that the possibility that 'Mac' (near his 70's) can be released back to some sort of 'Liberty' ... to smell some fresh air and live the rest of his life as free man!

We pray that you will look into this case/matter, maybe expedite some activity this matter for 'Mac' in the aspect of 'speedy - due process' ... or seriously, consider a pardon.

Fiat Justitia, Ruat Coelum - "Let right be done, though the Heavens should fall."

Thank you for your time in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely, on behalf of Donald 'Mac' McDonald,


Robert Kelly – next friend

Thank You - Mac

Hello to all,

I am unable to get hold of contact info needed to write or say thank you to anyone that helps with ideas or donations unless someone cares to communicate with me via mail or via phone. The phone includes a complicated agreement having time pre-paid and all that. You have to set up a contract with a company called, SECURUS, then accept it when I call. If you wish to write, be sure of all the stupidity they have in proud access here to only use white paper and white envelope, with return address and insides typed or written in blue or black ink... no colors of any kind. No stickers allowed, as to anything...no sticker return address or whatever. Everything must be written or typed and be absolutely sure to include your entire name and address for return. No first name initials or such. YES, they have gone out of their minds figuring ways to cause anger and hatred in here, but I refuse to play! (heh) They absolutely LOVE to refuse contact by mail, because I think, they know that is such a valuable thing to inmates. Rehabilitation is the word they hide behind, but in reality, it's all their own anger and prejudices used for whatever reason they conjure up. Got way too many years of reality behind me for curve balls to be anything new.

Anyway, I want to thank you with all my heart for any action you take in my behalf, for any communication, and for any ideas you might create. I want everyone that knows me to know, "No matter what end the Lord has for me, I will always be with communication and love felt from all of you that lets me know,

"STILL STANDIN!"

Your interjection of any kind and the fact that you care lets me know that maybe I actually was the nice guy I always wanted to think I was? "I hope so, anyway..."

As my Dad, known as "Wild Bill," to his friends, used to say...

"We'll do 'er -or- have 'er done!"

**Thank you for your time to my good friends and anyone else
that takes the time to get involved.**

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