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Donald,

There is no way that you Kerwin or Ibach could have possibly been involved in Laura's disappearance in 1986. But she did somehow disappear, whether she was murdered or chose to run away and disappear on purpose. I've come up with a possible scenario that makes more sense than the police and prosecution's theory.

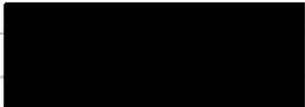
Prior to Laura's disappearance, she said something about there being strange occurrences that had happened at her apartment.

Bible said that he had met Laura on two occasions. On the day she disappeared when he discussed the meeting for that night, and laid down the "ground rules"; And that he had had a consultation with her previously after the strange occurrences happened at her apartment.

The guy that called her at KWRC the day she disappeared said that he knew that the car she drove belonged to a friend of hers, and the caller said that he had been inside of Laura's apartment before. He also knew that Laura wanted full custody of her kids, and that Ibach had been involved in drug activity. The caller must have been someone close to her, or a friend of someone that was close to her.

George Wade learned through his investigation that Jamie had estimated that he had been in contact with Laura over the phone and in person 700+ times between November 1984 and March 28, 1986.

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After Ruble left the Coast Guard and was no longer a special agent with the Coast Guard Investigative Service, he no longer had any "police powers". Private investigators are regular citizens, and they don't have any more rights than you or me. However, Ruble claimed to have gotten KPD to run license plates for him on multiple occasions.

That shouldn't have been allowed to happen. For example, a creepy guy could see a good looking woman, write down her license plate, have police run it for him, then he'd have the woman's name and address and could then stalk her or worse.

Ruble could have had KPD run Laura's plate, which would have let him know that it belonged to her friend.

Him being a PI and a former CGIS special agent, he could have snuck into Laura's apartment to look for information that she could possibly use to inform on people. And he could have planted recording devices or bugged her phone.

What I think could have happened on the night of March 28, 1986 is that Ruble could have kidnapped her after she got out of your van and you and Kerwin drove away. Ruble could have kidnapped her forcibly, or he could ~~have~~ have lured her into his vehicle under false pretenses, then he could have drove her to the location of her killer(s).

The latest Ruble claimed to have seen Laura was sometime between 9:00PM and 9:07PM. He claimed that he met with Jamin at Jamin's office at 9:20PM to tell him that he had lost sight of Laura - that would have given him 13-20 minutes to drive Laura somewhere, then drive to Jamin's office.

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Ruble and Jamin claimed to have seen Ibach at the dock with two men (co-workers). According to PI Edward Jack, Ruble claimed that he and Jamin seen Ibach in the Sutliff with a couple of "fisherman" around 9:30PM or 10:00PM. They didn't try to identify the men who Ibach work with. Ibach had been called into work that night to help escort the Sealand cargo ship "Philadelphia" out to sea. He had a reason to be around the harbor that night. If Ruble and Jamin seen him when they said they did, how could he have been helping you and Kerwin at the same time?

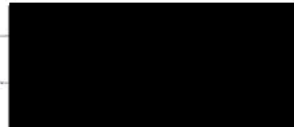
Ruble claimed that he and Jamin were at the police department at 9:45PM. Ruble said that KPD ran your van's license plate. But Jamin said that KPD ran the plate for Ibach's bronco.

From then on, the discrepancies in their stories kept increasing.

Ruble and Jamin disagreed on the time they spent together searching for Laura/the white van. Ruble said they spent 2-3 hours searching after 9:20PM. But Jamin said they spent about an hour and a half looking for her. From Cathy Wilson's testimony it appeared that Ruble and Jamin spent about an hour and a half searching.

Ruble and Jamin disagreed about why they split up after the short search. Ruble said they split up into two cars to be able to conduct a better search. But Jamin said they split up so he could go home and get some sleep.

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How could they have not agreed on what happened?
 Jamin going home to get some sleep an hour and a half after he believed his client had been kidnapped is very suspicious. He estimated that he and Laura had been in contact 700 times since November 1984. So why did he stop looking for her so soon, to go home and get some sleep? And why would Ruble lie and say that they had spent 2-3 hours looking for her? Was that an attempt at making his and Jamin's actions that night look less suspicious?

Ruble and Jamin disagreed on what time they got back together after their first search. In grand jury # 2, Jamin said that he and Ruble got back together sometime after midnight. But in trial #1 Jamin said that he and Ruble got back together around 3:00AM or 4:00AM.

Ruble and Jamin even disagreed about how they got back together that night. Ruble said that Jamin telephonically paged him. But Jamin said that he got in his car and went ~~around~~ out driving around looking for Ruble.

Both Ruble and Jamin gave testimony about there being a KPD all-call between midnight and 1am do to shots allegedly being fired in the Alentian Homes section of Kodiak. However, the defense had no discovery evidence that that had ever actually happened...

Cathy Wilson and Al Ruble testified about meeting at ~~KPD~~ KPD at 2AM. There was no mention on Jamin being at that meeting, and nobody asked if he had been there or not.

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Ruble and Jamin's testimonies disagreed about their ride to the reentry dorms. Jamin said that he rode with Ruble as Ruble drove in his personal vehicle and followed officer Palmer. But Ruble said that he and Jamin rode as passengers in officer Palmer's police car... How could they not agree about something as simple as that?

I've only been in a "police car" once in my life. In 2000 I went on a ride-along with my uncle a few months before he retired as a State Trooper. That was 12 years ago, and I still remember it like it was yesterday even though nothing exciting happened. So there's no way that Ruble or Jamin forgot a simple detail like that, while supposedly trying to find a kidnapped woman. Oh, and the State Troopers had a rule that ride-alongs would have to get out of the Trooper vehicle if the Trooper had to respond to a potentially dangerous call. I wonder if KPD has ever had a similar rule.

Officer Palmer going to the reentry dorms to investigate a possible kidnapping sounds very dangerous. You and Kerwin had access to guns, so if you two had actually been involved in Laura's disappearance, officer Palmer driving Ruble and Jamin to your location would have put them in unnecessary danger.

Ruble claimed to have talked to acting KPD chief Tom Culbertson after 5:00pm on March 28th about the meeting that was going to take place at 9:00pm. He said that chief Culbertson told him that it wasn't a police matter, because Ruble and Jamin didn't have enough information that drugs would be involved at the meeting. But that chief Culbertson said that KPD would be more than happy to provide them assistance if they needed it...

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Your defense never asked Chief Culbertson if he and Ruble had actually had that conversation or not! If that conversation did happen, then why weren't all KPD officers out looking for her as soon as Ruble lost sight of her and thought she had been kidnapped? Why did Ruble and Jamin search without KPD's help?

Ruble first said that he had only seen one person in your van with Laura. He later changed his story and said he seen 2 people with Laura after hearing that Kerwin had also been in there. If he was so sure about your van being involved, why didn't he take any pictures of it before and during the meeting?

^{or a different #}
 Rolie Port said that a minimum of 3 vehicles would have been needed to conduct proper surveillance, but Ruble for some reason thought that he could do everything by himself. Even though he had previously been a special agent with the CGIS, and would have known that he couldn't have done it all alone. What if his cover would have been blown? He could have been out numbered and out gunned.

I think that you just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. You and Laura knew each other, she got in your van to say hi, then you became the perfect "suspect" to take the blame for her well planned out disappearance.

Investigator George Wade said: "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."

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I think that Kerwin's death might have had something to do with him not giving up on trying to prove that you were also innocent. In the letter he wrote, he called out the police and judicial system for their knowledge of drug activity ⁱⁿ Kodiak, and that they likely had reasons for Laura's disappearance. McLaughlin or someone else might have killed her, but I think Kerwin was definitely on to something by pointing the finger at the police and judicial system - -

In 1993 a restaurant owner named Carlos Medina was murdered and it has never been solved. Nobody had anything negative to say about him. But he hated drugs, and spoke in support of his fellow immigrants at a city council meeting days before his murder.

Sometime after his death a woman went to the Kodiak Police Department with information. She talked to the main investigator ... John Palmer. Then that night a man called KPD, said the name of the woman who talked to Officer Palmer earlier that day, threatened to kill her, and quoted an Alfred Hitchcock movie:

"There was a movie about 'The Man Who Knew Too Much'. I've rewritten it to 'The Woman Who Knew Too Much.'"

The caller was most likely Carlos Medina's killer. Instead of arresting him for the threats, and looking for evidence of his involvement, that didn't happen! Carlos's youngest brother Rolando was charged with 2nd degree murder in 1998, but the DA dropped the charge because his DNA didn't match the suspect DNA that had been found at the scene. Despite that, officer Palmer ... the police chief, still said that Rolando did it without providing any evidence to support it.

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could officer Palmer have contacted Carlos Medina's killer, and told him what the woman had said earlier that day?

The threatening phone call shared similarities with McLaughlin's criminal history and M/O, but it could have been anyone.

I hope that the unidentified suspect DNA will be tested using newer DNA testing technologies.

I'm going to email this information to Robert Kelly, and try to find Mark Evans email so I can share it with him too.

Sincerely,
Cliff Anderson