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Donald,

I received an email from Alaskan true-crime writer Robin Barefield yesterday. She told me that your attorney called her a few days ago, and was supposed to email her. Robin said she never heard back, so she emailed me the information to give to you.

Jim McL's daughter is named Pam. Her email is:
pamlefevre@yahoo.com and her phone number is:
315-783-3302

Back in February Robin told me:
"McL's daughter contacted me after I wrote the story about Laura. She believes her father killed Laura."

After I told Robin about the similarities I found between Laura's 1996 disappearance, and the unsolved 1993 murder of well-liked Kodiak restaurant owner Carlos Medina, Robin said:
"It is very believable that the two murders were connected, or at least committed for the same reason."

Officer John Palmer was the lead investigator in the 1993 case. He didn't do much of anything until Carlos's brother Jerry who was living in Canada flew to the Philippines in 1997.


While at the family compound, he found Carlos's ID and credit cards that had been missing since his murder. No KPD officers traveled to the Philippines until after that evidence was found. So they didn't plant evidence that time. Jerry also found a cancelled \$50,000 check that had been written out of an account that contained Carlos's life insurance money.

Their youngest brother Rolando had lived with Jerry in Canada, but he had problems with drugs and alcohol which Jerry didn't approve of. Rolando moved to Kodiak in 1992 to live and work with Carlos -- who died in 1992. Carlos also hated drugs.

Rolando was charged with 2nd degree murder in 1998. He was eventually arrested in the Philippines and extradited back to the United States. The murder charge was dropped by the DA in 2003 because Rolando's DNA didn't match the suspect DNA.

Carlos had \$258,000 in life insurance. Rolando allegedly gave \$100,000 to Carlos's wife, and probably kept the rest for himself. He also took control of Carlos's ~~power~~ restaurant following his 1992 murder, but ran it into the ground by 1995 and moved back to the Philippines.

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At some point a woman went to KPD with information about Carlos's murder and talked to John Palmer.

Then that night a man called KPD, said the name of the woman that had talked to John Palmer earlier that day, threatened to kill her, and quoted an Alfred Hitchcock movie...

When I heard about that I automatically thought that it sounded like something a middle aged white guy that was a career criminal would do, not some Filipino guy in his 20's who had been in Kodiak a year or less would do. Whether Rolando was involved or not, at least one other person had to have been involved since the suspect DNA didn't match him.

I sent Jerry an email asking him if he knew if Rolando had used cocaine after moving to Kodiak. He quickly emailed me back and said that Rolando used cocaine, other drugs and drank a lot. That isn't much to go off of, but he had to be getting cocaine from someone in Kodiak. And Mel had made threatening phone calls to KPD in the past. I want to contact Pam one of these days to see if she ever heard of Carlos Medina's murder or not, and try to find out what her dad was up to between 1990 and his death in 2002. Maybe your attorney can ask if she ever heard about what happened to Kerwin?