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Donald,

I was reading through transcripts of Rollie Port's interviews with former KPD officers Sgt. Barry Paris and Det. William Walton. Det. Walton said that Sgt. Paris was the officer in charge of your case.

From the transcripts it sounds like Sgt. Paris was a bully who did things his way, caused everyone around him lots of stress, constantly argued with Chief Tom Culbertson, and that lots of good police officers left Kodiak because of him. Det. Walton said that he and Det. Harvey Mulock tried to disappear when they could, and that Det. William "Bill" Rhodes was affected by the stress the most. That sounds like a very toxic work environment.

1. Det. Walton: "He (Barry Paris) was forever arguing with Tom Culbertson."

Rollie Port: "About?"

Det. Walton: "Anything, and getting in his way."

Rollie Port: "Did you know anything about Barry Paris's background prior to him coming to Kodiak?"

Det. Walton: "Yes, I did."

Rollie Port: "And what was that?"

Det. Walton: "The story was that he had brutalized a prisoner or someone in handcuffs in a booking room in Washington State."

Rollie Port: "In Washington State or Oregon?"

Det. Walton: "It might have been Oregon."

Det. Walton said this about a guy named Robert Walton (not related to him.)  
"As I recall Barry having it in for him. He arrested him for DWI and then a month or two later he ~~saw~~<sup>saw</sup> the guy driving, and he knew that he didn't have his license back so he pulls him over, and 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."

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Rollie Port: "Is Paris a brutal man?"

Det. Walton: "Yep."

Rollie Port: "In your opinion?"

Det. Walton: "In my opinion, yeah."

Private investigator Edward Jack said that he learned through his investigation that Sgt. Paris interviewed Gladys Baldwin multiple times and threatened her. He said that one time Sgt. Paris pulled out a "Rabbit Square", whatever that is, and told Gladys that they killed Laura with it... She told mental health people about his threats. They got her an attorney for her next interview. The attorney had to threaten Sgt. Paris to get him to stop his harassment of Gladys! What kind of cop is crazy enough to act like that even when an attorney is present? During some of the interviews he would turn the recorder on and off.

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I believe I read somewhere that Sgt. Paris claimed to have recorded an interview with Guy Carroll, kept the tape in his desk until he left KPD in 1989, and that he didn't know what happened to it afterwards -- Guy ~~Carroll~~ believed that the man who was looking to ~~hire~~ hire a hitman was James McL... On multiple occasions Sgt. Paris tried to prevent McL. ~~from~~ from being properly investigated as a potential suspect. Why???

Would that have also been Kevin's son?

PI Edward Jack mentioned that Gladys had also been threatened by Ofc. John Palmer and Sue McLean, and that they threatened her that her son wouldn't be coming home for Christmas...

Guy Carroll was attacked by Michael Putnam... a different KPD informant shortly after talking to police! Putnam was known to be an informant for Sgt. Paris...

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Det. Walton claimed that District Attorney Sue McLean was under a lot of stress from Sgt. Paris too.

Rolie Port interviewed Sgt. Paris in 2000, and said that he was working for the Tacoma Police Department. Out of curiosity, I went on the internet and typed in, "Barry Paris Tacoma Police." The first thing that popped up was news articles about him shooting an unarmed man in the back ~~in 1996~~ in 1996!

The shooting was ruled by a police board as unjustified, and his actions violated the Tacoma Police Department's guidelines. However, they said that Sgt. Paris, "will not face disciplinary action or prosecution because there was no criminal intent involved in the shooting." I wonder if they knew about his history of beating people and threatening others?

It was only a matter of time before he was going to shoot someone.

There are other articles from Tacoma where people complained that he had gotten in their face, brushed up against them, and tried to get a reaction out of them so he could retaliate.

Sgt. Paris claimed that Ruble seeing you with Laura, the .357 story, and the earring being found made him think that you were guilty. Most people don't want to get shot, so they try to run or defend themselves, and end up getting shot somewhere other than the head at first. But ~~if~~ there of course weren't any bullet holes in the clothing that was found. KPD couldn't prove any of their theories.

Det. Walton said that him and Det. Rhodes had been called in on their day off to look for the earring that the psychic had told Ofc. Michael Andre about. However, Sgt. Paris said that it was actually him and Ofc. Andre that had found it.

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Sgt. Paris said that your van was secure when him and Ofc. Andre went to search it, which is the opposite of what Det. Walton said.

Det. Walton said that he didn't know why he and Det. Rhodes had been called in to look for the earring, when officers that were on duty at the time could have looked for it themselves. -- Det. Walton said that he and Det. Rhodes thought that the whole psychic thing was, "really bizarre."

Rollie Port: "would you say that someone could not have planted the earring because the van had been secured?"

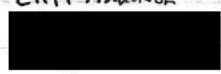
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Det. Walton told him that the van was secured when it was first put into storage, and that it had lots of evidence tape and "red shadow tape" on it. But that when him and Det. Rhodes were called in to search for the earring, "that stuff had disappeared."

Rollie Port then asked him if he would have been able to testify that the van had been secured. Det. Walton replied, "NO, nope. It wasn't." The earring being found so close to trial after the van had been & thoroughly searched by both KPD and the FBI was too convenient. Just like the clothing magically being found. The shoes --- with the bandaid being found in the wrong one, and the expired drivers license instead of the valid one she would have had with her when she disappeared...

Rollie Port asked him if he believed that the earring had been planted. Det. Walton said that he didn't think so at the time he found it, but by the time of the interview he said, "that's a definite possibility."

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It's also interesting that Det. Walton said that him and Det. Rhodes had been told to look for the earring in the front of the van. The search was stopped when the earring was found ... instead of searching the whole van to make sure there wasn't anymore evidence that had been missed ...

Det. Walton: "It's obvious. We were led down the path and didn't even know it."

⑤ Both Det. Walton and Sgt. Paris agreed that Sgt. Paris went to get a warrant after the earring was found. Sgt. Paris said that Chief Justice Burke didn't believe the story of the earring being found, or the story about the psychic. Sgt. Paris said that he felt embarrassed about the earring being found in the van, and that he realizes that it was the only piece of circumstantial evidence they had to make the case.

Rollie Port asked Det. Walton if he thought that Sgt. Paris could have manufactured evidence. Det. Walton said: "That's entirely possible because he was the person also in charge of the evidence room."

Det. Walton said that he was one of the officers that looked for evidence of you Kerwin and Ibach being involved in a murder for hire. He thought it was odd that he couldn't find anything. You didn't have a lot of money, Kerwin didn't have any on him, and Ibach didn't do anything big with banks in Kodiak or Anchorage. No paper trail.

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Despite that, it was said that ~~back~~ ~~the~~ ~~lead~~ ~~was~~ expecting to receive \$14,000 from a pension fund in February 1986.

Guy Carroll told police that a man he talked to on the phone, and later believed was McL: had offered him \$25,000 - \$30,000 to kill a woman. Sgt. Paris recorded an interview with Guy Carroll and it got "lost"... Shortly after talking to KPD, an informant with a history of working for Sgt. Paris attacked Guy Carroll... The only people that could afford to pay that kind of money for a hit would have either been "prominent businessmen" or a big time drug dealer. The kinds of people mentioned to KPD by informants and others, but not looked into because Sgt. Paris wouldn't let his detectives do their job properly.

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Rollie Port asked Det. Walton if the investigation into Laura's disappearance was one where officers could bring in their own ideas, and speak their mind when things didn't make sense. Det. Walton responded with, "You're kidding?" Rollie Port told him that that's how investigations are done, and Det. Walton said, "Not at Kodiak Police Department. Not with Barry Paris in charge."

Det. Walton said that he told Paris that he didn't believe that Laura could have been thrown into the ocean out at Monaska, and that Sgt. Paris never listened to him. He said that Sgt. Paris was like a bulldog, and that once he came up with an idea, he believed it and went with it no matter what.

Det. Walton said that a lot of street people were saying that McL: was involved, and that he put Laura in a landfill.

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Det. Walton said that he typed that information, and that it should have been in the police report. Rollie Port said that he had looked, but didn't find it in there. Det. Walton then told him that Sgt. Paris reviewed all the reports... Why did information about McL. keep disappearing?

KPD/prosecutors putting you 3 on trial was very stupid. Kerwin was acquitted, and you and Iback would have been acquitted too if you guys had a lawyer that actually knew how to do their job. Why would police/prosecutors take the risk of 3 alleged kidnapers/killers potentially being acquitted do to the lack of evidence?

They won either way. If you guys were convicted, people would believe that dangerous people were off the street. If all 3 of you would have been acquitted, people would have been mad but they wouldn't have looked into Laura's disappearance any further.

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However, since you and Iback were convicted, there are people trying to prove your innocence, and in turn it's uncovering a lot of information that doesn't make KPD, the judicial system and others look very good. Now their lies and corruption is finally going to be exposed after all these years. What makes it even better, is that former KPD officers have accused other former KPD officers of being corrupt!

Sincerely,  
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