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Donald,

I've come across lots of information over the past week. The original scenario that police/prosecutors used to falsely convict you is completely impossible. I've looked into two other scenarios.

Following Laura's disappearance, lots of people told police that McLaughlin (1934-2002) had killed her. Barry Paris wouldn't let detectives take a serious look at that possibility because Laura was "in the ocean". At least one person told them that he had put her in a landfill near his house.

So last Tuesday I sent an email to Kodiak borough assemblyman Scott Smiley, and asked him where landfills used to be. He emailed me back. He said he called around to try to get the answers for me. He said that there used to be landfill/dump sites where Baranof Park is now, where the post office is, where the helicopter pad is, and the current landfill that's along Monaska Bay Road.

In 1986 the post office and Baranof Park both existed in the same places they are now. The helicopter pad is near Spruce Cape. Very close to Jackson's Trailer Park which was always known to be full of drug users and people that couldn't afford to live some place better. New owners bought the trailer park in 2016, evicted everyone, and I don't know what their future plans for it are.

Do you remember if McLaughlin lived near a trailer park? or close to the ocean.

The landfill along Monaska Bay Road has been around since at least the 1970s. There are no houses nearby, just lots of trees.

The other scenario is very interesting. In 1993 there was a murder that's still unsolved. Officer John Palmer was the lead investigator in that case, and was still the lead investigator on it after he became chief. Rollie Port interviewed KPD officers in 2000.

One officer he interviewed said that Palmer had driven some new cops and a trooper around to show them the town. He said that Palmer told them that Laura had been chopped up and put in a crab pot. That conversation happened sometime between 1993-2000, which was after both trials. The new cops and trooper probably didn't know anything about the case. They wouldn't have had any reason to ask Palmer why his version of what happened was different than what KPD/prosecutors said to convict ~~you~~ you...

Either Palmer was talking stupid, or he told the truth and didn't think anyone would ever find out and call him out on it.

The meeting place where she was supposed to receive information she could blackmail her ex-husband with was the King Crab Cannery. Out of all of Kodiak, why was that location chosen?

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McLaughlin ran the King Crab Cannery bunkhouse at some point...

A boat owned by George Yoder ended up on fire sometime after Laura's disappearance. In the letter Kerwin wrote before he died, he mentioned that he had taken care of a boat that was owned by George Yoder (not the same one that ended up on fire.) One of the early investigators, I think the one that was supposed to help your defense team said that Iback and Yoder were friends.

I had been wondering if McLaughlin knew Yoder, and if he would have had any reason to have been on any of his boats. This weekend I learned a lot about McLaughlin. I learned that he had been a fisherman, I seen pictures of him, and I seen the contents of his address book.

In one of the pictures he was standing next to some crab pots possibly in the 1970s because he looked younger than he did in the other pictures.

When I looked through his address book, George Yoder's name and phone number were in it! I've heard that McLaughlin had a brother-in-law who lived with him that was also a fisherman. I'm currently trying to figure out if either of them ever fished on George Yoder's boats. His brother-in-law is also dead now.

It would have been easy for some guys to drag Laura behind the cannery to a boat at the cannery's dock and make her permanently disappear.

I don't know why else the King Crab Cannery was chosen by the person that made her disappear that night.

Then there's the fact that McLaughlin told people that he killed Laura. Then he traveled to the East Coast, said that he had been questioned in the murder of a narc, and that police didn't have any information against him.

There's some other interesting information that I'm going to share with Doug.

I reached out to Jack in Anchorage about a month ago but never heard back from him. I've heard that he might have cancer. I'm going to try to get in contact with him this week.

I'm going to keep looking and see what else I can dig up.

Sincerely,
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