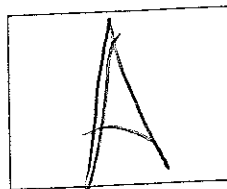


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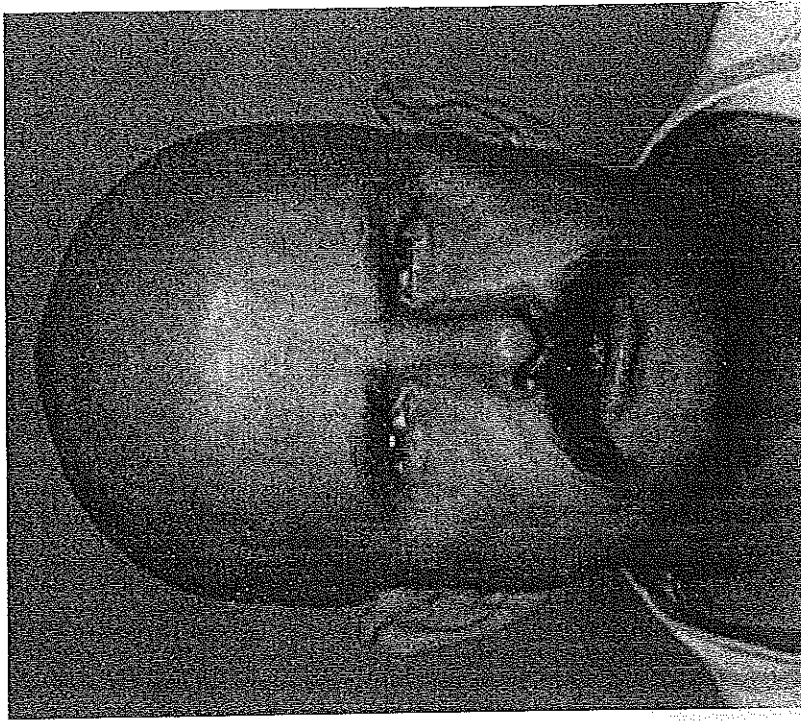
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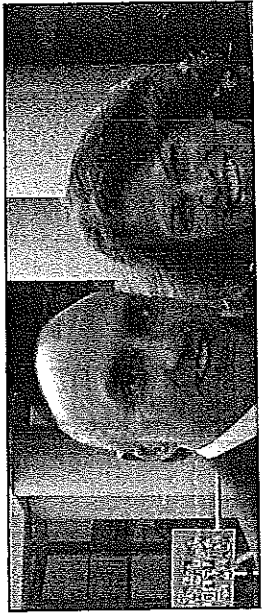
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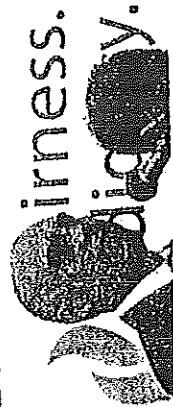
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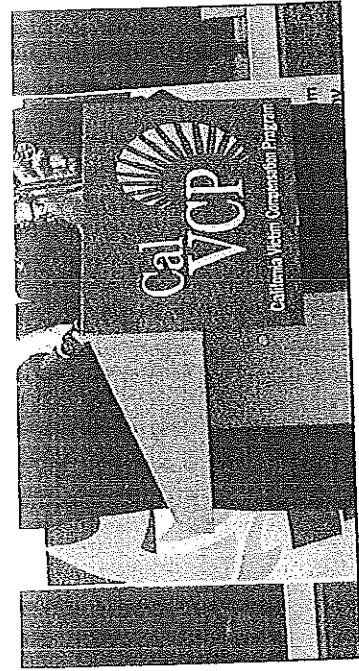


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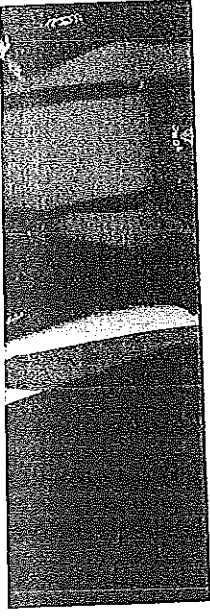
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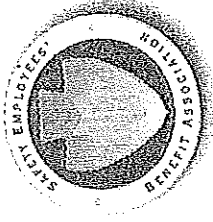
Eleanor Rossi and Mike Ramos at last month's National Crime Victims' Rights Week

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## Ramos in a political flyer (for political gain?) exploits a man the system presumes innocent!!

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Today, most of San Bernardino County voters received a color flyer with John Yablonsky's name on it with the words "IT'S NEVER A COLD CASE" and on the other side "GANGBUSTER". Ramos slides to new lows by not only bragging about a conviction rate of roughly 60% (when most major counties have an 85-90% conviction rate) and bragging about his having waited almost his entire term before filing for a getting an anti-gang injunction (curiously timed to just before the election), but he now taints the jury pool (voters are typically amongst the people that serve on juries) by putting the name and face of an accused (not yet convicted) alleged killer on one of his political fliers. I hope that Yablonsky, if he guilty, does not get off due to the advertising stunt of a desperate Mike Ramos anxious to find any reason to tell voters to vote for him. Why, I ask you, if his department has sent "over 3,000 gangbangers" to prison (which is barely over 60% of the people he charged--which means rough 2,000 gangbangers who committed crimes are back on the street doing their thing) did Ramos not use the names of people he succeeded in putting away as evidence of his success? Why pick a man that has the presumption of innocence, especially where the result might be to taint the jury pool. How far does Ramos go to win? Oh yeah, I forgot, Ramos is not bothered by the law.

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JUSTICE: Detective credits original investigators' work

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Department Homicide Cold Case team. "Once he was arrested, they realized he was a convicted felon but had never submitted DNA, so they took a sample at that time."

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On Monday, Sept. 23, 1985, Kraemer and his wife Marta, discovered Cobb's nude body in a bedroom of her home.

"By the positioning of the body it appeared that Rita had been sexually assaulted," said Arden Wiltshire, spokeswoman for the Sheriff's Department.

Authorities worked tirelessly to try to catch the murderer at the time, but Alexander said they just hit too many dead-ends. He estimates that dozens of people were questioned and some were made to submit blood samples, but Yablonsky was not one of them.

Yablonsky, roughly 22-years-old at the time had already moved out of then-55-year-

old Rita's home and he was never considered a suspect. Kraemer hired a private investigator at one point, Alexander said, and that man did actually interview Yablonsky about Cobb's murder.

"He must not have gotten anything he thought was substantial, because he never contacted the Sheriff's Department to let them know anything," Alexander said.

At the time of Cobb's murder, DNA science was



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in infancy and still developing. As the science progressed and evolved it afforded investigators the opportunity to solve cases that had gone cold.

"The didn't have the technology to do anything with it, but they knew to save it as evidence," Alexander said about the DNA the original investigators collected. He said that of all the cold cases he's worked the original legwork was most evident and most comprehensive in this case.

The Kraemers feel that

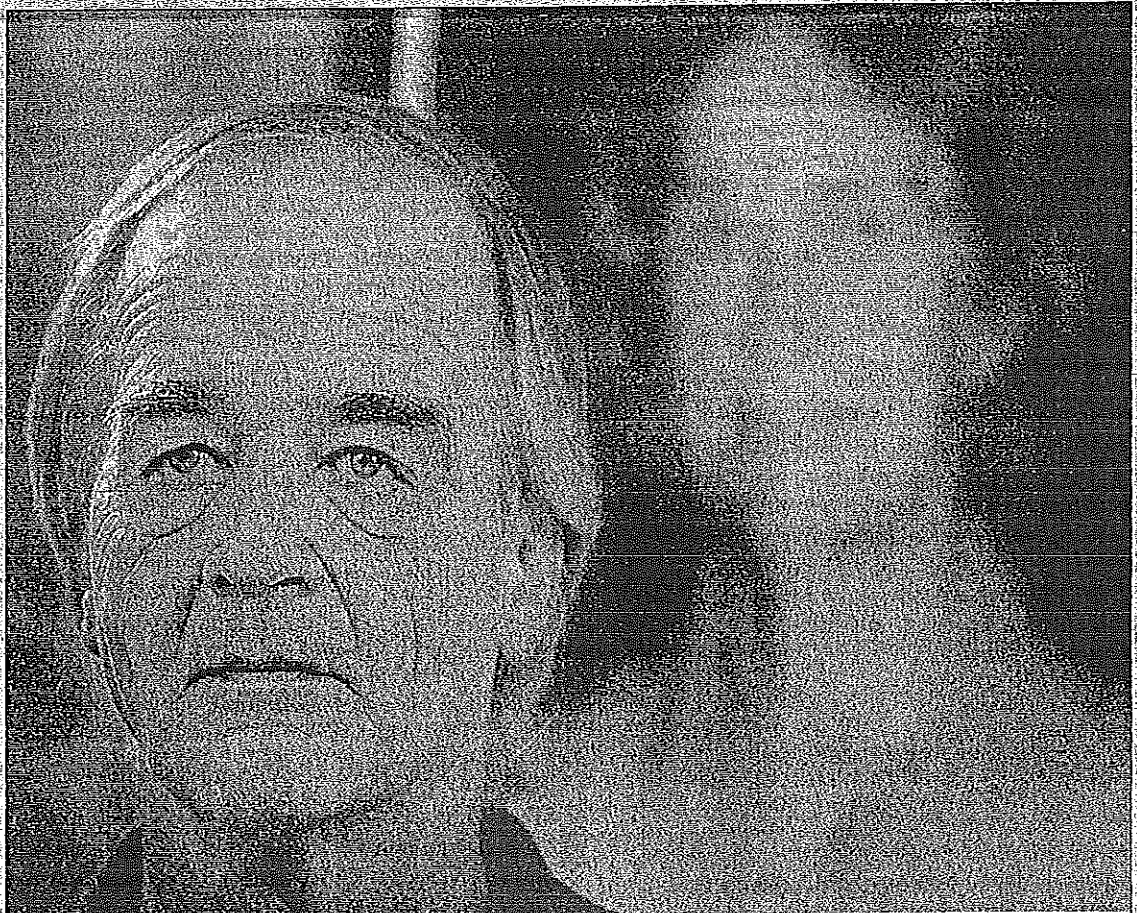
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The same cold case team solved a second 20-year-old murder, the same week.

Yablonsky, a convicted felon, was arrested on Sunday and is to be arraigned today for murder.

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Daryl Kraemer is seen with a photograph of his mother. Kraemer's wife Marta said the arrest will give people hope.

STAFF PHOTO BY JAMES QUIGG

# Microsoft, Yahoo to take on Google

SAN FRANCISCO • Microsoft finally persuaded Yahoo to surrender control of the Internet's second most popular search engine and join it in a daunting battle — taking on the overwhelming dominance of Google in the online advertising market.

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### In the clubhouse

ADELANTO • Tomoya Shirahira takes a look at High Desert High's coaching family. Family Cruz: In the clubhouse installment of his Mavericks column.

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### Water exercise

There is no better place to exercise than a swimming pool.

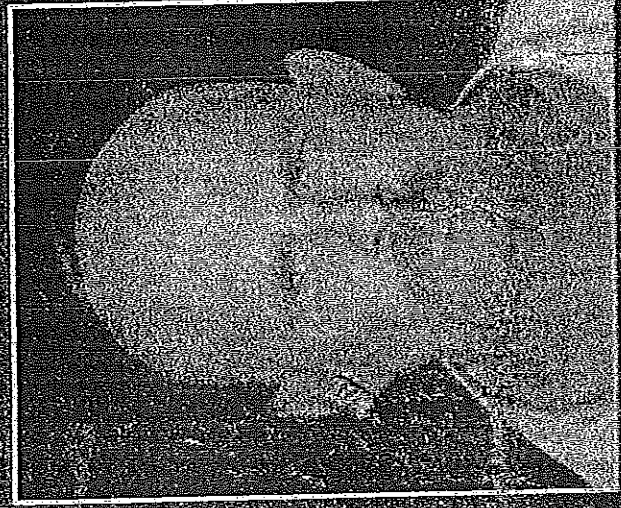
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### Beat the heat at Lake Gregory

CRESTLINE • Relax on the sandy beach or take the plunge down the water slide.

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John Henry Yablonsky



Rita Cobb

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# 1985 murder case finally in court

BY PATRICK THATCHER AND BEATRIZ E. VALENZUELA STAFF WRITERS

John Henry Yablonsky, 46 years ago inside her Lucerne Valley home. Her nude body was discovered on Sept. 23, 1985, by her son, Daryl Kraemer, and his wife, Marta Kraemer. At the preliminary hearing held in the Victorville courtroom of Judge Larry Allen on Tuesday, Thomas said original investigator

VICTORVILLE • The family of Rita Cobb is one step closer to seeing justice done after a judge ordered the man charged with killing her in Lucerne Valley nearly a quarter-century ago to stand

fied about gathering evidence — including DNA — and preserving it. At the time of Cobb's murder, DNA science was in infancy and still developing. As DNA technology progressed, it afforded investigators the opportunity to solve cases that had gone cold.



# COLD CASE: DNA matched crime

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"I knew his father," Kraemer said of Yablonsky.

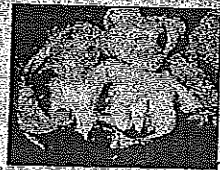
In September 1985, the couple went to Cobb's home in search of her. But they were not prepared for what they were about to discover: her nude body in a bedroom of her home.

"I didn't even realize she was murdered at first," Dryle Kraemer said in a previous interview with the Daily Press. "Then my wife — she's the one who saw that this was a murder. I blacked

out of it. When I saw it, I blacked it all out. I just went out in front of the house screaming."

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# COLD CASES: Team has reviewed about 100 cases

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# Team finds justice years after crimes

## Cold Case Unit makes dozen arrests in 19 months

BY BEATRIZ E. VALENZUELA  
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# JUSTICE AFTER 24 YEARS: COLD CASE MURDER SOLVED

**Family feels justice:** Son of slain woman calls it "a good day" when Long Beach man is arrested

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG  
AND  
BEATRIZ E. VALENZUELA  
STAFF WRITERS

**LUCERNE VALLEY** • After nearly 25 years of not knowing, Daryl Kraemer finally has the answers he's been searching for. He now knows who murdered his mother 24 years ago in her Lucerne Valley home.

"Today is a good day," Kraemer said less than 24 hours after receiving a call that the man who brutally sexually assaulted and murdered his mother, Rita M. Cobb, had been arrested on

Sunday.

John Henry Yablonsky of Long Beach was identified as Cobb's

killer when officials matched his DNA with DNA discovered at the murder scene, San Bernardino County Sheriff's officials said on Monday.

"It's a nice feeling to be able to arrest this man, especially for the family," Assistant District Attorney



John Thomas, who is in charge of cold cases in the High Desert region of San Bernardino County.

Yablonsky, who previously rented a back house on Cobb's property, was arrested in October 2008 in Long Beach for disturbing the peace, officials said.

"He was working construction without a license and he got into it with one of his customers," said Detective Rob Alexander who is assigned to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's

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## IV MAN ARRESTED FOR MURDER

BY CHARLES NGUYEN  
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More than two decades after John Eller was strangled to death and left on a dirt road intersection in Newberry Springs, a letter sent to county detectives led to the recent arrest of a man they believe is responsible.

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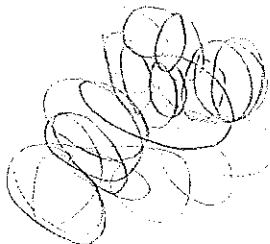
### Man arrested in cold case pleads not guilty

The man arrested for the cold case murder of Rita M. Cobb 24 years ago in Lucerne Valley pleaded not guilty during his arraignment Tuesday afternoon.

John Henry Yablonsky, 46, was arrested in Long Beach in October 2008 for disturbing the peace, according to sheriff's officials.

He was formally charged on Tuesday with the murder after his DNA was positively matched with DNA from the crime scene.

Deputy District Attorney John Thomas, who is in charge of the cold case unit for the High Desert, said Yablonsky currently faces one count of murder but other special circumstances could be added to the charge. Bail was set at \$1 million.



# Study: DNA collected from non-violent offenses help solve cold cases

BY TOMOYA SHIMURA  
STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO • DNA collected in non-violent offenses is helping authorities crack cold cases involving serious crimes, such as rape, murder and robbery, according to a study.

In 78 percent of the matches to an unsolved violent crime, DNA was collected from adults arrested for non-violent offenses such as fraud, drug or property crimes, the study by the California Attorney General's office revealed.

DNA testing led to the arrest of John Henry Yablonsky of Long Beach who is now charged with

the 1985 murder of Rita Gob at her Lucerne Valley home.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies arrested Yablonsky for an unrelated misdemeanor, and when they realized he was a convicted felon but never submitted DNA, they took a sample. His DNA matched with evidence at the murder scene.

Since the 1990s, California law enforcement officers have collected DNA of serious felony offenses. But Proposition 69, which took effect in January 2009, expanded the database as authorities now collect DNA at the time


of the arrest for any felony offense.

The study by the Attorney General's office surveyed 69 DNA matches to violent felonies made over 15 months since Proposition 69 took place.

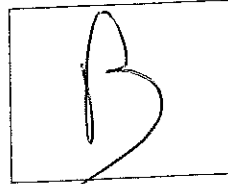
But it didn't prove the effectiveness of collecting samples at the time of arrest compared to doing that after conviction. Michelle Quinn, a spokeswoman for the Attorney General's office, said the study didn't analyze whether the arrestees were later convicted or not.

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## Murder suspect, Yablonsky sues district attorney

### Ramos used alleged killer's photo in campaign flier; defendant wants \$5M

BY TOMOYA SHIMURA  
STAFF WRITER

SAN BERNARDINO • An area murder defendant is suing San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael Ramos, claiming Ramos tainted the potential jury pool by printing the defendant's photo in election



Michael Ramos

campaign fliers.

Ramos mailed a flier to registered voters within the county during his re-election campaign in May, according to the lawsuit filed by John

Henry Yablonsky.

The flier contained a dominant 5x7 mug shot of Yablonsky along with this statement by Ramos: "A

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RAMOS CAMPAIGN FLIER

**ELECTION FLIER:** John Henry Yablonsky filed a civil rights lawsuit against District Attorney Michael Ramos claiming that this election flier, with Yablonsky's photo, contaminated the jury pool prior to his murder trial.

## YABLONSKY: Will return to court Friday

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Prosecutors charged Yablonsky last year with the 1985 murder of Cobb after law enforcement officials matched his DNA with evidence at the murder scene in Lucerne Valley. His trial was scheduled to begin in less than 60 days when the fliers were sent out,

according to the handwritten lawsuit filed on July 28.

In his \$5 million lawsuit, Yablonsky claims the flier implied he was already guilty and ensured that he won't be able to receive a fair trial in San Bernardino County as well as adjacent counties.

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"Finally, the statements in the flier are accurate, (and they) contain expressions of opinion. And the photograph that is used is a matter of public record."

Fox said he filed a motion for the judge to dismiss Yablonsky's lawsuit, which will be heard on Oct. 5.

Deputy Public Defender David Sanders, Yablonsky's attorney in his murder case, said he plans on requesting a change of venue because of the pre-trial publicity created by the fliers.

"They contaminated a jury pool and made it difficult for us to get an unbiased jury and a fair trial," Sanders said.

Yablonsky asked Victorville Superior Court Judge John Tomberlin for a court order allowing him to use the law library, Sanders said. Yablonsky is representing himself in the civil lawsuit against Ramos.

Yablonsky will return to Victorville Superior Court on Friday for a pre-trial hearing in the murder case. If convicted of the murder charge, Yablonsky could face life in prison without parole.

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# L.V. murder suspect files suit against District Attorney Ramos used Yablonsky's photo in campaign flier

BY TOMOYA SHIMURA  
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**SAN BERNARDINO**  
A Lucerne Valley murder defendant is suing San Ber-

nardino County District Attorney Michael Ramos, claiming Ramos fanned the potential jury pool by printing the defendant's photo in election campaign fliers.

Ramos mailed a flier to registered voters within the county during his re-election campaign in May, according to the lawsuit filed by John Yablonsky along with this statement by Ramos: "A case is never cold to the family of a murder victim. That's why I have worked with the Sheriff to start the Cold Case Unit. Using DNA evidence, we have filed murder charges in 19 cold cases. Twenty five years after the crime, Rita Cobbs family will have closure."

Prosecutors charged Yablonsky last year with the 1985 murder of Cobbs after law enforcement officials matched his DNA with

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Sunday, August 15, 2010

Ristow sues Ramos for retaliation after on-the-job sex ended for \$1.538 million & Yablonsky sues Ramos for \$5,000,000 for unlawful use of his name

.....In the *San Bernardino Sentinel* last Friday (August 13, 2010) the following article appeared on Ramos:

....."A woman who worked for seven years as an evidence technician in the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office has sued her boss, district attorney Michael A. Ramos, alleging he retaliated against her after information about their 18-month long affair became public.

.....In her \$1.538 million lawsuit, Cheryl Barnes Ristow claims she was subjected to sexual harassment, retaliation, and sexual assault and battery by the district attorney.

.....In the court filing, she delineates details of their affair, which she says lasted from September 2003 until March 2005, including sex acts within a hotel room, in his office and inside a county issued vehicle in public view during daylight hours.

.....Ristow maintains in the suit that more than four years after her affair with Ramos had concluded, just as a public account of Ramos' womanizing was about to be published, Ramos instructed her to remain quiet about their relationship and deny that it had taken place. Shortly thereafter, his employees began a pattern of retaliation against her, she said, including citing her for dress-code violations, which entailed a nose ring and uncovered tattoos, that heretofore had been openly tolerated.

.....Ristow, who was put on leave from her position in the summer of 2009, filed a complaint with the county's human resources department, and later filed a claim against the county over the matter.

.....The county, at a cost of \$140,000 commissioned a study of Ristow's complaint from the Santa Monica-based law firm of Curiale, Hirschfeld and Kraemer. The report issued by Curiale, Hirschfeld and Kraemer shied away from an examination of whether there had actually been a sexual relationship between Ramos and Ristow, instead examining whether Ramos and his underlings had grounds, based upon Ristow's performance or lack thereof, comportment on the job and adherence to office regulations to discipline her and whether the action taken against her constituted improper retaliation. That report concluded that Ristow had deviated from office dress and performance standards and that her suspension from her position and the action by department members leading up to it did not constitute retaliation.

.....Ramos cited the Curiale, Hirschfeld and Kraemer report in denying the validity of Ristow's suit and the allegations contained therein.

.....The suit, which was filed by Rancho Cucamonga-based attorney Jim Reiss, however, references specific dates and times upon which and locations where sexual encounters between Ramos and Ristow occurred.

.....According to the suit, their sexual relationship initiated the day they met, on September 15, 2003 at a conference held at the Lake Arrowhead Resort. Moreover, the suit specifically cites three other sexual encounters between the two. One, on October 13, 2003, took place at Ramos' office at 316 North Mountain View Avenue in the city of San Bernardino between 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., according to the suit. Another two encounters took place on December 3, 2003 and December 21, 2003, during which, according to the wording of the suit, the "plaintiff and defendant, district attorney Ramos, engaged in consensual oral sex while parked in a vehicle located in a Mervyn's department store parking lot located in the city of San Bernardino. Said sexual intercourse took place in a vehicle issued to defendant, district attorney Ramos by [the] county of San Bernardino." Those encounters, according to Ristow, took place in broad daylight, between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively.

.....And, according to the suit, "On or about February 11, 2005, plaintiff and defendant, district attorney Ramos engaged in consensual sexual acts while parked in the parking lot of a Starbucks located in the city of San Bernardino." That encounter also took place in Ramos' county issued vehicle between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

.....The suit and its attendant documents further assert cell phone records show that throughout the duration of their affair, Ristow and Ramos were in phone contact over 50 times. Those included, according to Ristow's declaration filed in conjunction with the suit, "at least fifteen (15) phone sex sessions, many of which took place during regular business hours and/or employment related events wherein both Mr. Ramos and I were employed in our respective positions and being paid by the county of San Bernardino."

.....Ramos suggested Ristow is being supported and encouraged in her claims against him by criminals and public figures who have been the focus of his prosecutorial efforts".



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Case CIVDS1010909 - RISTOW -V- COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, ET AL

02/04/2011 8:30 AM DEPT. S32	CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE - Minutes		
	11/12/2010 8:30 AM DEPT. S32	OSC RE: SERVICE COMPLETION - Minutes	
	08/09/2010	SUMMONS ISSUED ON COMPLAINT (UNLIMITED) FILED 08/09/2010 OF CHERYL RISTOW - ORIGINAL FILED IN COURT FILE.	Not Applicable
	08/09/2010	CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET FILED.	Not Applicable
	08/09/2010	CASE ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO DEPARTMENT S32	
	08/09/2010	COMPLAINT AND PARTY INFORMATION ENTERED	Not Applicable

**News flash folks.....** in a political campaign flyer sent out by Ramos through his campaign committee with the title "IT's NEVER A 'COLD CASE'", Mike Ramos is quoted as saying:" A case is never cold to the family of a murder victim. That's why I have worked with the Sheriff to start the Cold Case Unit. Using DNA evidence, we have filed murder charges in 19 cold cases. Twenty five years after the crime, Rita Cobb's family will have closure."-- next to the quote is a 8" x 5" color picture of John Henry Yablonski--the only trouble folks, is Yablonsky has not been tried yet and has pled not guilty. The Court docket on the civil right case filed(Case No. CIVDS1010254) is as follows:

Case CIVDS1010254 - YABLONSKY -V- RAMOS

01/28/2011 8:30 AM DEPT. S35	CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE - Minutes		
	10/29/2010 8:30 AM DEPT. S35	OSC RE: SERVICE COMPLETION - Minutes	
	10/28/2010 8:30 AM DEPT. S35	OSC RE: SERVICE COMPLETION	VACATED
	07/30/2010	VACATE OSCSV HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 10/28/10 AT 08:30 IN DEPARTMENT S35.	Not Applicable
	07/30/2010	NOTICE OF RESETTING HEARING DATE SENT.	Not Applicable
	07/28/2010	SUMMONS ISSUED ON COMPLAINT (UNLIMITED) FILED 07/28/2010 OF JOHN YABLONSKY - ORIGINAL FILED IN COURT FILE.	Not Applicable
	07/28/2010	CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET FILED.	Not Applicable
	07/28/2010	FILING FEE WAIVED ON JOHN HENRY YABLONSKY FOR FILING FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$355.00.	Not Applicable
	07/28/2010	REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COURT FEES AND COSTS FILED BY JOHN HENRY YABLONSKY IS GRANTED	GRANTED
	07/28/2010	REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF COURT FEES & COSTS FILED BY JOHN HENRY YABLONSKY.	
	07/28/2010	CASE ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO DEPARTMENT S35	
	07/28/2010	COMPLAINT AND PARTY INFORMATION ENTERED	Not Applicable

**Blogger Bob's comments on Ristow & Yablonsky suits:**

- .....(1)The allegations in Yablonsky are, if the copy I received is correct, handwritten on a judicial council form with a cause of action for "negligence"--hopefully the court reviewing this will look pass the form of the pleading and recognize it as probably a 42 USC § 1983 case & false light type case and not summarily dismiss it. For Ramos to have used his police power for personal political gain at the expense of a citizen the law presumes innocent until proven guilty seems like prosecutorial abuse;
- .....(2) To deflect the heat he was anticipating with Ristow, has Ramos ramped up the list of charges against Gutierrez & Postmus to try and deflect media attention from his own problems?
- .....(3) The added charge in Gutierrez is a felony conspiracy count (?) in the Rex Gutierrez case that does not seem to go anywhere on what is pled and the likely facts the DA has to use--is the point here that Ramos' special unit realized its case

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was a bit thin and need more? or should it have been included in the initial case and we could have avoided the expense of a re-trial?

.....(4) With Ramos tacking on on a intoxicated in public charge on Postmus, the question that has to be asked is why now? Rumor has it he's been under the influence at every other appearance.

.....(5) Where's the print media on Yablonsky's \$5,000,000 civil rights lawsuit against Mike Ramos or the media on the \$1,538 million lawsuit against Mike Ramos by Cheryl Ristow?? It kinda goes back to what I have said all along--the media is little more than the lap dog of Mike Ramos.

.....(6) I hope the San Bernardino County personnel commission folks take a look at the Ristow suit--the use of company time and property for sex violates county policy--right folks?? And there is no statute of limitations of initiating personnel actions based on same?? Correct??

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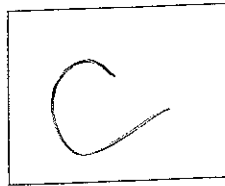
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(v) Rita Cobb

- 1 RA: Uh-hum, it's right on the tip of your tongue but just can't quite get it out.
- 2 GM: I'm sorry I, I was looking down John Jr. lived here with you and Holly?
- 3 JY: Yeah, yeah.
- 4 GM: Ok, how old was he?
- 5 JY: Uh, a year and a half, two years?
- 6 RA: You had him, before you moved back from the military?
- 7 JY: Oh yeah.
- 8 RA: Right?
- 9 JY: Yeah.
- 10 RA: So you are in the military and have a child and is that where you met Holly from?
- 11 JY: No, I met Holly from uh, school.
- 12 RA: You went to high school together?
- 13 JY: Yeah.
- 14 RA: Like high school sweethearts?
- 15 JY: Kinda, it's a long drawn out story.
- 16 RA: It doesn't sound like your split was a, a pleasant split I guess that's the best way to  
17 put it.
- 18 JY: Uh-uh.
- 19 RA: What's she doing now?
- 20 JY: Nothing, living in Canada I guess I don't know. (inaudible)
- 21 RA: So, you don't keep in contact even through the kids?
- 22 JY: Uh-uh, the kids don't even keep in contact with her.
- 23 RA: How come? Does she have her own problems?
- 24 JY: Yeah, well we both split up uh, it's a bad story.
- 25 GM: Sounds like it.
- 26 RA: Sounds like it probably pretty tough on the kids too.

WHAT'S MISSING

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1 JY: Yeah, it was pretty tough on them. I had to uh, me and my son got a good  
2 relationship and then uh, me and my daughter we got a good relationship from my  
3 first wife.

4 RA: Jasmine?

5 JY: Yeah.

6 RA: Ok, I'm trying, trying to get the list going down of all the kids.

7 JY: Yeah.

8 RA: So what else can you tell us about uh, about Rita?

9 JY: Uh, she was a nice lady, man ya know, she was a nice lady, I heard so many  
10 things about how she had gotten killed. I was like. . . .

11 RA: What kind of things did you hear?

12 JY: Um, my dad said something about a, a . . . .

13 RA: What's your father's name?

14 JY: George.

15 RA: George.

16 JY: Um. . . .

17 RA: Same last name?

18 JY: Yeah.

19 RA: Ok, I know it seems like a funny question but nowadays uh, I have to ask the  
20 question. (overlapping conversation)

21 JY: Nylon or something she was killed with a nylon or something I don't even . . . .

22 RA: Killed with a nylon?

23 JY: Yeah, pantyhose, nylons.

24 RA: Is that, how did your dad know about that?

25 JY: That's what he said he had heard somebody had killed her a nylon or some shit.

26 RA: When did he tell you that?

27 JY: (Inaudible) (overlapping conversation)

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WHAT IS?  
MISSING  
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CHOOSE TO LEAVE OUT  
STATEMENTS?

THIS IS WHERE MELODY CAME INTO  
! SHE SAID HER NAME!

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GM: Hi, how are you?

RA: Melody? Melody? Nice to meet you. This is, I am Rob. This is Greg. Yes. . . .

JY: Yeah, they're investigating something I guess uh, uh the lady that I had rented from had been killed and it had never gotten solved and I guess they're working on the case and they're trying to find paperwork and some of it's missing and . . . .

RA: There is a lot of people that um, that lived out in that area that were never talked to or if they talked to them we don't have the paperwork saying that they were talked to so that's why we're here talking uh, with John right now see if he can help us out.

UN: Ok.

GM: Nice meeting you.

RA: It was nice meeting you.

JY: I'm trying to remember the name that's the only altercation that I had ever seen her have you know I mean. . . .

RA: Did she date guys her own age or younger, older I mean I know a lot of people have uh, preferences and stuff like that like your wife I would say that there can't be too much of a difference in your age maybe five years at the most.  
(overlapping conversation) LOOK AT THIS QUESTION THEN THIS ANSWER

JY: No, that's um. . . . WHAT IS MISSING FROM BETWEEN

RA: But some people date guys that are young.

JY: The dude, the dude was about her age. You know he was older than me. I'm trying to remember his name. It's just a family name, uh, I swear (inaudible).

GM: I think we have that name so I think we know who you're talking about.

JY: Cause uh, four or five or six uh everybody in town was just scared to death of em.

RA: Why is that? Just bad characters or . . . .

JY: Uh, yeah violent. Um, leave your card I'll tell my dad uh, uh, what's going on and see if he can come up with a last name.

I TRIED TO END INTERROGATION BUT WAS DENIED

I SAID NAMES HERE WHY WERE THEY LEFT OUT?

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SAID A FEW THINGS BUT WHERE ARE THE NAMES?  
AGAIN I SAID A FEW THINGS BUT WHERE ARE THE NAMES?  
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1 GM: I think we have it

2 JY: He lived out in um

3 GM: Cause, we have actually been told about this person by some other people so

4 yeah, we're talking about the same person

5 JY: The (Inaudible) Barstow Road

WHAT IS MISSING AGAIN?

6 RA: That's the back road from Barstow into Lucerne, correct?

7 JY: Yeah.

8 RA: Ok.

9 JY: Eighteen comes through Barstow but it runs out this way. Somewhere right out in  
10 here in the valley.

11 RA: Uh-hum. That's where these guys live.

12 JY: Yeah, they lived out in uh, I forget what it's called and that's all I hear some shit  
13 like that. It's off of Barstow Road.

14 RA: Uh-hum

AGAIN WHAT'S MISSING

15 JY: And it's a (inaudible) one of the brothers and then uh, he worked with me and my  
16 dad for a little while.

17 RA: What other kind of things did your dad tell you happened he said he told you  
18 some various rumors?

19 JY: Um, just that somebody had killed her with a nylon or some shit I couldn't  
20 remember for sure.

21 RA: Did they say how they did it with a nylon and what, what was actually done or.  
22 They had to have been a lot of a lot of talk back then. It's a small community.  
23 Things like that don't happen that often.

24 JY: I didn't hang a round anybody you know I you know I was pretty much to myself  
25 with my uh, my wife and my kids and then uh, I had a couple of other friends that  
26 uh, I hung out with (inaudible). I didn't, I didn't go to the Moose Lodge's or you  
27 know Lion's Club.

MISSING?

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1 GM: Humid huh?  
2 JY: Yeah, some days it was fucking hot.  
3 RA: I was up in Illinois, freezing cold. I had never been so cold in my life.  
4 GM: How long were you in the military?  
5 JY: Uh, about five years, six years.  
6 RA: That's a long time.  
7 JY: Eighty-two to eighty-six, yeah, some like that.  
8 RA: So you did like a full tour? I think back then in the contracts . . . (overlapping  
9 conversation) *WHAT IS MISSING?*  
10 JY: What I did was I enlisted for three years and then I reenlisted for more so I can go  
11 to a Europe Command Sponsor.  
12 RA: Uh-huh.  
13 JY: And then my wife didn't show up and I ended up getting out of the military before  
14 the, my extension date?  
15 RA: So what, where in Europe did you go?  
16 JY: Um, Frankfurt, Downhausen (sp?), (inaudible). *WHAT WAS ERASED?*  
17 RA: That's in Germany, right.  
18 JY: Yeah.  
19 GM: Wow!  
20 JY: (Inaudible). *WHAT WAS ERASED*  
21 GM: Sounds interesting.  
22 JY: Yeah, it was pretty cool.  
23 RA: A lot of good memories.  
24 JY: Wish I'd a stayed in.  
25 RA: Why is that?  
26 JY: Life was easier you know but you don't know what you have until it's not there.  
27 RA: Until it's gone?

*I KEPT TRYING  
TO END  
CONVERSATION  
I BELIEVE  
TO GO OUT AND  
SMOKE!*

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1 Needles, we went fucking everywhere, San Bernardino on the other side of the  
2 mountain.

3 GM: Oh wow!

4 RA: So you would drive from place to place basically with your dad? So he doesn't  
5 strictly work in Lucerne he goes wherever the job takes him? (overlapping  
6 conversation)

7 JY: (Inaudible)

WHAT IS MISSING WHAT DOES  
RECORDING COUNTER SAY BETWEEN THESE

8 RA: Who did she hang out with I mean what social events was she involved in?  
9 (overlapping conversation)

10 JY: I don't really (inaudible).

11 RA: Who would she have...

12 GM: You didn't party with her or anything like that?

13 JY: Nah, none of that.

14 RA: So, the way you're making it sound, it sounds like it was almost strictly a renter uh,  
15 rentee relationship like she owned the place you rented it. You and your wife and  
16 your son lived there and other than that there was no other interaction between  
17 you and Rita or Holly and Rita or Rita and your, your grand or your, your son or  
18 anything.

19 JY: No, she didn't watch my kid and her and my wife that I know of never hung out or I  
20 dude don't know I was gone all the time.

21 RA: But she didn't come over just to you know how some ladies are real into kids and  
22 they'll make a big fuss over any kid like it's their grand kid and they'll try to spend  
23 time and volunteer to watch the baby that you and your wife could go out and  
24 have a dinner or catch a movie or something like that.

25 JY: Not really it wasn't like that, no.

26 GM: She never watched the kid.

27 JY: Not that I would remember dad was always in town or something like that.

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1 GM: That's true.

2 RA: What's that?

3 JY: My dad was always in town for something like that.

4 RA: Well I could see why you'd use your dad. Would your dad watch the kids for you if  
5 you needed it?

6 GM: *What about troublemakers back then anybody I mean we've spoke to a lot of*  
7 *deputies who worked back there in the 80's and they've identified a lot of people*  
8 *who were troublemakers who maybe responsible for something like this. We've*  
9 *talked to people in the older crowd we're trying to talk to people in the younger*  
10 *crowds like you. Anyone you can . . . .*

11 RA: Any direction you can point us in?

12 JY: Just that one guy's name you know but I can't, I can't remember.

13 RA: You can't remember?

14 GM: Well what kind of car did Rita drive? Cause we're missing some of that stuff.

15 JY: a larger car.

16 RA: A large car?

17 JY: (Inaudible)

18 RA: Like a Buick or a . . . .

19 JY: A Cadillac or a . . . .

20 RA: Do you know what color, what color it was?

21 JY: Gray maybe? I don't know.

22 RA: Where did she normally park it? Some people have garages some people park  
23 them in the front yard.

24 JY: I think she had a garage?

25 RA: Some people have driveways but they still park the car on the grass.

26 JY: (Inaudible)

27 RA: In the garage? What kind of car did you drive back then?

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1 JY: What kind of car?

2 RA: What kind of car did you have back then?

3 JY: Um, a Toyota pick up. Something that could carry tools and get my family around.

4 RA: Got descent gas on it too you weren't spending all your money on gas even  
5 though it was a \$1.25 back then or maybe even less that that. (overlapping  
6 conversation)

7 JY: Yeah, it was much cheaper.

8 RA: Who, who else could we go talk to in Lucerne who is in the know who knows  
9 everybody out there?

10 JY: Uhhhhhhh....

11 RA: If you were us who, who should we go talk to?

12 JY: See I wouldn't even know, uh, I wouldn't even know. I don't even remember half  
13 the names of people out there.

14 GM: Does your dad know some of the people we've already been talking too  
15 (inaudible).

16 RA: Yeah, would your dad know or. . . .

17 JY: Yeah, my dad would probably have a clue. He's more in her age group.

18 GM: Any, beside, or what color was your Toyota pick up truck?

19 JY: Um, thought it was cream.

20 GM: What other cars did you have?

21 JY: I don't know, I had an old Toyota well it's, it's a cream color Toyota (inaudible)

22 GM: Cause I think there is something in there about a Pinto?

23 JY: Yeah, I did as a matter of fact I had bought a Pinto from (inaudible).

24 GM: What kinda, what year, what color. . . .

25 JY: It was a blue Pinto. Yeah, it was a so she could a have transportation.

26 RA: Light blue? Dark blue?

27 JY: Blue, dark blue.

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WHY ERASE IT  
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1 JY: You know what I mean I didn't socialize with the lady I didn't hang out with her.

2 GM: These are people that were interviewed back then. (overlapping conversation)

3 RA: These aren't all her friends. These are just people that the detectives spoke with.  
4 How about Fred Holbrook, Senior? No? John Sullivan? Mage Ball (sp?) Marta  
5 Cramer? Who's this guy? Rebecca Townsend? Ok, Richard Lash, anybody that  
6 you worked or did some work at their house or anything like that?

7 JY: God, I can't remember it's been a long time.

8 GM: Yeah, a long time ago.

9 RA: Yeah we're almost out of photographs here. Uh, Ron Cobes, Cobbs (sp?) No,  
10 nobody else? Sherry Halopa (sp?), Halopola (sp?), Halapola (sp?) Uh, Sherman  
11 Henderson? No?

12 JY: Dude, I don't remember any of those people.

13 GM: You're just working.

14 RA: Cheryl. . . .

15 JY: Yeah.

16 RA: (Inaudible)

17 JY: All I was, was trying to build the business with my dad.

18 RA: Oh sure, I understand. Uh, Valerie Hernandez?

19 JY: Her name is, sounds familiar but (inaudible)

20 RA: Kinda sounds familiar to you. How about uh, Ronald Backoff? anything  
21 (inaudible). No?

22 GM: When you rented from her, guys come over all the time?

23 JY: Just the, the two guys I that I had seen and mentioned.

24 GM: Besides those two?

25 RA: Was she sociable or . . . .

26 JY: Yeah, she was . . . .  
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HE NEVER SAID  
THIS NAME,  
HE SAID GREGORY  
RANDOLPH

They knew  
about  
Backoff!!  
How Much?  
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1 RA: We're trying to get a, a basic overall idea of who Rita was, who she hung out with  
2 um, who came over to her house, what her normal activities was, uh, most of the  
3 people that we've talked to did not, in fact we haven't talked to anybody that lived  
4 in the rental house you're the first one so um . . . .

5 JY: I didn't know that there was anybody else you know uh, I don't even remember  
6 how we got the number it might have been off the bulletin board in uh, the market  
7 there in town.

8 RA: So you were looking for a, were you staying with your dad when you were looking  
9 for a place?

10 JY: Yeah.

11 RA: You had just got out of the military so . . . . you were looking for a place. There's  
12 a local bulletin board, you probably working for your dad at the time.

13 JY: Uh-hu.

14 RA: Didn't want you used to do as a kid growing up. You work for your dad when you  
15 were growing up?

16 JY: Yeah, he did construction, yeah. He was a door hanger.

17 RA: You found, you saw the advertisement and said hey let's go check this out.

18 JY: I don't even remember how I got that. My dad may have told me about it.

19 GM: The rental here?

20 JY: Yeah.

21 GM: Was your dad good friends with Rita?

22 JY: Hmm, I think they kind of traveled in the same circle.

23 RA: Over at the Legion and the Moose Lodge, the Moose Club? (overlapping  
24 conversation)

25 JY: Yeah.

26 GM: What of the other bars I don't think we asked him that for socializing.

27 RA: Uh, Y-Saloon or the Y, the Y-Café?

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They lied to you  
They hadn't spoken to me at the time of your interview only after arrest

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1 JY: I don't think she ever, I don't think she ever uh, occasioned I don't know. She  
2 seemed more like the uh, the Lions Club or the VFW.

3 RA: What about you did, did you go to those type of places too? To hang out socialize.

4 JY: No, I'd go to the "Y" uh, with my dad and shoot pool or uh, the Moose Lodge and  
5 they have little events, dinner was served, barn dances and . . . .

6 RA: Fundraiser stuff like that?

7 JY: Not really fundraising

8 RA: Things for the community.

9 JY: Uh-uh.

10 GM: You ever bump into Rita at the bars?

11 JY: (Inaudible)

12 GM: Cause we heard, I mean we don't know if it's true but we she kind of frequented  
13 the bars and drank a lot.

14 JY: I, yeah I'd hate to say anything cause I don't wanna you know be lying you know.

15 RA: So you never drank with her or you never saw here while she was did the  
16 drinking?

17 JY: Uh-uh.

18 RA: Well how about, how about when you were living over here did she ever invite you  
19 over to have a drink you and your wife or . . . .

20 JY: (Inaudible)

21 RA: So she pretty much kept to herself then huh? I mean that's like kind of sounds to  
22 me. She kept to your, herself you were probably busy your wife was probably busy  
23 with the kids.

24 JY: Probably, I don't know.

25 RA: It's been a long time.

26 GM: She was probably a lot older cause you would have been. . . .

27 JY: Yeah, she was quite a bit older than I was.

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3 AGENCIES  
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CHECK IN THE AGENCY  
COMMUNICATIONS  
LONGBEACH POLICE, SIGNAL HILL, PLYMOUTH

1 RA: How do you spell Mitchell?  
2 JY: M-I-T-C-H-E-L-L  
3 RA: You gotta come in.  
4 UN: Yeah. (overlapping conversation)  
5 RA: Right, no problem dude.  
6 UM: (Inaudible)  
7 RA: All right why don't you go ahead and do that. Hey how you doing? Oh, that's ok,  
8 that's ok. (overlapping conversation)

WHERE IS  
VERBATIM  
THIS WAS DOCTORED

9 UF: My sister is coming over too so if you see someone come up it's just her.  
10 (Pause) WHAT WAS SAID, OTHER AGENCIES IN PLACE READY TO ARREST

11 GM: If you're intimate with Rita we need to ask. I'm not ready to go. (Inaudible) I do  
12 now. (Inaudible) Just so you know you know this is...  
13 RA: Uncomfortable.

THIS IS WHERE I  
WAS ARRESTED BY FOUR  
OF COERCION AND SHOW  
OF FORCE

14 GM: Yeah because of your age difference. I gotta ask questions like this ... I don't you  
15 (inaudible). WHAT IS DOCTORED OUT?

16 JY: Sorry about that. → I FARTED HAD TO SHIT.  
17 RA: Oh, no problem. I WAS ASKED ABOUT SEXUAL ACTIVITY IN FRONT OF  
18 (laughing) MY WIFE, SO I DENIED SEXUAL INVOLVEMENT, BECAUSE IT WAS  
A COMPROMISING QUESTION IN FRONT OF MY WIFE AND MOTHER IN LAW  
19 JY: I am by myself all week and I don't eat much but when I get home on the weekend  
20 I eat regularly you know. I STILL REFUSED TRUTH, ... OH SO NOW YOU  
21 RA: Are you on some kind of a diet or something? LYING, WHICH ONE IS THE TRUTH?

22 JY: No I just start working and I eat during the day. NO MIRANDA!!  
23 RA: Sure. I DON'T EAT REGULAR  
I DON'T EAT REGULAR

24 JY: I slow down you know. My production isn't high enough so...  
25 RA: So your eating habits are different cause your busy at work?  
26 JY: Yeah, when we eat, I'll eat two or three times after I get home but I won't eat  
27 breakfast or lunch.

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Reviewed by Det. Rob Alexander #A1672  
November 23, 2010  
I WAS ARRESTED MARCH 9, 2009 & REALLY?  
I OFFERED TO GO TO CAFE  
A MORE COMFORTABLE SPOT, THEY DENIED  
WHEN THEY SUGGESTED TO GO TO A MORE COMFORTABLE SPOT, THEY DENIED  
STATION I WAS ESCORTED BY AGENCIES





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think some things that we're gonna talk about are gonna be a little bit private, embarrassing and I just wanna make sure that we're in a comfortable location um, kind of away from your wife. Do you mind going with us?

JY: Where are we going?

RA: Go down to Signal Hill police department so we can sit down there and talk.

JY: I guess so.

RA: I appreciate it.

JY: I mean I'm now like a suspect, suspect on this thing or what?

RA: Well we're talking to everybody trying to get as much information as possible John and um, sometimes we have to ask personal questions and . . . .

GM: You got your family sitting right there. (overlapping conversation)

RA: Your family's right there and we don't wanna cause any type of embarrassment.

JY: I don't think there is gonna be any kind of complications.

RA: I think it would be just be better if we did it kind of back at the station as opposed to right here. And you have been very cooperative with us talking to us right now and um . . . .

JY: Hey Mel, Melody?

GM: Hi, how are you?

UN: (Inaudible)

RA: Hi.

UN: (Inaudible) Uh, here Montana.

UN: Montana here.

GM: That's him huh? He's big.

RA: He looks like a big friendly dog.

JY: Was, was killed and they are trying solve the case and they wanna just ask. . . .

UN: Who? MELODY

THIS IS WRONG, WE WERE IN MY DRIVE WAY, THIS IS NOT WHAT WAS SAID

DOCTORED TRANSCRIPT

PROOF THE QUESTIONS WERE LEADING AND IMPLICATING I KNOW I WAS SO DID THEY WHAT? MIRANDA?

NEVER SAID

HOW DOES THIS WORK? NO QUESTIONS ASKED AND I'M ANSWERING TO ?

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(v) Rita Cobb

- 1 JY: A lady named Rita. Me and uh, J.J. and Jasmines mom had rented from her that  
2 she had gotten killed (inaudible).
- 3 UN: Ok, so?
- 4 GM: He had never been interviewed back then officially and he lived in a back rental  
5 that the detectives didn't know about back then.
- 6 UN: (Inaudible) ~~scribble~~
- 7 GM: So, obviously we wanna clear him if he didn't have anything to do with it. He was  
8 living back there. . . . (overlapping conversation) ~~scribble~~ >
- 9 RA: We wanna. . . . (overlapping conversation) ~~scribble~~ ?
- 10 GM: about the time when this happened
- 11 RA: We'd like to sit down and have a talk and we, we have a lot more questions that  
12 we'd like to ask.
- 13 UN: Ok, I mean. . . . ~~scribble~~
- 14 RA: Ok.
- 15 UN: So he's gonna ride with you or you want me to give him a ride up. . . . (overlapping  
16 conversation)
- 17 GM: He can ride with us and we can bring him back. ~~scribble~~ THIS WAS NOT SAID
- 18 UN: Ok. SAID
- 19 JY: Do you mind if I take uh, we got your car never mind. ?
- 20 RA: Um
- 21 UN: Do you want me I can give him a ride up there if you want me uh, just let them. ~~scribble~~
- 22 GM: If you want that would be fine.
- 23 RA: If you want, that's cool.
- 24 JY: Ok.
- 25 GM: Whatever's easier.
- 26 RA: As long, as long as you don't mind.
- 27 UN: Cause I don't mind giving him a ride no.

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1 RA: Your daughters beautiful how old is she?

2 JY: Seventeen.

3 RA: Seventeen, is she a handful?

4 JY: No, they're all my kids are good. I got one kid that uh, nineteen, Joseph and he's,  
5 he's a handful.

6 RA: Does he tests your patience a little bit?

7 JY: Yeah, well he's going down all the roads that I went down and making all the  
8 mistakes that I had made. I'm just like . . . .

9 RA: When you dad probably used to say, "you wait till you have your own kids."

10 JY: No, my mom said you're gonna have somebody that is going to do the same  
11 things to you that you're doing to me.

12 RA: So did you ever tell your dad, "hey man you know what I'm sorry dad."

13 JY: I always call my dad and apologize.

14 (laughing)

15 RA: That's pretty funny.

16 JY: I always.

17 RA: So you smoke and Melody doesn't, huh? Is that correct?

18 JY: Yeah.

19 RA: Yeah, I kind of figured cause I saw you leave your cigarette here.

20 JY: Well that I don't smoke inside so. . . .

21 RA: Is that just a courtesy thing for is that mother or your grand—

22 JY: Yeah, that's my mother-in-law.

23 RA: Mother-in-law, ok how old is she?

24 JY Uh, eighty-nine.

25 RA: She doesn't have emphysema or anything does she?

26 RA: Uh-uh.

27 GM: You guys ever been to Signal Hill P.D.?

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SEE WE WERE IN  
DRIVEWAY I WAS  
SMOKING  
THIS TRANSCRIPT  
IS VERY  
INACCURATE  
AND  
DOCTORED

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME  
HE ASKED ABOUT POLICE STATION  
AFTER REFUSING TO GO TO SPIES  
TO FINISH INTERROGATION

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1 JY: Yeah.

2 GM: You guys know where it's at?

3 UN: We lived across the street. (overlapping conversations)

4 JY: We used to live right across the street.

5 RA: Oh!

6 GM: We'll follow you then I was gonna put my little navigator on.

7 RA: Yeah cause we don't know how to get there.

8 JY: Where you guy's from?

*THEY ALREADY SAID THEY WERE FROM S.B. IN THE VERY BEGINNING?*



9 RA: We're from San Bernardino.

10 JY: Ok.

11 RA: All right thanks.

*THANKS TO WHO? HOW MANY AGENCIES ON LINE IN RADIO CONTACT?*

12 JY: Hey we're gonna stop at the gas station on the way back there. (overlapping conversation)

14 RA: Ok, ok not a problem.

*THIS WAS A AGENCY MULTI INTERVIEW?*

*MIRANDA ATTACHED.*

15 (car doors closing)

16 RA: Uh, this is Detective Alexander, it's approximately uh, 10:30 hours, Melody and  
17 John are gonna drive over to Signal Hill P.D. uh, we're gonna continue our  
18 interview with John over there.

19 GM: They'll be in a white Ford Expedition, Four, Yellow, Queen, Victor, One, Two, Six  
20 (4YQV126).

21 RA: Melody is driving.

*LONG BEACH POLICE  
SIGNAL HILL POLICE  
S.B. SHERIFF DEPT.*

22 Radio: Looks like his wife or girlfriend is driving and uh, apparently he's a passenger  
23 they're gonna follow behind. (inaudible) copy.

24 RA: (Inaudible)

25 GM: Yeah, why don't you call them it sounds like they are watching us but. . . .

26 RA: Call who?

*LONG BEACH POLICE THERE WAS AT LEAST 6 CARS AND 2 SUV'S*

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1 GM: Call Scott let him know what's going on. I'll get him. Hey guys uh, we're following  
2 him to Signal Hill P.D. his a girlfriend's driving so I have you guys hold off on the  
3 search warrant he's going a willingly to talk to us at the station.

4 RA: Uh, have them contact ~~WHO~~

I WAS  
REFUSED  
NON CUSTODIAL  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
FORCED !!

5 Radio: Copy. ~~WHO~~

6 RA: Ok, hey Scott could you do me a favor contact Signal Hill P.D. and let them know  
7 that we're on our way.

THIS WARRANT PRECLUDE MIRANDA  
RECOGNITION AND DEMANDS  
MIRANDA WARNING

8 GM: Keep the recording going.

9 RA: Uh-huh.

10 Radio: (Inaudible).

11 GM: Is the recorder going on?

12 RA: Ok, and have them turn the recorder on to uh, so that when we take him into the  
13 interview room everything's going and we don't have to wait outside very long.

14 Radio: Ok.

15 GM: And you're off on that?

16 RA: No, I'm still on. It's right now, 10:35 hours I'll be going off tape. Is that correct  
17 time?  
WHERE IS THE WARRANT FOR  
THESE RECORDING DEVICES

18 GM: Yes.

19 RA: Ok, we'll be going off tape and when we get back uh, to Signal Hill P.D. then we'll  
20 uh, we'll continue the recording.

21 RA: Test? Test? This is Detective Alexander it's approximately 10:46 hours we're at  
22 Signal Hill P.D. back on tape. Oh. . . .

23 UN: Can you give me your business cards or you know so I know who you guys are?  
24 (overlapping conversation)

25 RA: Sure, not a problem.

26 GM: This is still Long Beach right?

27 UN: Signal Hill is different.

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1 JY: Uh, (inaudible).  
2 GM: But is it in Long Beach?  
3 UN: Long - - yes.  
4 JY: Yes.  
5 RA: So it's a city within a city?  
6 UN: Yeah. (overlapping conversation)  
7 JY: Yeah, it's a city inside a city.  
8 RA: So, this is Signal Hill over here.  
9 GM: (Inaudible)  
10 UN: Yeah.  
11 GM: I'm confused?  
12 UN: Yeah, this Signal Hill it's own community.  
13 RA: Right.  
14 UN: And then past I think if you go past Willow no actually they go down quite a bit up  
15 to Spring Street, that's Long Beach and if you go down to PCH past is Long  
16 Beach. So, this is it's own . . . .  
17 RA: Oh wow! How did they incorporate a city within a city?  
18 UN: Um, many moon's ago I guess.  
19 RA: Many moon's ago, ok, anyway there's my card.  
20 UN: So, just call me whenever and come get him or . . . .  
21 RA: Um, yeah.  
22 UN: Ok.  
23 RA: That's fine, that's fine.  
24 UN: Ok.  
25 GM: When you said across the street you were right.  
26 UN: I love you babe.  
27 JY: Ok.

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1 UN: Call me?  
2 JY: Yeah.  
3 RA: Thank you.  
4 GM: This is the lobby?  
5 JY: Um, yeah.  
6 RA: We've never been down here before so we don't even know where the station's  
7 at. There we go.  
8 GM: Do you wanna finish your cigarette?  
9 JY: When I spoke to my dad and the guy's names are Leftwich (sp?).  
10 GM: Leftwich (sp?) we do have that name.  
11 RA: Yeah, we do have that name. (screeching noise)  
12 JY: And uh, (screeching noise), a Dave Leftwich.  
13 RA: Dave?  
14 JY: Yeah.  
15 GM: I think we have that. That name has come up.  
16 JY: Yeah. (screeching noise)  
17 RA: Hi, are you Sergeant Ducey (sp?)  
18 UN: No.  
19 RA: No, ok, ok is there a room? Do you have a room?  
20 UN: Yeah, come on back here.  
21 RA: Ok, thanks.  
22 UN: We actually have two rooms so we wanted to talk to you about I don't know which  
23 you guys wanna use that one interview room that's in the jail room or one that's in  
24 the detective bureau? THAT KNEW I WAS UNDER ARREST  
25 GM: Detective Bureau. (overlapping conversation)  
26 RA: Detective Bureau, yeah something a little more laid back. (screeching noise)  
27 GM: I gotta use the restroom.

S. N. POLICE KNEW  
I WAS UNDER ARREST AND  
REFUSE RIGHTS TO LEAVE





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1 RA: Ok.

2 GM: I don't know which way it is?

3 RA: We don't, we don't know either.

4 UN: And we have to try to figure out how the video thing works so uh, why don't you  
5 have a seat in here for a minute. (Inaudible)

6 UN: Yeah.

7 RA: Sarge?

8 UN: There you are?

9 RA: Hey, how you doing? I'm Rob, nice to meet you.

10 UN: Nice to meet you too.

11 UN: So uh, one of you guys (inaudible) I have two rooms (inaudible).

12 UN: I have one next to the jail. I don't know if you want that one, do you want that  
13 one? Ok give me a second.

14 RA: Oh, what looks good, Snapple?

15 JY: No, a Diet Pepsi.

16 RA: Diet Pepsi, you're a Diet guy? No?

17 JY: For awhile man I, my wife had me convinced that the regular Pepsi upsetting my  
18 stomach and I just, tough getting used to but once I got used to it, it was cool.

19 RA: You have stomach problems?

20 JY: No, just trying to keep from getting fat.

21 RA: Oh, ok but you don't look fat did you put a bunch of weight on or something?

22 JY: No, but now I'm forty-six years old I'm in pretty good shape.

23 RA: You know what's funny is my wife before I uh, got married I been married for too  
24 long probably uh, don't tell my wife that uh, I never drank Diet Coke. I just couldn't  
25 drink it and that's when I married my wife that's the only thing that she buys. She  
26 doesn't buy anything else but what she likes so I had to become used to it and  
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1 become accustomed to Diet Coke so now all I drink is Diet Coke and when I drink  
2 the regular Coke it doesn't taste the same.

3 JY: (Inaudible) (overlapping conversation)

4 RA: Exactly, it taste funny to me. I, I can't drink regular Coke now.

5 GM: How is this department? You ever have any problems when you lived across the  
6 street?

7 JY: Yeah, I had some tools missing but I kind of figured out you know, nobody in their  
8 right mind would break in a truck right across the street from a police station and  
9 take the tools but I think it was my son.

10 GM: That would be pretty balls. . . . (overlapping conversation)

11 RA: Do you think he pawned them or something?

12 JY: Huh?

13 RA: Do you think he pawned em?

14 JY: Sold them to his connection yeah probably.

15 RA: (Inaudible)

16 RA: They have a room back here that we can actually sit in. This isn't that comfortable.

17 UN: What's up bud?

18 JY: (Inaudible)

19 UN: All right man.

20 JY: I'm all right how you been doing?

21 UN: I'm all right.

22 RA: You guys know each other?

23 JY: Yeah.

24 RA: Did he take your burglary report or your property theft report?

25 JY: Yeah, I have a friend that lives in (inaudible) with my kid. I don't know why but you  
26 guys got me scared to fucking death here.

27 RA: What's that?

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WHO IS HE TALKING TO?

I CAN SENSE THEIR DECEIT, AND IM IN A POLICE STATION FOR A MURDER I DID NOT

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2 RA: Uh, just relax man.

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4 RA: Ok, like we said (overlapping conversation)

5 JY: Ok, I spoke to my dad and uh explained to him uh, what was going on and he said  
6 that her son had been uh, arrested and convicted of it you know it's . . . .

7 RA: Of what?

8 JY: Rita's murder.

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10 coming down here and talking to us uh, what we wanna do is I wanna basically go  
11 over what you told us earlier um, because I wanna get a little more detail as far  
12 where you lived and time frames and you know that type of stuff I just want, want  
13 a use much information from you as possible be a little more comfortable here  
14 than it was at your house.

15 JY: For you guys (inaudible).

16 RA: I'm, we never been here before so I feel pretty comfortable and I hope you feel  
17 comfortable to uh, I appreciate you coming down here, uh, you're free to leave at  
18 anytime that you want. You're not under arrest but I'm, I'm glad that you, that you  
19 came down here to talk to us. Do you remember how to get out?

20 JY: Yeah.

21 RA: Ok, great, great. Anyways let's I'd like to kind of stop at I'd like to start from when  
22 you were growing up and where you lived and let's just progress that far you know  
23 I wanna talk about everything that you that we talked about earlier but I wanna  
24 start from where you lived and then all the way until you moved down to Lynwood.

25 JY: Ok, talk about where I lived growing up?

26 RA: Yeah. Just . . . .

27 JY: All right.

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*TAB IS RIGHT WHEN WE GOT TO THE POLICE STATION (v) Rita Cobb I WAS FORCED TO THE POLICE STATION*

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*P TOLD HIM HER SON AND HIS WIFE WERE ARRESTED*

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*TO VERIFY MY EARLIER COMMENT THAT WAS ERASED, THAT THE CAFE WAS DENIED AND I WAS FORCED TO POLICE STATION !!*

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18 came down here to talk to us. Do you remember how to get out?

19 JY: Yeah.

*I WENT TO USE BATHROOM THIS DEPARTMENT WAS SECURE ALL DOORS LOCKED AND MONITORED AND CONTROLLED BY COPS, HERE,*

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22 start from where you lived and then all the way until you moved down to Lynwood.

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24 RA: Yeah. Just . . .

25 JY: All right.

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1 JY: I, I just I'd heard you know through other people that she was messing around with  
2 one of the other Leftwich's and I heard that from an ex-girlfriend of mine who was  
3 up there. Her mom was dating the guy, one of the Leftwich's and then the and  
4 she was telling me that uh, he used to talk shit you know everybody talks shit but  
5 you know.

6 RA: It's a small, it's a small community.

7 JY: Yeah, you know I mean uh, I don't even know how it came up uh, something  
8 happened oh, you used to live up there, apartment or something like that or you,  
9 they said I'd lived with her or something and it's like no I rented a, a house from  
10 her and then she goes oh well my, my boyfriend used to date her and he  
11 remembers seeing you there and I was like ok whatever you know.

12 RA: Uh-huh.

13 JY: So I wasn't really that important you know uh, that's how I found out that she was  
14 dating one of the other's and I know it wasn't David that uh, this gal was uh,  
15 seeing at the time. Well it had to be another Leftwich.

16 RA: How far away from Rita's house that she was living in the main residence was the  
17 studio apartment? I mean how much?

18 JY: From here to the parking lot I mean it wasn't even that it was here to the front door  
19 of the station.

20 RA: We're just talking. ...

21 JY: Twenty feet.

22 RA: A few feet? Ok, how about friends that would come over and visit her, who did  
23 she socialize with?

*IN THIS AREA I TOLD THEM I HAD  
TAKEN FRANK LEFTWICH OFF THE PROPERTY  
FOR RITA, AND BOTH TIMES LEFTWICH WAS  
AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS RITA, AND HE WAS VERY  
DRUNK, BOTH TIMES, ONE TIME HE WAS IN HER  
LIVING ROOM I HAD TO PULL HIM OUT OF DOORWAY  
BUT THIS WAS ERASED FROM RECORDING*

24 JY: There was always cars there but I don't know who was there.

25 RA: What kind of cars do you remember?

26 JY: (Inaudible)

27 RA: No? But you owned a cream colored, Ford, Ranger? (overlapping conversation)

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JY: Yeah, it was a tan, Toyota.

RA: Toyota? Toyota what? Like SR5 or...

JY: Yeah, it might have been a SR5?

RA: Cause I think that was the popular model back then.

JY: (Inaudible)

RA: Ok, so you owned a Toyota truck? Standard? King cab?

JY: It, it's just a regular cab.

RA: Regular cab. Long bed? Short bed?

JY: It's just six or eight foot bed I think.

RA: Was it uh, like uh, uh, 4-wheel drives were pretty popular back then people would jack em up like five feet off the ground, nothing like that just a regular stock truck. Ok, and it was yours?

JY: No, my dad co-signed the uh, it was mine.

RA: Well he's trying to help you out a little bit. And then you also owned a dark blue Pinto. *THEN WHY PUT A WITNESS SAYING SHE SAW A SILVER PINTO*

JY: Correct, I bought a dark blue Pinto from a guy out of Apple Valley or I think it was Apple Valley. My wife was staying at home you know she cause I was gone all the time. *BECAUSE WHO EVER DROVE THE SILVER PINTO KILLED RITA?*

RA: Uh-huh.

JY: By that time uh, me and my dad were working six or seven days a week all year you know and you figure twelve, fourteen hours a day gonna be gone it's like I need to get to the store get you know groceries or never mind that she never cooked you know she may need to take the kids to town for an emergency, never mind that she didn't take care of the kids you know but uh. . . .

RA: But she needed transportation is what you're saying?

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(v) Rita Cobb

1 RA: So she lived by herself totally as far as you know?

2 JY: And from what I had heard from other people after we had moved away and uh,  
3 found out that she had been killed that uh, um, her son moved in so I don't even  
4 know. My dad right now is under the impression that he hangs around a grip of  
5 older people and older people have the tendency to talk.

6 RA: Sure. *(overlapping conversation)*

7 JY: He, you know he says that according to his information he married the town ex-  
8 mayor you know from up there so she knows like probably fucking everybody up  
9 there that's descent you know and his feedback was that her son his uh, was the  
10 one that got convicted of the I don't even know.

11 RA: Of what?

12 JY: Of Rita's murder.

13 RA: Oh, really!

14 JY: Yeah.

15 RA: Ok, well that's not true. We know that's not true I'm sure.

16 JY: You guys. . . .

17 RA: Yeah, we wouldn't be out here asking questions trying to figure out who was  
18 around her um, did you ever go over to Rita's house for drinks and maybe Holly  
19 wasn't there? Maybe to socialize with her or anything?

20 JY: First of all, I had, I'd gone over there that one time when we were . . . .

21 *(overlapping conversation)*

*WHAT THE FUCK IS MISSING  
You KEEP CUTTING THIS RECORING*

22 RA: Just the one time right? Never had any type of a relationship with Rita? Excuse  
23 me?

24 JY: No.

25 RA: No, did you ever date her?

26 JY: Uht uh

27 RA: Uh, kiss her?

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(v) Rita Cobb

1 JY: Uht uh *He*

2 RA: Um, have sex with her?

3 (cell phone ringing music) *since Nettie No.*

4 RA: Excuse me I'm sorry. Nu-no intimate relationship at all? *No*

5 GM: You said you had brothers and sisters?

6 JY: Uh-hum.

7 GM: What were your brother's names?

8 JY: Joseph, I mean not Joseph, George.

9 GM: George, what was his first birthday?

10 JY: February something.

11 GM: He's older than you?

12 JY: Yeah.

13 GM: How many years older?

14 JY: Sixty-one, he's born in sixty-one.

15 GM: And then came who next?

16 JY: Then me, uh, John and that's uh, September of 63.

17 GM: You, sixty-three, and then? (overlapping conversation)

18 JY: And then Kenneth was uh, December of 65 and then uh, Brian was December of  
19 72.

20 GM: Any sisters?

21 JY: No.

22 RA: How about stepbrothers or sisters? Stepbrothers? Stepsisters?

23 JY: Uh, my mom married a Mexican family I'm sure there's probably five hundred of  
24 them out there in Mexico, um. . . .

25 RA: Were your brothers living in Lucerne Valley?

26 JY: Yeah.

27 RA: All of em?

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(v) Rita Cobb

1 RA: I think people probably don't understand you. Some of the things that you've  
2 done some of the things you've been involved with

3 JY: You guys think I did this.

4 JY: There's just no way.

5 GM: We're not here to judge you man.

6 JY: I just like...

7 GM: We've been investigating homicides for a long time. We've talked to a lot of  
8 people including you and, and many other cases we've worked on. We've been  
9 working this one for a long time and my partner and I, I think he'll agree with me I  
10 get the sense that you feel bad for her. I saw what you looked like when you  
11 looked at her photo. I saw the hurt there.

12 RA: We saw how it tore your stomach up back at the house. John life, life is good for  
13 you right now. You've turned things around. You're with a good woman. Back in  
14 1985 there were a lot of you had a lot of stress in your life. You had a new child.  
15 You had a wife you weren't getting along with.

16 JY: I didn't. I didn't do this. (Inaudible)

17 RA: John.

18 GM: We wouldn't be here today talking.

19 RA: We wouldn't just pick you out of a, a needle in a haystack to talk to.

20 GM: You know there is many reasons why these types of things happen. You told us  
21 about your childhood and the things that happened to you and the things that  
22 you've gone through and there were a lot of stressors in life for you. We know  
23 that you made some mistakes. Nobody's perfect.

24 JY: I made a lot of mistakes but not this. I've never made this mistake there's just no  
25 way.

26 GM: It's all right John. We don't think you're a bad person. I think it would be good  
27 that you get this off your chest. I really do.

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FOR 4TH AM. PURPOSE I WAS PRIME SUSPECT

WHEN THEY SHOWED  
ME A PICTURE OF RITA  
DEAD, YEA I BEGAN TO  
CRY. I HAD KNOWN PEOPLE  
TO HURT HER AND WAS  
UPSET TO SEE SHE WAS  
REALLY KILLED AND THE  
PHOTO BROUGHT BACK  
REMEMBER EVERY  
ONE LEAVING  
HER SON

YEA SOMEBODY KILLED A  
WOMAN, THEY ALL HURT HER

THIS IS SUPPOSE TO BE  
AN INTERVIEW, YOU SAID I  
WASN'T UNDER ARREST  
THEN WHY AM I

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INTERVIEW WITH JOHN YABLONSKY

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(v) Rita Cobb

1 GM: I don't think you'd intend to do something like that. I think it may have been an  
2 accident. Something, something happened and she got hurt.

3 GM: This case actually started getting worked on before we worked on it back in 1999.

4 JY: Yeah.

5 RA: As a matter of fact people have been working on it nonstop ever since the case  
6 originally was investigated and the guys did a great job. We talked to a lot of  
7 people and every now and then a detective would pick it up as technology became  
8 more available and more accessible and new things were around. They would  
9 start working the case. And they did this numerous times. (overlapping

10 conversation)

*I KEPT TELLING DETECTIVES, THEIR EFFORTS WERE  
STELLAR BUT I DIDN'T KILL THIS LADY, I NEVER  
HURT HER,*

11 JY: I, I, . . . .

12 GM: So, like my partner said we're not here to judge you. We've talked to literally  
13 thousands of people during these homicide investigations. We've been doing this  
14 a long time. We've seen a lot of bad people. A lot of bad stuff happened. I can  
15 tell you sitting to, sitting here and talking to you today you're not like the people we  
16 normally deal with. The people we normally deal with are gang members and  
17 drug dealers who don't care about hurting anyone and repeat those offenses if  
18 they're not caught. You're not one of those people. We've talked to many people  
19 just like you who have made the same type of mistakes in life. It's time to do the  
20 right thing.

21 JY: I'm trying to do it. (overlapping conversation)

*THEY TALKED ABOUT TEXAS  
AND I TOLD THEM, THAT NEVER  
HAPPENED, IT WAS A LIE, I WAS*

22 GM: Say what happened John. It's time man.

*NEVER CHARGE. AND THEY WEREN'T  
THERE, THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR*

23 JY: Can, can I call my wife?

*TALKING ABOUT. VA, DA REJECTED TEXAS*

24 GM: We, we already know what happened in the house. You're not gonna say  
25 anything that's gonna get us excited. You're not gonna tell us anything that we  
26 don't already know. So, I don't want you to feel like this is gonna be . . .

*A DEPOSITION  
WHERE THE TRUTH  
WAS TOLD AND*

27 (overlapping conversation)

*I WAS RELEASED, REINSTATED  
BACK TO ACTIVE DUTY IN ARMY*

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(v) Rita Cobb

1 a lie we have no credibility. Nobody trusts us. Nobody will talk to us. Nobody will  
2 help us. That even includes when we talk to the person that committed the  
3 murder. We're honest with that person and we're up front. We're being up front  
4 with you right now John. You're DNA links you to Rita's death.

5 JY: It's just uh...

6 GM: Was it an accident?

7 JY: Dude I didn't, I didn't....

8 GM: John, John, was it an accident?

9 JY: You're not hearing me. I, I didn't hurt this lady.

10 RA: Are we done?

11 GM: Yeah, we're done.

12 RA: We're done.

13 GM: You're under arrest for the murder of Rita Cobb that occurred in 1985.

14 RA: Stand up. Turn around. Put your hands on the wall.

15 (END OF RECORDING)

WHAT  
HAPPEN TO THIS  
OF THIS  
END  
RECORDING

16 Where was Miranda?  
17 Find Killer! Check DNA  
18 on Watch Pin

23 OFFICERS SEEN BERDARD DURING INTERVIEW  
24 WITH GOLD WATCH ON LEFT HAND DURING INTERVIEW

25 THERE WAS 26 PAGES MISSING FROM  
26 THE TRIAL VERSION, WHERE IS THE  
27 EVIDENCE

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REPORT AREA

SECTION P.C. 187	CRIME MURDER	CLASSIFICATION	
VICTIM'S NAME - LAST NAME COBB,		FIRST NAME RITA	MIDDLE NAME (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)
ADDRESS 35435 Hwy. 18, Lucerne Valley		<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS	PHONE ( )

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACT:

FLAGG, Diane  
 DOB: 10/13/58  
 Residence address: 7570 Fairlane Ave., Lucerne  
 Residence phone: 248-7818

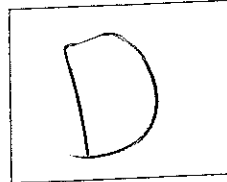
Upon contact with Ms. Flagg at her residence, on 9/26/85, at approximately 1410 hrs., Ms. Flagg told me that on the previous Friday (9/20/85), between the hours of 5:00 and 6:00 p.m., she observed a WMA, described as being approximately 5'10-6" tall, average build, dark hair, with a beard and mustache and a large tattoo on his left arm, wearing blue jeans, hitchhiking along Highway 18 in the direction of Big Bear. Ms. Flagg said when she had seen the subject, he was in the general vicinity of Ms. Cobb's house. Ms. Flagg stated that the only other information she would have would be on either Friday or Saturday, 9/20 or 9/21, she had observed several cars parked in front of Ms. Cobb's house and the only cars that she remembers was a silver Pinto and Ms. Cobb's Cadillac.

Ms. Flagg could offer no further information and the interview was concluded.

*THE RECORDING OF DET. KNOWING I OWNED A BLUE PINTO WAS NOT PLAYED TO JURY. THIS PERSON SEEN A SILVER PINTO AT THE SCENE BEFORE RITA WENT TO PARTY OR ON SATURDAY ON THE STAND SHE SAID ON FRIDAY.*

REPORTING OFFICERS MC COY, Det. M-1384		DATE 9/27/85	REVIEWED BY	TYPED BY pk K-1179	ROUTED BY	DATE
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> > ----- Original Message -----  
> > \*From:\* Janet.Wall <<mailto:Janet.Wall@noaa.gov>>  
> > \*To:\* Robert Alexander <<mailto:thealexanders7@msn.com>>  
> > \*Sent:\* Friday, February 27, 2009 11:20 AM  
> > \*Subject:\* Re: Assistance needed in locating weather

> > I have placed your order. We will email you the data when it is  
> > ready.

> > Thanks  
> > Janet

> > Robert Alexander said the following on 2/27/2009 12:21 PM:

> > > Hi,

> > > I work for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department  
> > and am

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> > > data (ambient temperature and wind speed...etc) for Lucerne  
> > > Valley in  
> > > Southern California \*/but need the data for September 21st  
> > > to 23rd  
> > > 1985./\*

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> > > and Apple  
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On Feb 27, 2009, at 10:12 AM, Robert Alexander wrote:

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> agency. Also, Apple Valley has a small airport and might have  
> reported weather data.

>  
> Is there an agency that retains weather history data as reported by  
> airports or weather reporting facilities? In the past, I have used  
> internet web sites to locate weather data and had great success. I  
> have tried to search the internet but am unable to locate records  
> back to 1985. Getting this weather data is very important in my  
> investigation and have contacted Apple Valley Airport and what was  
> George Air Force Base (now Southern California Logistics Airport).  
> I was told that each facility has weather reporting instruments but  
> do not retain historical archive data. The historical weather data  
> would provide me with the ambient temperature during the day and  
> night which will assist when the case goes to court.

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> Any assistance would be appreciated.

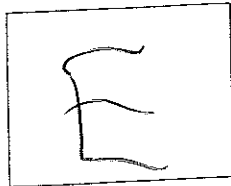
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William Backoff (1991)

No Current Photo Available

William Backoff (2008)

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WHEN THIS CRIME WAS  
COMMITTED

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PLEASE ADVISE WE T.I.P. OF ARRESTS / CONVICTIONS / DISPOSITIONS

AGENCY SBSO-Central Dispatch CASE # MC104476

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY AGENCIES SBSO REFERRAL MEDIA KABC/TV 5 9:20

DATE CALL RECEIVED 8/6/88 TIME 1435 PDT REFERRAL MEDIA 714 387 8313

DATE AGENCY CALLED 8/6/88 TIME 1500 PDT PHONE ( ) SBSO Central Dispatch

SPOKE TO Deputy Carr AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPECT #1 NAME William Backoff AKA Unk

ADDRESS 9190 Kickasaw Trail (Trailer) PHONE ( ) Unk

CITY Lucerne Valley COUNTY San Bern. STATE CA ZIP Unk

SEX M RACE W AGE 52 DOB Unk HAIR Gry EYES Unk HGT 5'5 WGT 120

MARKS Small appr. USER Unk DRUG \_\_\_\_\_

VEH: YR Unk MAKE Ford MODEL P/U Truck COLOR Brn LIC # Unk

MARKS/OTHER VEH Blk tool box on back/Unk

WORK/SCHOOL/HANGOUTS Unk/Unk/Unk

ARREST DATES Unk CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

Crime: HOMICIDE QUANTITIES N/A

CRIME LOCATION LUCERNE VALLEY, CA DATE/TIME APPROX 3 yrs ago.

PROPERTY TAKEN N/A STASHED N/A

W.O./SPECIAL INFORMATION Suspect was bragging that he strangled, raped and mutil-

ated a victim by name of Rita Cobb approx 3 yrs ago. Was laughing, and bragging

about crime at a party over week-end. Said he had picked up the victim at

a bar called Zodiac, and when victim indicated that she was turned off sex-

ually to suspect, he bragged he strangled her until victim "turned black."

Then he described other crimes against victim after victim was dead. NFD

ANG RELATED Unk WEAPONS/DOGS Unk/Unk STASHED \_\_\_\_\_

SUSPECT #2 NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AKA \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SEX \_\_\_\_\_ RACE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ HAIR \_\_\_\_\_ EYES \_\_\_\_\_ HGT \_\_\_\_\_ WGT \_\_\_\_\_

MARKS \_\_\_\_\_ USER \_\_\_\_\_ DRUG \_\_\_\_\_

HOW INVOLVED W/ SUSP #1 & CRIME \_\_\_\_\_

ARRESTED TIME/METHOD OF APPROACH Unk/Unk

CALL BACK YES CALLED BEFORE NO REFERRAL # \_\_\_\_\_ REWARD NO

INFO. SOURCE 1st HAND FROM INFORMANT XX HEARSAY \_\_\_\_\_

THE ABOVE INFORMATION MAY BE INCOMPLETE, BE ADVISED THAT ALL QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED. IT IS WE TIP'S POLICY TO FORWARD ALL

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THIS SAME MAN KNEW HELEN BROOKS WHO WAS

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
County of San Bernardino  
California  
CA 03600

DR# 1331037-07

REPORT AREA

SECTION PC 187	CRIME MURDER	CLASSIFICATION		
VICTIM'S NAME - LAST COBB, RITA MAB	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	(FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)	
ADDRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS	PHONE ( )	

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excited about going out with Bruce Lee. I asked if Drake knew the man identified as Fred and she said yes she did know him, and had seen him several times at Rita's house. I asked if Rita had ever said anything or complained to her about Fred hitting her, to Drake's knowledge, Rita had never made this complaint. I asked Drake what type of personality she would describe Rita as having, Drake said that she drank a lot and could be very caustic when she had been drinking and not remember her comments after she'd sobered up. She further described Rita as liking men and used to go out to the Moose Lodge, quite a lot on Saturday nights in Lucerne Valley and occasionally the Y Cafe and the Zodiac. I asked also if Rita was known to have any preference as to her men as far as age and Drake replied, no. I asked about race and Drake replied was, to her knowledge, Rita preferred white men and preferably those closest to her age, however she was not particular about age. Drake had nothing further of investigative value and the interview was concluded at that time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OFFICER:

After concluding the above interviews, Det. Knapp and myself were requested by Sgt. Baker and Det. Woods to make contact with a Betty Ball in Apple Valley for purposes of interview. Further information refer to supplemental interview by Det. Knapp. After completing the interview with Betty Ball, Det. Knapp and myself returned to the Victorville station to await the arrival of the Sheriff's Homicide units. While at the station I ran through CNI and CLETS the name of Fred Bedard who is mentioned as a former "lover" of the victim Rita Cobb. Through CNI, I received a response showing Fred Bedard as a male 42 years of age, DOB 8-10-42, 5'7", 180 lbs, gray hair and eyes are blue. Mr. Bedard has had contact with the Victorville Sheriff's office on two occasions, once as a suspect in 1970 of a battery and once in 1983 as a suspect in a petty theft. Bedard's last address shows as of 2-83, 16702 McKinney Way in Victorville California. Contact through CLETS shows no warrants or warrants outstanding for Mr. Bedard and it shows a manual CNI number of MO 1431025, refer to attached teletypes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: BACKHOFF, WILLIAM ROGER Tall Trees Trailer Park Lucerne Valley, Calif

On 9-25-85 at approx. 0740 hrs., I was contacted by telephone by Mr. Backhoff. Mr. Backhoff stated he had received word that the Sheriff's dept., was looking for him in connection with Rita Cobb's death investigation. I told him I was not familiar with anyone looking for him however, I would talk with him at this point. Backhoff told me, he'd received word yesterday afternoon someone from the Sheriff's office was trying to contact him to talk to him about the death of Rita Cobb. He said he didn't know anything about her death; but said that he did know her and he talked to her on the day she got back from Canada, approx. 2 weeks ago, and related this incident.

REPORTING OFFICE IS G TUTTLE T1183	DATE 9-26-85	REVIEWED BY	TYPED BY fj	ROUTED BY	DATE
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GREGORY RANDOLPH  
BACKHOFF

SECTION: MURDER CLASSIFICATION: MURDER

DEPARTMENT: 8

OFFICER'S NAME: LAST NAME: 38, RITA MABEL FIRST NAME: MIDDLE NAME: (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)

RESIDENCE:  BUSINESS:  PHONE: ( )

He said he'd been up the mountain and on his way back down, hwy 18, his gauges his vehicle went crazy and that he pulled into her driveway, because he showed a loss of oil pressure on his oil pressure gauge. He said that this was about 9:00 in the morning and while talking for a little while, he checked his truck and then drove on. It appeared to be a malfunction of the gauges. Backhoff said he next saw Rita approx. 1 week later when he and the dload from the Tall Trees Trailer Park were driving up Hwy 18, this was approx. last Tuesday said they drove pass they saw her car in the garage and rita was outside at which time they ved at her but proceeded and did not stop to talk to her.

asked Backhoff how well he knew Rita and said that he'd known her for approx. 5 years that d met her through his former girlfriend, Geraldine who has since deceased. Said s been out on occasion with Rita, however, this was prior to Geraldine's death and that they t of a threesome. And he's never had sex with her. I asked him to describe Rita and he d she was very outgoing and she did drink but he's never seen her drunk in his opinion. khoff had nothing further that he could relate saying he did not see her since the time he ated to me. I asked him if he had any idea's who might have killed Rita and he said no. ff had nothing further of investigation value and interview was concluded.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: COOK, DANIEL A. 22078 Clickitat in Apple Valley Calif. 247-5359: SUSPECT

approx. 1315 hrs., on 9-25-85, I was contacted by Mr. Daniel Cook, at the Victorville station in this in person interview, Mr. Cook related the following information.

stated yesterday after he had heard of Rita's death, he went to her house and saw Daryl son. After talking with Daryl awhile, they went to see John and Pinky (Francesca Drake) e at the many springs ranch, he saw two men that he felt should not belong there, and ribe them as #1 a white male 35 to 40 heavy build 175 to 200 lbs 5'10" in height having a brown beard with a grouping of white hair in the center of his chin. Cook stated the told him he lives in Apple Valley. Cook also noted the man had a green older Datsun up with a Raider's decal in the back. The second man was described in his late 40's to 50's 5'10", 250 lbs brown and gray hair subject #2 has a motor home that he drives and lives Cook first contacted both parties said that John and Pinky were not there. returned back to Rita's house and saw John Sullivan coming down the road, they stopped talked to John and learned the two men were there at the ranch lawfully and were taking e on home and cook returned to his residence. I asked Cook if he could recall the type ires that were on this datsun pickup and he said no. I next asked Cook to describe Rita for me. His first answer was that she was a debator and argumentative. She would bait one into a heated discussion to see their viewpoint or answer to her questions.

DATE: 9-26-85 REVIEWED BY: TYPED BY: fj REPORTED BY: DATE:

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LR # 44659

REQUEST FOR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXAMINATION

**DIRECTIONS:** Please TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY ALL information on both sides of this form PRIOR to submitting evidence to the Laboratory. ALL physical evidence submitted to the Laboratory for examination must be accompanied by a completed form with the EXCEPTION of (1) narcotics evidence, (2) Blood/Urine Alcohol Kits, and (3) Marijuana Citation Kits.

Please telephone the Laboratory if there is a change in the status of the case or there is additional information pertaining to the case that should be made known to the Laboratory.

Requesting Agency SBSD / HOMICIDE Agency Case No. 1331036-07  
1331490-07  
Date of Request 8-10-88 Date of Offense 7-4-85 Offense PC 187  
9-20-85  
Date/Time of Evidence Collection 8-10-88 1320 Collected By BRUCE McPHAIL M1860

Victim(s) (Last Name First)	No. 1 <u>BROOKS, HELEN</u>	Suspect(s) (Last Name First)	No. 1 <u>BACKHOFF, WILLIAM</u>
	No. 2 <u>COBB, RITA</u>		No. 2 _____
	No. 3 _____		No. 3 _____
	No. 4 _____		No. 4 _____

Brief Summary of Case Circumstances (Indicate where evidence was found and/or collected):

TWO (2) FEMALE VICTIMS WHO LIVED IN THE APPLE VALLEY  
AND LUCERNE VALLEY AREAS WERE FOUND MURDERED  
IN THEIR RESIDENCES TWO (2) MONTHS APART. BOTH  
V/ WERE KILLED BY LIGATURE STRANGULATION, SEMEN SAMPLES  
FROM BOTH V/ SHOWS S/ POSSIBLY AN ABO TYPE B NON SECRETOR.

Description of Evidence:

Item Designation  
(A, B, C, etc.)

Brief Description (Package and Contents)

H-1, 2, 3 cigarette butts

# VICTIM MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION

Doctor or medical facility that has the victim's medical records:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor or dental facility that has the victim's dental records/x-rays:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

## X. SUMMARY

Space below is provided for a narrative summary of this incident. Please include a general overview, details, unusual characteristics, and the sequence of events. Also include any other pertinent information re: victim(s), suspect(s), evidence, etc. that was not captured elsewhere in this form:

Victim is 1 of 2 homicides w/ same suspect. Brooks lived in [redacted] was sexually promiscuous, and known as an easy going. No forced entry to residence, nothing known to be missing from residence. Victim found nude in her bedroom, was tied behind back with a nightgown, pants, hose and sock, and the knot of the hose stuffed in her mouth. We also had a pillow over her face. approx 50 men were interviewed as I.D.'s as knowing who. Suspect was determined to be a B non-secretor. No other DNA or blood work was done at the time of the murders. Cross ref to H# 100-85 COBB, Rita. DR 1331036-07. Victims killed within 90 days of each other, they lived approximately 10 miles apart on [redacted] age 28. Both dated a variety of men in age [redacted] and social standing.

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26. Doctor or dental facility that has the victim's dental records/x-rays.

Dr.'s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

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Victim is 2nd homicide involving same suspect. Victim lived in a bar, was usually permissive and known as an easy partner in bars. No forced entry, and nothing is known to be missing from residence. Victim found nude in her bedroom, back, posed. She had a coat hanger around her neck, and a pair of white shorts over her face. Approximately 20 men have been F.O'd as known victims. Suspect is a B non-secretor; no other blood work or DNA had been done. Cross Ref w/ H# 68-85 L 1331490-07 victim Brooks.

Both victims lived approx 10 miles apart on Hwy 18, and were killed within 90 days of each other.

Both victims dated a variety of men, of different ages and social standing.

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OVERVIEW

ORDER OF VERBAL REPORTS BY LABORATORY:

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REGIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY

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 San Bernardino, CA 92415  
 Phone: (714) 387-2200

EVIDENCE

DATE	TIME	HRS	DPL. NO.
8/10/88	11:40		1331036-07
V. Cobb, Rita		S. unk.	
THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED			
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FROM Det. B McPhail			THIS DATE
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L.R. NO.			
44659	01 Horn		

(H) 3 slide boxes c.  
 cig butts

Case and Source:

See previous reports dated September 30, 1983, November 18, 1985 and July 3, 1987 for a description of Items A through G.

On August 10, 1988 Detective B. McPhail, Sheriff's Special Detective Division, delivered the following items to the Laboratory:

Item H: Three cigarettes (H-1, H-2, and H-3) identified as having been smoked by William BACKHOFF

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS:

The cigarette butts from BACKHOFF, as well as the cigarette butts from the crime scene were examined in an attempt to determine ABO/secretor status. The following table lists the results of that examination:

Item & Description	Amylase level	Soluble ABH antigens	Result
A-20a: "Virginia Slim" cigarette butt with lipstick	High	A, H	A secretor
A-20b: "Marlboro cigarette	Moderate	A	A secretor
A-20c: unsmoked "Benson and Hedges" cigarette	Moderate	Inconclusive	Inconclusive
A-21: "Benson & Hedges" cigarette	High	H	O secretor
H-2: "Benson & Hedges" cigarette from BACKHOFF	High	A, H	A secretor
H-3: "Benson & Hedges" cigarette from BACKHOFF	High	A, H	A secretor

Conclusions:

- BACKHOFF, as an ABO A secretor, does not match the semen donor profile developed from the semen stains on the felt pad (Item A-18) from the crime scene.
- Comparison of the ABO/secretor type of the cigarette butts at the crime scene to the blood types of the individuals in this investigation can be broken down as follows:

Item & Description	Consistent with
A-20a: Virginia Slim (note: lipstick)	KRAEMER, BACKHOFF
A-20b: Marlboro	KRAEMER, BACKHOFF
A-20c: Benson & Hedges (not smoked)	no information
A-21 : Benson & Hedges	Cobb SANDERS (unknown secretor status)

*David C Stockwell*

David C. Stockwell  
Criminalist

/Jkg

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*WILLIAM  
BACKOFF*

SECTION 187	CRIME MURDER	CLASSIFICATION
M'S NAME - LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)
9B	RITA	MARBEL
TESS	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS	PHONE ( )

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ANSWER: *Because it's fucked up the way she died. I didn't do nothing wrong. Matter of fact, you police officers aren't doing your job. I hate to say it but it's all fucked up.*

QUESTION: *Aside from this arrest, have you ever been arrested before?*

ANSWER: *Well yeah, but I don't think it really counts.*

QUESTION: *What do you mean by that?*

ANSWER: *Well, it was when I was back east.*

QUESTION: *What was the arrest for?*

ANSWER: *It was for possession of stolen property. I had these adding machines. This was when I was about 17 years old.*

QUESTION: *How would you describe your current health status?*

ANSWER: *I'm an alcoholic. I've been one since I was 16 years old.*

QUESTION: *What is your current financial status?*

ANSWER: *Well, that's interesting because people wonder what I do. I don't accept food stamps and I don't accept welfare, I just make it on my own.*

QUESTION: *So when was the last time that you actually worked for a company?*

ANSWER: *That's when I worked for Scott Company Sheet Metal a couple years ago.*

QUESTION: *How about narcotics. Do you use drugs?*

*THIS IS A CENARY  
CORONER THAT IS  
SUSPECT TO TWO  
CRIME SCENES*

REPORTING OFFICERS MARTIN ACIOS, DET, P0108	DATE 8/17/88	REVIEWED BY	TYPED BY HS 51751	ROUTED BY	DATE
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SECTION	CRIME	CLASSIFICATION
0187	Murder	
COBBS, RITA	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
		(MISSING)
ADDRESS	RESIDENCE	PHONE

ASSIGNMENT:

On 05/02/05, Lt. Mike Zenithan advised me he had received a telephone call from Mike Safarik from the FBI's Criminal Profiling Unit (phone 703.632.4342). Safarik was inquiring about the murder of Rita Cobb and Helen Brooks. Both women were murdered in 1985, in the high desert (refer DR# 1331036-07, LR# 100-85-Cobb and DR# 1331490-07, LR# 68-85 Brooks). Safarik had read the WIOAP profile on the two cases that was done in 1987 and discovered that a person named William Backoff had been identified as a potential suspect.

He further discovered there was semen located at both crime scenes and wanted to know whether or not a match had ever been made on the suspect. I read some of the lab reports (LR# 44659 - Cobb and LR# 44452 - Brooks) and a genetic DNA profile was obtained on both of these cases from semen left by the suspect. I was unable to locate a document indicating wheatear or not there were two different suspects or the same DNA profile was found at both murder scenes.

I contacted Don Jones at the Sheriff's Crime Lab. Jones was the DNA analyst who did the work on both of these cases and was familiar with them. Jones told me the genetic profiles on the murder cases were from two separate suspects, therefore eliminating the possibility that the same suspect killed both women.

I asked Jones about William Backoff and his DNA profile. There was a DNA profile that was done on Backoff from some cigarette butts brought to the crime lab by Sergeant Brian English. It was at that time I discovered that William Backoff was a fictitious name for Gregory Randolph. Randolph was a Deputy Coroner for the San Bernardino County Coroner's office and raised suspicion by English about his possible involvement in this murder because Randolph was rumored to have several photographs of elderly murder and homicide victims at his residence.

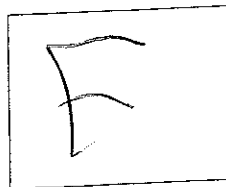
GREGORY KNEW BROOKS ALSO (CANT FIND THAT DOCUMENT)

THESE WERE LOCATED WHEN HIS HOME WAS SEARCHED BY DETECTIVES

IF IM NOT MISTAKEN  
 DOZENS OF PHOTOS

REPORTING OFFICER Sgt. T. Bradford B-1959	DATE 05/06/05	REVIEWED BY TB	TYPED BY dk	COLLECTED BY	DATE
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San Bernardino Sheriff's Department  
 Identification/Latent Print Section

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Case Number: 1331036-07

Agency: VICTORVILLE  
 Result Date: 08-09-88  
 Agent:  
 Victim: COBB, RITA  
 Offense: PC 187  
 Suspect: MALLAN, LLOYD J. 10/26/43  
 Assigned: CORNS

3 WARS?

08/09/88 Assigned L. G. Corns

At the request of case agents McPhail and Palacios, this case was reviewed and the results are listed below:

There are twenty-nine photographs of latent prints. Twenty-eight are not suitable for comparison. one is a palm latent and is not computer quality. This latent was compared to the submitted palm prints of the below listed subjects with negative results.

There are fourteen latent lifts. The results are listed below:

<u>PERSONS COMPARED</u>	<u>ROLLED BY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DOB</u>
1. COBB, Rita	Moody (SBSD)	Victim	N/A
2. SAUNDERS, Joe	Baty (SBSD)	09/24/85	N/A
3. MALLAN, Lloyd	N/A	03/15/83	10/26/43
4. SIMBACH, Richard D.	Bellnap(SBSD)	09/25/85	N/A
5. GAY, Howard A.	Hawaii PD	05/09/86	01/01/43
6. BACKHOFF, William R.	Rercaff	09/26/85	N/A

<u>BOOKING #</u>	<u>CAL-ID #</u>	<u>PALMS</u>
1. N/A	N/A	N/A
2. N/A	N/A	N/A
3. N/A	N/A	N/A
4. 722173	N/A	YES
5. N/A	N/A	YES
6. N/A	36147584	N/A

LATENT #1: This latent was lifted by Deputy Moody on 09/23/85, from "Tall, clear drinking glass, left side of counter kitchen". This latent was compared to the #1 or right thumb of victim COBB and was a positive comparison.

LATENT #2&3: These latents were not suitable for comparison.

LATENT #4: This latent was lifted by Deputy Moody on

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09/23/85, from "Tall drinking glass, clear, left side of counter top". This latent was compared to the #1 or right thumb of victim COBB and was a positive comparison.

LATENT #5:

This latent was lifted by Deputy Moody on 09/23/85, from "Red flowered drinking glass, left side of counter top, kitchen". This latent contained three images marked A, B, & C.

IMAGE A:

This image was compared to the #2 or right index finger of victim COBB and was a positive comparison.

IMAGE B:

This image was compared to the #8 or the left middle finger of subject SAUNDERS and was a positive comparison.

IMAGE C:

This image does not contain enough minute ridge characteristics in order to make an identification.

LATENT #6:

This latent was lifted by Deputy Moody on 09/23/85, from "Red flowered drinking glass, left side of counter top, kitchen". This latent contained three images marked A, B, & C.

IMAGE A:

This image was compared to the #6 or left thumb of subject SAUNDERS and was a positive comparison.

IMAGE B&C:

These images do not contain enough minute ridge characteristics in order to make an identification.

LATENTS 7-13:

These latents were lifted by Deputy Moody on 09/23/85 and (glasses) on 09/27/85. These latents do not contain enough minute ridge characteristics in order to make an identification.

LATENT #14:

This latent was lifted by Deputy Moody on 09/23/85, from "Red flowered drinking glass, left side counter top, kitchen". This latent was compared to the #7 or left index finger of subject SAUNDERS, Joe, and was a positive comparison.

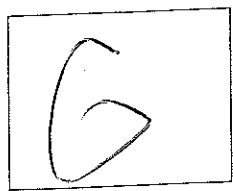
All comparisons were checked and verified by Forensic Specialist R. Luna. Evidence retained in Identification/Latent section files.

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CODE SECTION PC 187	CRIME MURDER	REPORT AREA
VICTIM'S NAME - LAST NAME COBB, RITA M.	FIRST NAME MIRIAM	CLASSIFICATION SUICIDE
ADDRESS PAGE 5	RESIDENCE 80 YARDS W HW WHO OF DRIVE	MIDDLE NAME UP HILL LOOKING FOR FROM UPHILL TO VISIT WHEN DENIES QUESTIONS ABOUT BUSINESS PHONE ( )

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 SUICIDE FROM THE HIGHWAY IS  
 THIS MURDER WAS HE PARKS AND THE MIDDLE QUESTION DENIES  
 80 YARDS W HW WHO OF DRIVE HOME IS THEN SEEING*

INTERVIEW WITH SAUNDERS, JOSEPH BACON WMA 52 yrs DOB 10-28-32 38260 NEEHLEIAS RD, LUCERNE Valley, phone 619/248-6529, Mr. Saunders is self-employed at the above mentioned phone number:

At approx. 1640 hrs., Monday 9-23-85 I interviewed Mr. Saunders outside the exterior boundary line of the crime scene.

Mr. Saunders stated the following: He has known the victim since meeting her at a party at a neighbors house identified as John Sullivan approx. 8 months to a year ago. And at that time Rita Cobb was dating a guy by the name of FRED. The next time he'd met the victim, she invited him to John Sullivan's birthday party which was approx. 4 months. Saunders stated he declined and didn't go. His next meeting with Rita Cobb was on 9-15-85 when he met her at a going away party for an individual by the name of Steve. He stated that the party was held at Linda's house who lives on Highland Ave., in Lucerne Valley. I asked him who Steve and Linda were, he stated that he did not know Steve's last name and only knew that Linda worked at Lucerne Valley Post office. He also stated that while at the party he did not see the victim with any companion. I asked him if he'd gone to the party with Rita Cobb, he stated that he had not. The next meeting of Rita was on Friday 9-20-85, Saunders stated that he was driving southbound on highway 18 when he saw the victim's vehicle parked outside of her residence. He stated that he had learned to see what type of car she had and when he saw it out there he knew she was home. He then parked his vehicle out on the roadway, walked up to her house where he met her on the front porch. I asked him again where her vehicle was parked at that time, he stated it was not in the garage but on the dirt incline just east of the garage. He then stated that he talked to the victim for about 30 minutes during which time, she'd invited him into her home and given him a glass of water while they were seated at the dining room table. I asked him what they talked about, he said they talked about his academic credentials. I then asked him what type of glass he dranken the water from, he stated it was a transparent glass and that she'd taken ice from the refrigerator to put into the glass. He then stated she was talking about her own situation and that she was going to have to sell the house because she couldn't keep up with it. She then told Saunders that after FRED left she didn't like living there.

She also talked about her deceased husband and about her dog. He stated that during this period of time that the phone had rang twice, and that she had said who was on the phone but he didn't remember other than the second telephone call being from an individual identified as Pinky. He stated that the first time she was only on the telephone for about 1 minute then hung up, the second time she was on the telephone with Pinky and she talked for approx. 5 minutes, after which time she asked him if he wanted to go pick pistachio's up at John's and Pinky's home. He then added that the curtains, drapes were open because he remember's her saying prior to Pinky's telephone call "there goes Pinky" pointing out at the roadway and

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OFFICER'S NAME - LAST NAME COBB, RITA M.		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)
ADDRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS	PHONE ( )

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she'd also stating to him, it sure it nice to know the people up the road. After the telephone call from Pinky, he stated that he left agreeing with Rita to meet her up at John's and Pinky's home at Mini Springs Ranch to pick pistachio's. He stated he was to take his vehicle and she was to take hers, after she changed from her work clothes. I asked what type of clothes she was wearing at that time, he said that a blue or red dress, it was a primary color with puffs around the sleeve. He said the next thing that happened is they met at John's and Pinky's house at Mini Springs Ranch about 1/2 hr before sunset and at that time Rita was wearing designer blue jeans a blue short sleeve blouse and unknown type of foot wear. They all met out in the pistachio grove where they picked pistachio's for a short time, then going back into John's and Pinky's home, sat around the table and talked about square dancing and baseball. He stated he only stayed for another 30 minutes and then he left going home where he remained the rest of the night.

I asked Mr. Saunders if he'd seen Rita consuming alcoholic beverages at John's and Pinky's he stated yes she may have been having a bourbon and water. I then asked if she appeared to be intoxicated, he stated no. The interview was then terminated with Mr. Saunders as he could offer nothing further of investigative value during the preliminary investigation.

*EVERY ONE AT THE PARTY SAID SHE WAS TOO DRUNK, THIS MAN SAYS DIFFERENT*

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SECTION PC 187	CRIME MURDER	CLASSIFICATION STRANGULATION
TIM'S NAME — LAST NAME COBB	FIRST NAME RITA	MIDDLE NAME (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS) MABLE
DRESS 35345 Hwy 18, Lucerne Valley, CA	<input type="checkbox"/> RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS	PHONE ( ) 248-7584

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INTERVIEW:

The following interview conducted at approximately 1104 hours, Tuesday, 9-24-85, with SAUNDERS, JOSEPH BACON, white male, 52, DOB 10-28-32, address of 38260 Mechleis Rd. in Lucerne Valley, phone number 248-6529. He states he's self employed.

Mr. SAUNDERS states that he drives a Ford Econoline van, cream in color with a red band. Mr. SAUNDERS also states that he's been in the Lucerne Valley for approximately ten months to a year. We asked him his relationship with RITA. He stated that he'd only met her one time at a get together and that the last time that he had seen her was on Friday on 9-20-85. He states that the time of day was about one hour before sundown. He stated that he stopped by RITA's residence and he parked out on the highway and walked to the residence. The residence sits approximately 100 yards from the highway. He states that they went inside the residence, into the dining room type area off the kitchen, and he states they sat there. He drank a glass of water and then she received a phone call. He stated the first phone call he knows was from JOHN SULLIVAN and his girlfriend PINKY and they were invited up to pick pistachio nuts. He stated that another call occurred about 15 to 20 minutes later and that he stepped outside. He does not know who that phone call was from. He stated that RITA stated that she had to change clothes prior to going up to JOHN and PINKY's and that he stated that he was gonna go on up. He stated he left and went up to JOHN SULLIVAN's house and a short time later she showed up wearing designer type jeans and a blue blouse, button-up the front, unknown if she had any jewelry. She stated that beforehand, before she changed clothes she had a blue type dress on with puffy type shoulders.

32 House  
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 SHAWAY

He stated before Friday he had seen her last Sunday at a party. At this point in time he started to cry violently and as soon as I asked him another question he turned, stopped crying, and answered the question.

He stated they picked pistachio nuts for about 20 to 30 minutes and that during this time he noticed that RITA, JOHN and PINKY were drinking beer. He states they went inside the residence and sat down for awhile. He stated he had to go and he stated that he went home, however, he back tracked and stated that as soon as he walked out to his vehicle to drive home that RITA followed him out. He stated that RITA was acting somewhat nervously and made the statement to himself that she would not object.

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NO. 1001000-01
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SECTION PC 187	CRIME MURDER	CLASSIFICATION STRANGULATION
PERPETRATOR'S NAME - LAST NAME COBB	FIRST NAME RITA	MIDDLE NAME (FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS) MABLE
ADDRESS 35345 Hwy 18, Lucerne Valley, CA	RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS <input type="checkbox"/>	PHONE ( ) 248-7584

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INTERVIEW: JOSEPH BACON SAUNDERS (Continued)

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to a platonic relationship and if he wanted to stop by. He stated he did not comply; however, he got in his vehicle and went home. He stated the time he believes was about 6:30 in the evening.

*RITA DIDNT EVEN STOP TO THE PARTY UNTIL AFTER 6:30 PM*

I asked Mr. SAUNDERS if he did anything or anyone saw him when he went home. He stated no, that he did not receive any phone calls nor did he call anyone. He stayed home all evening long.

I asked him, in regards to the glass of water that he had inside the residence, if he went to any of the bedrooms or any of the other rooms in the residence. He stated he did not. He only stayed near the table and I asked him if any of his fingerprints would be found in any other room other than the glass that was in the kitchen and possibly on the table.

He stated that that's the only place that I was.

At this point in time he started crying again. We then asked Mr. SAUNDERS where he had lived prior to Lucerne Valley. He stated that he had lived in Big Bear for about a year and before that he lived in Venice in Los Angeles.

I asked Mr. SAUNDERS if he had ever had sex with RITA COBB. He stated that he hasn't and they had never even talked about sex.

*THEN WHY DID RITA TALK ABOUT A PLATONIC RELATIONSHIP*  
Before the end of the interview Mr. SAUNDERS stated that he had previously been a screen writer in the L.A. area, however, it didn't work out for him and he came to the Lucerne Valley area where he is now an inventor. He is in the process of inventing a filing type system.

We then asked him to submit to and to give us fingerprints from himself. He complied. The interview with Mr. SAUNDERS was completed.

*WHY WOULD COBB SUGGEST PLATONIC UNLESS SAUNDERS INTENT WAS SEXUAL, HOW LONG WERE THEY SEXUALLY INVOLVED? WHY WAS HE PERSUADING HER?*

*[Handwritten signature]*

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VICTIM'S NAME -- LAST NAME COBB,	FIRST NAME RITA	MIDDLE NAME	(FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)	
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INVESTIGATIVE LEAD:

On 2-3-86, I was advised by Sergeant BAKER of the Sheriff's Homicide Detail that he had been in contact with Sergeant QUINTARD of the Lucerne Valley Station, and that Sergeant QUINTARD had advised him that a subject named JOSEPH SAUNDERS had committed suicide on January 24, 1986. Sergeant QUINTARD was aware of the fact that Mr. SAUNDERS was an acquaintance of RITA COBB and stated that there was no apparent reason for the suicide. The possibility does exist that the suicide was committed because of acts taken against RITA COBB. I was assigned by Sergeant BAKER to then look into the possibilities of obtaining blood samples for comparison with any samples that the Crime Lab currently had with them to either eliminate or to identify Mr. SAUNDERS as a possible suspect. I was further advised that Deputy Coroner MARSHALL FRANEY was in possession of a handwritten log written by JOSEPH SAUNDERS in which he had kept a running diary of his actions.

CONTACT WITH ROOT LABORATORIES:

On 2-5-86, at approximately I went to the ROOT LABORATORIES in San Bernardino and there made contact with a GREG OLSEN who is a technician at that facility and advised him that I needed a sample of blood taken from the autopsy conducted on JOSEPH SAUNDERS. We then checked the records and found that the autopsy conducted on JOSEPH SAUNDERS was number 122-86. Mr. OLSEN then drew off some of the blood that was available and placed it into a container and presented it to me.

DELIVERY OF BLOOD TO CRIME LAB:

At approximately 1115 hours on 2-5-86, I took the vial of blood that I had obtained from the ROOT LABORATORIES to the Sheriff's Crime Lab and submitted it as Item C of the laboratory report.

CONTACT WITH DEPUTY CORONER FRANEY:

On 2-5-86, at approximately 1400 hours, I contacted Deputy Coroner FRANEY at the Barstow Sheriff's Substation and at that time Deputy Coroner FRANEY presented me with a Xerox copy of the journal written by JOSEPH SAUNDERS. I also received a Xerox copy of the will written by JOSEPH SAUNDERS.

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REQUEST FOR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXAMINATION

DIRECTIONS: Please TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY ALL information on both sides of this form PRIOR to submitting evidence to the Laboratory. ALL physical evidence submitted to the Laboratory for examination must be accompanied by a completed form with the EXCEPTION of (1) narcotics evidence, (2) Blood/Urine Alcohol Kits, and (3) Marijuana Citation Kits.

Please telephone the Laboratory if there is a change in the status of the case or there is additional information pertaining to the case that should be made known to the Laboratory.

Requesting Agency 2-5-86 Agency Case No. 1331036-07

Date of Request 2-5-86 Date of Offense \_\_\_\_\_ Offense PC 187

Date/Time of Evidence Collection 12-25-86 Collected By UNK

Victim(s) (Last Name First)	No. 1 <u>Cole, R. TA</u>	Suspect(s): (Last Name First)	No. 1 <u>CHAIN OF CUSTODY EVIDENCE</u>
	No. 2 _____		No. 2 _____
	No. 3 _____		No. 3 _____
	No. 4 _____		No. 4 _____

Brief Summary of Case Circumstances (Indicate where evidence was found and/or collected):  
Victim Sexually Assaulted & Murdered.

Description of Evidence: Item Designation (A, B, C, etc.)	Brief Description (Package and Contents)
<u>C</u>	<u>Blood sample from Joe Saunders. Poss suspect</u>

TO COMPLETE A CHAIN OF CUSTODY UNKNOWN IS INSUFFICIENT

BROKEN EVIDENCE CHAIN

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April 3, 1987

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REPORT ON THE EXAMINATION OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE  
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT #2

by Gene Rogers, Captain  
Specialized Detective Division  
San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept.

Attn: Lieutenant D. Baker

Following is the report of the Crime Laboratory giving the results of the examinations conducted on evidence received from your office. This examination has been made with the understanding that the report will be used for official purposes only.

BYD TIDWELL, Sheriff

by P. Kelly M. Kellett  
Joseph Longhetti 4-8-87  
Laboratory Director

Requesting Agency	Specialized SBS/Detective Division	Victim	Cobb, Rita
Type of Investigation	Homicide (01)	Suspect(s)	-----

Evidence and Source:

See previous reports dated September 30, 1985 and November 18, 1985 for a description of Items A and B.

On February 5, 1986, Detective R. McCoy delivered the following evidence to the Laboratory:

Item C: one blood vial from SANDERS, Joe

DID THEY COLLECT HAIR?

On September 16, 1986, Detective R. McCoy delivered the following evidence to the Laboratory:

Item D: saliva samples from POPE, Bill

Item E: one blood vial from POPE, Bill

On September 17, 1986, Detective R. Knapp delivered the following evidence to the Laboratory:

Item F: one sex offense kit (#6619) from KRAEMER

F-1: EDTA blood sample

F-2: saliva swabs

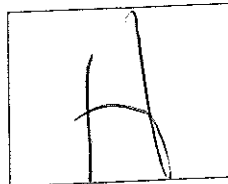
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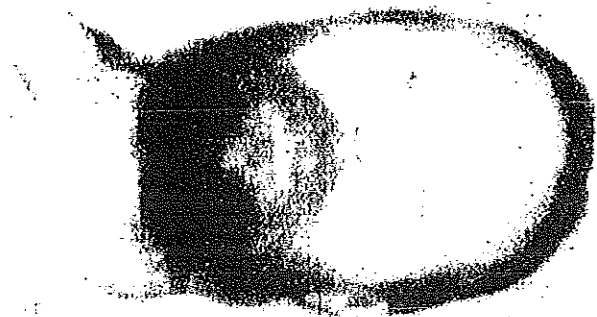
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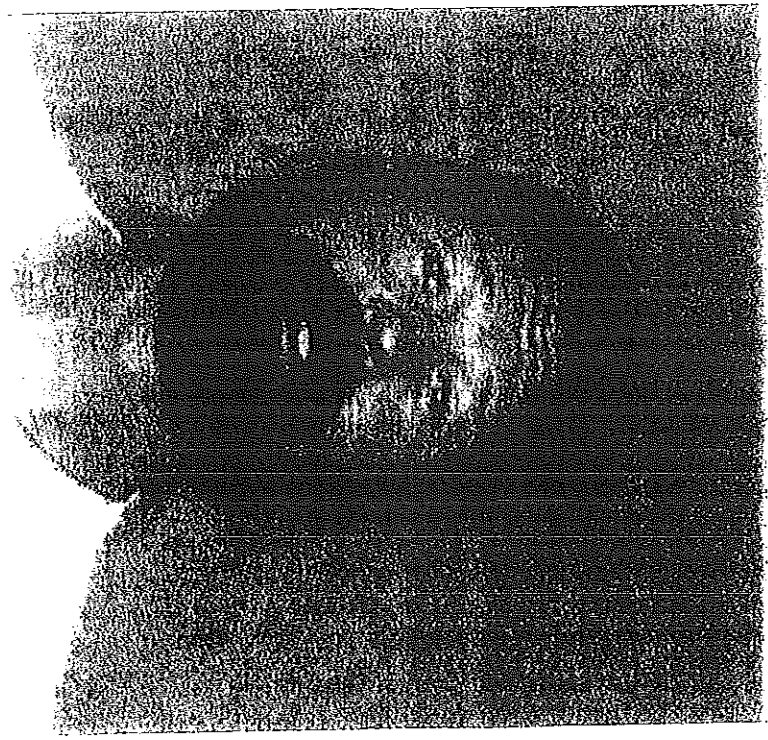
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Bruce Nash (1995)



Bruce Nash (2008)

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INTERVIEW NASH, BRUCE KENNETH WMA 36 yrs, DOB 3-7-49, 9560 Palomar Trail, Lucerne Valley, home telephone 619/248-6745, Mr. Nash is self-employed:

At approx. 1715 hrs., Monday 9-23-85 Mr. Nash was interviewed on the roadway of highway 18 in the exterior side of the boundry protecting the crime scene.

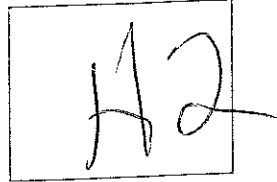
Mr. Nash stated that he'd known the victim for approx. 3 to 4 years and he met her through John Sullivan a mutual friend. Nash also stated that he and his wife Cynthia had visited with the victim possibly 20 to 30 times over the last 3 year period. And he had last seen the victim while he and Cynthia were at John's Sullivians house on last Friday 9-20-85.

He went on to add it was approx. 1930 to 1945 hrs., when he and Cynthia were at Johns residence where they saw Rita Cobb consuming Jim Beam Bourbon. Bruce and Cynthia Nash left the Sullivan residence at approx. 2145 hrs., leaving Rita Cobb there consuming Jim Beam. Mr. Nash stated that Rita appeared to be a little "buzzed" and infact he and his wife had offered her a ride home because they did n't think she should be driving.

Asked if Rita appeared to be belligerent he stated no, she's just a very lonely woman that was looking for a man, she could share her life with. I then questioned Mr. Nash as to what he had last seen Rita wearing, he responded by saying she was wearing designer blue jeans and thats all he could remember. He also stated that she had a new boyfriend by the name of Bruce Lee and she'd mentioned that she was excited about him. Mr. Nash stated that Rita also visited local travens in the area some of which were the Moose Lodge, VFW, and Zodiac. Loudge. Mr. Nash could offer nothing further of investigative value and this parliminary interiev was then concluded.

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VICTIM'S NAME - LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME
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RESIDENCE		

**OTHER STATEMENT:** Bruce Nash

On March 11, 2009, at approximately 1315 hours, Detective Robert Alexander and I interviewed Bruce at his residence. Bruce was at Many Springs Ranch with Rita Cobb when she was last seen alive. On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 we arrested Yablonsky for the murder of Rita Cobb. The purpose of the interview was to find out if Bruce knew John Yablonsky and if he had any further information to provide since his last statement in 1985. We asked Bruce numerous questions and the following is a summary of his audio recorded statement.

Bruce liked Rita and described her as a fun lady to hang out with. Bruce met Rita through John Sullivan. Bruce hung out with Rita at Many Springs Ranch and at Rita's house. John was the care taker for Many Springs Ranch. Rita had a ping pong table at her house and they played one another from time to time.

Bruce last saw Rita when she arrived at Many Springs Ranch that Friday evening in 1985. Present at the Ranch were Rita, John Sullivan (Bruce's brother-in-law), Francesca Sullivan (Bruce's sister), Cynthia Hooper (Bruce's girlfriend) and him. Everyone was drinking alcohol except for Cynthia and Bruce. Rita was intoxicated and slurred her speech.

Bruce recalled that it was pleasant outside that Friday night. Cynthia and he drove to Many Springs Ranch in their green ~~Gold Pinto station wagon~~ arriving at about 8pm. Rita arrived in her Cadillac. Bruce could not recall if Rita arrived before or after Cynthia and him. While at the ranch Rita drank alcohol, possibly some White Lightening (190 Proof). Cynthia and he were sober. Rita generally drank wine and John and Francesca drank beer.

They all hung out together at the ranch until about 9 PM or 10 PM. Rita was good at holding her alcohol but that night she seemed more intoxicated than she usually gets. Rita was having a good time but was slurring her speech. Bruce was concerned for Rita because he did not think she was able to drive home safely. Bruce told Rita he was going to drive her home while Cynthia followed behind them. At no other time when they drank together in the past did Bruce ever have to offer Rita a ride home.

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VICTIM'S NAME - LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME		(FIRM NAME IF BUSINESS)
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Interview Continued: Bruce Nash

Rita was adamant that she was fine and could drive herself home. When Bruce pressed her to allow him to drive her home she refused his offer. Rita even made the comment that she was thinking about going to the Zodiac Bar or somewhere else before going home. Bruce saw Rita drive away in her Cadillac and Cynthia and he drove home. That left John and Francesca at the ranch. Today Bruce could not recall what Rita wore that night.

Alexander asked Bruce to tell him about Rita's boyfriends, friends, social life, and career. Bruce said Fred Bedard and Rita dated for a year or so before breaking up. They broke up about six months before Rita was killed. Bruce did not recall Rita dating anyone at the time of her death. Bruce did not know what type of guys Rita preferred or what her social life was like. John Sullivan and Art Bishop (deceased) seemed to be Rita's good friends. Rita worked for the Spring Valley Lake Country Club as a secretary.

On Monday, Francesca, John, and he went into Victorville for some reason. When they returned to Lucerne Valley they saw police cars at Rita's house. When they stopped Daryl (Rita's son) ran to their car and told them someone killed his mother. Bruce put his arms around Daryl and comforted him. Daryl was quite distraught.

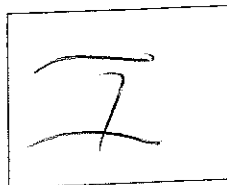
Alexander asked Bruce if he had any knowledge that Rita had rented her back house out at any time. Bruce said no. Bruce then recalled that Rita may have rented it out to Fred Bedard at one time or another.

Alexander showed Bruce a photograph of John Yablonsky. Bruce said he does not know John Yablonsky, but he does know a George Yablonsky. George and he rode horses together a long time ago. Bruce recalled George told him back then he was trying to get one of his sons into the family business. George introduced that son to him, but Bruce does not recall what he looked like. George was frustrated with his son because he was a flake, meaning he could not depend on him.

Rita had a personalized license plate of "ST James." James was the name of her deceased husband. Rita always said James was a Saint to her.

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John Sullivan (1993)



John Sullivan (2008)

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Don added that this Frank and Rita had fought like cats and dogs and he'd heard her yelling several times in the middle of the night, for help, usually when she had been drinking. Don had nothing further of investigative value and interview was concluded.

ARRIVAL OF CORONER:

At approx. 1335 hrs., date, Dep. Corner Marshall Franey arrived at the scene. Mr. Franey was briefed of the circumstances surrounding the death that we were aware of at this point and did not enter the residence.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ADDITIONAL OFFICER:

At approx. 1406 hrs., date, officers from the Sheriff's identification bureau arrived at the scene. Officers present were Tom Moody, and a Jeff Venditti they also were briefed of the instances surrounding the death that were known at this time and they also did not enter scene, and stood by awaiting the arrival of the Sheriff's Homicide Division.

At approx. 1417 hrs., date, Sgt. Dave Baker along with Det. Al Long, Gary Woods and Roger McCoy from the Sheriff's division arrived at the scene. The responding homicide unit detectives were briefed of the circumstances and also of all information obtained from interviews as of this time. After being briefed, the homicide team began their investigation directing photographs to be taken of the scene and also entering the crime scene.

After the arrival of the Sheriff's homicide team, Det. Knapp and myself remained at the location pending further assignment by Sgt. Baker.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SULLIVIAN, JOHN DOB 5-8-45 Mini Springs Ranch, HWY 18 Lucerne Valley Calif., 619/248-6960:

At approx. 1640 hrs., this date I conducted an interview with the above subject in front of the residence owned by Rita Cobb. This interview took place on the dirt shoulder of Hwy 18. In the course of the interview Sullivan related the following information.

Asked Mr. Sullivan when the last time he had seen Rita alive was and he said on Friday night 5-20-85 she'd come over to his residence that he shared with his girlfriend Fran. Rita came over to the house at approx. 1800 hrs. and left sometime after he went to bed approx. 2230 hrs.

*HE NEVER SAYS SHE SHOWED UP AT 2000 HRS*

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I asked if Rita had been drinking and he said yes. I asked John if he knew of anyone Rita had been seeing or had dated and he said a man by the name of Fred Bedard or Penard. He drove a brown Ford van with pin striping that used to work at Pfizer. This Fred had been injured and is currently off work. I asked if Rita had seen alot of men and he said yes, that to him she was a very lonely woman. However, recently she'd met someone from Spring Valley Lake and had gone out with him last week. John said he didn't know the man. Last weekend, meaning the weekend of September 14 and 15, Betty Ball a friend of Rita's, had spent the weekend with her and maybe she would have some additional information about this individual that Rita is seeing. John said he didn't know where Betty Ball lived, but thought Apple Valley.

I asked John what Rita's hobbies were and he said she dearly loved golf, and she like to hike and camp as well. I asked John if he'd seen Rita anymore this weekend and he said no. He said that he thought she was going down below, but did not know what made him think so, and he had not gone by her house except for Sunday evening when he and his girlfriend Fran returned from an Angel game. I asked John if Rita had a critical personality to which he responded that she would critique people and if they didn't know her they could probably take it wrong, as critical. I asked if Rita was anti "man" in particular and he said no. I asked John if he'd heard Rita talking about Fred hitting her or them getting into fights and he said, he'd mentioned on one occasion, that Fred had hit her once, with no other information available. John said in closing, he thought Doris lived in La Quinta on the outskirts of Palm Springs. John had nothing further of value, interview was concluded. *FRED BELOARD*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DRAKE, FRANCESCA DOB 12-29-56, MANY SPRINGS RANCH, LUCERNE VALLEY, CALIF., 19/248-6960:**

at approx. 1700 hrs., on 9-23-85, I conducted an interview with the above person in front of the victims residence. During the course of the interview, Drake related the following information. In response to my question as to when the last time she'd had seen the victim Rita Cobb, Drake said, she saw her on Friday 9-20-85 when she came over to her and John's house. Rita stayed until approx. 2330 hrs., that night and when she left, she was drunk, she had been drinking a lot of bourbon that evening. I asked Drake what Cobb's personality was when she left, she said that although she was drunk, she was feeling good but lonely like always. I next asked if Cobb had been seeing anybody or going out on any dates with anyone and she said that last weekend, the weekend of 9-13 through 15th she had a date with a man by the name of Bruce Lee, he said the date was on Sunday making it 9-15-85. That they'd gone out one time but had a date of some type for this weekend meaning the weekend just passed.

Drake had mentioned to Drake, she had talked with Lee this past week but, she did not remember if Rita had said it was a telephone or a personal contact with Lee. Drake said Rita was very

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**WITNESS INTERVIEW: JOHN SULLIVAN**

On Monday, 030909, at approximately 1530 hours, Detective Robert Alexander and I interviewed John at his residence. The interview was conducted after the arrest of John Yablonsky. The purpose of the interview was to find out if John knew Yablonsky. Alexander asked John numerous questions and the following is a summary of his audio-recorded statement.

Sullivan moved to Lucerne Valley in 1976. Upon moving to Lucerne Valley, he lived at Sky High Ranch. In 1978, Sullivan relocated to Long Beach. After one year in Long Beach, Sullivan moved back to Lucerne Valley in 1979. In 1980, Sullivan was hired to look over Many Springs Ranch. Sullivan was the caretaker at Many Springs Ranch from 1980 - 1985.

Sullivan first met Rita Cobb through Art Bishop. Art Bishop lived next door to Sullivan. Art Bishop opened the pistachio farm adjacent to Many Springs Ranch. Sullivan was a handyman and did work around Rita's house from time to time. During that time, Rita and he became good friends. Sullivan described Rita as a very nice lady who liked to party and have fun.

Rita frequented Many Springs Ranch and visited with him and his girlfriend, Francesca, a couple of times per month. Rita usually visited on Friday or Saturday nights. Rita's house was about one mile away from Many Springs Ranch.

Sullivan recalled the last time he saw Rita. Rita arrived either Friday or Saturday evening in her Cadillac. Rita had a bottle of bourbon with her. Also at Many Springs Ranch, was Bruce Nash, Bruce's girlfriend, Cynthia, Francesca and he. While at the ranch, they all socialized and drank alcohol.

*SAUNDERS SAID HE MET HER AT 6:30 PM. NOT JOSEPH SAUNDERS*

Sullivan recalled Rita had arrived around 8:00 p.m. After an hour or so, Rita ran out of bourbon and she asked Sullivan what else he had to drink. Sullivan offered Rita some beer, but Rita said she did not want any beer. Sullivan looked around the house and found some white lightening. Rita drank a small glass of white lightening and they continued to socialize. While outside, Sullivan recalled the weather being real comfortable.

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**WITNESS INTERVIEW: JOHN SULLIVAN (continued)**

Sometime around 10:00 p.m., Rita said it was time for her to go home. Sullivan and everyone else felt Rita was too intoxicated to drive so they insisted that one of them drive her home. Bruce got into the driver's seat of Rita's Cadillac and drove Rita home, as Cynthia followed behind in her vehicle. Sullivan remained at the ranch with his girlfriend, Francesca, when they all left.

On Monday, Sullivan went to a doctor's appointment in Apple Valley. When he returned to Lucerne Valley, he stopped at a market. While at the market, someone told him there were a lot of police officers at Rita's house. Sullivan left the market and drove to Rita's house. When he arrived at Rita's, there were police officers everywhere. Sullivan found Darrell at the scene. Darrell is Rita's son. Darrell told Sullivan his mother was dead.

From the time Rita had left Many Springs Ranch that Friday or Saturday evening up until Monday, when he spoke to Darrell, Sullivan had not spoken with Rita over the telephone or seen her for that time period.

When Bruce and Cynthia took Rita home, they did not return to Many Springs Ranch because they had also planned to go home. Sullivan could not recall what type of vehicle Cynthia and Bruce drove back then.

Alexander asked Sullivan if Rita rented out the back apartment behind her house. Sullivan said as far as he knew, she had not rented it out.

*CANNOT SHOW SINGULAR PHOTO FOR I.D. MUST SHOW CO-PACK!*  
Alexander showed Sullivan a photograph of John Yablonsky which did not have any personal identifying information on it. Sullivan said he did not recognize the person in the photograph. Alexander asked Sullivan if he knew the Yablonsky family. Sullivan said he knew George Yablonsky and described him as a very nice person. Alexander asked Sullivan if George had any sons or daughters. Sullivan said not that he was aware of. Sullivan recalled that George Yablonsky and Rita's son, Darrell, had been friends at one time.

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**WITNESS INTERVIEW: JOHN SULLIVAN (continued)**

Alexander asked Sullivan if he knew who Rita had been dating around the time she had been murdered. Sullivan said Rita had been dating Fred, but they ended their relationship sometime before she was murdered.

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I asked Sullivan if he knew who owned a Ford Pinto back then. Sullivan said that vehicle sounded familiar but he would have to think about it. I asked Sullivan if he knew who drove a tan colored Toyota pickup truck back then. Sullivan said that vehicle did not sound familiar to him.

I asked Sullivan if he knew a female named Holly. Sullivan said he does not know that name.

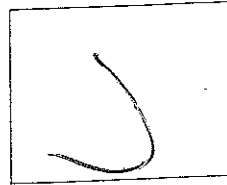
Alexander asked Sullivan if he socialized at Rita's house. Sullivan said no. Whenever they socialized, Rita came over to Many Springs Ranch.

I asked Sullivan if he could recall when he first made repairs to Rita's house and when he last made repairs to Rita's house. Sullivan said he first started making repairs to Rita's house in 1981 and made the last repairs sometime in 1984.

Sullivan did not have any additional information at this time and his interview was concluded at approximately 1645 hours.

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I asked if Rita had been drinking and he said yes. I asked John if he knew of anyone Rita had been seeing or had dated and he said a man by the name of Fred Bedard or Penard. He drove a brown Ford van with pin strapping that used to work at Pfizer. This Fred had been injured and is currently off work. I asked if Rita had seen a lot of men and he said yes, that to him she was a very lonely woman. However, recently she'd met someone from Spring Valley Lake and had gone out with him last week. John said he didn't know the man. Last weekend, meaning the weekend of September 14 and 15, Betty Ball a friend of Rita's, had spent the weekend with her and maybe she would have some additional information about this individual that Rita is seeing. John said he didn't know where Betty Ball lived, but thought Apple Valley.

*SULLIVAN*

I asked John what Rita's hobbies were and he said she dearly loved golf, and she like to hike and camp as well. I asked John if he'd seen Rita anymore this weekend and he said no. He said that he thought she was going down below, but did not know what made him think so, and he had not gone by her house except for Sunday evening when he and his girlfriend Fran returned from an Angel game. I asked John if Rita had a critical personality to which he responded that she would critique people and if they didn't know her they could probably take it wrong, as critical. I asked if Rita was anti "man" in particular and he said no. I asked John if he'd ever heard Rita talking about Fred hitting her or them getting into fights and he said, she'd mentioned on one occasion, that Fred had hit her once, with no other information available. John said in closing, he thought Doris lived in La Quinta on the outskirts of Palm Springs. John had nothing further of value, interview was concluded.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DRAKE, FRANCESCA DOB 12-29-56, MANY SPRINGS RANCH, LUCERNE VALLEY, CALIF., 19/248-6960:

at approx. 1700 hrs., on 9-23-85, I conducted an interview with the above person in front of the victim's residence. During the course of the interview, Drake related the following information. In response to my question as to when the last time she'd had seen the victim Rita Cobb, Drake said, she saw her on Friday 9-20-85 when she came over to her and John's house. Rita stayed until approx. 2330 hrs., that night and when she left, she was drunk, she had been drinking a lot of bourbon that evening. I asked Drake what Cobb's personality was when she left, she said that although she was drunk, she was feeling good but lonely like always. I next asked if Cobb had been seeing anybody or going out on any dates with anyone and she said that last weekend, the weekend of 9-13 through 15th she had a date with a man by the name of Bruce Lee, he said the date was on Sunday making it 9-15-85. That they'd gone out one time but had a date of some type for this weekend meaning the weekend just passed.

Rita had mentioned to Drake, she had talked with Lee this past week but, she did not remember if Drake had said it was a telephone or a personal contact with Lee. Drake said Rita was very

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excited about going out with Bruce Lee. I asked if Drake knew the man identified as Fred and she said yes she did know him, and had seen him several times at Rita's house. I asked if Rita had ever said anything or complained to her about Fred hitting her, to Drake's knowledge, Rita had never made this complaint. I asked Drake what type of personality she would describe Rita as having, Drake said that she drank alot and could be very caustic when she had been drinking and not remember her comments after she'd sobered up. She further described Rita as liking men and used to go out to the Moose Lodge, quite alot on Saturday nights in Lucerne Valley and occasionally the Y Cafe and the Zodiac. I asked also if Rita was known to have any preference as to her men as far as age and Drake replied, no. I asked about race and Drake replied was, to her knowledge, Rita preferred white men and preferably those closest to her age, however she was not particular about age. Drake had nothing further of investigative value and the interview was concluded at that time.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OFFICER:

After concluding the above interviews, Det. Knapp and myself were requested by Sgt. Baker and Det. Woods to make contact with a Betty Ball in Apple Valley for purposes of interview. Further information refer to supplemental interview by Det. Knapp. After completing the interview with Betty Ball, Det. Knapp and myself returned to the Victorville station to await the arrival of the Sheriff's Homicide units. While at the station I ran through CNI and CLETS the name of Fred Bedard who is mentioned as a former "lover" of the victim Rita Cobb. Through CNI, I received a response showing Fred Bedard as a male 42 years of age, DOB 8-10-42, 5'7", 80 lbs, gray hair and eyes are blue. Mr. Bedard has had contact with the Victorville Sheriff's office on two occasions, once as a suspect in 1970 of a battery and once in 1983 as a suspect in a petty theft. Bedard's last address shows as of 2-83, 16702 McKinney Way in Victorville California. Contact through CLETS shows no warrants or warrants outstanding for Mr. Bedard and it shows a manual CNI number of MO 1431025, refer to attached teletypes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: BACKHOFF, WILLIAM ROGER Tall Trees Trailer Park Lucerne Valley, Calif.

9-25-85 at approx. 0740 hrs., I was contacted by telephone by Mr. Backhoff. Mr. Backhoff stated he had received word that the Sheriff's dept., was looking for him in connection with Rita Cobb's death investigation. I told him I was not familiar with anyone looking for him however, I would talk with him at this point. Backhoff told me, he'd received word yesterday afternoon someone from the Sheriff's office was trying to contact him to talk to him about the death of Rita Cobb. He said he didn't know anything about her death, but said that he did know her and he talked to her on the day she got back from Canada, approx. 2 weeks ago, and stated this incident.

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