

WARNING:
THIS PAGE CONTAINS EXTREMELY GRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHS!

The following are crime scene photographs from the mysterious death of Raymond Lemme of the Florida Inspector General's office.

The death of Lemme in a Valdosta, GA motel room on July 1, 2003, has been officially ruled a suicide by the Valdosta Police Department.

The photographs posted below were said, in the original police report, to have not existed due to a failure in the camera's "flash memory cards".

As you can see, they do exist, and the Valdosta police --- who were the original source of these photos --- have confirmed their legitimacy. They have not, however, been able to explain several inconsistencies that the photographs seem to reveal when compared to the police report. As well, several other inconsistencies are found in both police report and additional evidence gathered.

Lemme was the investigator from the Florida Inspector General's office at the Florida Dept. of Transportation (FDOT) to whom Clint Curtis had initially reported his allegations of wrongdoing by Rep. Tom Feeney (R-FL) and Yang Enterprises, Inc. (YEI). Feeney, the former running-mate of Jeb Bush in his original run for governor of Florida, was the corporate counsel and registered lobbyist for YEI while he also served as Speaker of the Florida House. In 2002, Feeney ascended to the U.S. House of Representatives where he is now a member of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee.

Curtis reported in a [sworn affidavit](#), released exclusively by [The BRAD BLOG](#) on December 6th, 2004, that Lemme had told him in June of 2003 that "he had tracked the corruption 'all the way to the top' and that the story would break in the next few weeks." Lemme's wife confirms in the police report that her husband had been "working a 'big' case".

Two weeks after meeting with Curtis, Raymond Camillo Lemme was [found dead](#) in a bathtub with his arm slashed twice with a razor blade near the left elbow in Room #132 of the Knights Inn motel in Valdosta, Georgia; a border-town some 80 miles from Tallahassee FL where Lemme lived and worked.

All photos on this page were originally published online in February 2005 by [Insider-Magazine.com](#) who obtained them directly from the Valdosta GA Police Department.





8:10 am

I love my family
with all my heart.

I am sorry.

I am depressed
and in pain.

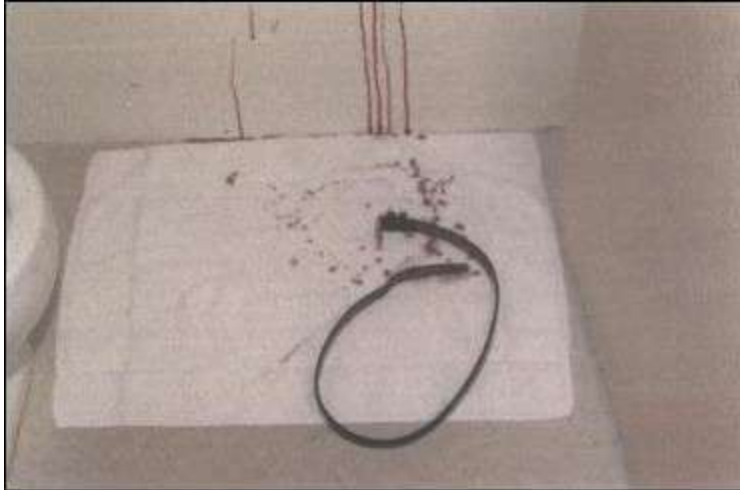
Mary Ann, I love you.



The above is a photograph of the unsigned note, presumably written by Lemme and left on the desk in Room #132 of the Knights Inn. Believed by family members to be in Lemme's handwriting, there is no mention of his only child, a daughter, who was engaged to be married just over two months later. Clint Curtis has said that Lemme spoke all the time about her whenever the two of them met.

Since it is difficult to read the text in the photo above, here is a photocopy of the letter which, unlike the photos on this page, *was* included in the original Valdosta police report:





In the Valdosta Police report, Det. Shannon Floyd, who took these photographs and reported that "a defect in the camera flash memory cards resulted in no usable photographs. Photographs will not be submitted with this report" also writes that "dried blood was visible on the belt but was not visible on the towel."





Det. Floyd's report says that there were "no signs of foul play" and that she "examined the body for other signs of trauma with negative results."

However, the photographs above --- reprinted as they were original posted on the Internet --- show a very specific dark patch on the right side of Lemme's neck which appear to be possible substantial bruising.

Below, the versions of these same photographs have been contrast adjusted and slightly darkened by [The BRAD BLOG](#). No other changes were made to the photos. In the following versions the apparent bruising is easier to see...



Tuesday, December 30, 2008

JUSTIN MERTIS BARBER - A TIMELINE TO MURDER



Barber photos -left, at time of arrest and right, at trial.



2009 - Justin Barber - current prison photo

Justin Mertis Barber is currently incarcerated at Century C.I Facility in St. John's County, State of Florida for the August 17, 2002 pre-meditated, 1st Degree murder of April Barber. He is serving a sentence of Life in prison.

Why would a mugger on a beach murder and wound and then take nothing?

The scenario that Justin Mertis Barber put forth was just that:

A man wielding a gun approached Justin and his wife April Barber on a deserted, dark beach, demanded money and then first killed April, a tiny, slight woman, who was clearly of no threat to him. The man wounds Justin Barber, a fit person, capable of fighting back.

(The details of the encounter change in the telling, going from a vague description to Law Enforcement, to telling a journalist with 48 Hours CBS) that he could recognize him if he saw him again.)

Then the mugger absconds without taking Barber's wallet or any of April's

jewelry.

Barber claimed that badly injured, he tried to carry April up to the road to their car but couldn't. He left her lying on the beach, alone, to drive to get help, driving almost 10 miles before flagging someone down; driving past an open McDonalds; a 24 hour gas station; a 24 hour Walgreens before finally eliciting help from a passing car farther down the road.

All the while, April's cell phone is in the vehicle.

"Did you ask him why he didn't stop at any houses?" "Yes." "And what did he tell you?" "He said he didn't want to get some old man out of bed."

Justin Barber was a serial philanderer who had (unbeknownst to his wife April) been incurring an increasing debt load. He was also a man deeply concerned about appearances. He is described by April's friends and family as *"intense and competitive."*

Amber Mitchell (Friend of April who introduced them to each other) *"He would put his high school jeans on once a month to make sure they still fit. And if they didn't, he would fast until they did. He gave April a hard time about weight to the point where she was almost paranoid about gaining weight. And she was tiny."*

Patricia Parrish (April's aunt) *"He made fun of his overweight mother behind her back, and publicly criticized April's singing voice, her taste in clothing and her weight. He warned her not to embarrass him at his company Christmas party and discouraged her from calling or e-mailing him at work. When his barbs made her cry, he mimicked her sobs."*

Justin Barber had been married once before his marriage to April Lott, and that marriage had ended in divorce. Two failed marriages would make him look less than marriageable material to any future prospective brides. It would also be a slight against his own ego. He enjoyed the appearance of being the good husband and surrogate father; the smart, intelligent businessman and day trader.

He later chose another role, murderer.

"He wanted the \$2 Million; He wanted sympathy for being shot; and he wanted to look like a hero who tried to save his wife. He wanted it all."

In the death of April Barber, just as he did at other times about his problems, finances or mistakes, Justin blamed someone else for his deeds.

A TIMELINE TO MURDER:

1997 - July - Oklahoma - Justin Barber reports a burglary at his home. Insurance claim - \$15,000.

Barber marries his first wife while in college.

1998 - Prior to meeting Barber April dates men who's strong suit isn't fidelity.

October - April Lott is introduced to newly divorced Justin Barber. He moves to Dallas, Tx and the two carry on a long distance romance.

Two weeks before they marry, April voices misgivings, her instincts tell her to call off the wedding. She ignores those instincts.

Amber Mitchell *"I was worried that it was really quick and maybe they didn't know each other well enough yet to do that. But I supported her completely, because she was happy and I wanted to see her happy."*

1999 - August 4 - April Lott and Justin Barber marry in the Bahamas. (10 months after meeting.) They relocate and reside in Douglas, Georgia where Justin is transferred and April finds employment at a cancer center. From the start, both keep their finances separate.

September - April's siblings Julie and Kendon move in with them. (April had been helping to care for them since their mother died of cancer.) Julie is 15 and rebellious. Justin was infuriated at Julie, and at April's handling of her, sparking fights between them.

According to several of April's confidants, *"Justin threatened "to never let April bear his children."*

2000 - April's sister, Julie moves back to Oklahoma. *"Whenever we first lived with them, it was good. Towards the end of living with them, it got kind of tense. I was very strong willed and I didn't like it." "Of course it was difficult for them, 'cause they were so young and trying to raise two kids.*

It was very hard, I understood that. But they tried their hardest to give us everything that we could possibly want or need." "Whenever we first lived with them, it was good."

Their brother Kendon follows Julie back to Oklahoma shortly afterwards - against Justin's wishes.

Amber Mitchell *"He was really angry. None of us understood why he cared so much about it except for if he liked the appearance of being such a noble guy to take in these children."*

While in Georgia with his wife April, Justin Barber engages in a sexual affair with another woman.

Justin Barber *"I don't know, I have no excuse for it and I would never dream of trying to excuse that behavior." "I don't know what really started that other than I guess I got just a little bit too full of myself."*

2001 - Justin Barber was transferred to Jacksonville, Florida. April decided to stay in Georgia at her job. Justin purchases a condo in an upscale neighborhood. It is

usually

April who makes the three hour trek to visit him in Florida.

Amber Mitchell *"She told me that if they lived together every day, they'd kill each other."*

"She just wasn't ready to give up on Justin. He could be charming, and his criticisms dovetailed with some of her deep insecurities. She was harder on herself than anyone else. She put up with a lot from her men."

Justin Barber *"Living apart was stressful. We didn't see each other as much as we needed to."*

A \$2 Million life insurance policy is issued on April Barber, and the same amount in a policy on Justin Barber. (8 months after Justin moves to Jacksonville, Florida) The payment on the two life term insurance policies was \$1,030 in annual premiums.

Barber states he bought them as an investment.

Patricia Parrish *"April had told me Justin wanted them to take out \$2 million insurance policies on each other's lives. She asked if I didn't think it weird that he was pushing for such a large amount."*

"I told her yeah but said I didn't think they would qualify. She called back the next day and said, "You can't say anything to Justin. He'll be furious if he finds out I told you." Justin finds a company that covers them for that amount.

2002 - February 14, Valentine's Day - Justin Barber Google's *"trauma cases; gunshot right chest"* on the Internet.

One week later: *"Medical trauma gunshot chest."*

July 19 - *Florida Divorce.*

Other searches Barber was found to have conducted: *"Immigrating to Brazil; acute blood loss."* Barber was also looking up *famous murder cases.*

2002 - June - Justin Barber reports the theft of his Audi vehicle, and a Ruger 9 mm pistol inside the vehicle. Insurance claim - \$39,000.

2002 - July - August- Justin Barber engages in an affair with Shannon Kennedy, manager of a car rental office (that his firm does business with) who later testified that at first she didn't know he was married. Once she knew, Barber told her *"He said he loved her; he just couldn't live with her."*

"Either his family or her family was coming to town, and he needed the pictures (of Justin and April) to go up" (around the condo) "just to make it look like they remained happy."

"Justin had invited me to go on a trip to Georgia." "He'd also stated he might be moving to California and invited me to move to California with him." Kennedy refused both offers.

Kennedy later stated in court that she had considered the relationship with Barber as *"casual and without a future."*

Barber admits that April had confronted him about Shannon Kennedy and other women, but claims that *"April never gave me any ultimatums or talked of divorce."*

April figures out he's having an affair and defies Justin's edict not to email him at work and asks him to *"tell her when he was socializing with other women."* Justin responds sarcastically listing every female he'd glimpsed that day.

Debt - Justin Barber had made a series of cash advances \$36,000, in bad e-trades on the stock market. He was using credit cards to pay off the trades. He owed \$56,000 in credit card bills.

Three weeks before the murder, April was living and working in Georgia and Justin was in Jacksonville. April's vehicle and home were broken into.

2002 - August - April Barber confides in her friend Amber Mitchell that *"Justin has been cheating on her and had denied it when confronted."*

Authorities later determined that Justin had *at least 5* affairs he'd engaged in (and admitted to in court) during the three years of their marriage. One was with a woman in New Zealand; another, Justin claims he couldn't remember her name.

April told her boss, Ramesh Nair, that *"she was going to confront Justin on their anniversary - August 4th."*

2002 - August 4 - Third Wedding Anniversary - April told Justin she was *"leaving and divorcing him."* April also told friends and family members of her *"plans to divorce."*

Randas Honeman April's cousin *"She told me she was leaving her husband and moving to Oklahoma."* April Barber had inquired into real estate and a job in her home state of Oklahoma.

April returns to Georgia upset and tells her boss Ramesh Nair that *"she'd threatened to end the marriage, but Justin had denied everything."*

Justin Barber *"I can tell you without a doubt that April never told me that she was divorcing me." "To say that April had confronted me with leaving and divorcing, not true at all." "She was one of a kind and I didn't deserve to have her."*

2002 - August 16 - Friday. April Barber drives to Jacksonville to see Justin for the weekend.

2002 - August 17 - Saturday - Hours before the murder, Justin Barber downloads 16 songs from the Internet including Guns 'N Roses song *"I Used to Love Her but I Had to Kill Her."* It was the ONLY song DELETED before Justin turned his home and work computers over to investigators.

Lyrics: *"I used to love her, but I had to kill her - I had to put her - Six feet under - And I can still hear her complain." "I'd miss her - So I had to keep her -She's*

buried right in my backyard."

Mere hours before April's death, she and her sister Julie shared a phone conversation. *"April told me she loved me. She told me she was going to call me later on that evening, and that she loved me. That was the last thing."*

Saturday evening: April Barber is murdered.

Justin Barber attempts to drown April, then, believing she is dead (she was unconscious) he drags her to the boardwalk and shoots her through the cheek, with the bullet trajectory snapping the base of her skull, killing her.

Justin shoots himself in his left hand, his left shoulder, the base of his neck and his chest, then leaves April's body on the beach while he drives for "help."

Neither Justin's wallet or April's diamond ring were taken in the "alleged robbery."

Amber Mitchell *"She was leaving him. She told him, the last time she saw him alive, that she was leaving him."*

August 18 - Sunday - Justin Barber's wounds were not life threatening. He was given antibacterial cream and bandages, and released from hospital the next day.

After April Barber's death:

Two days after April's death, Justin Barber stopped by Shannon Kennedy's office and demanded to see her. He pursues her for several more weeks.

After an interview with police in which he denied vehemently that he did not have an affair with Shannon Kennedy, he was confronted by Investigators with bringing her into the room. Barber backs down and admits that he was involved in an affair with her. Afterwards, he asks the officers if they will see if Kennedy will give him a ride home. Kennedy declines.

When Ramesh Nair is informed of April's death he remembers something April had told him a few months earlier: *"One day, out of the blue, April said, "If anything happens to me, suspect foul play." I answered with a joke, and she looked hurt, like, You're not taking me seriously. Don't forget."*

THE FUNERAL:

Amber Mitchell *"Justin seemed distant. He was almost mute. He was looking at the floor, he wouldn't make eye contact with anybody."*

Patricia Parrish *"Justin asked me to pay for the funeral since he was broke."* Justin had shrugged when asked to make decisions about April's funeral.

When Justin asked Patricia if she would pay for burial expenses, Patricia asked *"What about the \$2 million?"* Justin was startled. *"Did April tell you?"* Justin told Patricia he thought the policy had lapsed. Patricia Parrish checked into it and learned that the policy was still in effect.

THE INVESTIGATION:

Justin Barber had four wounds. Detective Cole: "One on his left shoulder that appeared to kind of be going out and away. He had another one on his right shoulder kind of like on a muscle that you shrug your shoulders. That kind of was on an angle kind of out and away. He had another wound right on the right chest that almost appeared like a grazing wound. And then he had another wound in the center of his left hand which exited out the back of the hand." "His vital signs were normal and his arms were functioning fine when he was released from the hospital."

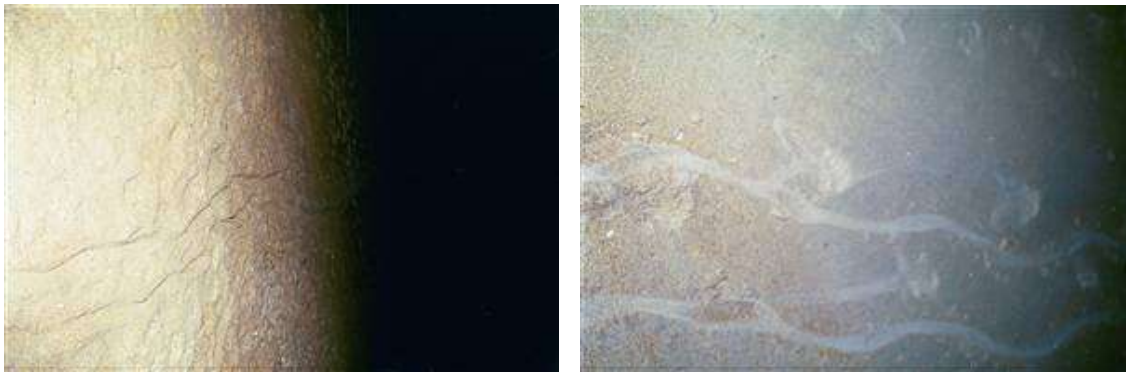
Justin Barber was shot exactly in the locations he had been researching on the Internet.

"Justin's account of the attack was oddly businesslike. His body language and demeanor didn't seem appropriate. His description and story was vague and the details kept changing."

Justin claimed that April had been drinking, but her blood-alcohol level measured .000.

Justin seems to have thought the local police were rubes. He was taken aback by the size of the police department. He queried the officers as to their success rate.

Drag Marks along the sand - second photo taken with more light



The bloody shirt inside the vehicle. T shirt shirt in testimony at court



Justin Barber's wounds



Search warrant: Brunswick massacre victim clutched hair

Hair, blood, clothes and more portray a grisly crime scene.



By [Terry Dickson](#)

BRUNSWICK - Officers investigating the beating deaths of eight people at a mobile home Aug. 29 found hair in both hands of one of the victims and later took hair samples from suspect Guy Heinze Jr., search warrant records show.

That information is contained in the records of two of six search warrants Glynn County Magistrate Tim Barton issued for Glynn County police investigating the eight slayings and severe beating of a ninth victim.

Officers found the victims the morning of Aug. 29 when Heinze made a frantic 911 call saying he had come home and found his whole family dead.

The hair was found in the hands of someone identified only as victim No. 4. On Sept. 2, Barton issued a search warrant for Sgt. Brian Scott to obtain samples of Heinze's hair for DNA testing and for analysis and comparison against blood and other trace evidence found at the scene.

Glynn County Police Chief Matt Doering declined Monday to identify that victim.

The search warrant shows that officers took two samples of "cut hair" from the kitchen and pairs of hair trimmers. When he was released from jail briefly Sept. 8, Heinze's hair was shorn nearly to the scalp as it was during a subsequent court appearance. The search warrant inventory shows officers obtained a sample of Heinze's pubic hair.

In another search warrant, investigator Michael Owens said when officers spoke with Heinze at the mobile home, he was wearing shorts that appeared to have blood on them.

It is believed to be the same clothing Heinze was wearing when he was booked into the jail Aug. 29 when he was arrested on a charge of tampering with evidence and possession of drugs, Owens said in his affidavit.

Officers took two pairs of shorts, a shirt and a pair of sandals that belonged to Heinze, the inventory shows.

Heinze, who had lived at the dwelling at New Hope Mobile Home Park, had told a 911 dispatcher his family, his father, uncle and cousins, had been beaten to death. The search warrants receipts, an accounting of everything seized as evidence, show police had a different idea of what had happened to two victims.

In obtaining a warrant to search a truck that belonged to victim Joseph West, investigator William Daras said it appeared that two people found alive had "each received a gunshot wound to the head."

An autopsy showed that all had been beaten, which matches what Heinze told the dispatcher.

Doering would not say Heinze's knowledge of how the victims died convinced officers that he was their prime suspect.

"It did raise a question of common sense: Why would one say that unless one knew?" Doering said.

Doering also said that Daras was simply drawing a conclusion from what he had seen and that it always falls to medical examiners to determine the real cause of death.

In their applications for the search warrants, investigators painted a grisly scene in their affidavits supporting their requests. Scott noted officers found "several bodies that were scattered about the trailer..." All noted a large amount of blood throughout the home.



But the inventory of evidence and property, detailed in more than 30 pages with 222 entries, shows a violent crime scene.

Among evidence taken was a blood-covered piece of paper from a bedroom ceiling, human teeth from floors throughout the home, hair from several spots including on the ground outside the rear door and the sleeve of a shirt stained with blood. Officers took a kitchen steak knife, a butcher knife, a broken hammer handle from the driveway and the broken butt portion of a shotgun stock.

Doering declined to comment on whether police had found the weapon used in the attack.

They also took furniture, clothing, ceiling and floor tiles, sink drains, pieces of walls and other personal belongings.

Doering would not comment on any conclusions investigators had drawn from the items seized and said some is still being analyzed.

He also said that other searches had been conducted and other evidence gathered as the result of consensual searches.

"That's also still being analyzed," he said.

The victims of the slayings were: Heinze's father, Guy Heinze Sr., 45; Russell D. "Rusty" Toler Sr., 44; Toler's children, Chrissy Toler, 22; Russell D. Toler Jr., 20; Michael Toler, 19; and Michelle Toler, 15; Russell Toler Sr.'s sister, Brenda Gail Falagan, 49; and West, who was Chrissy Toler's boyfriend.

The only survivor, Chrissy Toler's son, Byron Jimerson Jr., 3, has been discharged from a Savannah hospital and is said to be undergoing rehabilitation.

Heinze and members of Russell Toler's surviving family have said the two men were half brothers. William Heinze, who is Guy Heinze Sr.'s father, said the men were not related by blood but were longtime friends and extremely close.

Heinze remains jailed without bail on eight counts of murder



Autistic man Tazed on Tybee, family says

Tybee police charge 18-year-old with disorderly conduct in Friday incident

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Clifford Grevemberg says he was Tazed twice by police and thrown to the ground, breaking one of his front teeth.

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By [Arek Sarkissian II](#)

Clifford Grevemberg doesn't want to go to jail.

On Friday night, the lanky 18-year-old was arrested by Tybee police on a disorderly conduct charge in front of the Rock House on 16th Street.

He says he was Tazed twice and thrown to the ground, breaking one of his front teeth and leaving scrapes on his face and knee.

But Grevemberg, who suffers from a form of autism, still wants to know what he did wrong.

"I just wanted to go to sleep," the 6-foot-9-inch tall, 170-pound teenager said Saturday. "I sat down on the curb and put my head in my arms, and they stopped me."

Tybee police officials could not be reached for comment Saturday, despite multiple attempts. Phone messages left for Tybee Chief James Price went unanswered, and a Tybee police dispatcher said no one could comment on the issue until Monday morning.

Tybee Mayor Jason Buelterman said he was not aware of the incident, adding that several attempts to reach the island's city manager Saturday night were unsuccessful.

Dario Mariani, Grevemberg's brother, said they planned to end their day at Friday's Beach Bum Parade with some food, but the island revelry left many of the restaurants with two-to-three-hour wait times.

So Mariani and Grevemberg stopped by the Rock House.

"I asked the bouncer, 'We just want to get food, and can he come inside?'" Mariani said. "He said no, so I told Clifford to stay outside while I ordered some cheeseburgers."

Mariani said he walked outside a few minutes later to find his brother in handcuffs, his face covered with blood. Two Taser barbs were stuck to the lower portion of Grevemberg's back, and their wires were wrapped around his legs.

Mariani says his brother was Tased twice.

"I asked them what ... they were doing, and they said he was being drunk and disorderly," he said. "I said, 'No, he's a special needs child. He hasn't drank alcohol in his entire life."

"Their eyeballs got about that big when I told them he has a heart condition," Mariani added. The family said Grevemberg's heart must be regularly monitored due to the severity of the condition.

Mariani said that after Tybee police told him he could be arrested, too, his brother was taken to the Tybee police station and later released.

Grevemberg's mother, Nancy Grevemberg, tearfully admitted Saturday night that she would have understood the officers' actions if they had apologized after learning her son suffers from autism.

"If they would have looked at me and said, 'OK, we're sorry,' that would have been fine," Nancy Grevemberg said. "Instead, they just kept on going."

Clifford Grevemberg is scheduled to appear before the Tybee Municipal Court on July 27.

Kurt Cobain Crime Scene

Capt. Larry Farrar
Lt. George Marberg, Lt. Al Gerdes, Lt. Ziminsky
Sgt. Don Cameron, Sgt. Jeff Getchman
Det. Jim Yoshida, Det. Steve Kirkland
Off. Joe Fewel, Off. Von Levandowski
King County Medical Examiners:
Investigator Dave Delgado
Dr. Nick Hartshorne, Dr. Donald Raey

Officers who were present made very little effort to preserve the scene and document it thoroughly; arriving at 9:50am the scene was secured by 11:55am. Perhaps this was corruption or incompetence without intent, either way its negligence. These reports of the scene are clearly based on fact but inaccuracies fill the holes; inaccuracies that paint a suicidal environment.

"Nowhere in the police handling of the scene will you find any indication that the detectives were there to do anything but write up a report on the death and then get out of there... No standard forensics testing such as fingerprint, footprint, fiber sampling, etcetera, was done at the scene. Homicide detectives were apparently willing to entertain no notion but that this was a suicide." - Richard Lee - "No evidence, it seems, is needed to close a case of alleged self-murder."

From the limited visual view and description the greenhouse appears clinical and does not corroborate with what Dylan Carlson and others have said; "It's just a dirty little room." Along with Dylan's other statement - "I've never seen the house this clean before," these testimonies lead to the suspicion of an intently 'swept' crime scene, a fundamental observation in every investigation implying a more complicated scenario.

Nikolas Hartshorne: "The fact that there was a suicide note left at the scene, point one. Point two: the weapon is still at the scene and point three: the nature of the injury. This was a contact shotgun wound to the mouth that required the gun to be against the decedent's chest and with this information makes it a classic textbook example of suicide." (VH1 Confidential)
Point one - when the authenticity of the suicide note is later questioned, Hartshorne claims one factor he pronounced as being a reason in the conclusion of suicide is now "irrelevant."

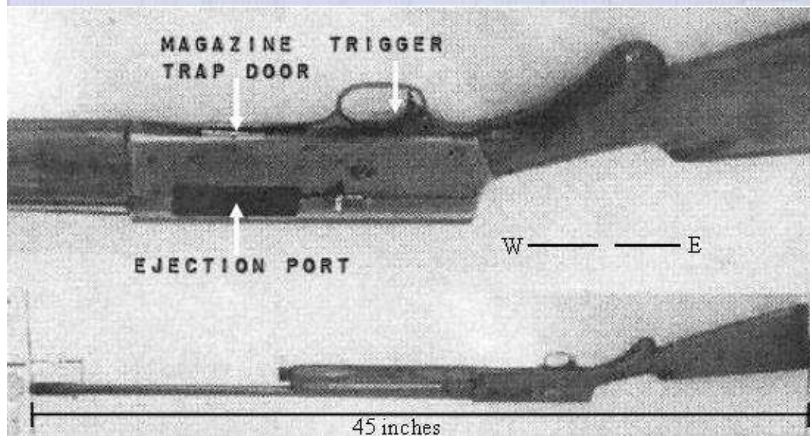
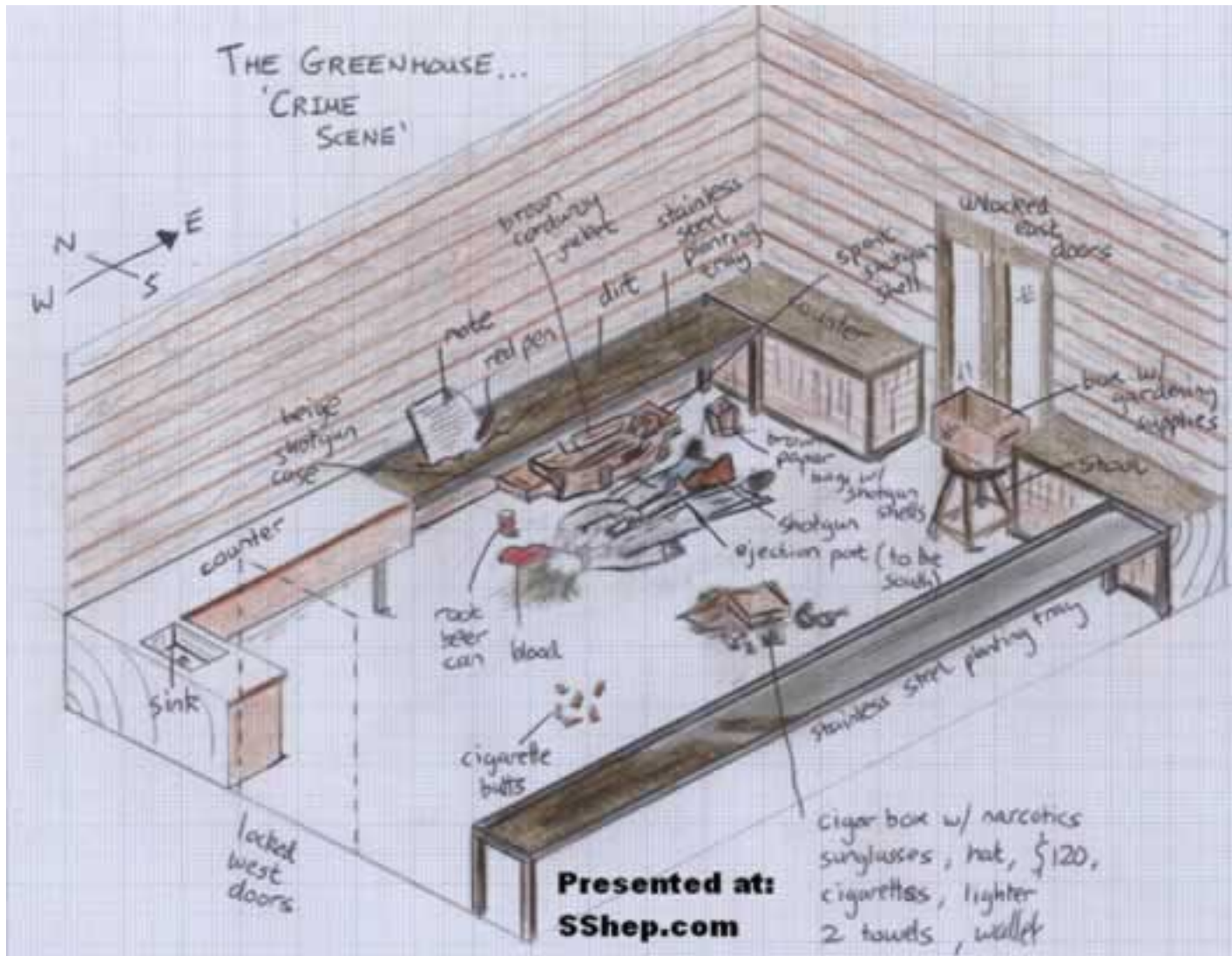
Point two and three - its logical to suggest that in the reconstruction of a 'textbook' suicide the perpetrator[s] would manipulate the crime scene fabricating the essentials, and certainly in this scene all the artifacts are ideally placed. This is no basis at all to conclude a verdict of suicide without consideration of other variables and inconsistencies present. - 'The perfect assassination looks like suicide'

3D Crime Scene Diagram

This model is not to scale, it is directly deduced from the information provided in the police reports documenting where items were located. Polaroid and 35mm cameras were used to document the scene. The films have never been developed, and to a much lesser extent the polaroids never released - "We don't develop photographs on suicides." Sgt. Cameron.

Therefore the only discernible information about the crime scene is from police reports and witness accounts. please discern the fact this diagram does not take into account the pitched roof).





obvious trauma to his head. There is a Remington M-11 20 gauge shotgun between the victim's legs with the barrel pointed towards his head and his left hand wrapped around the barrel. The shotgun is inverted with the trigger and magazine trap door pointing up. The barrel end is just above his beltline. There is a spent 20 gauge shell casing on top of a brown corduroy jacket which is on top of a beige nylon shotgun case. These are just to the left of the victim and under one of the stainless steel garden trays.

The inverted shotgun distinguishing the orientation that relates to the scene diagram.
Excerpt from the Follow Up Report:

The significance of the shotgun being inverted (trigger and magazine trap door pointing up) is that it places the ejection port (where the spent shell is ejected from when fired) to Kurt's right (south). Yet the spent shell was documented as being found to Kurt's left (north). Why?

This scenario seems to defy the physics of when a gun is fired, the trappings of assimilation with some fundamental errors; It is to be believed the shotgun rotated 180° (while remaining in Kurt's left hand which was found clutching the barrel, due to rigor), and also remained ideally positioned, resting parallel on Kurt's chest directed toward his chin. Keep this in mind - "The barrel of this shotgun retracts 3" as it automatically loads the next shell into the chamber." - (Tom Grant, p.38)

On a side related issue, in this picture it's possible to presumably see the butt of the shotgun between Kurt's legs as stated in the police reports.

"Gary Smith who happens to be a journeyman electrician with no alcohol or drugs or criminal record in his background, also reports that a note was clearly visible by the body, so clear that he could read: "I Love You... I Love You" through the french windows. When the details filtered out to the press it seemed as if Kurt had placed the note in a planter box with a pen stuck through it (as reflected in the police reports). In reality the police photographer moved it across the room to get a better shot of it and failed to photograph it in it's exact original position near the body."

- A passage taken from Hank Harrison's book, Beyond Nirvana, p54.
This apparently originates from conversation between Grant and Smith, which Grant later divulged to Harrison.

The importance being Smith's testimony is an eye witness illustration of police tampering with material evidence.

MISINFORMED SUICIDAL TRAITS:

Although these factors all seem small, they were widely proliferated around the death of Kurt and had an impact by misleading people to draw conclusions as to what had happened on false facts.

1.) Namely the positioning of a stool. It was reported at the time Kurt had barricaded himself inside the room: Police narrative: "There are stairs on the west side leading to the french door entry and another set of french doors on the east side which lead to a balcony. These doors are unlocked and closed but there is a stool with a box of gardening supplies on it in front of the door." - "Off. Levandowski observed the french doors at the opposite end of the room were blocked by a stool; preventing access."

This factor should have been of little relevance, the stool was only sitting in front of an unlocked set of doors that led to a balcony. Not only that, but the eastern french doors open outwards onto the balcony, this makes the notion of a barricade (suggesting nobody could leave) completely irrelevant; an assailant could exit and draw the stool up close to the door before shutting it. The west entrance french doors were not blocked; Although locked, this was a simple twist lock which can be locked prior to leaving.

April 15th, Grant met with Sgt. Cameron to discuss his suspicions and mentioned the lock on the western door does not qualify in concluding Kurt was alone, to which Cameron replied - "There was a stool wedged up against the door" - False. The misconstrued media myth of a barricade prevailed.

2.) A recognised mannerism in violent suicide is to leave a form of identification readily available. It was reported by the media that Kurt had in fact left his wallet open displaying his driver's license. This is completely untrue, in reality the closed wallet was opened by an officer - "SFD asked for I.D. from the nearby wallet, and I opened the wallet which was within a couple of feet of the victims body. Inside I found a Washington state drivers license in the name of Cobain, Kurt Donald DOB/022067".

3.) Reports documenting a crime scene should be described factually, without bias and final conclusions. In this case it obviously wasn't; the note left at the scene was claimed to incite suicide and was written to Courtney and Frances explaining "why he had killed himself". These remarks were pronounced before a clear evaluation could have been made and were taken as fact.

These small points which indicate manipulation of the factual crime scene were leaked to the hungry media and deceptively confirmed this as a suicide in retrospect.

BLOOD POOL?

According to police reports there was "obvious trauma" to the head but no exit wound, resulting in "a large drying puddle of blood to the left of the victim." - Was the volume of blood ever seriously evaluated in relation to the nature of the injury? Gary Smith who initially mistook the body for a mannequin because it looked so neat only realised the situation when he noticed blood in the right ear. Does this picture sound feasible for a shotgun wound to the head suicide? Clearly we have no pictures that display whether the pool was sufficient or non-sufficient for the type of wound made this is merely an assumption based upon Smith's perception.

In the case of a gunshot wound to the head the wound continues to issue copious amounts of blood for a short period due to the autonomic function of the heart. There are other factors this is reliant upon such as the angle of the shot, all of which we do not yet know, inclusive of the autopsy report.

This is best demonstrated by Bud Dwyer, who committed suicide on camera during a press conference (viewer discretion is advised, this is vivid imagery). The comparative lack of blood for this type of trauma is an indication that the gunshot might have been administered post-mortem, the heart had already stopped; the result of a lethal dosage of heroin, and possibly blood coagulation already begun. The supposition that no exit wound would result in a lack of blood is false, as seen in Bud Dwyer's case

the exit wound is irrelevant to the volume of blood lost. In addition the destruction to the palette of the mouth would be comparatively larger when factoring in a shotgun.

This scenario would either assume corruption on the part of the medical examiner who performed the autopsy; Nikolas Hartshorne, or severe incompetence, as the picture is very different if a wound is delivered post death. The question being could the perpetrator[s] foreshadow a non-investigation by the police unless they knew someone had the power to cover it up beforehand?

It is very possible the shotgun wound was administered while Kurt was under sedation, in this case the cause of death would be a perforating shotgun wound to the mouth.

Just something to consider...

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MISCELLANEOUS:

Contents of Cigar Box

"The cigar box contained narcotics paraphernalia (syringes, burnt spoons, cotton, and small pieces of what looks like black tar)."

Featured in the picture is the open Tom Moore Cigar Box, along with the wallet and towels

Contents of Kurts front pant pockets:

- \$63
 - a piece of note paper with "Seattle Guns, 145 & Lake City" written on it. Another note which read; "Remington 20 gauge, 2 3/4 shells or shorter, set up for light load, 1088925."
 - an address book and miscellaneous papers.
 - a copy of a Delta plane ticket, #788F. Dated 4/1/94, seat 2F, in the name of Cobain/Kurt.
- Pocket of the brown corduroy jacket:
- Receipt for the purchase of the Remington 20 gauge shotgun dated 3/30/94.

Woman Stalked, Abducted, and Buried Alive



Summary

In early March of 1997 Purity Knight and her roommate Lee Perez were the victims of a stalking incident. A neighbor, Johnny McPhail, spotted the stalker sometime before 11:00 pm in a tree in front of the apartment outside their windows. He reported seeing lights from the tree. Mr. McPhail went out to check and then pursued the suspect through the woods. The suspect was not caught. Mr. McPhail described the suspect as small built, probably about 5'8" with a light complexion. Recovered at the scene was a 35mm camera. The developed film showed a number of photographs taken by the stalker of Ms. Knight. Several shoe prints were also found.

Subsequently, Matthew Edward Owens was identified as a suspect.

Several days after the stalking incident, Purity Knight disappeared. According to the interview with her roommate, Lee Maria Perez, she was last seen early in the morning at breakfast prior to leaving for the library and an 8:30 am class. The last person to see Ms. Knight subsequent to this, was Professor Woolworth at the University of Mississippi.

An odd answering machine message was left at the Perez and Knight apartment. The full text and an audio version is available in the investigation materials. A Profile of the Suspect including a voice stress analysis of the message on the tape can be found in the evidence files.

The abductor made first contact with Detective Armstrong, the lead detective on this case, on May 5, 1997. A white envelope addressed to Detective Armstrong arrived via first class mail containing a Geological Survey map. It is a torn piece from an oversize map. A note was taped to the reverse side of the map.

The second contact was a single Polaroid of Purity Knight. It was delivered via USPS on 7 May 97. Attached to the reverse of the picture was a note.

The third contact was a second Polaroid of Purity Knight delivered via USPS on 16 May 97. There was no note.

On June 9, 1997 Purity Marie Knight, (AKA Ariadne Purity Knight), was found dead, buried in a pine grove near her home. Knight was entombed alive for an undetermined time in a homemade coffin. She received air and food through an access passage.

An excerpt from the incident report prepared by Detective Armstrong follows:

Dispatch received a pay phone call from Ben Archer, 106 Fairlawn Drive, Oxford, at 6:47 AM. Archer had been out for his morning walk and reported he'd found a body in a wooden box in the woods. Officers Graham and Marlowe were on patrol at the time and picked up Archer at the pay phone. They then proceeded to the site, Archer led them to the body, which was buried in a wooded area behind Fairlawn Cemetery. Marlow radioed for backup and secured the scene. I arrived with the Forensic team at 7:06 AM.

The box had been partially uncovered by Archer and his dog. The perpetrator had apparently created a ground covering of grass, twigs, and leaves in a realistic fashion, after burial of the box. The portion of the box uncovered by Archer and his dog was positioned under the branches of a briar-like shrub. Upon peering into the opening, a grill, set into the wood, was visible about 40 inches below ground level. Through the grill, the victim's head could be seen.

At the crime scene, Archer described a child he saw crouched over the burial site. The child was identified as 9 year old Dylan Tull. In the days before her death, the boy attempted to assist the victim. She gave him a note, pleading for help. The note was never delivered. It was later discovered in the university library.

Witness Interviews

Dylan Tull, Child Witness, Located

- **Chris Thurman: Discovered Dylan**
The summer camp director explains how the child was identified.
- **Bonnie Tull: Dylan's Mother**
Bonnie Tull gives investigators background information on her son, Dylan.
- **Anita Simms: Dylan's Grandmother**
- Anita Simms agreed to be interviewed via telephone. Information pertaining to her current whereabouts and to her current custody of the child have been omitted for their protection.



[Dave Woolworth](#)

Kevin Stark: Same Man at Scene

Kevin Stark was with the victim between Dylan Tull's disappearance and her death on June 2, 1997, at 106 Fairlawn Drive.

Body Discovered

- **[Ben Archer](#): Neighbor** Archer, a university employee, found the victim during an early morning walk

Abduction Incident

- **[David Woolworth](#): Teacher**
Calculus professor, the last person at school to see Purity Knight alive.

- **Aaron Azeriah: Loaned Money**
Azeriah, who loaned the victim \$10,000, agreed to accompany officers to the station for questioning.

Background Information

- **Jake Rohleen: Ex-Boyfriend**
Rohleen, the victim's ex-boyfriend, offers answers that remove him from the suspect list.
- **Nancy Marlowe: Judith Kight's cousin**
Offers background information on the Knight's.
- **Teri Leyton: Attended Cult Party**
Teri Leyton was witness to an incident March 17, 1997 at 26160 Goodnight Road, locally known as Cooter's Farm. Investigators believe that the individual described by Ms. Leyton may be the abductor and murderer of Purity Knight.



[Lee Perez](#)



[Johnny McPhail](#)

Stalking Incident

- **Matthew Owens: Confessed Stalker**
The window peeper was reported by neighbor Johnny McPhail of 110 Pearidge Road. Mr McPhail chased the suspect into the woods behind Knight's home.
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[Kevin S.](#)

- **Lee Perez: F**
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- **Ed Pierce: L**
Lee Perez's boy spent time with

Incidents A-J are described below.



Anders on, David	X					X	X	X	X
Archer, Ben	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Azeriah , Aaron	X		X	X	X				X
Knight, Judith	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Knight, Frank	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
McPhai l, John	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Niblett, Josh	X	X		X	X				
Owens, Matthe w			X	X		X	X	X	X
Perez, Lee	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Pierce, Edward			X				X		X
Pitzer, Blaine	X	X	X		X				X
Rohlee n, Jake	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stark, Kevin	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Woolw orth, David	X	X		X	X				X

- **A** March 2, 1997 [stalking incident](#) outside Perez Knight apartment. Time frame 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm inclusive. Report #1072892 YSDL, responding officer Detective T. Nelson
- **B** March 17, 1997 incident 26160 Goodnight Road, [eye witness report](#) of stranger dressed in "Goth" style costume. Time frame 7:00 pm - 11:30 pm. Report #1073986 YSDL, Detective T. Armstrong
- **C** Time frame 3/21/97 9:00 pm through and including 3/22/97 10:00 am. Period during which Ms. Knight disappeared from 26160 Goodnight Road. Last seen 9:00 pm 3/21/97.
- **D** Time frame 4/5/97 through 4/6/97. Ms. Knight appears to have intended to return to classes at the University on 4/7/97. The investigators believe that as of 4/7/97 her absence must be considered involuntary.
- **E** April 14, 1997 from 6:00 am to 4:40 pm. On 4/14/97 a [ransom note](#) was received by Mrs. Judith Knight at her home in Mt. Home, Arkansas. Report taken by investigating officer Wayne Ford of the Mt. Home PD. Investigation shows that this 9 x 12 manila

envelope was hand canceled at the Oxford post office with a morning stamp occurring between the hours of 6:00 am and 11:59 am on 4/14/97. The package was not delivered by the USPS, it appears to have been hand delivered to the Knight home prior to Mrs. Knight's 911 dispatch call at 4:40 pm. Mt. Home, AR PD report.

- **F** May 1, 1997 from 5:00 pm through May 2, 1997 at 5:00 pm. [Note and map](#) sent to Detective Armstrong by abductor addressed to Sheriff's Department. This letter was deposited in an Oxford drop box between 5:00 pm May 1 and 5:00 pm May 2. All mail leaving this drop box in Oxford goes through the Memphis sorting facility and receives a special Memphis postmark. Only hand canceled items have an Oxford postmark.
- **G** May 4, 1997 from 5:00 pm through May 5, 1997 at 5:00 pm. [First Polaroid with Note](#) sent to Detective Armstrong by abductor addressed to Sheriff's Department. This letter was deposited in an Oxford drop box during these hours and routed through Memphis.
- **H** May 13, 1997 from 5:00 pm through May 14, 1997 at 5:00 pm. [Second Polaroid](#) sent to Detective Armstrong by abductor addressed to Sheriff's Department. "This letter was deposited in a Memphis drop box during these hours. It is a 75 minute drive each way."
- **I** June 2, 1997 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. [Witness Kevin Stark](#) reports encounter between witness Dylan Tull and possible suspect at approximately 11:00 am in the 4th block of Fairlawn Drive. Report #1074523 YSDL, Detective T. Armstrong
- **J** June 9, 1997 from 12:00 am through 11:59 am. [Date of discovery of body](#) and crime scene by Benjamin Archer. Report #1074589 YSDL, Detective T. Armstrong.

- **Suspect Status Categories**

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- **Cleared:** The alibi's check and they are not considered active suspects.
- **Pending:** There is still something not cleared, but looks like it might be **Active:** The main pool of probable suspects.
- **Count**=Number of unverified alibis.
- **Rank:** A=High probable, B=Active Probable, C=Active Low

	Cleared	Pending	Active	Count	Rank
Anderson, David			X	6	A
Archer, Ben	X			-	-
Azeriah, Aaron			X	5	B
Knight, Judith	X			-	-
Knight, Frank	X			-	-
McPhail, John	X			-	-
Niblett, Josh			X	5	B
Owens, Matthew	X			-	-
Perez, Lee		X		2	C
Pierce, Edward			X	7	A
Pitzer, Blaine		X		5	B
Rohleen, Jake	X			-	-
Stark, Kevin	X			-	-
Woolworth, David		X		3	C



Purity Knight's Killer Arrested

Gunfire erupted in the early morning hours in the Oxford town square. Detective David Anderson, wounded in the fight, was rushed to Baptist Memorial hospital while a suspect in the death of Purity Knight was taken into custody.

Ed Pierce: Suspect arrested in Purity Knight case

- [Murder Suspect Arrested](#) Late breaking developments in the Purity Knight case. Gunfire erupts in the early morning hours Friday in the Oxford town square.
- [Inventory of Suspect's Possessions](#) During a preliminary search of the suspect's home the following items were found:
- [Edward Pierce's Journal](#) At the time of his arrest, Pierce's journals were located at his home, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the National Star. It is suggested you print this multi-page document, rather than view online.
- [Note from Edward Pierce to David Anderson](#) Detective David Anderson received the following letter Thursday, Sept. 4, hours before the arrest of Pierce. The note had been hand-delivered and nailed to Anderson's front door.



Ed Pierce, killer



Victoria Phelps, killer's girlfriend

Case Assignment

- 1. Briefly summarize the case**
- 2. Give the pros and cons of how the investigation of the case was handled by the authorities (Law Enforcement)**
- 3. State how you would have handled it**
- 4. Did they get it right? Substantiate your opinion with facts and evidence.**
- 5. Law enforcement competent? Support your findings.**
- 6. Sketch/graphic**
- 7. What types of evidence was collected?**
- 8. Visuals and other resources to support the positions taken**