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You'll find a Bee list of potential stories generated soon after Peterson's arrest, some of which found their way into print while others didn't pan out. Also, a stab at brevity from staff members of a well-known organization who actually performed this song at a holiday gathering after the fall 2003 preliminary hearing in Modesto – sung to the tune of “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer.”

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September 15, 2003

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**RE: POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION
CORY CARROLL**

INTRODUCTION:

On Monday, September 15, 2003 **CORY CARROLL** participated in a polygraph examination administered in the Fresno County Jail. Prior to the examination I met with Attorney Frank Muna who verbally discussed the purpose of the polygraph. Mr. Muna apprised me that Cory had spoken to him over the telephone and informed him he had relevant information concerning the Laci Peterson murder case out of Modesto, California.

This case is a high profile case that involved the death of Laci Peterson and her unborn child Conner, who disappeared on Christmas Eve, 2002 from Modesto. Their bodies eventually washed ashore in the San Francisco Bay and Laci's husband, Scott Peterson, was subsequently arrested for two counts of murder and is currently awaiting trial in Stanislaus County.

PRE-TEST INTERVIEW:

During the pre-test interview Cory stated he met Scott Peterson at City Lights, a strip bar located on Clovis Avenue in Fresno. He said he met Scott in the latter part of November, 2002 while both of them sat at the bar having a drink and watching the strippers. Cory said he has spent time in prison and his State Prison Card was sitting on the bar and Scott noticed it. He said he and Scott started "bullshitting" and eventually played some pool. They also went to an adjacent business, Tarpey Tavern, had more drinks and got something to eat at a nearby Dari Queen or similar fast food restaurant next to the bar.

Cory said Scott asked him if he knew anyone that could steal his wife's car. He said Scott told him he wanted to buy his wife a new car for Christmas but would have to sell her current car and he did not believe he could get a good price for it. He wanted it stolen so he could report the lost to his insurance company. Cory said he told Scott he knew people that could steal the car and Scott agreed to pay him \$300.00 for an introduction. He said he and Scott eventually departed.

I asked Cory who he recommended for the job and he said there were two guys that he knows, Tony and Anthony, who are members of the Nazi Low Riders (NLR). He said Tony goes by the name "Dirty." He is described as a white male adult, 5' 10" and about 185 #s. He said Tony has multiple tattoos. He described Anthony as a white male adult, 5' 8" and about 205 #s. He said Anthony goes by the street name of Skeeter and also has multiple tattoos. He said one of his tattoos is the initial "NLR" on the right side of his neck.

I asked Cory how he knew these two men and he said he used to be in the Home Maintenance business and worked in cheap motels in the vicinity of Parkway and Belmont in Fresno. He explained that working and living in the area he met a lot of people who lived on the streets, did narcotics, prostituted and generally this is a bad part of Fresno. He said Dirty and Skeeter have a beige van with orange and brown stripes on the side and a place in the back near the bumper for a generator to sit. He said they live in the van sometimes when they don't have any money and when they have money they will get a cheap motel room in the area. He said they generally park their van on Crystal near a McDonald's Restaurant located near Olive and 99 Highway in Fresno.

Cory said Scott Peterson had his phone number and he had his cell phone number. He said Scott called and wanted to meet him and the guys who were suppose to steal Laci's vehicle. Cory stated he, Dirty and Skeeter met Scott at Chili's Restaurant located at Fresno and Herndon in Fresno on November 29, 2002 at around 12:30 or 1:00 PM. He said after they talked at Chili's they all went back to his room at the Best Budget Motel, Room #204. He said Scott paid him \$300.00 in cash for the introduction and when Scott started talking to Dirty and Skeeter he heard something about kidnapping Laci to get some money out of her parents. Cory said he didn't want anything to do with kidnapping so he left. He said he didn't even want to hear about it.

I asked Cory what kind of car Scott was driving and he said he was in a Ford F150 pickup that was dark green in color. Cory said Dirty, Skeeter and Scott were in his room about 45 minutes. He said Dirty and Skeeter told him they were going to take care of something and Cory told them he didn't want to know anything about it. Cory said on December 4, 2002, a few days later, he was arrested for a parole violation and sent to Eagle Mountain in Southern California. He said he had previously been arrested for receiving stolen property and was suppose to attend an alcohol rehabilitation program on release. He said he failed to complete the program for different reasons which placed him in violation of his parole.

Cory stated while in custody he didn't learn about Laci's disappearance until about May or June, 2003 when he saw a program on America's Most Wanted or similar program on TV showing that Scott Peterson had been arrested for Laci's murder. He said when he saw Scott on TV he recognized him immediately.

Cory said he was released from custody on July 2, 2003. He said on July 4, 2003 he was attacked by two men who had been seen around his grandmother's house at 431 E. Cambridge in Fresno near Fresno High School. Cory said these two men attempted to beat him up but he got away from them. He said they were in a Toyota pickup. He said on July 28, 2003 he was attacked a second time by a couple of guys and one of them hit him in the leg with a tire iron. He said he ran, jumped in the back of a white Fresno City truck and asked the two men in the truck to take off. He said they took off and gave him a ride for about a mile and he then jumped out of the truck around Fruit and Clinton. He said these two men were in a white Toyota Camry. I asked Cory if they said anything to him during the attack and he said they told him to keep his mouth shut as they were trying to beat him.

Cory said once he realized Scott Peterson was in custody for murder he informed a Ms. Green at Eagle Mountain that he needed to talk to his parole agent, Jason Hiney. He said he didn't hear from Jason. Cory said he also sent two letters to Jason requesting to talk to him but never heard from him. Cory said he was arrested again for driving with a suspended license on August 1, 2003. He said he sent letters to the DA's Office in Fresno requesting to talk to someone with no acknowledgement.

Cory also mentioned that a stripper named Tammy who works at City Lights took a picture with he and Scott when he first met Scott and may still have the picture. He said she may not know that she has a picture of Scott Peterson because for a price she will take a picture with anyone at the bar. Cory said he does not know Tammy's last name but she used to live with a guy named Justin near Dakota and Weber in Fresno.

Cory mentioned that he called Scott Peterson once after meeting him at the number he had given him. He said a female answered the phone and he believed it to be Laci. He said he did not talk to her. Cory said he had Scott's phone number written down on a piece of paper in his car when he was arrested for VC 14601 on August 1, 2003. He said the car was towed by the CHP and subsequently sold at auction. He said he does not know what happened to his personal belongings that were in the car.

Cory said he has absolutely no reason to fabricate this story or to lie about it. He said he is not looking for anything, is not facing a long jail term and only wants it to be known that he agreed to help Scott Peterson steal his wife's car but the moment the conversation turned to kidnap he did not want any part of it. Now that the crime is murder he is concerned that if the entire truth comes out and his name is mentioned he could be implicated as a conspirator in this case. Cory said since he was attacked twice he just wants protection for he and his family and not be implicated in a murder.

TEST QUESTIONS:

During the testing phase of the examination the following relevant questions were asked of Cory while attached to the polygraph instrument:

Have you lied to me about anything during our interview? No.

Did you lie when you said Scott Peterson wanted you to find people to steal Laci's car?
No.

Did you lie when you said you introduced Dirty and Skeeter to Scott Peterson? No.

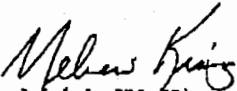
Did you lie when you said you heard Scott Peterson mention to Dirty and Skeeter something about kidnapping Laci? No.

OPINIONS/CONCLUSIONS:

Upon completion of the testing phase of the examination a careful analysis was made of the polygraph charts. It is my opinion that **CORY CARROLL** showed no significant signs of deception to the relevant questions and was **TRUTHFUL** on this examination. Mr. Carroll appears to believe his statement about meeting Scott Peterson and introducing him to Tony and Anthony also known as Dirty and Skeeter.

It is suggested if this story is investigated further that Mr. Carroll be allowed to participate in a second polygraph examination outside an incarcerated setting.

Respectfully submitted:


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Polygraph Examiner

Story ideas:

DNA TESTING — A closer look at this, in case it becomes an issue. Are challenges common, and if so how often do they work?

✓ MORE FORENSICS — Go back to the DOJ lab in Ripon, or to the Richmond lab, and have them walk us through step-by-step on tests the scientists used to identify Laci and Conner Peterson. Also, have them go through the steps they use to determine cause of death.

SIMPSON - Time to take a look back at some the last huge trial anything like this. Talk to the players and see their reaction and perspective.

FALSEARREST - What if Scott Peterson didn't do it? What if he's acquitted? This story is out in the future, but let's take a local/statewide in-depth look at false arrest. BB
What constitutes false arrest and how often does it occur?
What is the law?
What options do victims of false arrest have available
Impact on lives of those falsely accused and families
History of false arrests, especially in our cities and counties
Detailed look at some specific cases/lawsuits, etc.

OTHER CASES - Let's find a case or two in which the remains were in similar condition. Were they able to find the cause of death? Was there a trial, and if so what was the outcome? BB

PETERSEN - How did Kim Petersen become the face of the Rochas and Levys? And why is she now becoming a media expert on missing children? Who is this woman? BB

TALKING HEADS – Who are all these people debating this case on national television, and what are their credentials? How are they regarded?

“REAL KILLERS” – See what we can find out about the investigation McAllister conducted, and the “evidence” Geragos cites that someone else committed this murder. And – how often does an investigation by the defense result in finding the actual perpetrator?

WHITLOCK – We had talked about doing a story on the Whitlock case, in which everyone was convinced Debi Whitlock's husband killed her. Eleven years later, another man confessed to the murder.

INVESTIGATION – Try to retrace the investigation and figure out just when Scott Peterson became the main suspect. Talk to some veteran detectives outside the case to see what kind of red flags are common in a case like this. and June

BAIL – Are there similar cases in which the defendant got bail?

COUNTY – This is the biggest trial this county has ever seen. But there have been some big cases before. The four Salida murders. The Megan Mendez murder. Jeaneane Jackson. BB

OTHER SCOTT – Interview the other Scott Peterson who lived in town until recently.

SCOTT – A more in-depth profile. Why DID he come back from Arizona? Find people who knew him growing up.

McALLISTER – Kirk McAllister is involved in some of the biggest cases in the area. Right now, for instance, he is defending one of the men involved in the Gustine dairy deaths. He defended Bob Holloway, and the road rage trucker. A profile of McAllister.

✓ OTHER PREGNANT WOMAN – Track down the other pregnant woman in the neighborhood police believe the Mitchells saw walking her dog. *10/11/11*

6. BURGLARS – Allegedly, one of the men who burglarized the home across the street from the Petersons saw Scott loading something into the car when he was casing the house. Let's find him.

WIRETAPPING – Can we find out if the cops really recorded Scott's calls to Amber, or reporters. And what is the law on this in California? *AS*

CUSTOMERS – We need to find people – probably not in the area – who actually bought fertilizer from Scott Peterson. *BD*

High-profile cases – How they evolve.

Stuff to keep an eye on:

The house – watch for a sale. Watch for a sale of any of their houses.

Amber Frey. Checking with Fresno. Let's get this on our own.

Laci's family. Ty is seeing if they're still willing to sit down with him.

Friends of both – we should check with the Richardsons and see if Scott has called them again.

Experts – we need to put together our own list of people we can call at any time.

FISHING.

✓ CHANGE VENUE.

SUCKETS - COPS.

✓ ASSAULT CONVICTION.

~~BURGLARS~~.

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Chorus:

**Mo-town's overrun with news reporters
Tracking all the town's current events.
There truly is a circus down on 12th Street,
Just take a look they even set up tents!**

**Started with a man named Condit
Who followed in ole Billy's steps.
They both got into lots of trouble.
It happens when you mix up reps and preps!
It seems that power shifts the brain cells.
Values and a conscience matter less.
As one guy's friend turned up missing...
The other with a dirty party dress.**

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**Condits' lives were still in People
When three women were not found.
Once again we're in the limelight
Because a wallet's found right here in town.
Out of town tale's come to haunt us.
Press we get more than our share.
So now we create our very own drama
By selecting a buffoon, a scoundrel mayor!**

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**From the moment he was sworn in
Chamber brawls reached all new heights.
So the plague had finally hit us
Once a week we get to watch electeds fights.
Village One is just a buy off.
Cell phone bills are out of sight.
At least the County's there to lead us
Help us please to do things right!**

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**How can anything more happen?
We are just a Valley town.
But the press has more to feed on
When poor Laci can't be found.
Now Garegos is Scott's lawyer
And what do we find out next?
He is hooked up with a Condit.
Guess she learned it from the best!**

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**We thought the plague might finally leave us
And we'd have some time to heal.
Then the C.A. went and did it...
Charged more than the Dick Lang meals!
And a sup regained composure
Spa time and a jet was flown
A small town mayor paid homage
Giving his girlfriend a loan.**

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**Through all this the Center prospers
Folks might wonder why it's true.
Well with the lack of thinking
We try to think for you.
We don't have all the answers
But are values are true blue.
And the press is watching
So we'll leave scandals up to you!**

Chorus:

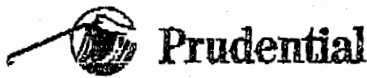
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From: DAVE HARRIS
To: Faulkner, Kent
Date: 4/22/03 2:01PM
Subject: Re: Scott Peterson

Hi Kent,

Per our boss, we can't stipulate to a "gag" order because it creates more problems than it seems to solve. He has a point. If we cut off access to the media they will then start searching for leaks and/or making it up, I mean speculating about the facts. Plus a gag order won't prevent either family from continuing to talk to the press. I think we can all agree that we will need to control the media in the courtroom. This is something that we can all talk about.

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Dear Ms. Rocha and Mr. & Mrs. Peterson,

My name is Gerry Roberts and I am a Realtor® with Prudential California Realty in Modesto. I am respectfully submitting an offer to you regarding your home at 523 Covena Avenue for myself. I felt that it was important for me to share a little bit of background information as to why I would like to purchase this property.

First of all, I have been renting for over a year in hopes of finding the perfect home in an established neighborhood. I currently live in the college area and have always preferred older homes with character. After viewing your property, I felt that all the charm and amenities were exactly what I had been looking for all this time.

I have a 28 year old daughter, Shannon that will be living with me in the home. Shannon also fell in love with everything the property has to offer. Coincidentally, Shannon grew up with Amy, the neighbor that lives across the street; the fact that Amy is right across convinced Shannon that this home was meant for her.

My 72 year old mother currently has legal custody of my two twin nephews, Curtis and Tyler whom are 10 years old. My sister is not able to care for them and they do not have a father to speak of. Because of the fact that they do not have a father figure, I am very involved in their lives. At some point and time when my mother is no longer physically able to care for the boys, I will be taking custody of Curtis and Tyler. Again, I think your home would be an absolute perfect match for them to continue their growing years with me. The park on the corner is a perfect place for them to practice soccer and the school is right down the street...which is another plus.

In summary, my intentions are to live and care for my family there. I will honor this home and plan to keep it in my family for many years to come. It is for those reasons that I am hopeful you will consider my offer.

Respectfully,

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DENHAM INTRODUCES VICTIMS' RIGHTS BILL

Proposal Stems from Problems Sharon Rocha Faced at Peterson Trial

MODESTO—Senator Jeff Denham (R-Merced) introduced [REDACTED] a bill that would allow the victim of a crime the right to be present at all criminal proceedings, even if the victim is a testifying witness.

"The current law for criminal proceedings is not fair to the victims or their families as we saw in the trial of Scott Peterson," said Denham. "Sharon and her family had already been through enough emotional stress and were forced to deal with the complications of not having a seat in the courtroom available to them."

"Current law is written to favor the rights of the defendant. The defense has the option of allowing, or not allowing, the victim's family inside the courtroom," said Sharon Rocha, mother of Laci Peterson. "As the law stands now it is the defenses' prerogative to exercise this right, however, what happened to us was nothing short of cruel and inhumane treatment. In our case, the defense attorneys first agreed to allow us into the courtroom, but then changed their minds."

"During the lengthy murder trial of Scott Peterson, several significant issues arose relating to the rights of the victim's family in this case that caused a lot of undue hardship for them," said Birgit Fladager, Stanislaus County Chief Deputy District Attorney.

"They were already suffering through the ordeal of losing their precious family members, and then due to a lack of adequate protections under the law, they were victimized again by a system that hampered their access to the court process."

The bill also states, among other things, that if the victim is no longer living, the victim's immediate family may attend the proceedings. Immediate family includes, but is not limited to, spouse, domestic partner, parent or step parents, children or step children, siblings or step siblings, or any other person deemed to have significant relationship with the victim.

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"The process needs to be more victim friendly," said Roy Wasden, Modesto Chief of Police. "This bill by Senator Denham helps us accomplish that."

"Our system of justice guarantees the accused many rights," said Stanislaus County Assistant Sheriff Mark Puthuff. "It is the rights of our innocent victims and their families that need to never be forgotten."

In addition in high profile cases, where seating in the courtroom is limited, the court shall reserve at least one-third of the available seating for the victim, victim's family and support people, the support staff from a victim services agency and the staff from the prosecuting agency. If these parties do not fill these reserved seats, then these seats would be made available to the public or media.

"Sharon Rocha and Ron Grantski were almost denied access to the entire process because of their status as witnesses, and then throughout much of the trial, the family and friends of Laci were denied access to the courtroom because of a lack of available seating which was caused by the demand by the public and the media to view this trial," Fladager continued. "Because of these issues Sharon Rocha, the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office, and the California District Attorneys Association started the process to create a law to ensure victims will have access to the court process. Senator Jeff Denham authored this Senate Bill and we hope to see this bill passed and signed into law by the Governor."

"Put yourself in the families shoes," Denham concluded. "If this was your personal situation, you would want to be assured that you had the right to listen and watch the proceedings. This law is the right thing to do. I am proud to author this bill and prevent a similar situation from happening to other families."

"There is something terribly wrong when a courtroom is allowed to be packed with people, complete strangers to Laci (except for us), who want to witness the sentencing of the man who murdered her, yet, the people who have known and loved Laci for most, if not all her life, the people who SHOULD and NEED to be in that courtroom are shut out," continued Rocha. "Laci would be so upset to know that the people who worked so hard to find her, and to put Scott in prison, won't be allowed to witness his sentencing. She would be heartbroken to know her family and dearest, lifelong friends won't be allowed to witness the sentencing of the man who murdered her because their seats were taken by people who felt the need to be a part of the circus atmosphere in the courtroom far outweighs the needs of Laci's loved ones to witness justice being served on her and Conner's behalf."

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Dear Senator Denham;

As you are aware, our office prosecuted Scott Peterson for the murder of his pregnant wife, Laci, and her unborn son, Conner. During the lengthy court process several significant issues arose relating to the rights of the victim's family in this case that caused a lot of undue hardship for them. They were already suffering through the ordeal of losing their precious family members, and then due to a lack of adequate protections under the law, they were victimized again by a system that hampered their access to the court process.

Two different issues arose which can be addressed for future victims through legislation. The first issue was that the family members, who were all subpoenaed witnesses in the trial, could be excluded from observing the preliminary hearing and the trial unless both sides agreed otherwise. The second issue involved some of the family, and Laci's friends, being denied access to the courtroom because of a lack of available seating; this was due to officials allowing media and special interest seating to have priority over allowing the family complete access.

Currently in California, witnesses to a case may be kept from the courtroom to prevent them from listening to other witnesses' testimony (Evidence Code §777). Even though the statute states the court "may" exclude witnesses from the courtroom, it is done on a routine basis on a request by either side. In the Peterson case, the only reason Sharon Rocha was allowed to sit in and observe the trial is because we had subpoenaed the parents of the defendant and a compromise was reached between the defense attorney and our prosecutors to allow immediate family members into the courtroom. However, the defense attorney in this case did not want Sharon Rocha in the courtroom and she was told she would be denied access right up to the day the trial started. On that day, the details of the stipulation were worked out and Sharon learned she would be allowed to view the court process. As you can imagine, this created an enormous amount of undue hardship on Sharon and her family. She wanted to know what happened to her daughter and she wanted to sit in the courtroom and watch it for herself. I think most parents would want the same.

The issue dealing with subpoenaed witnesses being excluded from the courtroom is not unique to high-profile cases such as the Peterson case. The same issue can and does come up in every trial. In murder cases and other serious cases throughout the state, victims and family

members are denied access to trials and evidentiary hearings simply because they have been subpoenaed by either the prosecution or the defense. We have even seen cases where we suspect that defense attorneys have subpoenaed a family member simply to deny them access to the courtroom, even though the defense attorney has no plans to actually call them as a witness. They do this as a strategy to keep the victim's family members away from the jury. That was certainly not the intention of this statute.

To solve this issue, we are proposing legislation that would require that good cause be shown in order to deny the victim, or the immediate family of a victim, access to the court process. We realize that in some cases, in order to provide a defendant with a fair trial, it may be necessary to deny victims or family members access. However, the current rule, which serves to deny access to a subpoenaed victim or family member without having to show a reason, is not fair and it causes undue hardship on victims and their family.

The second issue involves access to the courtroom when space is limited. This issue normally only presents itself in high-profile cases where there is a lot of interest by the media and the public. We fully understand the desire for spectators to view a high-profile case, but should we really deny access to family members of the victim to allow the media to have access?

In the Peterson case, the original plans in Stanislaus County called for the prosecution to be given fourteen total seats in the courtroom. Those fourteen seats were for use by the victim's family and any members of the prosecution team who needed to be in the courtroom, including victim advocates. That resulted in about ten seats being available to the family of the victim on a regular basis, even though the courtroom had almost seventy seats. Many of Laci's family members and friends were denied access simply to make room for more reporters because there was no law requiring otherwise.

We met with representatives of the Sheriff's Department about the seating problem with limited success. We were able to secure several more seats, but the Sheriff's Department was concerned about being sued by the media if the media was denied seating, even though the media already had far more seats reserved for them than any other group. The Sheriff's Department was also concerned about being fair and they felt that if they gave the victim's family extra seats, they would also have to give the family of the defendant extra seats. The Assistant Sheriff told us if we could show him a law that required him to give the victim's family more access, he would do it. We could not show him that law as it did not exist.

With the change of venue granted to San Mateo County, we moved to a courtroom that had well over one hundred seats. We thought our seating problem would be solved, but it was not. The judge gave control of the seating to the Sheriff's Department and, again, the rights of the victim's family took a backseat to the media and to other special interests.

The limited access to the courtroom was not a major issue except during high-profile events during the trial. Events such as opening statements, closing arguments, and the verdict saw the demand for seating rise and we were mostly limited to eighteen seats for the victim's family, the prosecution staff, and members of the Modesto Police Department. During the reading of the guilty verdict, the Modesto Police Chief was not even able to get a seat in the courtroom. Many


members of the victim's family had to wait in a room upstairs and listen to the proceedings over an intercom, while well over sixty members of the media had seats in the courtroom.

The problem in San Mateo came to a boiling point during the sentencing. This was the time when the victim's family was allowed to give their victim impact statements. This was the time when Sharon Rocha wanted all her family to be present in the courtroom as there was a good chance this would be the last time any of them would see Scott Peterson again. Once again, we were told we would only have eighteen seats available for any prosecution staff and the victim's family. The seating plans also showed that eighteen seats were given to special guests of dignitaries within the County. We were not told who those eighteen people were, but we were told all eighteen of those seats were spoken for. We did learn that some of those dignitaries included relatives and friends of judges and high-ranking members of the Sheriff's Department in San Mateo County. Once again, we had to tell Sharon that many of her family members could not attend the hearing so that over sixty media could attend as well as eighteen special dignitaries who did not even know Laci. Other people who had reserved seating in the courtroom included a platoon of attorneys who became self-appointed experts. They would view the proceedings in the courtroom and then go out and make their rounds on the cable TV shows giving out their expert opinions. During the sentencing, even the wife of one of those attorneys had a seat in the courtroom while aunts and uncles of Laci had to wait in a room upstairs.

We tried negotiating with the Sheriff's Office and explained our position to no avail. This news did not go over well with Sharon and her family. Sharon was forced to write a letter explaining this injustice and it was delivered to the media. Only then did we get a response from the Sheriff's Office who freed up some more seats and allowed members of the Modesto Police Department to stand around the edges of the courtroom. It should not have had to come to this. Sharon was preparing for her upcoming statement, and for finally being able to look her daughter's killer in the eye and to tell him what she thought of him, when she had to be sidetracked to help lobby for extra seats so that people who actually knew and loved Laci could be there for her and for themselves.

Because of the problems we had during the Peterson case regarding access to the proceedings by the victim's family, Sharon Rocha, our office, and the California District Attorneys' Association, are proposing legislation to protect the rights of victims to have access to the court process. Sharon has agreed to testify in hearings or before the full legislature if needed and our office and CDAA will also provide whatever lobbying support is needed. Attached is the basic text of the two laws we would like to see passed in the coming legislative year. It is not currently in the proper legal language, but we will be working on that in the coming months to finalize the language. It is possible that we may be able to amend already existing laws in order to accomplish our goals. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


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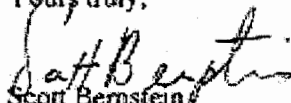
I am a Private Detective with over 25 years experience. I not only run a couple of Intelligence Agencies but also do work as an expert Analyst and Profiler for CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Court TV, FOX and others. About 3 years ago, I was hired by one of these media outlets to investigate the Peterson case. I have turned up promising leads and new evidence for this case and I am currently putting the finishing touches on the investigation.

I am reaching out to you for two reasons. First, I am aware of your relationship to the case and two I believe that you can offer me more insight and answer some invaluable questions. I realize that as a juror in this case, you had reached an appropriate verdict in good faith, based upon the information provided to you, and that you most likely feel that this case is complete. I am certainly not questioning your integrity or second-guessing the verdict reached at trial but my own investigation has left me with some unanswered questions that I feel you, as a juror might be able to help me resolve. If you would indulge me, I would appreciate any assistance you could offer. I can promise you that any communication between us will be held in the strictest of confidence.

I am also aware that you were very attentive during the trial, and that the process must have been very stressful having a tremendous impact on your life. I certainly would like your insight into the case, as your direct involvement makes you an invaluable resource.

If you would indulge me, I would like to communicate with you and gain what I feel must be a unique perspective as to the minutiae and outcome of the case. If at anytime you feel uncomfortable with our relationship, I would understand and fully honor your desires, should you wish to terminate our dialog for any reason. I look forward to your cooperation with my investigation. Please advise as to what form of communication you would prefer: mail, e-mail, and/or telephone. I reassure you that our communications will be privileged and discreet.

Yours truly,


Scott Bernstein
Director of Operations