

# Obsession

People far and wide took great interest in the case, and weren't shy about admitting it. Some of these e-mails came after the trial in response to me asking if they missed it.

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 15, 2004 7:13 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Laci Peterson's case

Dear Mr. Stapley,

My name's [REDACTED] I'm 37, brazilian, lawyer and a proud single mom of a 2 y.o. little girl.

Last night I watched "The E! True Hollywood Story" about Laci Peterson and I cried convulsively. I just kept crying and asking how can someone do this to that beautiful smiling girl and her little boy.

Her story is really touching and one can really feel related to her family. If you have the opportunity, please tell them I'm deeply sorry as, I believe, everybody who watched it on TV yesterday must be too.

In my country, we don't have the death penalty and a person, no matter what, stays in prison for a max of 30 years. I, as a spiritualist, believe in the afterlife and I think I just couldn't allow me to deliberately send someone to death row, but know, after watching that TV show, I began to think about what deserve a "human being" who did this to Laci and her unborn son, Connor...

Plase forgive my lousy english.

Best regards,  
[REDACTED]

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 12, 2004 7:05 PM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** laci peterson

I live in Mississippi and I am obsessed with this case and I want to thank you for keeping up with the story so well. Getting information on the tv is fine, but I find it more interesting reading the story from Laci's hometown newspaper. Please keep up the good work and I will look forward to reading what you will be writing tomorrow. I certainly did not know Laci, but somehow I almost feel as if I do now.

[REDACTED]

## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 4:30 PM

To: Garth Stapley

Subject: Re: Post-Peterson


Hey Garth

I followed the Peterson story from the very beginning, so it became a part of my life. I would put my kids to bed at night and watch all the cable news shows, read ModestoBee online stories, etc. I'm a mother so it kind of hit home to me. And the one thing that bothers me to this day is how this man could sit there day in and day out, facing the Rocha family without showing any remorse. He says he didn't do it, but if he was so innocent he should have been begging Laci's family to believe that he had nothing to do with the murders. I know that my husband has said that if I was found dead and he was stone cold innocent, he would beg my family to believe in him. But Scott just cut all ties with the family after his affair with Amber was made public. Even after he was sentenced to death, to show no reaction is beyond me. I wish I could get inside his head and find out what he is thinking - did he think he would get away with murder? And being a mother, I could not imagine losing my child like that. My heart goes out to that family. Every year I will always remember Laci's anniversary of her death, her due date, her birthday, the days she and Conner were found. This case has had a huge impact on my life.

[REDACTED]  
NY, NY

## Garth Stapley

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2005 6:43 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** re: death row addition

I would like the address where I could write to Mr. Peterson. I don't want to marry him, I am a married woman with lots of time on her hands & I truly enjoy writing to lots of different people. I would appreciate any help you could give me. Thank you & have a good day.

  
Salem, IN 47167-1656

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2003 7:40 AM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** the jail address

*Please if you can send me the adres where scott peterson is being held.  
I want to write him a letter also. It will not be a love letter or a hate letter as a matter of fact.*

*I live in NY.*

[REDACTED]

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, June 21, 2003 3:47 AM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** Hi Garth!

Hi from Durban in South Africa Garth!

Geeeeezzzzzzz are there really so many desperate women in the USA?

Seems odd to me!

Great story!

[REDACTED]

**Stapley, Garth - Modesto**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2006 10:48 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Did Peterson get a second trial

Dear Mr. Stapley:

I have been fascinated by this case ever since it first aired on Fox news and other National Media Outlets. I literally could not sleep the night that Laci's Body was found. I kept thinking to my self, what is the world coming to! Well I was pleased that Scott Peterson Was sentenced so Harshly! Anyway my question to you is. I heard shortly after the sentencing that Scott's defense team was looking to file a motion for a new trial. Were they ever successful at that and has there been any appeals since then? I Keep hearing a few things about the wrongful death suit, and the attempt by Scott's mom to get some money from Laci's estate. I realize you get hundreds of e-mails, but could you tell me what is going on?

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

**Stapley, Garth - Modesto**

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**From:** 

**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2006 12:44 PM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** Fwd: Peterson reward money

Oh, I would be flattered. I have posted many messages to Sharon and her family on LaciPeterson.com over the last few years. I think of her so often, just as I think of Laci and her beloved Conner. I've dedicated my garden to Laci and Conner. I will never forget.

Thank you,



**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2003 5:49 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** re ; Laci Petterson

Hi Gareth

I've been intently trying to follow the Laci Petterson case from here in South Africa and unfortunately we only get the drips and drabs of what is actually going on. Would be at all possible to perhaps give me a website address where I could get the latest information etc..

Regards

[REDACTED]

*+10 hrs*

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## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 5:41 PM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: Re: Post-Peterson

The story was fascinating, it was also mentally exhausting. It caused arguments at home and on message boards. I talked with some of those folks on the message boards for 2 years...some friendships were even formed. I feel ready to let it go now. If the verdict had been different maybe I would not be so willing to let it go, but Laci and Conner has had justice done them, it is time that they rest in peace, the Rocha's heal, and Scott Peterson rot in anonymity. Forgotten 10 years down the road a pathetic footnote in San Quentin.

[REDACTED]  
Fairfield, Ohio

## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 7:04 PM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: Re: Post-Peterson

I had to laugh after writing you today Scott was on Catherine Crier again and my husband came home to him once more. The only funny thing is that is was the clip where he is being so cocky and then bonks his head on the van door. I love that clip. ~~Guess I am still a junkie~~ I have to also admit that Target opened the boxes for me on the days that the "Scott" books came out. They are quick reads and were passed on to my friend before the end of the day. In the case of Amber's my friend had it by lunch.

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 14, 2004 8:22 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** A Winning Case

fun article .. thanks ...  
write some more ... many of us can't get enough of this .. AND ,.... it is sooo darn entertaining ...!!!!

I just read a few days ago he purchased the fishing license several days before his "spontaneous decision" to fish instead of golf ...

that lie alone looms heavy!

anyway  
thanks

[REDACTED]  
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**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2003 9:52 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Your 'Is cult linked to Peterson killings?' excellent article

Thanks for a great article on the Peterson case, Mr. Stapley.

There's several tons of people following this case on the Court TV website, all lapping up every morsel of information we can find.

The following paragraph has everyone searching for more about the trenchcoated Modesto resident you mention.

"Sources close to the case say that in June, Peterson's defense team acquired a coat worn by a Modesto resident allegedly affiliated with an occult group. The man bragged about being involved in Laci Peterson's death, a source said."

We're all hoping you can write another article about this person, or if not, maybe tell us if anything more is known about him?

Hoping for crumbs,

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**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, June 29, 2003 11:47 AM

**To:** Garth Stapley

**Subject:** peterson question

*hi garth.....have become addicted to your paper since i, like everyone else in the owrld, have become addicted to this horrific case.*

*at a party last night, it was all the buzz that amber's ex boyfriend had shot and killed his girlfriend yet i can find nothing on that. is this true or what's the real story??? i still don't trust her ;-)*

*thanks...*

[REDACTED]  
*bunkie, la.*

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 16, 2004 8:24 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] devastation re: Beautiful Laci & Baby Conner.

hi:

why would you want to cut segments from the interviews???? If your clients is innocent you shouldn't, but i guess that's why attorneys get the BIG BUCKS.

You and I know this EVIL CREATURE, MONSTER FROM HELL IS 100% COLD STONE GUILTY why even bother going to trial??? i guess the world need to see evidence huh?? What more evidence does someone need besides your husband is trying to sell your house w/everything IN IT a few weeks after you have vanished??????????

Ms. Devastated (i just hope and pray this won't be another oj case. I have laci's beautiful picture right in front of my computer which are the last picture taken on december 14 w/her burgundy silk pant suit, the 4th of july black halter dress where she shows her beautiful tan, and laci holding her nephew). I am not crazy but i have watched this case since day one and i am kind of frustrated because of what's happening but i'll just have to wait and see for the outcome).

Laci became like a sister to me when she vanished.....isn't this crazy?????????

Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 9:46 AM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: Re: Post-Peterson

I know many have wondered why this story captivated the public to the extent that it did. For me it was because I grew up in that neighborhood, went to La Loma Jr. High, & Downey H.S. But mostly because it had chapters, much like a soap opera. It was the story that wouldn't die, with a new installment coming out weekly.

Now I would like to hear about the latest installment, "How Scott is faring at SQ." I understand that now he is pretty much in solitary, and can have no visitors until he leaves the Adjustment Center in another month or so. However, I will be interested in hearing if he has lost any of that smugness and cockiness that he displayed so often in public. Has he yet realized that he "bet the farm" on his defense and lost? Does he know that Geragos won't be there to patronize him and feed him platitudes about "winning his appeal" now that he's on Death Row? I would like to know that Scott Peterson realizes that he has thrown away his life, and received the ultimate punishment for his crimes.

Questions I would like to ask Anne Bird after reading her book, "Blood Brother...."

1. How did Scott get possession of Anne Bird's credit card at the time of his arrest?
2. How is Anne's relationship now with Don Chapman (Jackie Peterson's first born, who was placed for adoption shortly after his birth)?
3. Does Don Chapman believe in Scott's innocence?
4. Does Don Chapman still have a relationship with the Petersons?
5. Why is it that Anne Bird never refers to Jackie's other child, John (Latham) Peterson as being her half-brother? She refers to him as Scott's brother, but never "her" brother. Why?
6. How is Anne's strained marriage, now that she has sided with her husband in believing Scott is guilty?

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2003 7:34 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** WRONG DATE ON STATMENT FOR CARMEN SABITINO

HELLO, MY NAME IS [REDACTED]. I AM OUT OF KOUNTZE TEXAS. I HAVE BEEN KEEPING UP WITH THIS STORY SINCE IT STARTED. IT SORT OF HITS HOME. I HAVE A LITTLE ONE WHO WAS DUE ONE DAY BEFORE CONNER. BUT SHE CAME EARLY ON THE 6TH. ANYWAY I RECENTLY PRINTED THE STATEMENT MADE BY CARMEN SABATINO. THE DATE ON THE BEGINNING OF THE STATEMENT READS JANUARY3,2002, IT SHOULD READ IF I AM CORRECT JANUARY3,2003.? I JUST KNOW THAT IF THIS GETS USED IN ANY COURT MATTER THEY WILL PROBABLY POINT THIS OUT. IF I AM BOTHERING YOU IN ANY WAY PLEASE TELL ME . I JUST WANT WHAT EVERYONE ELSE WANTS, JUSTICE!!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.. ONE MORE THING I WANT OYU TO KNOW YOUR PAPER IS THE FIRST THING I LOOK AT EVERY MORNING WHEN I AM CURIOUS ABOUT THE CASE . YOU DO A WONDERFUL JOB!!!

IN GREAT THANKS,

[REDACTED]

P.S. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU RECIEVE THIS.  
MY EMAIL IS [REDACTED]

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Garth Stapley

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From: 

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 7:20 PM

To: Garth Stapley

  
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

Garth,


Yes I do miss the trial,

In an unexplained way Laci and the baby were still with us, Now it is over and I had to let go.

I was so sad and empty.

After a few days it was like I knew her. And now she was gone and I will never see that big smile again.

What a waste.

  
*Brunswick, Georgia*

Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 2:13 AM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: Re: Peterson

*Inland*

Hi Garth,

I suppose you could say that.. I loved reading up about the days events and that when I got into work. I was always waiting for the defence to come up with something "major" that would turn the tables and that never happened. Even now I enjoy reading up about him and him starting his sentence. I wonder if he will get his appeal...

I do think though that it is kinda morbid of me too, that I did enjoy reading up on it. There was another side to everything aswell - a distraught family suffering huge losses that I can't even begin to fathom. And in that sense, I don't like admitting that I was very interested in it. I am however very very interested in forensics and that part always holds me. And that's where I was waiting on Geragos to make his break. However, he was quite a clever guy in the sense that he [Peterson] didn't leave much of that in his wake, did he?

Hope this helps! Let me know if there is anything else I can help with.  
I really like to write! What do you think?  
Best,

Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 5:14 PM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: Re: Life after Peterson

Yes, I absolutely miss my daily read of Scott Peterson! I myself was quite curious as to why. I am certain that justice was served. No, I did not cheer when I heard the verdict. How can one feel cheerful when a Husband/Daddy is guilty of murdering his Wife and Child? Nor did I cheer when Scott was given the death sentence. Though I feel it was a just sentence, I cannot help but feel sadness that a human being would choose to change his destiny by such a brutal murderous act simply because two others were in "his" way. It is unimaginable to my mind how Scott, or anyone for that matter, can live the life he lived and commit such a horrid act of violence. And just as unimaginable, how was it possible for Scott to come home from the bay and begin his act as the grieving husband?

I believe that myself and others cannot get over the event because it is [REDACTED] as to why Jackie and Lee Peterson continue to believe in Scott's innocence. When Jackie said, "So what? Scott had sex with a bimbo! That doesn't mean he murdered Laci!". She is absolutely right! But, Jackie! So what that Laci and Conner's bodies were found at the bay where your son went fishing on Christmas Eve? So what that the cement purchased by your son can't be satisfactorily explained as to where it all went.

Scott is such an excellent liar that it intrigues me to wonder what goes on in his mind. He, and some in his family, truly believes that he will one day see freedom again! Unless he plans and succeeds in an escape, Scott will die an old man in a cold cell. It's so interesting and there is much wonder as to why reality and truth escapes the minds of some of the Petersons!

I'm thankful that the trial is over...especially for Laci's family and friends. The void of not having Laci and Conner will forever be in their hearts and I am deeply saddened.

For those of us who miss our "updates", I believe it's because until Scott comes to terms and owns up to what he has done, there will not be complete peace. Until Jackie and Lee and Laci's family hear Scott tell the truth, there will not be complete peace within. Twelve people can say Scott is guilty, but until Scott becomes an honest man, there will continue to be anger and dismay. Imagine what would happen if Scott would become an honest man. The story would be over and the public interest would fade. And so many hearts would have closure. However, since the man lives in a world surrounded by his own lies, he continues to write an "unbelievable" very good story. And, sadly, the people look forward to the next chapter.


So, Mr. Stapley, I'm looking forward to your post-sentence story. I thank you for your hard work during the trial...before and after.

Sincerely,

**Garth Stapley**



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**From:**   
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2005 3:47 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Re: Post-Peterson

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Garth

Thanks so much for writing me in regards to your article about Scott Peterson. I will tell you that I do miss the trial. ~~This trial gave me something to talk about, it wasn't about the drama involved, but it was about watching Mark Geragos making an A\*\* out of himself.~~ The fact that he tried everything in his power, to make Scott Peterson look like an innocent man, when all knew he was guilty as sin. I think what ~~grabbed my attention the most was Scott Peterson's parents.~~ They seemed to want to take control of everything. Whether it be the house, proclaiming Scott's innocent, or just causing a scene, everything they did/said will be remembered.

I do have to say, that every trial has its moment of glory and shame. I support the Rocha's 100% when it comes down to the verdict. The law worked, and won a victory for Laci and Connor and their family. What I don't agree on is everyone trying to make a name for themselves or a profit off the case. The fact that Amber Frey had a book in the works is what bugs me. The book came out right after the case ended, so to me, she is making a profit off the innocent victims of this. The fact that Scott's sister now has a book out. Just to me, it's like "what about the families?" What say so do they have in all of this. In all there was just some parts that bugged me.

Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 1:42 PM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: Re: Post-Peterson

Garth,

In a lot of ways I do miss it although I now realize how much of my time it was taking up. The first week was weird not having to plan what days I could work in for going to court and my evenings freed up by not watching hours of tv. I would tivo parts of court tv during the day, Catherine Crier at 5pm and then Greta. My husband would come home nightly to me watching what I had tivo'd every day. He was very sick of it but supportive of my pention to see trials (he is a tax attorney and wandering around the court house when he was doing a case is what hooked me). I now wish Scott weren't still in the tabloids and getting even more attention that he doesn't deserve. My heart goes out to Laci's family and the continual pain all the publicity has caused. I refuse to watch the made for tv movie but have gone out and bought each of the 3 books about Scott. The one by Catherine Crier is exceptionally good if you haven't read it. I think that all of us wanted to know a little more background on the people involved (4 of us have now read my books and I am sure if there is another one I will buy it also). I think this case disproved the OJ theory that we all had and talked about waiting in the lines to get in or lunching together. Until the last week or two we all thought he would get off and that is what the jubilation was about not a man dying. It was justice served, finally.

I still check your paper and read Jeff's column. He is so entertaining and nice to talk to. I did meet a lot of nice people and all the commentators that are on the various tv shows.

I am originally from Fresno so that was part of the attraction to this case. I could in some ways relate to Amber and the pain and betrayal which you are more susceptible to being a single mom. Always looking for Mr. Right having already been with Mr. Wrong. She just found a REAL Mr. Wrong. Actually I have gone down to Fresno twice for a couple of days each time to see the Wesson trial. I am shocked at how little press it is now getting locally. It was such big news nation wide when it occurred and now there have been maybe 2 paragraphs in the Chronicle. It is another case that is so hard to believe. I usually go to this kind of trial just once to see what the person really looks like. It is hard to believe that they lived so below the radar for so long and that anyone could do that to children repeatedly with all the other family members knowing (the molestation's and rapes).

Some of the family members of Wesson's are so sad to watch on the stand and I got hooked again. It was hard to decide whether to go to Peterson's sentencing or to Fresno but after seeing Sharon Rocha talking about the lack of seats for the family I decided that I wouldn't let him take anymore of my time or effort. She should have been given more seats than Scott's family and I was glad to see the Peterson's finally show their true colors. I could never put my finger on why I didn't care for them and I guess I sensed something off in them. The one that really got me was when Jackie handed out little bags of candy the day after Halloween to the people that were "for Scott". She often complimented me on my clothing but nothing more. I am sure she could sense most everyone's hostility towards her son.

I am leaving for Vancouver in the morning so if you want to know anything more let me know. Would you send me a copy of your article since I won't be around to check for it for a week. Thank you and good luck on your article. Tell Jeff hi for me. [REDACTED]

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2005 5:36 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** RE: Post-Peterson

I do NOT miss the trial and am thankful for the outcome for the Rocha family and others that were close to Lacy Peterson. It may sound "odd" but what I do miss is the "bond" that was formed, even though I have never met any of you, with the Court TV reporters and the staff at the Modesto Bee that did such a fine job of covering all aspects of this case from "day 1"..... everyone that wanted to see "justice done" I brought up the "Bee," on a regular bases, for your coverage. Thank you!

## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2005 6:57 AM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: Re: Peterson withdrawals...?

Yes, I do miss the drama of the Peterson trial. I remember going through something similar after the O.J. Simpson trial. Hey, maybe O.J. and Robert Blake will take time out of their busy schedules of looking for the actual killers of their wives, to visit Scott at San Quintin! (sp?)  
Birds of a feather...

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2005 11:00 AM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Re: Post-Peterson

*Although the stories gave me something to look forward to and the suspense as to whether he would get off or not was exciting, I am glad it is over and Scott Peterson is where he belongs; behind bars!*  
*Again, thank you for the wonderful job you did with the stories!!*

## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 3:19 PM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: RE: Post-Peterson

~~I do not miss it one bit. He made me sick and still does.~~ My heart aches for Laci's family. I do think Scott's family is as strange as he is. Who gives up two children for adoption? No one. I hope he rots. In any case at some point he will need a proctologist.

## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 3:23 PM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: RE: Post-Peterson

I don't miss it because ~~there's something else to take its place.~~ However, I certainly want to say the coverage for the Peterson story was incredible. On a personal note, I feel Scott got what he deserved. I would never have expected to see the high percentage of jurors to attend his sentencing, and that was very moving.

Thanks.

Hi

No, I don't miss the trial. I feel frustrated at the way the trial went, and would like to be able to read all the sealed documents and transcripts of the case.

I have read all the transcripts of the prelim, the pre-trial hearings and the trial and I am gobsmacked (english word, but self-explanatory) at all the contradictions that resulted in this man being sentenced to death.

Since I am totally convinced that Scott is innocent, and have always felt that the burglary at the Medina's house and Laci's disappearance were connected, I and a group of other people (some of whom I believe you have met) are researching and digging to see what we can find to prove the connection.

You may have realised by now that I am English, so I suppose you could say that it is nothing to do with me. I stumbled on the case a day after Laci was reported missing, and was fascinated at how the story was being treated by the American media. That would not have been allowed here, and I am convinced that the media coverage and the nightly 'opinions' from supposedly legal representatives on TV are what mainly caused Scott Peterson's conviction.

Regards

England

## Garth Stapley

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2005 3:20 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Scott Peterson

Hello... You asked for comments and I am going to give you my thoughts on this case.

I live in Wisconsin, far away from this horrific crime. However, I followed this story since the night Laci went missing.

My 1st thought was that Laci was taken for the baby. Also as much publicity as this case was getting, I was convinced they would find the bodies where they did, after all; he didn't hide the fact that was where he was that day. And whoever killed her would plant the bodies there.

I still have no clue if Peterson killed his wife or not.

If he did, he is in the perfect place now. But what if he didn't? There was NOTHING that I heard, that convinced me of his guilt. NOTHING. And I followed the story very closely. I found his behavior disturbing, no doubt. I even think he is a freak of sort. But nothing, besides the media's negative reporting on this case could convince me that he had anything to do with this horrific crime. I am appalled at the media. I watch news shows to be informed. I read the paper to learn of developments. I found that when a reporter/lawyer/writer, etc. was reporting something on this case, they had added their negative thoughts on Peterson. Personal negative thoughts.

I found certain TV shows so appalling, that I have since stopped watching their shows as of today. I don't trust them, and I don't like their reporting style.

And the jury?? As much as we are told to respect a jury and their decision, how does one respect someone with Pink Hair screaming Asshole to Scott Peterson on national TV? I am suppose to trust her judgment?? A women who refers to a fetus as "little man"?? Come on!!!!

You asked for comments, and all I can say is that this entire case was a JOKE. If this is what the legal system is coming to, we are in sad sad shape.

[REDACTED]  
Milwaukee WI

P.S. I am not a SP groupie or supporter or anything like that. Just someone who believes he was unjustly tried.

## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2005 5:33 PM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: RE: Post-Peterson

Garth Stapley <GStapley@ModBee.com> wrote:

Garth,

Thank you for asking my opinion about the Scott and Laci Peterson story now that it is over. In a way the story made a big change in my life. I now write to as many opinion polls as I can. (One of my opinions, on the Terri Schiavo case is posted on the Net, at Connected at MSNBC.com, for March 28, 2005.) I thought early in the trial that the Prosecution was not focused. They were not making it clear that this is the only person that could have done it. And that Scott would be found not guilty. While I was positive, that he did it.

Early in the missing person case I finally found a number of stories on the Net that made Scott seem not as interested in finding Laci as he should have been. He seemed more interested in avoiding the media than true concern of Laci. I can still remember seeing his in-laws on TV saying only great things about Scott. He was presented as the near perfect husband. No way was their marriage in trouble.

I thought Scott did it so, I wrote emails to the Modesto Bee, because I thought no one was taking a closer look at Scott as a suspect. I actually thought I could help solve the case. I was so positive that Scott did it, even without any knowledge of Amber Frey. I thought for the longest time that Scott may have killed Laci, by accident on the 23rd of December, buried her body, then went fishing on the 24th as a cover story.

Many sources, like Court TV, gave me the impression that the defense was on top of the game, and would win easily, unless things change. My wife thought that they lacked the evidence to prove Scott guilty. No smoking gun, not guilty. It was an interesting case to follow.

I simply thought that no one would be stupid enough to put Laci out in the Bay, and then say that he went fishing in the exact area. I also knew nothing of Scott's half sister, Ms. Bird, and that Scott was hanging out so much at her place, so close to where Laci and Conner washed ashore. I probably miss the chase more than the actual trial.

In conclusion, the Net has brought to my attention the large number of people who go missing every year. Especially the number of kids. Scott And Laci were average citizens. Scott, thought that, his case would get the normal one or two week TV coverage. He never guessed that it would become the hottest thing to hit the airwaves that year. So many people go missing, few ever get on Larry King, and the all the mornings shows, as it did. Once it became that public, he should have confessed, maybe he would have received life instead of death. Thank your newspaper for the fine coverage, I still visit it today.

P.S. I am against the Death Penalty! Let them think about their crime for  
for rest of their sorry lives.

Hope this is helpful, Good luck,

Michigan

Garth Stapley


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From: 


Sent: Monday, March 28, 2005 4:45 PM

To: Garth Stapley

HI ,, ITS THE GIRL FROM NEW JERSEY.. I RECIEVED YOUR EMAIL REGARDING IF WE WILL MISS THE PETERSON TRIAL.. FIRST LET ME SAY THAT I ENJOYED YOUR ARTICLES IN THE MODESTO BEE.. EVERY DAY.. AND I WILL MISS THE TRIAL ,, IT CONSUMED 2 YRS OF A LOT OF PEOPLES LIVES. IT SEEMED YOU JUST COULD NOT GET ENOUGH OF THIS TRIAL, PROBABLY BECAUSE YOU WERE GETTING 2 MINUTE SOUND BITES AND WHAT PEOPLE THOUGHT AND DIDNT THINK,, THIS WAS A CASE THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN TELEVISED FOR SURE

 THE BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN ARE EVERYTHING THAT WE HAD ALREADY HEARD.. SOMEONE JUST HAS TO WRITE THE BEHIND THE SCENES STORY.. APHRODITE JONES IS SO GOOD AT THAT KIND OF THING..

JUSTICE WAS SERVED IN THIS CASE..HE IS WHERE HE BELONGS.. FOR A LONG LONG TIME..AGAIN THANKS FOR YOUR WRITING ON THIS INTRUQUING CASE ,,



**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 30, 2004 5:41 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** cas Peterson



Bonjour monsieur Stapley, merci de votre réponse. En effet, j'aurais dû d'abord me présenter, mais il n'est jamais trop tard. Mon prénom est Micheline, et j'habite au Canada, dans la province de Québec, et pour être encore plus précise, la ville de Québec. Je suis le cas Peterson depuis le début via CNN et Larry King live, et à la fin de la soirée, je vais lire le transcript, et je me débrouille. Par internet, je me rend tous les jours sur Modbee, et CourTV. Je voyais votre nom et celui de monsieur Côté, et c'est ce qui m'a décidé à vous écrire. Pourquoi je m'intéresse à Peterson? Avouez avec moi que c'est intrigant, on dance sur un pied, tantôt sur l'autre. Je me dis qu'il est coupable, ensuite je doute, et je fini par me dire qu'il n'était surement pas seul pour accomplir son geste, si c'est lui qu'il l'a posé. Pourquoi Frey n'aurait-elle pas quelque chose à voir dans cette histoire? Elle semblait avoir un gros béguin pour lui. Et le plus étrange dans tout cela, c'est qu'il ne semble pas avoir de preuves réelles, ou comme on dit à Québec, des preuves "en béton". Tous les soupçons se dirigent vers lui évidemment, mais encore une fois, qui peut le prouver réellement. De toute façon, il a un avocat très réputé à ce qu'il semble, il est donc à peu près certain qu'il s'en sortira. C'est aussi une histoire intéressante parce qu'elle a débuté un 24 décembre, le soir du réveillon, on ne voit pas ça souvent. J'essaye de me mettre dans la peau des jurés, et ils ont toute mon admiration croyez-moi.

Ici, je suis la seule à s'intéresser à Scott Peterson, et je regarde beaucoup se qui se passe aux USA.

Bientôt, vous serez peut-être en élection, et j'essaye de comprendre votre façon de fonctionner. J'ai-

merais que madame Hilary Clinton devienne un jour "Présidente" des USA.

En terminant, où avez-vous appris le français? Vous vous exprimez très bien, et je vous félicite.

Si je vous ai importuné, veuillez m'excuser, et je vous souhaite une bonne semaine.



**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2005 6:47 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Peterson

Hi Garth,

As far as the trial goes and missing it, I guess in a way I do think that maybe it is due to the fact that I am not so sure he killed Laci. I find the trial to be a circus where the media is concerned, especially "Court TV". I feel due to their part in broadcasting, he was hated and convicted way before the trial ever started. I also feel the lack of evidence, to get a death sentence, is so unconstitutional. All I ever heard was "his demeanor", "how stoic" he was and "emotionless". The fact there was NO cause, NO place, NO motive, NO weapon, or anything other than speculation is beyond me how he was convicted. It isn't whether he did it or not at this point, its how they (MDP) put it out there that really bothers me. How the theory was twisted, and the judge allowing some of the evidence in while he kept some important stuff out, go figure..... its just my opinion. Would I have liked to see another trial, you bet, with the cameras in the court so people got the full story and not just what the media choose to show or only their opinion of what was going on inside that court room, as far as the jurors, I feel if they really did their job, there would be no way they could have come up with the verdict they did.....JMHO once again. But thanks for letting me speak. I too, have lost a daughter, so I feel for Laci's mom. I also feel for Scott and his family. As far as Scott's half sister, it should have been "Blood Money" instead of "Blood Brother". I real don't think you will print this, but it was nice of you to allow me the freedom to speak my peace.

[REDACTED]

Whittier, CA

**Garth Stapley**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2005 4:27 PM  
**To:** Garth Stapley  
**Subject:** Peterson Trial

I don't miss the Peterson's , I certainly don't miss seeing Jackie wearing that oxygen thing in her nose and then seeing her packing up Laci ironing board and swing up to that moving truck without that tank like a 299 Lb. trucker, with no help at all. I don't miss anything about him or any of his family., because they all fell from the same tree. I don't feel sorry for him or any one of his family. They all are half goofy including old Lee and that hold sorry bunch.

He deserved everything he got and more, he will get more when those prisoners get a hold of him, I can't wait to see a breaking news that he in the hospital beat to a bloody pulp. He did to that precious Laci and Baby Conner, he needs to have his body broken all to pieces and take them wire pliers and pulls his hair out all over his body one at a time and I'm talking about the whole sorry lot. Let's see that arrogant smirk of his when they beat the living hell out of him. he want last long , but just torture him slowly a cruel death just like Laci and Conner was given.

That is one family that I have so much dislike for because they knew he killed both of them and sit in that chair with them 2 old sorry lawyers laughing and smirking, they were crying in the end. What sorry bunch of no goods. I don't miss seeing his face on my TV or that family of his stepping down that street saying he is innocent and I think that girl in college that was missing and he was investigated for is right in that bay just like Laci and Conner were. He got away with murder and decided he'd get rid of them just like he did her. I don't miss anything about that trial the only thing I miss is when the judge announced the death penalty. I wish I had of been there to laugh and smirk in his sorry face. He is a dead man walking.

[REDACTED] MISSISSIPPI

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## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2003 7:48 AM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: Remembering Laci

Dear Sir:

This kind of fawning over a woman that these people have never met and elevating her to saint status is sickening. There have been several women in the past few years who were killed by their spouses/boyfriends while pregnant. I don't see anyone writing songs about them. Laci wasn't a saint.

She was a regular woman who made some bad choices and lost her life. It is

sad, even tragic, that a lovely young woman and her unborn child were killed. But she wasn't a hero, an angel or a saint. If people want to "honor" her memory, they should spend some time trying to improve the world

so this never happens again. Volunteer at a women's shelter. Help out at a domestic abuse call center. Make balloon animals for hospitalized children.

Give manicures to the people in nursing homes. Visit shut-ins. Bake a batch

of cookies for the neighborhood bake sale. Put your energy into something

productive, rather than weeping, wailing and moaning about what a saint this

woman was.

I feel deeply for her family and pray that they will heal over time. But

writing suragry, glurgy songs and piling up stuffed animals at a memorial

that will just rot in the rain and be thrown away isn't helping anyone.

If people really care, they will do something for the good of EVERYONE.

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## Garth Stapley

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2003 8:08 PM  
To: Garth Stapley  
Subject: RE: Tributes to Laci: Her memory will live on in portraits, poetry and song

You're a much better writer than that guy is a singer! Enough said.

>From: Garth Stapley <GStapley@ModBee.com>  
>To: [REDACTED]  
>Subject: RE: Tributes to Laci: Her memory will live on in portraits,  
poetry  
>and song  
>Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 10:39:59 -0700

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>i make no guarantees as to quality. i just write the stories...  
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>-----Original Message-----

>From: [REDACTED]  
>Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2003 2:20 PM  
>To: Garth Stapley  
>Subject: Re: Tributes to Laci: Her memory will live on in portraits,  
>poetry and song

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>Mr. Stapley,

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>Surely I'm not the only one who finds this song incredibly cheesy and  
>musically inept? It's painful to listen to (for the wrong reasons) even  
>though Mr. [REDACTED] meant well.

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><http://www.modbee.com/images/sections/rememberinglaci.html>

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><http://www.modbee.com/images/sections/jstrandlaci.mp3> (direct link to  
file)

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Comments = I have closely followed the case of Laci Peterson's murder for over a year now, and it never ceases to amaze and dishearten me, with all the misinformation that's spread. This week in particular, several other newspapers & television, have been airing an interview with a Scott Peterson supporter, who claims he is innocent and is being railroaded. She is advertising her website in the process. I'd like to offer my alternative opinions of the case, in the form of lists I've compiled, gleaned from facts presented at the prelim and from other court documents. Please see the following link:



Thank you



aka MissCrabapple



Iva

January 22, 2005

Dear Sirs:

My whole idea of putting a story in the paper was to see if I could sell these 10 13-ring binders I've made on the Peterson case. At first the editor of the Ripon Record said they decided in the beginning they wouldn't put anything in the paper re the Peterson case because it did not pertain to Ripon. I reminded him the Crime Lab is in Ripon. After 2 or 3 attempts along the way, the Editor, Joe Franscella, said they would run it, but as a scrap book story. This case will wind up on February 25 and I no longer want

it. I'd be real happy to sell it  
for \$400.00.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Lijon, CA 95366.

[REDACTED]

P.S. On Feb 3, 2005, I'll be  
80 years old. I'm a widow  
(14 years), retired as a  
secretary from the State of  
California.

## PETERSON CASE SCRAP BOOK

My hobby is making scrap books. I've been making 3-ring binder scrap books on the Laci Peterson case since the Modesto Bee headline dated Dec. 26, 2002 WOMAN VANISHES ON WALK. I have no personal interest in the case - to me it's a murder mystery and when the final verdict is reached - the judge's ruling on Feb. 25, 2005, I don't plan to go on with the appeals. As I've been out some expense in keeping these books, I will be willing to sell these.

Most of the articles are from the Modesto Bee with a sprinkling of articles from the Sacramento Bee, the Manteca Bulletin, the Stockton Record, the National Enquirer, Globe, People Magazine and Parade. Interest in this case is world wide. In the Modesto Bee "Letters from our readers" are letters from as far away as Brisbane, Australia; Honolulu; several letters from throughout California and letters from 20 other states. The City of Ripon is involved as tests were made at the Dept. of Justice Crime Lab here.

This project consists of 10 3-ring binders.

Book No. 1 begins with Modesto Bee headline dated Dec. 26, 2002 WOMAN VANISHES ON WALK.

This book contains articles relative to the search

for Laci and ends with a Modesto Bee article  
dated April 15, 2003 2 BODIES FOUND BY BAY

Book No. 1 contains 54 pages

Book No. 2 begins with articles determining if the  
2 bodies found are Laci and Conner. As DNA tests  
prove they are indeed Laci and Conner, a Modesto  
Bee headline dated April 19, 2003 states PETERSON  
ARRESTED. There are articles in the beginning of  
Scott Peterson having public defenders and of him  
settling into jail life. Peterson's parents, Lee and  
Jackie Peterson hire a Los Angeles attorney, Mark  
Geragos. The Modesto Bee headline dated May 3, 2003  
states: GERAGOS IS OFFICIAL. The judge gives  
Peterson's lawyers to October 20, 2003 to prepare  
for a Preliminary Hearing. This was later ~~changed~~ <sup>extended</sup>  
to October 28, 2003.

This book ends on August 30, 2003 with headline  
LACI, CONNER LAID TO REST.

Book No. 2 contains 215 pages

Book No. 3 begins Sept. 4, 2003 among other  
things, contains the Preliminary Hearing. A  
Modesto Bee headline dated October 26, 2003  
states PETERSON STAGE IS SET. Preliminary  
Hearing headline dated Nov. 19, 2003 states  
PETERSON HELD TO STAND TRIAL. This book ends  
on Jan. 21, 2004 with trial moved to Redwood City.  
I have a picture of our cat watching the TV with

the words SCOTT PETERSON HEARING on the TV screen.

Book No. 3 contains 189 pages  
Book No. 4 contains misc. articles of action in the Redwood City Court.

Book No. 4 contains 73 pages  
Book No. 5 begins March 4, 2004 with jury selection. Ends May 28, 2004 with headline PETERSON JURY FINALLY SET. Included in this book is on April 1, 2004 the ~~page~~ passage of the LACI, CONNER BILL and contains a picture of President Bush giving Sharon Rocha a yuck on the cheek.

Book No. 5 contains 89 pages  
Book No. 6 begins May 30, 2004 with the headline PETERSON'S ACTIONS GO ON TRIAL

Book No. 6 contains 108 pages  
Book No. 7 begins Aug. 5, 2004 and is a continuation of the trial.

Book No. 7 contains 83 pages  
Book No. 8 begins Sept 28, 2004 and is a continuation of the trial

Book No. 8 contains 91 pages  
Book No. 9 - Nov. 12, 2004 **GUilty**

Book No. 9 contains 119 pages  
Book No. 10 - Dec. 13, 2004 **DEATH**  
Will keep collecting articles thru Feb 25, 2005 when a judge makes a final decision.

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