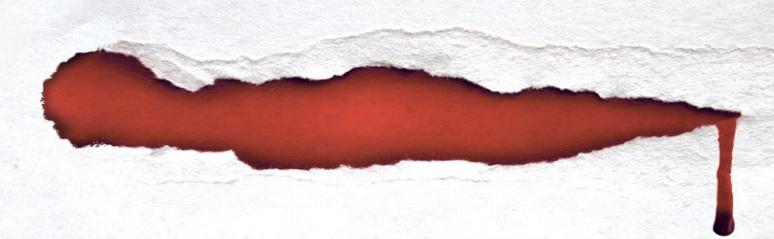
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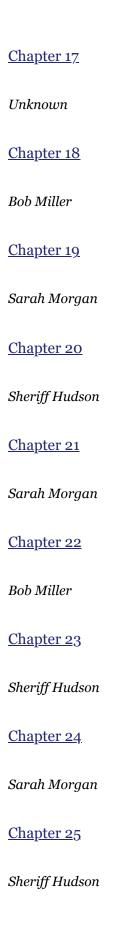
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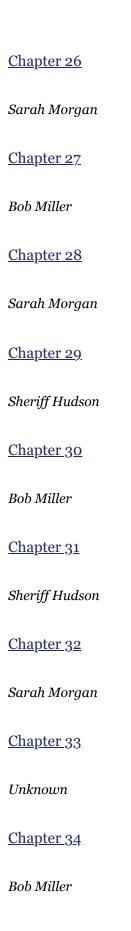
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DOCUMENTARY TRANSCRIPT CHANNEL 5 NEWS EXCERPT

The Prince William County Sheriff's Office is investigating the murder of a local woman. Earlier today, deputies were called to a residence on Lake Manassas, where the body of Kelly Summers was discovered brutally stabbed to death. Sources say novelist Adam Morgan, the residence's owner, was brought questioning shortly thereafter. The Prince William County Sheriff's Office has refused to offer any additional details as the investigation is ongoing.

INTERVIEWER

On October 15, it'll be eight years since the murder of Kelly Summers and her unborn child occurred. Her body was discovered the following morning in your lake house, specifically in the primary bedroom. Adam, can you tell us what happened the night Kelly was murdered?

ADAM MORGAN

No. I can tell you what happened before she was murdered, and I can tell you what happened after, but I don't know anything about her death.

INTERVIEWER

Then tell us what happened before.

ADAM MORGAN

Kelly came over after work, and we did what we usually did when she came over. We had a few drinks, and we had sex . . . several times.

INTERVIEWER

And what happened after?

ADAM MORGAN

I woke up in the middle of the night. It was pitch-black out. Kelly was still sleeping, or at least, I thought she was. I knew I had to drive back to DC, and I didn't want to wake her, so I kept the lights off while I got ready, and then I took off.

INTERVIEWER

Not before writing a letter to Kelly. Is that right?

ADAM MORGAN

Yeah, that's right. I left it on the kitchen counter for her, not realizing she'd never have the chance to read it.

INTERVIEWER

What was in the letter you wrote to Kelly?

ADAM MORGAN

It doesn't matter anymore . . . She's dead.

INTERVIEWER

When did you learn of her death?

ADAM MORGAN

The following day. Officers from DC Metro and the Prince William County sheriff's department showed up at my house in DC, and even then, I didn't know. It wasn't until I was brought in for questioning that they informed me.

INTERVIEWER

Who was Kelly Summers to you?

ADAM MORGAN

In the simplest terms . . . my mistress.

INTERVIEWER

Some people have speculated that if you're capable of lying about one thing—for example, your affair—you're capable of lying about another.

ADAM MORGAN

That's quite the leap. Lots of people cheat, very few murder.

INTERVIEWER

Are you one of those few people?

ADAM MORGAN

I've already told you I'm not.

INTERVIEWER

A jury found it implausible that you'd be able to sleep soundly beside Kelly while she was stabbed thirty-seven times. They also found it highly unlikely that you'd overlook her mutilated corpse when you left in the middle of the night. What do you say to that?

ADAM MORGAN

Does a patient undergoing surgery in a hospital notice when their stomach has been sliced open? No, they don't, because they're under anesthesia. Kelly and I were drugged that night. I don't know by who, but someone drugged us. And as I said, when I came to, it was still pitch-black out; I couldn't see a thing.

INTERVIEWER

The toxicology report indicated Kelly had GHB in her system, but yours came back clean.

ADAM MORGAN

I'm well aware.

INTERVIEWER

How do you explain that?