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Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas has a past that some would rather forget. Throughout the years it has been dubbed “The Ouachita Murder” or “The Dorm Mom Murder,” but what I have come to discover is that most people have no idea what it is. I asked Dr. Horne, the President of Ouachita, what he knew about the murder; His response was quite surprising. “Roxanne, in my 9 years here at Ouachita, you are the first person to ever mention this to me. And to tell you the truth, I have no idea what is. I just remember hearing about it on the news when it happened.” I went and talked to the current Dean of Students, Scott Haynes, and he had absolutely no idea what I was talking about either. I then went on and started asking students these questions. A few had ‘heard’ of a murder at some point in the school’s history. “I heard of one murder where a dorm mom killed her lover’s husband (yes, husband), so that they could be together” said one, but another student interjected and said, “I heard of one when two students were hired to murder the dorm mom.” Another mentioned something about the mafia. Each thought they were talking about three different murders, but what they didn’t know was that they were actually all talking about the same story. This ambiguous murder mystery has now created a myth on the campus and in the town.

An OBU dorm mother along with two students conspired with Patricia Hendrickson to murder her husband, Orin, for a financial gain of over \$600,000 on March 10, 1983. This murder shook the town of Arkadelphia for many reasons but primarily because the case had no leads. It was not until eight months later that one of the students confessed to directly killing the man, and this confession shocked the OBU campus, Clark County, and the State of Arkansas. Rumors were flying due to newspaper articles portraying different stories. The story of the Ernest Bailey Dorm Mother Norma Foster, the student conspirator Mark Yarborough, the student who pulled the trigger Howard Vagi, and wife of deceased Orin Hendrickson Patricia (Pat) Hendrickson, is

twisted and vile but was never told in its entirety to neither the students nor faculty of Ouachita Baptist University along with most of the population of Clark County. This murder is important to Ouachita's history because of the dark cast over to the campus as well as helping students understand the past. This story will be transformed from myth to fact to be made available for the public's benefit and understanding.

Orin Hendrickson, the victim, was 39 years old from Missouri and partial owner of H & R Corporation along with his wife Patricia and business partner Paul Roberson. The company was used to handle large truck load orders. Along with his \$600,000 life insurance, he had between \$500,000-\$600,000 worth of land in Missouri in his name.

Howard Vagi was a 21 year old Plainsboro, New Jersey native who grew up being very physically active by competitively wrestling. He attended Ouachita Baptist University from September 1981 through April 1983 for his freshman and sophomore year. He was majoring in pre-engineering with a minor in political science. He was very short in stature, but because of wrestling, was very strong.

Mark Yarborough was a 21-year-old junior at Ouachita Baptist University double majoring in chemistry and biology. He was originally from Arizona but was a permanent resident of El Dorado, Arkansas with his grandfather. Mark had previously bragged about he and his grandfather having mafia connections¹. He objected to those accusations on the stand, but during his friendship with both Howard and Norma, he brought it up in multiple conversations causing distress with each of them after the murder had been committed. Mark was very interested in the McArthur/Orsini case from Little Rock, Arkansas, which also involved a paid murder as well.

¹ Foster vs State Vol II, pg. 448 ln. 5

This was brought up in multiple conversations with Norma and Howard, which only added to the accusations of mafia involvement.

Norma Foster was the 48 year old dorm mother of former dorm Ernest Bailey and the Athletic Department Secretary at Ouachita. She lived in her dorm apartment on campus but also had a house in Arkadelphia. She was single with three sons stationed in Germany at the time. She had no family in Arkansas other than her ex-husband of Bismarck, Arkansas. Because Norma did not have any close family, she treated the Hendricksons as such, even to the point of the Hendricksons' son, Bradley, calling her Aunt Norma². As well as being a dorm mom, she was a full time student studying to get her degree in Accounting. She and Mark previously had a few classes together through which they became friends. Norma knew Howard only through her friendship with Mark.

Pat Hendrickson was 39 years old at the time of the murder. She had met Orin while in college and dropped out of school after they got married. As his wife, she was the only one to inherit his fortune under the terms of his will and acted as the executrix³. She had severe allergies which called for an allergy shot every Thursday in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Because she might have a reaction to the shot, she was not allowed to drive home after the appointment, so every Thursday, Norma or John Clark, an employee of hers, would drive her to Hot Springs. Months leading up to the murder, Norma took her consistently, giving both of them the perfect alibi to commit the murder on a Thursday. There was nothing about Pat Hendrickson that was dominating in any way, neither in personality nor in intelligence. From an intellectual standpoint

² Foster vs State Vol II, pg. 445 ln 16

³ Female author of a will

she would typically be expected to be a follower. This tendency would explain her getting the idea from the Little Rock murder and allowing Norma and Mark to take over the planning.

Because of the abnormal amount of time Norma and Pat spent together their friendship was under scrutiny by both the OBU and Arkadelphia community. Norma would babysit Bradley on campus often to the point that he became a familiar face.⁴ Whenever Orin would go out of town for work, occasionally Norma and Pat would go to Hot Springs—alone--and stay at the Holiday Inn.⁵ They would also attend BJ's Star Studded Honky Tonk to "listen to music," which most thought to be a cover up. They went under the aliases of Jean, Norma's middle name, and Pat would change her name to Joyce so they would not get picked up by men in the club.⁶ These visits were the cause of high speculation of homosexuality between the two women, especially on the OBU campus, once the two had been taken into custody. Mark, who had spent a considerable amount of time at both her house and apartment, had never seen Norma in companionship with a male and never believed her to go on a date. He did, however, notice how much time Norma and Pat spent together, but Norma would not share relational confidences with Mark.⁷ BJ's also happened to be owned by Mr. McArthur, who was involved in the paid killing of his wife in the McArthur/Orsini case of 1981.⁸ In the state trial, the State alluded to the reason that Pat would go to BJ's was to learn more about this case in hopes of helping her own desire for a hired murder.⁹

It could be perceived that the reason Pat was not happy with her marriage was because of the alleged homosexual relationship she had with Norma. With the financial gain that Orin

⁴ Foster vs State Vol II pg. 316, ln 25

⁵ Foster vs State Vol II. pg. 423, ln 11

⁶ Foster vs State Vol II. pg. 469, ln. 22

⁷ Hendrickson vs State Vol. II

⁸ Foster vs State Vol II. pg. 470, ln 3

⁹ Foster vs State Vol II. pg. 470, ln 5

brought to the family, Patricia would lose almost everything in a divorce. Pat first mentioned the idea of divorce to John Clark, who was a co-worker from Roberson Metals, in October or November of 1982. After realizing the financial loss that she would suffer with a divorce, the idea of a murder was finalized. In late November of that same year, she spoke with him again with the intent of trying to find someone who, in the words of Pat, “could have someone killed.”¹⁰ This should have obviously been a flaming red flag, but Clark did not perceive it as such. He ignored the question and continued on in different conversation. Not long after this conversation, Pat brought up the idea of divorce to Norma. Norma talked with her saying that she should “try and work it out with Orin,” that there was not a marriage where each person was happy 100% of the time. Every marriage has a few bumpy spots, and Norma said that their marriage could last if they would work at it.¹¹ One can infer that murder was the second option but an option that was considered early on. Pat had already considered the possibility of killing her husband before she asked her best friend for advice, leading to the inference of consideration of premeditation. During this time, Norma had conversations with Mark about the McArthur case in Little Rock. Mark said that it was done by “a bunch of amateurs” and that they “ought to have gotten ahold of someone that had connections with the mafia”. He knew those kinds of people in the mafia and said that they would, “come in and have someone do a killing and be back in Europe before the day of the funeral.”¹² Norma remembers him referring to it as a hit man and that Patricia also had an obsessive curiosity about it so much so the point where she kept bringing it up in conversations.¹³ Norma confessed to not knowing how they did things like that, but one time Norma remembered what Mark had told her about his Mafia connections and that he knew how to get in

¹⁰ Hendrickson vs State Vol II, pg. 579 ln. 8

¹¹ Foster vs State Vol II, pg. 445 ln. 21

¹² Foster vs State Vol II, pg. 448 ln. 5

¹³ Foster vs State Vol II, pg. 448 ln. 15

contact with the right people. She then decided to let this knowledge slip to Pat. Pat wanted Norma to get her in touch with Mark, and at first she said no. Pat was not content with that answer, so she threatened, “Well, if you don’t, I will.” Norma told Mark that Pat was curious about it and Norma on the stand said, “I wish I’d never talked to him now.”¹⁴

In late January or early February, in Mark’s account, he was at Norma’s house watching TV and playing cards when Norma asked if he knew a hit man. Mark did not answer, being shocked by the question.

A while later he mentioned that question to his friend Howard while they were studying. According to Mark, Howard thought it would be interesting and a good way to get some money. On the other hand, in Howard’s account, he said that he did not believe that he was serious and thought it was some college-aged prank, so he decided to go along with it. One week later Mark mentioned Howard’s interest to Norma. She was not impressed because she thought Howard too immature, but she went along with it anyway. A few days later at her school apartment, Norma wrote the name “Orin Hendrickson” on a piece of paper, showed it to Mark, then tore it up. Mark then relayed the name to Howard.

The next time Mark and Norma met, she gave him a detailed map to the Hendrickson house from Caddo Valley. The map was so in detail that it was down to a tenth of a mile as well as the color of the house and the type of driveway they had. Mark and Howard were in Caddo Valley enjoying a burger and a drink when Mark gave the map to Howard. He was eager to see the place so they decided to drive by that night. The map was an exact match to the house, but Howard wanted to keep driving down the road just in case there were other houses that matched

¹⁴ Foster vs State Voll II, pg 449, ln. 3

the description. Howard, after seeing the house, wanted to know how to get into the house to commit the murder. Norma relayed this to Patricia who decided that Howard would come into the house through the side garage door with a key. This was planned so that Howard would be in the house by the time Orin got home. Howard then wanted a picture of Orin so that there would be no mistake when the murder took place. Norma invited both Mark and Howard over to her house one afternoon to visit with Patricia. When they arrived, Pat took Howard to the back bedroom and explained that she would lose too much in the divorce, so it would be better if he died. She then showed him a picture. Howard kept the picture for a few days then cut it up and flushed it down a toilet.

The next time that Mark and Howard met was to discuss the price of the killing. Mark's version is that Howard gave him a direct price of \$16,000 that he had come up with on his own. Howard, on the other hand, said that Mark came up with that price because the Little Rock murder had been done for \$20,000, so \$16,000 would be appropriate since Arkadelphia was smaller than Little Rock. However, they agreed on the price of Orin's head to be \$16,000. While Norma was babysitting Brad, Mark met up with Patricia at Norma's apartment and told her that the price Howard wanted was \$16,000. Pat nodded and proceeded to tell Mark that if he ever needed help with tuition or school dues to come talk with her and she would help.

The next meeting was at Norma's house, approximately two weeks before the murder, where Pat pulled \$120 out of her wallet, a pre-determined amount, and gave it to Mark in the kitchen/dining area to give to Howard for any expenses he had. A few days later, Mark was planning to go to Little Rock, so he took Howard with him to Benton's Triple A Pawn shop. Mark claims that he dropped Howard off then continued down the road half a mile to a clothing store. A little while later he returns to see Howard looking at pistols and then finally deciding to

purchase a .12 gauge single shot shotgun for fifty dollars. Instead of buying it then, they went to Little Rock and looked at a few other places. Because the prices of shotguns there were in the \$120 range, they decided to go back to Triple A Pawn Shop where Howard purchased the shotgun. Howard disagreed with his statement, claiming that Mark stayed with Howard the whole time and helped him choose a gun. Because he did not have an Arkansas license and Mark did, Mark actually purchased the gun for Howard. After the purchase they went to a nearby shop to purchase ammo to test shoot the gun. Howard had a friend in Benton so they stopped by his house to test out the gun. While doing so, part of the wood off the barrel fell off and Howard fixed it with duct tape. The next day Howard (or in Howard's version, Mark) bought some double-aught buck shells and picked up Mark to go test the shotgun shells at the Little League Fields near the Ouachita River. Howard shot into what Mark recalls as either a stove or an old washing machine, and the bullet left a 6 inch hole.

The next meeting was held between Mark, Norma and Pat at Norma's house about a week before the murder to discuss a specific date and time. Pat wanted it to be before Spring Break because she and Orin had planned a trip to Cancun, and she did not want to go on the trip with him. Norma mentioned it should be on a Thursday so that they would have a clean alibi and because they knew Orin normally came home early on Thursdays, allowing them more leeway time. They decided on March 3, the following week. For a cover they arranged for the murder to look like a robbery. She gave Howard a map of the inside of the house so he would know where to ransack. Included on the map was where to find some money that she would later hide and file as missing.

On March 3, 1983 in the early afternoon, Mark picked up Howard in his truck and drove him out past the Gum Springs exit on Howard's request. They pulled off the side of the interstate

just past the exit of the house, where Howard grabbed the gun and ran off into the woods. Howard ran to the house and looked around to make sure no one was there. He then waited on Orin to arrive home until 5:00pm. Howard had been told that Orin was coming home early that day and should have been back at his house before 4:00p.m. After 5:00 came and went, Howard packed up his stuff, took the \$500 left for him to “steal,” left the house as clean as when he came, walked out the side garage door, and locked it behind him. He then hitchhiked his way back to Ouachita’s campus.

Mark met up with Howard that night to lift weights which was where Howard told him what happened. He got a call from Norma saying that he “wanted to be seen,” meaning that Pat wanted to know why her husband was not dead.¹⁵ Mark told Norma that he was not going to come over there that night because he did not want to. The next evening he went to Norma’s house and Pat was there. Norma did not say too much during the conversation because it was mainly Pat speaking. “She [Patricia]was very upset. And, I mean she was real upset.”¹⁶ She felt that she “had been had,” meaning she had been used.¹⁷ After she had cooled down a little they decided on a new date, March 10, 1983, the Thursday of the following week. Before the 10th, or sometime during the week in between, Howard went out and bought a green 125 cc Kawasaki dirt bike. It stayed at Howard’s dorm the first night and then every night after that it stayed at Norma’s house. Mark and Howard went to Norma’s a few times during that week to try and fix up the bike a little bit. Howard gave Mark the \$500 to give back to Pat to hide again for the second try.

¹⁵ Foster vs State Vol II, pg 322, ln. 6

¹⁶ Foster vs State Vol II, pg 322, ln. 16

¹⁷ Foster vs State Vol II, pg 324, ln. 16

The morning of March 10, Mark picked up Howard and took him to Norma's to get the bike. The gun was broken down into parts so that it would fit on the back of his bike. Howard drove up to the house, checked to make sure no one was there, hid his bike in the woods, unlocked the door and went into the back bedroom so he could see Orin drive up. After waiting a bit, Howard fell asleep on the bed in the back bedroom. He was aroused by a noise at the front of the house around 11:00am. The shotgun was laying in front of the bed, still in pieces, so Howard put the gun together, knelt down on one knee, and by that time Orin was coming through the second set of doors in the house, which was the door that opened into the kitchen, less than 10 feet away from him. He saw the briefcase come through the door then he shot where he was instructed to do so in the chest. Orin "just expelled air, I guess and hit the floor."¹⁸ Orin fell face down on the kitchen floor. Howard then went into the rooms and pulled out drawers at random including the master bedroom, Bradley's bedroom, the kitchen, and the spare bedroom. Howard went back to the spare bedroom and again took the pre-set \$500 out of a bank envelope left for him to take in the lower right-hand corner of the back right bedroom. On his way out the side garage door, he thought he heard Orin still breathing so he reloaded the shotgun and shot him a second time in the jugular at point blank range. He left the house through the garage door and started making his way to his bike but forgot to take the money out of his wallet to make it look like a robbery. He went back inside the house and took \$150 out of Orin's wallet while he lay on the floor dead. Instead of using his key to go out the door, he kicked out the bathroom window to make it look like forced entry and left the house through the window.

Howard then went out to the woods to his bike, drove a little bit, stashed the gun in the woods, drove the bike to a pre-determined spot, then hitch-hiked a ride back to campus. Mark

¹⁸ Foster vs State Vol II, pg. 373, ln 21

was taking an Organic Chemistry test when Howard returned. Howard got Mark's attention through the window. Mark asked Dr. Jeffers to be excused for a moment because he was needed, and left the room. Howard was eating popcorn or sunflower seeds and in Mark's account he said nonchalantly, "I did it."¹⁹ Mark did not say anything in return and went back to finish his test. Howard said that Mark asked, "One or two," and he said, "Two," meaning the number of shots fired.

The day of the murder, Norma and Pat had gone to Hot Springs to get Pat's weekly allergy shot. On their way home they picked up Pat's son, Brad, from school and took him to soccer practice. Neither of the women had their coats and after spending many minutes arguing about the temperature, they decided to go to Pat's house to grab some jackets for the both of them. They left Brad at the soccer field and drove to the house. Normally on Thursday nights Orin would go Kiwanas Club but when they drove up, Norma noticed his car was parked.

Norma said, "I guess he hadn't gone to Kiwanas Club after all."

"Norma, he may even be in there dead," Pat replied.

"Pat, that's not even funny," answered Norma.²⁰

She thought she was just joking because apparently they would "pop off and joke a lot" about such things.²¹

Pat got out of the truck while Norma stayed in the truck to shine the truck lights in the garage to help Pat see. When the actual garage light came on, Norma got out of the truck and fol-

¹⁹ Hendrickson vs State Vol II, pg. 491, ln. 9

²⁰ Foster vs State Vol. II pg. 456 ln.22

²¹ Foster vs State Vol. II pg. 456 ln.24

lowed her inside the house. Once she got in, she found Pat standing over her husband crying. No words were exchanged but Norma went to the phone and called the police. She mentioned to the police on the phone she believed that the murder had happened earlier because the blood was dry.²² After that phone call, Pat went into hysterics crying on the floor. After seeing Pat would not be able to function enough to make the appropriate calls, Norma called a family friend, Gary Warren, to take Brad home from soccer practice and asked if he could stay the night. Pat then spoke up saying that she wanted Mr. Roberson, who was, “like a daddy to [her].”

The police arrived and investigated the crime scene, all the while Pat started to go into hysteria. They finally called Dr. Balay, a family friend physician, to bring her a sedative to calm her down. Pat went home with Norma and stayed there for the next two weeks with her son until she could find an apartment because she did not want to live in that house anymore due to the murder. The next day both Pat and Norma were questioned, not as suspects, just to see what information could be found as useful. Both women went to the funeral three days later.

The week following the murder was Spring Break for the students so Howard went home to El Dorado with Mark. During their time off, they sawed up the gun and scattered parts around Calion Lake and the Ouachita River to cleanse them of any possible link to the murder. During the break, Mark gave Howard \$1,000 based on Mark’s account.²³ The Saturday at the end of Spring Break, the boys came back to Arkadelphia and met up at Norma’s where Pat was also there with her friend Elaine. Howard, Mark and Norma all said that there was another party in the room, Elaine, who never came forward with any knowledge of the murder and was never questioned once.

²² Foster vs State Vol. II pg. 525 ln. 19

²³ Hendrickson vs State Vol II pg. 485 ln. 20

Three weeks after the murder, Norma invited Mark to go to a Mickey Gilly concert with her and Pat in Little Rock in place of a ticket that was originally given to Orin. Mark stated that Pat was in a very good mood because everything from the murder was going smoothly and that there were no leads anywhere of which she had been told. On the ride to Little Rock, Mark tried to give Pat her house key back which made Pat very concerned. The night of the murder the police had asked Pat if she had a spare key hidden somewhere because they noticed that the intruder came in through the door instead of the fake prop of the bathroom window. Patricia told the police that there was not a spare key so if this key was ever found, it would be detrimental to them. Norma told her to just take it and put it somewhere in the house because it wouldn't matter if it was inside the house or not.

That summer, Mark stayed in Arkadelphia with Ouachita's Dean of Students, Bill Dixon, while Howard went back to New Jersey. Norma went to visit her sons in Germany, but before she left she told Mark that she felt that Pat was distancing herself from Norma.²⁴ Several weeks into the summer, a date that is unknown, Mark was playing on a ball team sponsored by Pat's company, where she gave him \$1,900 to give to Howard when he came back for school. A few more weeks went by and Pat asked Mark to come by her house after a softball game. She was very upset because she had been questioned by the police; she didn't say anything but was becoming very weary and afraid. Mark was questioned a few weeks later on July 5 and again on September 16 by Sgt. Ursery.²⁵

On April 14, 1983 Patricia was asked to do a polygraph test administered by Officer Reed, which she agreed to so. The test read,

²⁴ Hendrickson vs State Vol II pg. 332 In. 14

²⁵ Hendrickson vs State Vol II pg. 324 In. 18

“Do you know for sure who killed Orin on March 10th?” Her answer was “no.”

“Have you ever made plans with anyone to kill your husband?” Her answer was “no.”

Officer Reed asked her, “Did you shoot your husband to death last March 10th?” Her answer was “no.”

“Did you already know Orin was dead when you arrived at the house?” Her answer was “no.”

The consensus was that she answered those questions truthfully. It was further his opinion that the pattern of her responses to those questions caused him to believe that she did not in fact kill her husband or had knowledge of who did.²⁶

Pat also consulted with psychiatrist Douglas Stevens on four different occasions where he administered examinations and IQ tests. He gave her a rating of 81 which placed her well below average. The norm runs from 90 to 110 with 100 being just the point of average. Below that is 90-80 which is called the full normal range and with a score or 81 would place her in the lower end of that dull normal range, just below or about the 10th percentile of the population. Thus meaning that out of any 100 people, 90 would be expected to do better than she. Dr. Stevens said, “In the people she would interact with, they would have much more ability than she would and she would typically be expected to defer and go along with their suggestions. She tends to be very feminine, mousy, passive, dependent kind of person who would be expected to be very easily led.” Those results would strongly suggest that she could not compete on the college level.²⁷

These tests were administered in August and early November.

²⁶ Hendrickson vs State Vol II pg. 623 In. 9

²⁷ Hendrickson vs State Vol II pg. 655 In. 4

Howard did not come back to Ouachita Baptist University that fall semester, not knowing that he would never be able to come back as a student. That October he came for a visit and met up with Mark to tell him that he was not interested in collecting the rest of the \$16,000 but did want \$40 to “get him back on his feet.”²⁸ Mark told him about the \$1,900 that Pat had given him over the summer, but Howard insisted that he keep it. After visiting Arkadelphia Mark went back to New Jersey. In the first two weeks of November, Pat gave \$4,000 more to Mark to give to Howard.

While back in New Jersey, Howard’s trip back to OBU was weighing on him from the guilt. On November 20, 1983, Howard stayed the night at his uncle’s house and told him that something was “bothering him.”²⁹ That night Howard confessed everything to him. His uncle contacted the local New Jersey police, who then relayed the information to the Arkadelphia police. That night Sgt. J. W. Ursery and CID Officer Johnnie Gould went to the houses of Norma and Pat to arrest them. Howard went to the police station, waved extradition, and arrived in Arkadelphia later the next day to be put in Clark County custody. The county prosecutor, Dub Arnold, brought in Mark, knowing all that Howard had confessed, and offered immunity to Mark if he would testify against both Pat and Norma. He accepted enthusiastically.

The evidence was extensive between both Howard and Mark. Howard confessed everything willingly in order to be convicted of first degree murder instead of capital felony murder, which would have considered the death penalty. Howard plead guilty and received a life sentence. In 2011 he died in prison from natural causes at the age of 49.³⁰ Mark provided his evi-

²⁸ Hendrickson vs State Vol II pg. 240 In. 07

²⁹ Hendrickson vs State Vol II pg. 647 In. 09

³⁰ “Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014.” Accessed December 5, 2014, <http://search.ancestry.com/search/category.aspx?cat=34>

dence in doses to keep the promise of immunity alive in case it ever backfired.³¹ He was officially granted immunity from prosecution in return for his testimony by Dub Arnold. Brain cancer took his life at the age of 48 in 2010.

Norma Foster was convicted to first degree murder and was sentenced to life. Norma and her attorneys appealed this decision and won at Arkansas Supreme Court because the trial judge erred by refusing to suppress her taped statement and unlawfully bringing her to the prosecutor's office for questioning. All convictions, and thus sentences given to her, were reversed. She then 'fled' to her sons' safety on a military base in Germany. An unspecified number of years later she moved to Iowa and remarried.

Patricia Hendrickson was found guilty by the jury of Capital Murder and was sentenced to death by the electric chair on December 13, 1985. That case was reversed and remanded for a new trial based on the fact that she was denied access to her attorney, who was the Prosecuting Attorney, Dub Arnold. Prior to her being charged in this case, Arnold was her personal attorney who helped write her and Orin's will and was in charge of their estate and the guardian of their son's estate.³² Immediately before she was interrogated, Dub told the police that he did not want to see her because he could not represent her. When the officers went in and read her Miranda rights, she said she wanted "to talk to Dub."³³ The officers knew that meant that she wanted to talk to her attorney but because they knew he could not represent her, they kept on interrogating. Instead of terminating the interrogation, as they should have, the officers told her that Arnold was not there and he could not represent her. She then executed a waiver of her Miranda rights

³¹ Hendrickson vs State Vol II pg. 706 ln. 5

³² 285 Ark. 462 (1985)

³³ 285 Ark. 462 (1985)

and gave her incriminating statement. Pat was retried and convicted of First Degree Murder and is currently serving in the McPherson Unit in Newport, Arkansas.

This story is vile, twisted and wicked, but yet was able to slip right through the fingers of the police until the weight of the murderer's guilt became too strong. The town of Arkadelphia and the campus of Ouachita want to know the story of what actually happened and are constantly seeking information only to find rumors or vague memories. Even though Mark and Howard's testimony vary, the story is clear. The final puzzle piece is being put into place for the public to see and the picture is finished. The death of Orin Hendrickson was a sick plot to keep one woman's way of life as it was. This craving cost the life of a loved man in the community, ruined the future of a 20-year-old student, and broke the heart of a young boy who would never be able to grow up with either of his parents. This one desire, one choice, shook the lives of a school, community, and the graves of the people it put into the ground.

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Appendix

Crime Scene Photos



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A2



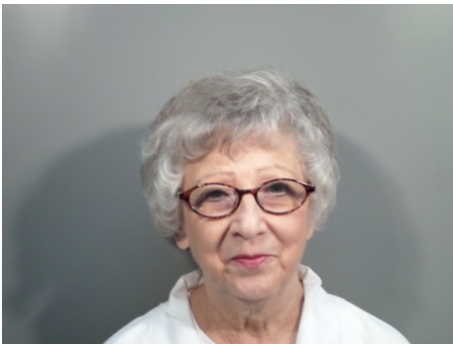
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After Autopsy

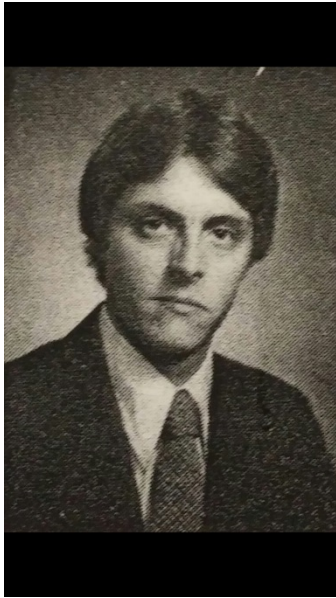


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Current Photo of Patricia Hendrickson



Mark Yarborough Yearbook Photo 1982



Norma Foster Yearbook Photo 1982



Howard Vagi Yearbook Photo 1982

