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Notes on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 - A Matrix Practice Session with Ruth, Rosemary, DeNell, Adhis, myself and Mom. We worked on the Susan Powell Case:

By putting all the pieces together this is what we got: Susan's two little boys were fast asleep when her husband strangled her. (Mom heard her cry for help.) Susan urinated on the carpet as she died. Her husband cleaned up the mess and turned on a fan to dry out the carpet. There was no abductor. I felt like Josh injured his shoulder when he crammed Susan's body into the trunk of the car. He returned to the house and carried out the boys and strapped them into their car seats. He drove into the desert west of Utah Lake. He stopped somewhere along the way to dispose of her body. He placed it between two large V shaped rocks in a shallow cave with sharp edges rising like a "V." The body was down about 10 feet but partially exposed.

A big surprise was the information we got from Susan's spirit. She is stuck in the in-between." I could feel her emotional distress. We all tried to help. Danell said, "It's hard to help someone who is so resistant because she is so badly traumatized. She is worried about her kids she cannot move to the light. Her two boys live with their father. They are in a very dark place. Josh is psychotic and beyond feeling. He has blocked everything out and is being sustained on whatever sympathy he can find. He feels like he is "home free." None of us could penetrate the heavy dark shell that envelopes him. At least Mark Hacking showed emotion and some remorse. Not Josh. The West Valley Police believe they can do nothing without her body. Mom saw them. They feel their hands are tied. It's hard being an empath. I am continually bothered by Susan's spirit seeking help.

I contacted WVCPD to share this information. I was told to leave a voice message on the answering machine of the detective in charge. Ellis Maxwell never returned my call.

If I Can't Have You, Gregg Olsen and Rebecca Morris's book, released in May, 2014 confirmed all the information we received from Susan's spirit. Based on the reluctance of the police to arrest Josh, it is no wonder that she continually hassled Dean and showed up in Matrix Sessions seeking help.

Police had caught Josh in numerous lies. He would not co-operate. He refused to take a polygraph test. He left the state. Still they refused to act believing they could not get a conviction without her body.

Information from police files released to the public in May, 2013

1. Friends remembered how Josh, in casual conversation, seemed obsessed with how one could get away with murder. He talked about the Mark Hacking case. He said Mark had "screwed up disposing of his wife's body;" That it was best to "stick close to the truth" when talking to the police and "don't tell too many lies."
2. Susan and Josh had a troubled marriage. She started looking for an attorney and sent an e-mail to a friend saying she and the boys might need a temporary place to stay. On June 28, 2008, Susan wrote out an informal will: *"I want it documented somewhere that there is extreme turmoil in our marriage. If something happens to me, please . . . check my desk at work. If I die, it may not be an accident, even if it looks like one. Take care of my boys."*
3. *There were blood spatters everywhere. On the love seat where Susan sat and crocheted December 6th. On the tile floor between the sofa and front door. Near the winter boots Susan always wore. In late December, the WVCPD received its first serology results. . . The blood was Susan's. They tested the couch for other substances, on the theory that if Josh had strangled her, she might have urinated. It was negative." The police kept all these findings to themselves. (p. 119-120.)*
4. *One friend who helped with the packing later told the police of an incident that had horrified him. After making a trip out to the U-Haul, Josh laughingly called out, "I just loaded Susan's head into the truck!" as if pieces of her had been in his garage all along. He said Josh also joked that ordinary floor stains were blood. . ." (p.128)*
5. *There were two bombshells in the case: Steve Powell did not have direct involvement in Susan's disappearance but may have learned about it later. He still refuses to cooperate with police. It was Josh's brother Michael (who committed suicide nine days after Josh killed his two son) that authorities believe was "heavily involved" in the disposing of Susan's body. Susan's DNA was not found in the car he abandoned—but dogs did indicate an odor of decomposition. (p. 318-319)*
6. *The police stopped short of saying Josh killed his wife. The most they would say is that Josh Powell was involved in her disappearance. None of this helped to find Susan, or explained if Josh planned Susan's death, or if she died accidentally and disposed of her body. And it doesn't explain why the WVCPD had told Chuck and Judy for years that an arrest was imminent.*
7. *On May 20, 2012 a police department spokesman, the West Valley City Manager, the deputy chief, and the mayor held a news conference. They said they had left "no stone unturned" in their investigation. They searched for Susan on foot, horseback in the air, and on water and under water. They searched deserts, ponds, rock quarries, a swamp, 400 mines, and a landfill. They investigated 800 tips in eleven states and conducted 900 interviews. It was the largest missing person's investigation in U.S. history. (p. 318)*

Why wasn't Josh arrested? *The police said that despite some droplets of Susan's blood on the floor, there was no crime scene, there was no body, and most of the evidence was circumstantial. Two deputy district attorneys worked with the police department. Neither felt there was enough evidence to prosecute Josh.*

The Coxes and lawyer Anne Bremner disagree. (Anne worked pro bono from the Cox family.) She had served as a TV commentator in many high profile murder cases. Bremner said not having a body can make it tougher to prove a murder charge, but prosecutors across the country have won convictions in such circumstances. In this case, the circumstantial evidence was remarkable strong.

The Salt Lake Tribune, July 13, 2014 "Josh Powell charges were coming, says detective" -- an Interview with Ellis Maxwell, lead detective in the case. After 4 ½ years Maxwell remains on the case. He still doesn't have any answers. "There's no evidence to support what happened to her." After a meeting with District Attorney Sandi Johnson the decision was made not to file charges against Josh for at least 12 months. . .

"It was never a question of who did it," Johnson said. "It was a question of, 'Can we prove beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury that she's dead?'"

The Coxes kept their daughter's story in the news and stayed in touch with West Valley City police. But the Coxes have said they seldom received specific information about the police knew or when Josh might be charged. . . Maxwell said he once apologized to Chuck Cox for saying he was going to put Josh in jail and then not delivering. . .

Maxwell said Josh could have been charged with obstruction of justice for lying to and making other false statements to police. But if Josh were in jail or prison for that, it would have made it harder for him to do something police wanted him to do—incriminate himself. . . Maxwell insisted the searches were legitimate, but they were also designed to let police hear what Josh was saying on the telephone. . . "We didn't have anything to lose," Maxwell said. He felt a "punch to the chest," when he learned about the double-murder-suicide in Washington. People already thought West Valley City police should have arrested Josh.

"There is direct evidence. There is circumstantial evident, There is motive," said Pierce County prosecutor Mark Lindquest, who told the Associated Press he would have charged Josh with murder. "There is everything but the body."

Maxwell said he hasn't paid attention to the criticism. "It's ignorance, is all it is." He said he would make no significant changes to how he and WVCPD investigated the Powell case. There's not one thing I could have done differently that would have changed the outcome or sped up prosecution.