

ABRAMS INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

CONTACT LIST

Jody Walsh (sister)

Don Abrams (father)

Donna Abrams (sister)

Barb (mother) deceased April 7, 2004

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Narrative:

On July 18, 2011 I conducted on-line research through various media sources of missing person Robin Abrams and her subsequent disappearance in 1990, nearly 21 years ago. The following information was taken from media accounts of the case. (According to the Abrams' family they believed the information reported by the media was accurate.)

Missing: Robin Renea Abrams **DOB:** Aug. 13, 1962 **Age:** 28 F/W

Height & Weight: 5'4, 170 lbs

Distinguishing Characteristics: Brown hair, hazel eyes, pierced ears

Clothing Description: A long sleeved white knit pullover shirt, black slacks, a black leather jacket, black patent leather shoes and a gold pinky ring

Date Missing: October 4, 1990 last seen at 4 p.m. on east Goodenow Road, Beecher, IL.
Classification: Endangered Missing

The current investigating agency is the Illinois State Police, 5th District, Joliet, IL. See Case No. 90F6393. The assigned detective is Trooper Lockwood.

Details of Disappearance:

Abrams was last seen in her hometown of Beecher, Illinois during the early evening hours of October 4, 1990, when she and her father passed one another while driving on Goodenow Road and they waved at each other. She was carrying a small light beige patterned purse at the time of her disappearance. She has never been heard from again. Robin was living at the family home in Beecher at the time of her disappearance.

Abrams's vehicle, a red 1989 Dodge Daytona hatchback, was located eleven hours later in Harvey, Illinois. The car was locked and the keys were in the ignition. Her camera was also inside the car, but there was no trace of Abrams at the scene.

A witness said the car was dropped off at 10:00 p.m. by two men in a tow truck. At 3:00 a.m., a neighbor called police to report someone was trying to break into the car. That was when it was linked to Abrams. Three days after Abrams vanished, her purse was found in a residential area three blocks away from where the car had been. Her checkbook was inside but her wallet and credit cards were gone.

Abrams had a romantic relationship with a married police officer, Anthony Marquez, before she vanished. Abrams's family stated she did not realize Marquez was married until after she began dating him. He convinced her to join the sheriff's department; she was hired as a deputy in 1988. In November 1989, shortly after she ended her relationship with Marquez, she got an order of protection against him, alleging that he had harassed her and slashed her car tires. In December 1989, she was terminated from the sheriff's department, two weeks before her probationary period was scheduled to end. Shortly after Abrams was fired, Marquez filed a criminal complaint against her, alleging harassment. The complaint was dismissed. Marquez was himself terminated from the police department in December 1990.

A few months after her termination, Abrams filed a lawsuit alleging wrongful dismissal, sexual harassment and violation of civil rights. The defendants included Marquez and seven others in the sheriff's department. One of the first hearings in the suit was scheduled for October 22, 1990, eighteen days after she disappeared. Her disappearance was initially investigated by the Will County Sheriff's Department, but the state police took over shortly after it began, citing a possible conflict of interest.

She is a graduate of Sandburg High School, Moraine Valley Community College and

Governors State University, and had planned to eventually seek a career in law. Her case remains unsolved.

On July 21, 2011 while meeting with Chuck Pelkie, Director of the Bureau of Crime Prevention and Public Access of the Will County State's Attorney's office, cell (815) 530-7110 and desk (815)727-8789, regarding a different matter; I discussed Robin Abrams' case with him. I informed him that SDC was interesting in assisting with this investigation. Mr. Pelkie did not know the status of the case, but believed the Illinois State Police was the assigned investigative agency. He asked to be kept apprised of our investigation. Mr. Pelkie advised that he was a reporter at the time of Robin's disappearance and remembered the case.

On July 22, 2011 I conducted research thru the Northern District of Illinois' federal website in an attempt to locate Robin Abram's federal lawsuit. The lawsuit was located and the following information was noted;

Name of lawsuit: ABRAMS v. MARQUEZ, et el

Case Number: 1:89-CV-09215

Defendants: Tony Marquez (former boyfriend), John Johnsen (former Will County Sheriff), Robert Brown, Raymond Van Dyke, Anthony Lucenti, Charles Misicka, Thomas Carey, Lawrence Lauffer

Status: The complaint was filed in federal court on December 13, 1989 and dismissed without prejudice due to the plaintiff's whereabouts being unknown on January 9, 1991.

I conducted a review of the information available on their website. By all accounts the only document on-line was the filing sheet naming the plaintiff, defendants, their respective attorneys and several docket entries. No other documents were available. I also conducted research of numerous other lawsuits filed against the Will County Sheriff's Department. There were several other lawsuits filed in the Northern District about the same time that may be of be interest to this investigation due to the fact the plaintiffs were female (**Bridges, Holden and Baltz**).

There was one lawsuit in particular in which the allegations of the case were very disturbing; Baltz v. County of Will, No. 84 C 2198. The plaintiff Linda Baltz (represented by John P. DeRose) a deputy on the Will County Sheriff's Department, alleged that she was threatened, forcibly removed from her home and committed to a psychiatric ward by fellow deputies. A copy of this civil complaint was obtained as background information of prior complaints about the department by other employees.

I contacted the Federal Circuit Clerk's office at (312) 435-5698 to determine if any additional documents existed on Robin's case and if so, their location. I was told due to the age of the case, the court file had been transferred to the Federal Record Center and I would have to call the center for more information.

I then contacted the Federal Records Center, 7358 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, (773) 948-9030 and was there was no way to determine the contents of the file until it was ordered and reviewed which I would have to do myself. I ordered the file, and made an appointment to review it at the center on August 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

On July 27, 2011 I contacted Robin's former attorney on her federal case, Scott Skaletsky, Menges & Molzahn, 20 North Clark, Chicago, IL 60602, office (312) 553-8642. A subsequent meeting was set up for Monday, August 1, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at his law office.

Additionally, on this same day I sent a FOIA to the Illinois State Police via email requesting the police reports on this case.

INTERVIEW OF WITNESS

Scott Skaletsky
Menges & Molzahn
20 North Clark
Chicago, IL 60602
312-553-8642

On August 1, 2011 at 11:00 am, I met with Mr. Scott Skaletsky, an attorney at Menges & Molzahn, 20 North Clark, Chicago, IL 60602, 312-553-8642. Mr. Skaletsky was Robin's attorney who filed her federal claim in the Northern District of Illinois- Eastern Division in 1989; No. 1:89-cv-09215.

Mr. Skaletsky had in his possession a small box which he claimed contained all of the documents on Robin's case. He said he has been holding onto them for 20 years waiting for the day when somebody located her.

During my initial discussion I was saddened to learn Mr. Skaletsky had never taken any action on his own to locate Robin. He had a belief that since her body was never found she must still be out there "somewhere," possibly alive. He said every once in awhile he received phone calls from Barb Abrams (Robin's mother) asking if he "heard" from Robin and this fed his belief that she disappeared of her own accord.

I informed him that Barb Abrams died several years ago. He seemed genuinely upset by the news. I told him Robin was more than likely dead because there had been no trace of her for nearly 20 years. He seemed shocked by my assessment of the case.

Neither the Will County Sheriff's Department nor the Illinois State Police had ever contacted him in regards to Robin's disappearance. However, in 1990 he was contacted by the FBI who wanted a copy of his file. He was out of town at the time but allowed his staff to make a copy for them. He had a brief 20 minute phone conversation with a FBI agent at that time regarding the case. He never heard from anyone else in law

enforcement again. He did report that several reporters had contacted him over the years asking about Robin.

I shared with him the details of Robin's missing car and the appeal Marquez filed with the Appellate Court of Illinois in the Third District regarding hair samples the police wanted him to provide. Mr. Skaletsky did not know about either of these events.

Mr. Skaletsky appeared to be on the surface helpful, but yet would not provide me with any copies of Robin's complaint or pleadings which are by all accounts public information. His file was about 6-8 inches thick and contained notes of his meetings and conversations with Robin. He made a comment that for all he knew I could somehow be working on behalf of Marquez so he needed to be careful with the documents in his possession. I again asked him to copy the documents that were now public information to save me the expense and time of traveling to the Federal Records Center, but he kindly refused.

Mr. Skaletsky notes of his conversations with Robin were kept out of my direct view and in his lap. Mr. Skaletsky reported Winston Block, of Block, Krockey, Cernugel and Congill, represented Robin in the criminal allegations and arrests Marquez made against her in Will County. Mr. Block referred Robin to Mr. Skaletsky to file a federal claim against the Will County Sheriff's Department, Marquez's employer at the time.

Robin told Mr. Skaletsky that she became an auxiliary deputy in 1986. She dated Marquez from May 1998 thru October 6, 1988. She started hearing rumors in July 1988 that he was involved with other women, and on October 6, 1988 he punched her. She was detained several times and arrested by the Sheriff's department and the Joliet Police Department after she broke up with him.

During one of her arrests she was stripped searched and a body cavity search was conducted on her which she found most humiliating. Mr. Skaletsky read off a litany of events that were committed on Robin by the members of the WCSD. At one point Robin was forced to take a psychological evaluation by a Dr. Hilger (see Baltz v. the County of Will) and even though she passed the MMI evaluation she was still forced to attend counseling with Dr. Hilger. In November 1998 Robin refused to see this doctor for any further treatment. (It should be noted in the civil complaint of Baltz v. the County of Will, the plaintiff Linda Baltz alleged fellow deputies came to her home with Dr. Hilger and threatened to have her committed. She claimed they forcible removed her from her home and made her admit herself to a psychiatric unit of a hospital for 7 days.)

I asked Mr. Skaletsky if Robin had completed any depositions or interrogatories on her case. He reported that on August 16, 1990 she completed part one (which took 5-6 hours) of a two part deposition. The deposition was conducted at Moss & Bloomberg, Ltd, 305 West Briarcliff Road, Bolingbrook, IL. by Norma Jean Guess who was Marquez's attorney. Present at the deposition was Robin, Mr. Skaletsky, Ms. Guess and a court

reporter, Therese Donovan of Lora Svaniga (assumed to be the name of a court reporting service). None of the defendants were present.

Mr. Skaletsky recalled after the deposition Robin was a "mess" and was crying. She asked him in the parking lot "What am I going to do?" over and over again. He told her she was going to be "fine" several times and tried to comfort her as best as he could repeatedly. He claimed to have no idea her life was in danger. This was the last time he saw her. A short time later her mother called and told him and reported Robin was missing. He tried to keep Robin's case open as long as possible but was pressured by the judge on the case to finally dismiss it with prejudice and under the agreement he would be given a year to re-file the case should Robin be located. Her case was dismissed in January 1991.

I asked him if he had a copy of the transcript of the deposition. He never obtained a copy even after Robin disappeared. He did not recall sharing this information with the FBI and when asked why he did not, he replied "Because they didn't ask. He did not seem to understand the fact most police officers would not know the types of documents available in a federal lawsuit. He did not appear to recognize the significance of such a document to a missing person's investigation.

While I was present he decided to call opposing counsel to see if she had obtained a copy of Robin's deposition from the court reporter and discovered Norma Guess died on March 11, 2011. I requested Mr. Skaletsky not contact opposing counsel's office so as to not alert anyone of this investigation such as the defendants/suspects who may still be employed by the sheriff's department. By all accounts the law enforcement agencies investigating Robin's disappearance were not aware a sworn deposition was taken by Robin which may contain critical information to this case.

The only information available regarding this deposition was the name of the court reporter who took the deposition; Therese Donovan of Lora J. Svaniga (court reporting services) (815) 723-9317. Mr. Skaletsky called the number of (815) 723-9317 and discovered it was disconnected. He then checked the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation website which revealed an expired court reporting license for Lora Svaniga, no information on the business name was located, and no information about Therese Donovan was located.

I asked Mr. Skaletsky what legal action regarding Robin's federal case could be taken if her remains were found. He stated based on those circumstances he would file a motion and ask the court to decide how the statute of limitations applied to this case. Without further legal research Mr. Skaletsky could not provide an answer to these questions at this moment. Regarding a wrongful death case against the sheriff's department he advised the statute of limitations would expire 2 years from the date Robin's remains were found. Mr. Skaletsky expressed a desire to continue legal action on Robin's behalf if she was located.

Mr. Skaletsky agreed to release his file if I were able to produce some type of official letter giving S.D.C. the legal authority to investigate this case.

On August 2, 2011 at 11:00 I arrived at the Federal Records Center, 7358 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, (773) 948-9030 to review Robin Abrams' federal case. I reviewed about 80 pages of documents however there were no transcripts of a deposition contained in this file. I requested copies of the following documents; Complaint, Answer and Affirmative Defense, Plaintiff's Answer to Defendant's Affirmative Defense, Answer and Affirmative Defenses along with various other documents.

The following information was obtained from the civil complaint;

- August 1986-Robin was hired as an Auxiliary Deputy on the W.C.S.D.
- Feb. 1997- Marquez was named President of the Auxiliary Unit of the W.C.S.D.
- Jan. 8, 1988- Robin was hired as a full time deputy and was sent to the Illinois State Police Academy.
- March 17, 1988 - Robin graduated from the academy.
- May 1988- Robin began a relationship with Marquez.
- October 6, 1988- Marquez punched Robin in the face and the relationship ended.
- Sometime thereafter Marquez told defendants Johnsen, Brown and Van Dyke that Robin had mental problems.
- Robin was ordered to refrain from contacting Marquez and "to keep her mouth shut" and to undergo examination by the department psychologist.
- December 16, 1988 –Robin left a dry cleaning business and was taken into custody by Joliet Police and then transferred to defendant Lucenti's squad car. Marquez appeared and claimed Robin had been hiding in the building where his business was located. She was transferred to the W.C.S.D. where she was forced to sit for four hours, and was forced to write down her activities of that morning.
- December 21, 1988- Robin was terminated for initiating contact with Marquez in an attempt to stop the harassment.
- August 27, 1989-Robin was arrested by defendant Misicka for reckless driving. She was taken into custody and transported to the Will County jail where defendant Carey instructed her to submit to a visual strip search, wear a prison jump suit and sit in a felony holding cell with other felons knowing that the charge of reckless driving was only a Class B misdemeanor.
- April 6, 1989 – Marquez filed a criminal complaint against Robin for harassment by telephone.
- On October 12, 1989 Robin was found not guilty of both criminal complaints.
- December 13, 1989 – Federal lawsuit filed for violation of civil rights.

I received copies of these documents and concluded this assignment for the day.

An on-line database search revealed the only Lora J. Svaniga listed in Illinois appeared to have a date of birth of 1927, and resides at 700 W. Palladium, Joliet, IL, and phone (815) 725-0449. However, searches on the business phone number of (815)723-9317

indicated it was last registered to a Tuck Court Reporting Services (Tom Tuck) of 54 N. Ottawa Street, Suite 20, Joliet, IL. A search on the name Tom Tuck revealed a possible address of 1610 Avalon Ave., Joliet, IL 60435.

INTERVIEW OF WITNESS

Lora J. Svaniga
700 W. Palladium
Joliet, IL 60435

On August 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm, I arrived at the home of Ms. Svaniga in Joliet for the purposes of determining if she had any information about the deposition Robin Abrams took in August 2000. Ms. Svaniga was dressed in professional attire, appeared coherent and oriented to her surroundings. She reported she was 84 years old and a widow. Ms. Svaniga was quite articulate and invited me into her home to discuss the issue further. During this interview Ms. Svaniga could not recall any dates in regards to her former career as a court reporter. She remembered she had an office and her own business across the street from the Will County courthouse, but could not remember the names of any employees, or recall any specific cases. She did not recognize the name of Therese Donovan as a former employee. She did not recall ever being interviewed by the police about any depositions involving a missing woman. She did recall selling her business to a man who continued her business for a while in her old office, but eventually went out of business. She recalled this man must have been an "idiot" because she had a thriving court reporting practice. Ms. Svaniga thought she may have had some old court transcripts in her basement and she allowed me to search the entire contents of her basement in an attempt to find it. I did find boxes of old transcripts, but none on the Abrams case. I concluded my interview at 8:30 p.m.

INTERVIEW OF WITNESS

Tom Tuck
1610 Avalon Drive
Joliet, IL 60435

On August 4, 2011 at 6 pm, I arrived at the address of 1610 Avalon Drive, Joliet, IL, for the purposes of locating Tom Tuck and to obtain information about Robin's deposition taken in August 2000. I located Mr. Tuck who reported he did buy a court reporting business from Ms. Svaniga round 2001, but he went out of business shortly thereafter. Upon purchase of her company he retained the business in her office, but there were no files or transcripts left behind. He reported that Ms. Svaniga had no off-site storage centers for her files or transcripts. Any depositions or transcripts remained in the care of the court reporter that took them until they were ordered. Otherwise, each reporter must maintain each transcript for a period of 7 years before they are legally allowed to dispose of it. He speculated that the transcript, if it still existed, would be with the assigned reporter Therese Donovan. He did not immediately recognize her name as a

former employee. He reported he could not recall any reporters with this name, but would check his records call me if he located anything. He reported he was never interviewed by the police about a missing woman's deposition taken in August 1990. I concluded the interview at 6:20 p.m.

On August 5, 2011 at 11:30 am, I conducted on-line research of court reporting services in the downtown Joliet area in an attempt to locate Therese Donovan. I discovered one of the oldest agencies, established in 1976, was the George E. Rydman and Associates agency, 15 W. Jefferson St. Joliet, IL 60432, office: 800-608-5523. I contacted Mr. Rydman inquiring if he knew of a "Therese Donovan" who was a Will County court reporter in the early 1990s. Mr. Rydman was not familiar with this name, but was familiar with Ms. Svaniga and her agency. He checked the Donovan name through several court reporting association websites, but found no matches. Mr. Rydman advised that he would check around with his employees to see if anyone recognized the name.

At 2:50 p.m. Mr. Rydman contacted me and reported an employee recognized the name of Therese Donovan and reported she is now married and uses the last name of Sonnemaker and lives in New Lenox.

I conducted a check of the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation website for licensed court reporters and learned that a Therese Marie Sonnemaker maintains a license under# 084002414 and resides in New Lenox; her license was issued in 11/17/1980 and expires on 05/31/201. Additional checks revealed a possible home address of 679 Gibbons Drive, New Lenox, IL and home phone number of (815) 462-4198.

On August 6, 2011 at 3:00 pm, I traveled to the location of 679 Gibbons Drive, New Lenox in an attempt to speak with Ms. Sonnemaker, however there was no one at home at the time of my visit. I left a business card on the front door asking Ms. Sonnemaker to contact me.

On this day I also conducted on-line research on the names of the defendants listed on Robin's federal lawsuit. It was during this time that I discovered one of the defendants, Anthony Lucenti, passed away on June 4, 2009. While reviewing the obituary I recognized the names of two former Will County Deputies who signed his memorial guest book; Kay Kendzora and Lieutenant Gae Luchowski. A third name entered, Wayne Howard, was also confirmed during additional research to be a former Will County Deputy.

Additional research on the above names uncovered the early retirement of seven officers of the Will County Sheriff's department who accepted bonuses to retire early in January 1992. They were Lt. John Donish, Lt. Gae Luchowski, Sgts Edward Mayer and Wayne Howard and Deputies Roy Anderson, Samuel Carr and Calvin Yoder. These officers may have known or worked with Robin at some point.

WITNESS INTERVIEW

Theresa M. Sonnemaker
679 Gibbons Drive
New Lenox, IL 60451
H (815) 462-4198

On August 7, 2011 at 2:00 pm, I traveled to the location of 679 Gibbons Drive, New Lenox in an attempt to speak with Ms. Sonnemaker. I met with Ms. Sonnemaker, who confirmed she is a court reporter licensed in the state of Illinois, and did in fact work for Ms. Svaniga in the 1990s under her maiden name of Donovan. However, she did not remember the deposition of Robin Abrams. She was never interviewed by anyone in law enforcement regarding a deposition she took of a woman that later disappeared. She is only legally required to keep transcripts for 7 years. She has some old computer hard drives that she can check but it will take at least two weeks before she is able to find the time to conduct a search based on her current workload. She agreed to search for the document and will advise me when she has completed her search. She did state that she knew opposing counsel well, Norma Jean Guess, and advised that Norma would have "definitely" ordered the transcript. She suggested I call the Ms. Guess' law firm to see if they can search for it.

On August 9, 2011 at 9:22 am, I received a phone call from Illinois State Police Trooper Lockwood who reported he was calling about the FOIA I had previously filed. He stated the case was still under investigation and therefore I would not be provided with any police reports. We talked briefly and I advised him I would be in Joliet the following day and would stop in to meet him and drop off my business card.

Additionally, on this date at 4:00 pm I contacted Mr. Winston Block at Block, Klukas & Manzella, 19 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432, phone (815)-726-9999. Mr. Block was Robin's former criminal attorney and we discussed the case. He agreed to look for her old file to see if there was any information in it that may be useful. Mr. Block reported he was never interviewed by law enforcement regarding Robin's disappearance.

On August 10, 2011 at 9:45 am, I was contacted by Mr. Block. He reported that he could not locate Robin's old file. He told me that everyone knew Robin was murdered by Marquez. He also advised me to look into the 3rd District appeal and to learn who represented Marquez during the appeal. He further advised me to "be careful" because "Will County is a small world."

On August 10, 2011 I stopped at the ISP Joliet District 5 location to meet Trooper Lockwood. Trooper Lockwood invited me into the building and then took me to what I would describe as an interrogation room. Another male subject appeared with a

notebook of paper and sat down opposite of my location. Trooper Lockwood also had a pen with paper. I noticed an enlarged copy of my driver's license sitting on top of Trooper Lockwood's notebook.

A discussion ensued about the purpose of my visit (merely to drop off my business card) and my "qualifications" to investigate Robin Abram's case. I was grilled and made fun of by the second detective who identified himself as Master Sgt. Portenga. I complained about the unprofessional behavior exhibited by Master Sgt. Portenga, advising him that he was offensive and hostile and without just cause. Upon complaining about the poor treatment Portenga stood up and said to Trooper Lockwood "get her out if here." I was abruptly escorted out through the back door of the building which appeared to be the door for the release of prisoners.

On August 13, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. I traveled to one of known addresses obtained in a database search for Don Abrams; 41 Swan Lane, Beecher. I met with an elderly man at this location who reported the Abrams family moved about 6 years ago to the subdivision north of his location. He did not know the exact address.

I relocated to the subdivision north of this address which is where the second address I had for the family was located. There was no answer at this location therefore I left my business card on the front door. I attempted a neighborhood canvass to determine if in fact the Abrams lived at this address, but could not locate any of the immediate neighbors home. I then terminated my search for the family.

INTERVIEW OF WITNESS:

Don Abrams (father of Robin)
25 Swan Lane
Beecher, IL 60401
Home phone: (708) 231-6068
Cell (708) 710-1884

On August 14, 2011 at 11:15 a.m. I returned to the above location at 25 Swallow Lane, Beecher in regards to this investigation. I found Mr. Abrams at home and he invited me in so that we could discuss his daughter's case. Mr. Abrams appeared to be in poor health and reported this fact to me. He is a diabetic, previously had a leg amputation and recently had surgery for kidney cancer. He reported his wife, Barb, died several years ago and went to her "grave" never knowing what happened to Robin. I discovered Mr. Abrams was a former auxiliary Orland Park Police officer who left the department in 1979. Mr. Abrams expressed his appreciation to SDC for their interest in this case.

Mr. Abrams reported the following events regarding his daughter's case;

- His wife, Barb, and his daughter Robin were very close and Robin shared many confidences with her mother. She did not really confide in anybody else within

the family like she did her mother. Barb passed away in 2004 and he believes her death is attributed to the length of time Robin's case remained unsolved. Robin's disappearance has been devastating for his entire family.

- Robin was living at the family home in Beecher at the time of her disappearance.
- He did not know Robin was missing until her car was found unattended with the keys in the ignition in Harvey, IL, on October 5, 2000 around 4 a.m. Harvey is located in Cook County's jurisdiction.
- He was told the person who found Robin's car also allowed their teenage son to drive it around.
- Robin's car was then picked up by a Will County Deputy and driven back to the Will County Sheriff's Department. Mr. Abrams contends her vehicle should have remained in Cook County's jurisdiction. Her vehicle should have been held by the Harvey Police Department for investigation. Certainly, the car should not have been driven anywhere, it should have been towed to preserve the integrity of the evidence.
- Three days later his wife received a phone call from a woman in Harvey who found Robin's purse. His wife and daughter Donna went and retrieved it from this woman and took it to the W.C.S.D. Laraway station and turned it in.
- Tony Marquez's brother had a tow truck at the time of Robin's disappearance.
- A witness saw two subjects and a tow truck drop off her car in Harvey. The same witness picked Marquez out of a line-up. The sheriff's department later discredited the witness and told Mr. Abrams he was "unreliable".
- There was some type of matching fiber found in the front seat of her car, possibly fiber from cover-alls found in the brother's tow truck.
- They removed the right front tire from Robin's car and kept it as evidence because it had mud on it.
- The car was eventually released back to the finance company.
- There were two cameras in Robin's vehicle and he was told there were no pictures on the film. Mr. Abrams wants to see the developed film to see if this is true.
- ISP Trooper Lockwood, Badge 5102, Zone 3 Investigations, (815) 726-6377 ext. 216 is the current assigned investigator.

Mr. Abrams provided me with the phone numbers to the following family members; Donna Abrams, daughter, resides at this address with him, cell (708) 710-3503 Jody Walsh, daughter, resides in Crestwood, cell (708) 691-6120 and home (708) 385-3444. This interview was concluded at 12:50 p.m.

Due to the fact Mr. Abrams is well into his 70's and of poor health I decided to contact other family members and arrange to meet with them as well.

On August 14, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. I contacted Mr. Abram's daughter Jody Walsh at (708) 691-6120 and left a message on her voicemail advising her I met with her father earlier in the day and requested she call me. Jody Walsh called me at 4:00 p.m. and after a brief

discussion we agreed to meet later in the evening at her home where we could continue this discussion.

INTERVIEW OF WITNESS

Jody Walsh (Robin's sister)
5700 128th Street
Crestwood, IL 60445
Cell (708) 691-6120
Home (708) 385-3444

On August 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. I met with Jody Walsh, 5700 128th Street, Crestwood, at her home to discuss Robin's case. Ms Walsh shared some pertinent information about the case and her frustration about the fact this case has remained unsolved for nearly 21 years. Jody Walsh complained that her family has had very little contact with law enforcement officials over the years. Jody Walsh wanted me to meet with her entire family to discuss this case further. She expressed her appreciation of SDC's assistance with this matter. She had given up hope long ago of ever finding her sister. We agreed to meet in the near future. I concluded my interview at 9:00 p.m.

On August 22, 2011 I was contacted by court reporter Theresa Sonnemaker, (815) 462-4198. She checked all of her old hard drives and did a thorough search for the transcript and any billing for the transcript and could not find either anywhere. She agreed to call me if she thought of any additional useful information.

ABRAMS FAMILY INTERVIEW

On September 21, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. I met with the Abrams family at 25 Swallow Lane, Beecher in regards to this investigation. Previously, I asked the family to search for information or documents that could provide the names of Robin's closest friends before she disappeared. Both sisters, Donna Abrams and Jody Walsh, remembered Robin was good friends with a "Sheila". At this meeting I was provided with a copy of a photograph of Robin and a close friend in wedding attire. Robin was a bridesmaid in this particular friend's wedding. The sisters could not remember the friend's name and were not sure if this was "Sheila." I removed the photo from the frame it had been placed in and observed on the back of the photo was handwritten name of "Sheryle Butz" and the date "8-20-1988." The sisters believed this was one of Robin's friends and the date listed was the date Robin stood up in her wedding. Jody Walsh identified the handwriting as that of her mother's, but was unsure as to whether her mother had spelled the name correctly. No additional information about Sheryle Butz was available. It is unknown if this friend was interviewed by the police.

I was provided with a copy of a sheet of paper containing two names; Sgt. Ken Kaupas, a supervisor of the detective division of the Illinois State Police and FBI agent Dave Kerchner of the Orland Park FBI office. The family reported these were two of several

officials the family met in regards to this investigation, possibly in 2004. It should be noted Sgt. Kaupas, who is cousin of the current Will County Sheriff Paul Kaupas, retired from the Illinois State Police in 2010 and in Jan. 2011 was hired by the Paul Kaupas as the current supervisor of their detective bureau.

I also received the name of Michael Mach (708) 227-3732 as a person who recently told Mr. Abrams he had information about Robin's disappearance and was willing to talk to with me about his knowledge of the case.

Finally, I received a copy of what appears to be a W.C.S.D. auxiliary police assignment sheet dated November 13, 1987. Robin appeared to have been assigned to the Frankfort-Sub. Station and beat area during this time along with 11 other deputies. I noted that Michael Mach's name also appeared on this sheet in Robin's assigned area.

During this meeting Donna Abrams told me about two months before Robin disappeared, she told Donna and their mother that if anything ever happened to her Tony Marquez was responsible. Robin also insisted on showing both Donna and their mother where Marquez worked (in addition to his job with the sheriff's department) so that if anything ever happened to her they would know where to look for him. Robin then took both women to the location of Marquez's financial services office at the Marycrest Shopping Center, 2112 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 100, Joliet, IL 60435 phone (815) 741-1113. Donna could not remember the exact dates her sister made these statements or when they went to view Marquez's Joliet office, but it was within a month or two of Robin's disappearance.

I asked Donna if she had given this information to the police. Donna reported she was never interviewed by any police. She assumed her mother has given this information to the police at some point. Jody Walsh reported she was never interviewed by the police, with the exception of information she provided to the police in March 2011 about the predictions of a psychic. Both sisters reported they were present several times when the sheriff's department came to their home during the first few days after Robin was reported missing, however they were never interviewed and did not realize that family interviews were a critical component of a missing person's case. They both also complained law enforcement has not provided their family with enough ongoing information about the status of the case. They believed there were only two meetings with police about the investigation over the years. Both women reported being at a meeting with both their parents in 2004 at the W.C.S.D./Detective Bureau in which, when their mother complained about the lack of progress on this case, she was told she needed psychiatric help. According to both sisters it is their belief their mother died two weeks later as a result of a massive heart attack brought on in large part due to the lack of progress on Robin's case and the fact that their mother believed members of the sheriff's department had executed and covered up Robin's murder.

Don Abrams reported at the above described meeting one official said there were not enough funds to continue this investigation and if Don wanted to contribute financially to the investigation, he should do so.

Both sisters also reported in March 2011 they went to the Crestwood Police Department and advised the police of some information given to the sisters by a Florida psychic. The sisters did not know to report this information directly to the Illinois State Police. Jody Walsh reported she was working at Jeri's Rock Shop in Oak Forest sometime in March 2011. A woman came into the store and noticed a flyer about Robin posted in the store. The woman began to cry and told Jody Walsh that Robin wanted to come home. The psychic reported she had a vision about where Robin was buried and sketched the location near the Cal-Sag Channel in Crestwood. The psychic also reported she was a police psychic and worked with the police in Florida. The sisters took this info to the Crestwood Police Department. Later, Trooper Lockwood contacted Jody about the psychic's information and advised cadaver dogs searched the area described by the psychic and an old cemetery was located near the area provided by the psychic. Both sisters could not remember any additional information about this event. They could not find the business cards of the psychic or the Crestwood Police detectives.

Don Abrams reported his friend Joe Ordonez (retired Orland Park Police) had information about the case and wanted me to call him. Ordonez is friends with a man by the name of Bob Settles (unknown spelling) who was a manager at a gas station at Lagrange Road and 145th Street, Orland Park. Mr. Settles retired to Florida and it is unknown when he retired. Mr. Ordonez has told Don Abrams on several occasions Mr. Settles has information about Robin's case. The family expressed frustration with Mr. Ordonez who has never elaborated on the details of the information nor has he taken any information to the police.

The Abram's family expressed their appreciation to SDC for their assistance with this investigation. Although, the Abram's family does not have the financial means to fund this investigation they expressed a desire to assist in whatever way they could.

On September 27, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. I was contacted by Jody Walsh who reported the following in summary. She received a phone call from Trooper Lockwood today. It was her opinion that Trooper Lockwood appeared to be "fishing" for information. He asked her if she had been visited by any investigators. Jody Walsh told him her father spoke to a private investigator. He then wanted her to go on a website located at doenetwork.org and to search for the name "Thomas Boro." When this term was searched information appeared about the skeletal remains found in 1995 of a female in Champaign County, Illinois.

In the description of the body the website stated the female found had a c-section. There were two rings displayed which were found with the remains one of which

appeared to be a wedding band. Jody Walsh was upset and disturbed after viewing the site and a reconstructed clay model of a female wearing a wig based on the remains found. The description did not match her sister's (Robin never had a c-section and was not married) and neither did the rings. Jody Walsh stated she felt Trooper Lockwood just needed an excuse to ask about the status of SDC's investigation.

I later reviewed the site and believed it would be disturbing for anyone missing a female family member to view this page. It is my opinion that Trooper Lockwood should have reviewed the website in person with Jody Walsh to control and monitor her exposure to the images posted.

On October 4, 2011 at 11: 00 a.m. I met with Donna Abrams at the Iron Skillet Restaurant, Monee-Manhattan Road and I-57. Donna provided me with the contact information for the psychic from Florida; Carol Omotola, 5626 Rosewall Circle Leesburgh, Florida 34748, phone 352-978-2661 as well as a copy of her handwritten notes. Donna also provided me with the copies of the business cards of the two Crestwood Police detectives that took the information about the psychic; Sgt. Chris Soderlund and Detective Sergeant Steven Gombes. She then gave me an old business card of Tony Marquez's. Finally, Donna provided me with a copy of the business card of the property manager of the apartment complex where Robin rented an apartment for short time when she was a deputy. I noticed on the back of the original card which Donna had in her possession was the handwritten name "Chief Van Dyke." Donna did not recognize the handwriting. I instructed Donna to place the card in a safe location as it may become an important clue. I recalled the name "Van Dyke" as the name of one of the defendant's listed on Robin's federal lawsuit.