

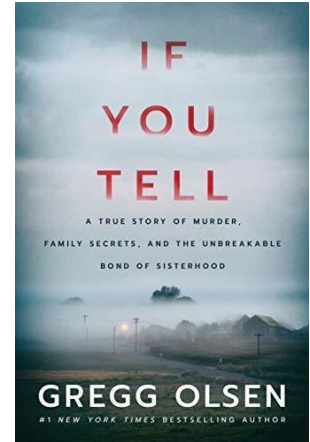
True Crime Club

March 6th at 6pm



If You Tell by Gregg Olsen

This book is available through the Michigan eLibrary for free with use of your library card at tinyurl.com/MELIfYouTell



If You Tell will be our primary source of information on this case, however if you'd prefer to research further (or differently) you are welcome to! Check out the list of below for some suggested researching.

Articles and Documents:

- The Disturbing Story of Shelly Knotek, The Serial Killer Mom who Brutalized Her Own Family. <https://allthatsinteresting.com/shelly-knotek>



- Psychology Today: Serial Killers' Daughters <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/shadow-boxing/202006/serial-killers-daughters>



Podcasts:

- The True Crime Librarian: Do as Mother Says <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F07-MezDtAg>
- Murder In The Rain: Wallowing <https://www.murderintherain.com/post/eisode-36-wallowing>
- Going West True Crime Podcast: Michelle Knotek <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/michelle-knotek-93/id1448151398?i=1000497138880>



Video:

Both these videos do have small costs to watch the full episode. They can be purchased on prime video for \$0.99 each. The clips are free

- Snapped Episode on Michelle Knotek (44min) https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3059708/?ref_=ttep_ep19
 - Clip - Michelle With Investigators <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cf8VgLOoYHs>
 - Clip - Michelle's sister interviews <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Guz-w18ZnAM>
- Wicked Attraction: Home Sweet Home <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1657267/>



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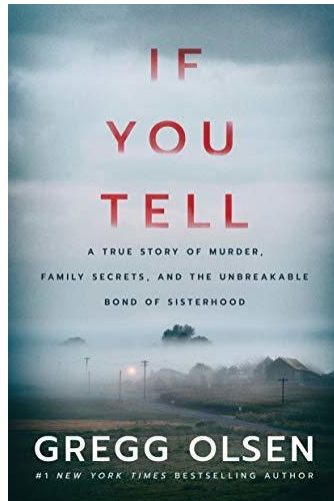
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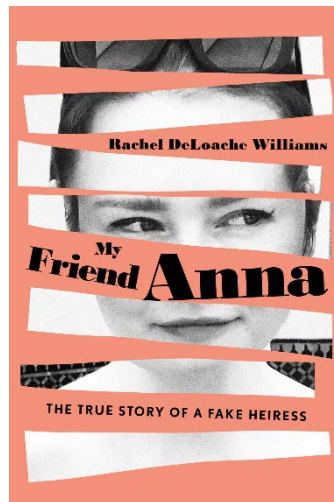
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April 3rd



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May 1st

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Relating our Reading to an unsolved Cold Case: Murdered: Karen Bodine

"Whoever did this – the perpetrator or perpetrators... Have they forgotten? And are they just living their lives scot-free? Or does it bog them down? Do they think about it every single day, like we do?"

– Karlee Bodine, Karen's Daughter

Karen Bodine was a 37-year-old mother of three when she was murdered on January 22nd, 2007. Her family recalls her being a passionate person, a passion that carried spilled over into everything she did. She is described as a loving mother to her three children, often finding creative ways to let them know she was thinking of them, like secret notes written in their school notebooks.

Karen had struggled with on-and-off substance abuse but was clean and sober most of the time. She and her parents had previously agreed that it was best for her kids to stay with them, so Karen's parents eventually took full custody of her children, but her entire family, the children included, agree that this did not diminish Karen's unconditional love for them, which she expressed regularly. Now grown adults, Karen's children, Karlee, Taylor, and Tanner, want their mother to be remembered as more than an addict or a victim. She was a loving mother, a hilarious friend, a caring daughter, and a thoughtful co-worker. Her children marvel at her physical beauty stating she was "gorgeous" but that her beauty ran far deeper than her looks, and that she was "the whole package."

On Sunday, January 22, 2007, after a particularly rough weekend following an intense domestic abuse altercation with her boyfriend, Karen found herself with nowhere to go. She wandered the streets of Lacey, Washington when a neighbor spotted her and called the police. It was cold out and Karen wasn't wearing a warm coat. An officer approached her but Karen brushed them off and insisted she was fine. He let it go, and Karen wandered off and was never seen alive again.

Early Monday morning, just a few hours later, Karen's body was found at the entrance of a gravel pit, in Rochester, Washington, 30 miles from her hometown. There was no evidence of sexual assault, but she was nude and seemed to be posed in an unnatural position. She had a ligature around her neck, and multiple DNA profiles were found on the ligature, but results of that testing have not been shared publicly. Detective Hamilton hopes that advances in DNA testing could someday lead to the identification of a suspect or suspects.

In October 2019, Karen's case was part of a true-crime event in Seattle called Crowdsolve. The event brought together citizen detectives, new experts, and technology to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office's investigation.

The investigation on Karen's is active and ongoing. Crime Stoppers will pay you a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if your tip leads to an arrest in the case.

Keep track of this case and help to solve it by viewing karen's profile at <https://uncovered.com/cases/karen-bodine/about>



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