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FACE THE NATION

07/04/21

Guests: Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Charles Burkett, mayor, Surfside, FL (2); Mark Strassmann, FACE THE NATION senior national correspondent (3); Jeffrey Zients, White House COVID-19 response coordinator (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (5); Governor Spencer Cox (R-UT) (6); Governor Kate Brown (D-OR) (7); Representative Andre Carson (D-IN) (8)

Guest Moderator: Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent

1) a report from Surfside on the collapsed building and the plan to demolish the remaining portion ahead of Tropical Storm Elsa

2) Topics include: demolition plans / continuing focus on search and rescue, not recovery / status of families awaiting word on the missing / praise for President Biden and Florida's local and national elected officials / recent report in the Miami Herald on communication just prior to the collapse between the building's condo association and Surfside City officials

3) a report from Atlanta on the 4th of July holiday and where the United States stands in terms of moving on from the COVID-19 pandemic

4) Topics include: celebrating a return to normalcy for those fully vaccinated / efforts to reach the unvaccinated / partisanship of getting vaccinated / surge response teams dispatched to states experiencing COVID-19 outbreaks / questions surrounding possible booster shots

5) Topics include: possible booster shots for higher risk individuals / the Delta variant / reaction to the White House's event, celebrating independence from the coronavirus pandemic / changes to day-to-day living, including the belief that masks are 'going to become more normalized'

6) Topics include: rise in Delta variant COVID cases in Utah / the state's large population of young people, many who are ineligible to get vaccinated / vaccine incentives / partisan divide on vaccinations; drought conditions in Utah / Republican work on climate change

7) Topics include: addressing climate change in Oregon / examples of federal assistance needed by the Western states to address changing climate patterns; surge in gun violence

8) Topics include: this weekend's ransomware attack; recent Pentagon report on unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP), formally known as UFOs

07/11/21

Guests: Dr. Anthony Fauci, chief medical adviser to President Biden, director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (1); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (2); Mark Strassmann, FACE THE NATION senior national correspondent (3) (7); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (4); Jeh Johnson, former Secretary of Homeland Security (5); Scott Kirby, CEO, United Airlines (6)

Guest Moderator: John Dickerson, correspondent, 60 MINUTES

1) Topics include: the Delta variant / human psychology behind people's refusal to get vaccinated / how the Delta variant impacts states with high vaccination rates versus those with low rates / questions surrounding the possibility of coronavirus vaccine booster shots

2) Topics include: the Israeli study behind Pfizer's request for emergency authorization regarding booster shots / process for securing approval / possible public health challenge in requiring a booster; how states will address mask wearing in schools

3) a report from Las Cruces, NM on the impact of climate change on weather across the continental United States

4) a report from Kabul, as U.S. military presence in Afghanistan nears its end

5) Topics include: current situation in Afghanistan; four categories of cyber conflict / possible consequences for Russia due to the recent ransomware attacks

6) Topics include: timeline for travel to get back to 'normal' / impact of the Delta variant on global recovery / current government mask order for air travel; economic and employment recovery in the travel industry; impact of climate change on the airline industry; how the pandemic strengthened workplace culture

7) a report from New Mexico on Richard Branson's space flight

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Guests: Mark Strassmann, FACE THE NATION senior national correspondent (1); Ken McClure, mayor, Springfield, MO (2); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (3); Chris Krebs, partner, Krebs Stamos Group, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (4); Jill Schlesinger, CBS News business analyst (5); Admiral Mike Mullen, former chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff (6); David Becker, director & founder, Center for Election Innovation and Research (7)

Guest Moderator: John Dickerson, correspondent, 60 MINUTES

- 1) a report from Van Horn, TX on the coronavirus surge, fueled by the highly contagious Delta variant and the unvaccinated
- 2) Topics include: rise in coronavirus cases in Springfield / vaccine hesitancy / 'Have Faith Initiative' / going door-to-door to spread information / the Delta variant / preparing for back to school / message to counties with low vaccination rates
- 3) Topics include: reaction to the CDC director's phrase 'epidemic of the unvaccinated' / undercounting of infections in the United States / role of vaccination rates in stopping the Delta variant / need for an N95 or other high-quality mask to protect against the highly contagious Delta variant / vaccine misinformation
- 4) Topics include: pandemic-related misinformation campaigns / election-related misinformation campaigns / Facebook and other social media platforms / vaccine disinformation; 'REvil', the Russian-based operation responsible for the Colonial Pipeline attack; assessment of the Biden administration's cybersecurity team
- 5) Topics include: uptick in consumer prices / impact of the pandemic on the economy / wages / how the Federal reserve will react to inflation indicators
- 6) Topics include: reports that General Mark Milley was concerned that former President Trump would stage a coup or start a conflict with Iran to stay in power / praise for General Milley / mistakes made in Lafayette Square
- 7) Topics include: state laws making it more difficult to vote and run elections; low number of fraud cases surrounding the 2020 election / election integrity / challenging voting laws, in Congress or at the local level

07/25/21

Guests: Mark Strassmann, FACE THE NATION senior national correspondent (1); Elizabeth Palmer, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (2); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner (3); Dr. Jerome Adams, former U.S. surgeon general (4); Gina Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce, Biden administration (5); Quinton Lucas, mayor, Kansas City, MO (6); Carol Leonnig, co-author, I Alone Can Fix It (7); Philip Rucker, co-author, I Alone Can Fix It (7)

Guest Moderator: John Dickerson, correspondent, 60 MINUTES

- 1) a report from Atlanta on the fourth phase of the coronavirus pandemic, due to the highly contagious Delta variant and the unvaccinated
- 2) a report from London on the early stages of another global wave of COVID infections, protests against vaccine passports and global good news regarding vaccine and overall lower death numbers
- 3) Topics include: importance of getting vaccinated / advice for the vaccinated / the Delta variant / modeling the current outbreak / criticism against the CDC for only tracking breakthrough infections when people get hospitalized / possible timeframe for making vaccinations available to children under twelve-years-old
- 4) Topics include: reaction to Alabama Governor Kay Ivey's remarks – 'it's time to start blaming unvaccinated folks...' / licensing vaccines to make them mandatory / his recent piece, stressing the importance of mask wearing; reasons for and steps to combat last year's drug overdose record
- 5) Topics include: impact of the COVID resurgence on economic recovery / push by businesses for employees and their families to get vaccinated; tourism industry; current state of the infrastructure bill; problems faced by small business owners / importance of affordable childcare
- 6) Topics include: handling the uptick of COVID cases in Kansas City / low vaccination numbers / mask mandates; Kansas City homicide rate / federal response to gun trafficking / community efforts to assist teenagers
- 7) an interview with the authors of I Alone Can Fix It, a new book on the unbridled final year of the Trump presidency

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60 MINUTES

- 07/04/21 **“SolarWinds”** – a report on the Russian cyberattack that compromised heavily protected American computer systems last March. The malware gained entry to confidential computer systems across many government organizations and major corporations via the popular program SolarWinds. The breach is widely considered to be ongoing. Includes interviews with Brad Smith, president of Microsoft; Kevin Mandia, CEO of FireEye; Chris Inglis, former Deputy Director of the National Security Agency; and Jon Miller, CEO of Boldend. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Graham Messick, Jack Weingart) (OAD: 02/14/21)
- “Ken Burns: The Story of America”** – a profile of documentary filmmaker Ken Burns. His films have tackled many distinctly American topics, including the Civil War, jazz and baseball. Burns is credited with bringing a meticulous American history to a wide audience of viewers. Includes an interview with Wynton Marsalis, artistic director of New York’s Jazz at Lincoln Center, who has collaborated with Burns. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Kaylee Tully, Ruth Streeter) (OAD: 11/08/20)
- “Best Band in the Land”** – a profile of Ray Johnson, the director of the St. Augustine High School marching band in New Orleans. The popular group has persevered through numerous obstacles, including Hurricane Katrina and the current coronavirus pandemic, and Johnson’s own experience performing with the band uniquely qualifies him to lead the group. Includes interviews with Dr. Kenneth St. Charles, president of St. Augustine High School; Dr. Brice Miller and his son Brice Miller, who were both members of the marching band; and Kabrel Johnson and Lawrence Honore, who are part of the marching band’s drumline. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Laura Dodd) (OAD: 03/14/21)
- 07/11/21 **“Handcuffed to the Truth”** – a report on the 10th anniversary of the Syrian Uprising. Efforts are still being made to hold the Syrian government and President Bashar al-Assad accountable for the war crimes in their country. Includes interviews with Stephen Rapp, American lawyer and former United States Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues in the Office of Global Criminal Justice; Caesar (alias), a former Syrian military photographer; Sami (alias), Caesar’s friend who uploaded photos; and Ali (alias), who was imprisoned in Syria. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young) (OAD: 02/21/21)
- “Robots to the Rescue”** - a report on how robots are being used to clean up the nuclear disaster at the Daiichi Power Plant seven years after an earthquake and tsunami hit Fukushima, Japan. Robots are being built to withstand high levels of radiation and maneuver into reactors to retrieve missing fuel. Includes interviews with: Lake Barrett, nuclear engineer, former Department of Energy official; Dr. Kuniaki Kawabata, principle robot development researcher. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Richard Bonin, Ayesha Siddiqi) (OAD: 11/25/18; 1st Rebroadcast: 07/28/19)
- “Colson Whitehead”** – a profile of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Colson Whitehead. Whitehead’s books weave fantasy and historic underpinnings to tell vivid stories that comment on race and society. Includes an interview with Julie Barer, his wife. (C: John Dickerson – P: Sarah Koch) (OAD: 02/28/21)
- 07/18/21 **“Left Behind”** – a report on the impact of COVID-19. As many have lost their lives, even more are left struggling to figure out their lives in the wake of a worldwide pandemic. Includes interviews with Lauren Thomas, Trish Phillips, Colin Phillips, Jamie Drezek, Caden Drezek, Emerick Falta, Jake Schoffstall and Jennifer Schoffstall, who all lost family to COVID-19. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz) (OAD: 01/31/21)
- “Talent on the Spectrum”** – a report on the employment opportunities being made available to people on the autism spectrum. As companies learn to work with and accommodate employees who are on the spectrum, they are participating in a mutually beneficial system in which people with autism can thrive. Includes interviews with Erik Rolan, Phillip Mitchell, Sarah Klaich, Matt Friedman, Brennen Novak, who all have autism; Dave Friedman, who has hired many employees with autism at his tech company Autonomy Works; Kelly Grier, Ernst & Young’s U.S. Chairwoman; Maithilee Kunda, a computer scientist at the Frist Center; Dan Burger, a data scientist at the Frist Center; and Keivan Stassun, an astrophysics professor at Vanderbilt University who helped create the Frist Center. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Denise Schrier Cetta) (OAD: 10/04/20)
- “Survival”** – a report on a group of six teenagers who, in 1966, survived being stranded on a remote island in the Pacific Ocean. After their ship wrecked on an ill-fated trip to Fiji, the teenagers survived for 15 months using only the resources they were able to find on the island before eventually being discovered. Includes interviews with Mano Totau and Sione Fataua, survivors of the shipwreck; Rutger Bregman, an author who wrote about the story; and Peter Warner, who rescued the shipwrecked teenagers. (C: Holly Williams – P: Michael H. Gavshon) (OAD: 04/04/21)

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“The Case Against Curtis Flowers” – a report on Curtis Flowers, a Black man in Mississippi who was tried six times for the same crime by the same prosecutor. Investigative reporters for a podcast helped Flowers to clear his name and expose the injustices of the legal system. Includes interviews with Rob McDuff, an attorney at the Mississippi Center for Justice; Madeleine Baran, lead reporter for the “In the Dark” podcast; Samara Freemark, managing producer of the “In the Dark” podcast; Clemmie Fleming, who rescinded her original testimony against Flowers; and Doug Evans, the district attorney who prosecuted Flowers. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Draggan Mihailovich, Jacqueline Williams) (OAD: 01/03/21)

“The Wright Way” – a report on the Wright family, called the first family of American rodeo. With nine members who rank among the best in the world and five world titles between them, the Wrights compete in what many consider to be the last blue collar sport in America. Rodeo began as an event called saddle bronc in the old west. The goal is to remain, for eight seconds, on a randomly paired horse trained to dismount the rider. While the nature of the sport promotes intense competitiveness, the Wrights maintain an emphasis on family. Cody Wright started the family dynasty twenty years ago and is a two time world champion. In describing his technique for riding, Cody likens it to a dance where control is needed to deal with the adrenaline and fear which comes with each ride. Team Wright has qualified for the biggest rodeo competition, the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, for the last fifteen years. But winning comes at a price; the job is very dangerous and there is no big money to be made. The family works the same land in Southern Utah they have for the last century and a half, defining their lives by hard work. Includes interviews with Bill and Evelyn Wright, parents; Cody, Jake, Jesse, Alex, Calvin, Stuart, and Spenser Wright; Coburn Bradshaw, brother-in-law; and Ryder, Rusty, Stetson, and Statler Wright, Cody’s sons. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Nichole Marks) (OAD: 11/03/19; 1st Rebroadcast: 07/19/20 – this rebroadcast includes an update; 2nd Rebroadcast: 10/04/20 on a 60 MINUTES SPECIAL EDITION)

“Prince and the Revelation” – a report on unreleased music by the late musician Prince. Prince performed and recorded prolifically until his death. Sitting in the artist’s private vault of material, the album “Welcome 2 America” is finally being released to the public. Includes interviews with Morris Hayes, Prince’s keyboardist and musical director; Shelby J., a vocalist with Prince; and Troy Carter, who was hired by the bank overseeing Prince’s estate to sort and appraise the collection. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer) (OAD: 04/11/21)

48 HOURS

07/03/21

48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: “Murder on Prom Night” - On Sunday, April 30, 1989, police responded to a crime scene at the Lakeville, Indiana home of the Pelley family. Reverend Bob Pelley was found in an upstairs hallway; wife Dawn and young daughters Janel and Jolene were in the basement -- all shot at close range with a shotgun. Nine-year-old Jessica Pelley – now known as Jessi Toronjo - returned from a sleepover at a friend’s house to the news that her mother, stepfather, and sisters were murdered. Police questioned Bob’s 17-year-old son Jeff and later learned Bob had grounded him over the prom; police believed they had a clear motive, but no forensic evidence to prosecute. Thirteen years after the crime, a new prosecutor believed there was enough evidence and Jeff was arrested and charged with four counts of murder. In 2006, he was found guilty and sentenced to a hundred and sixty years in prison. Jeff’s defense lawyer filed an appeal and his convictions were set aside on a number of procedural grounds. He remained in custody and in February 2009, the Indiana State Supreme Court upheld the conviction. Currently, Jeff’s new defense team is working on his release by filing a motion for post-conviction relief. Jessi changed her name and appearance as a way to cope with the tragedy. After she tried to kill herself, Jessi was diagnosed with DID, dissociative identity disorder. On April 29, 2019 -- the thirty year anniversary of the murders -- *I am Jessica* was published. Original on-screen text graphic: The Indiana University McKinney Wrongful Conviction Clinic is representing Jeff Pelley. **On-screen text graphic for the 08/15/20 & 07/03/21 rebroadcasts:** The Indiana University McKinney Wrongful Conviction Clinic now represents Jeff Pelley and has filed a motion for post-conviction relief. Interviewed: Jessi Toronjo, survivor; Stephanie Fagan, Jessi’s childhood friend; Jamie Collins, Jessi’s cousin; Mark Sender, former Indiana State Police detective; John Botich, former St. Joseph County detective; Frank Schaffer, former chief deputy prosecutor; Alan Baum, Jeff Pelley’s defense attorney; and Dakota Toronjo, Jessi’s daughter. (Anchor: Jim Axelrod – Producers: Chris O’Connell, Stephanie Slifer) (OAD: 01/25/20; 1st Rebroadcast: 08/15/20)

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48 HOURS: “Where Is Jennifer Kesse?” - an update on the case of Jennifer Kesse, who disappeared from her Orlando, FL condo in 2006. In January 2006, Jennifer did not show up to work or answer her phone, which caused her family to worry. Upon arriving at her condo, her family members found the apartment nearly untouched. By early evening, the police would declare her a missing person and the Kesse family started outreach efforts in a search for Jennifer. Two days later, Jennifer’s car was found at a nearby apartment complex, however, surveillance camera footage did not clearly show the driver. In 2009, Detective Joel Wright re-interviewed a condo housekeeper, which led him to a former maintenance worker named Chino. Wright interviewed Chino, who was serving time in prison. He denied any wrongdoing in Jennifer’s disappearance and passed a polygraph test. In 2016, Jennifer was declared dead by the state of Florida. In 2018, the Kesse family sued the Orlando Police Department for Jennifer’s case files. After six months of investigation with no new leads, the files were turned over. Michael Torretta, a private investigator for the Kesse family spoke with former residents of Jennifer’s condo complex who all expressed concern over workers that had taken to living in unrented apartments. This renewed suspicion of Chino, who continued to deny wrongdoing. Torretta’s new theory was that workers living in the apartment across from Jennifer abducted her and dumped her body. The police never interviewed the workers and without any paperwork, the workers could not be located. Torretta also learned that ten months after Jennifer’s disappearance, a person was seen dumping a carpet into a nearby lake. Based on this, police divers checked the lake, but were unable to find the carpet. **On-screen text graphic:** The Kesses are offering a fifteen-thousand-dollar reward for information leading to Jennifer's whereabouts. If you have any information about Jennifer Kesse's disappearance, please visit the "Find Jennifer Kesse" Facebook page. Interviewed: Drew Jesse, Jennifer’s father; Joyce Kesse, Jennifer’s mother; Louis Bolden, WKMG reporter; Lauren McCarthy, Jennifer’s friend; Rob Allen, Jennifer’s boyfriend; Logan Kesse, Jennifer’s brother; Sergeant Roger Brennan, Orlando police officer (2008 interview); Detective Joel Wright, Orlando police officer; Chief Orlando Rolon, Orlando police chief; Michael Torretta, Kesse family private investigator; Collen, former resident of Jennifer’s condo complex; Tami, former resident of Jennifer’s condo complex; Ashley, former resident of Jennifer’s condo complex; Chino, former condo complex maintenance worker. (See also: 48 HOURS VANISHED: “Stolen Beauty”, OAD: 07/01/08; Rebroadcast: 01/10/09 as 48 HOURS SPECIAL PRESENTATION: “Stolen Beauty”) (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chris Young Ritzen, Gabriella Demirdjian) (OAD: 10/24/20)

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48 HOURS: “The Ambush of Kevin Harris” – a report on hip-hop artist and producer Kevin Robert Harris II, who was gunned down outside of a music studio in Los Angeles, California on September 20, 2009. He was 21-years-old. Six years after Kevin’s murder, local police brought in the FBI to work the case. Detectives eventually ruled out the possibility of mistaken identity and are now convinced Kevin was the intended target. They have narrowed down the list of suspects and believe that Desmond Carter, an aspiring rapper and jealous rival who was supposed to meet Kevin at the studio that night, may be connected to the murder. Arrested in 2017, he was never charged and denies any involvement. Detectives feel that they are very close, but need information and -- along with Kevin’s family -- remain convinced Kevin’s murder will be solved. **On-screen text graphic:** The FBI is asking for information from the public. The tip line is (310) 477-6565. Interviewed: Kevin Harris Sr., Kevin’s father; Katheryn Harris, Kevin’s mother; Cameron Woods, childhood friend; Jasmine Tanner, friend; Sonya Teclai, poet and singer; Karan Staden, aunt; Rahman Dukes, music journalist; Pastor Winford Bell; Voviette Morgan, FBI; Sean Sterle, special agent, FBI; John Skaggs, former Los Angeles detective; Randy Thomas, studio owner; and Gizzle, hip-hop poet and rapper. (C: Michelle Miller – P: Chuck Stevenson, Lauren A. White) (OAD: 09/30/20 as 48 HOURS SUSPICION: “The Ambush of Kevin Harris”)

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48 HOURS: “The Troubling Case Against Kevin Cooper” (9:00 – 10:00p) - an update to a 2019 report on the controversial murder case against California death row inmate Kevin Cooper, who was convicted of the 1983 murder of Doug and Penny Ryen, their daughter Jessica, and friend Christopher Hughes in Chino Hills, California. Eight-year-old Josh Ryen, though seriously wounded, survived the attack. 48 HOURS has been investigating Kevin Cooper’s case ever since he wrote to Erin Moriarty two decades ago, proclaiming his innocence. After the June 4, 1983 murders, Josh indicated to police three white people were responsible. Police eventually decided Josh was wrong with his identification and recent prison escapee Kevin Cooper seemed to fit the bill because he had hidden near the Ryen home. Cooper was paraded before cameras and the trial became racially charged because Cooper is black. Blood evidence, but none of Cooper’s fingerprints, were found at the scene. The trial was moved to San Diego and Josh testified by video, but his memory was hazy and he no longer remembered the attackers. Cooper, who always denied the murders, was convicted and sentenced to death. Dr. Mary Howell, Josh’s grandmother, was not convinced that Cooper was guilty. By 2000, Cooper was still on death row. Questions remained and Josh, then eighteen-years-old, was still unsure Cooper was there. Private investigator Paul Ingels felt the case deserved a second look; his investigation led to a number of new leads, including potential suspect Lee Furrow, who the police initially discounted. Furrow denied responsibility. In 2001, an agreement was made for additional DNA testing, but the 2002 post-conviction DNA test results did not exonerate Cooper, and significant issues were raised regarding the process. In 2008, Dr. Mary Howell died. After the state of California agreed to DNA testing, the lab results all pointed to Cooper, but many maintain the evidence was tampered with. After nineteen years on death row, the 9th Circuit federal appellate court stayed Cooper’s execution. New York Times journalist Nicholas Kristof wrote an Op-Ed article about the case and former FBI agent Tom Parker was hired by Norman Hile, Cooper’s defense attorney, to re-investigate. New attention was given to Lee Furrow, following information from witnesses that three white men splattered with blood, were seen in a nearby bar on the night of the crime. At the end of 2018, Governor Jerry Brown ordered new DNA testing and a retired judge was appointed to make sure the tests are done properly. 03/21/20 UPDATE: In March 2019, new California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered additional DNA testing, including a vial that contained Cooper’s blood; he also suspended all state executions. The tests were carried out, however the DNA on the items -- except for on an orange towel -- was too degraded to provide conclusive results. The results from the towel did not match Cooper, Lee Furrow, or anyone in the CODIS national database. Defense attorney and DNS specialist Bicka Barlow discovered the vial containing Cooper’s 1983 blood sample was empty. Investigator Tom Parker found two new witnesses who claim Furrow confessed to the crime. Cooper’s defense team has asked Governor Newsom to look into their claims of evidence tampering. Original on-screen text graphic: Further test results are expected within the next few months. **On-screen text graphic for the 07/24/21 rebroadcast:** On May 28, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom ordered a comprehensive, independent investigation into the case of Kevin Cooper. The investigation will review “the facts underlying the conviction” and “all available evidence” as well as Cooper’s trial and subsequent appeals. Interviewed: Paul Ingels (private investigator); Dr. Mary Howell Josh Ryen’s maternal grandmother); Floyd Tidwell (former San Bernardino County Sheriff); Josh Ryen (survivor, interviewed as a 28-year old); Dale Sharp (Deputy Sheriff); Dennis Kottmeier (District Attorney); Norman Hile (Cooper’s defense attorney); Lee Furrow (suspect); Diana Roper (Furrow’s former girlfriend, now deceased); Christine Slonaker and Mary Wolfe (witnesses at the bar); Nicholas Kristoff (journalist, The New York Times); Tom Parke (former FBI Agent); Judge William Fletcher; Michael Ramos (current District Attorney); Dr. Paul Krane (DNA expert); Kevin Cooper (telephone interview with Correspondent Erin Moriarty); and Bicka Barlow (Defense attorney / DNA specialist) (See also: (48 HOURS MYSTERIES) "A Grandmother's Mission", OAD: 10/26/00; 1st rebroadcast: 08/03/01; 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Deadly Truth", OAD: 09/17/03 - a follow-up to “A Grandmother’s Mission”; and 48 HOURS: “Letter from San Quentin” (9:00 - 10:00p) and “Was Kevin Cooper Framed?” (10:00 - 11:00p), OAD: 01/26/19 - a two-part report.) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Marcelena Spencer, Dena Goldstein, Lisa Freed) (OAD: 03/21/20)

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48 HOURS: “The Case Against Mary Katherine Higdon” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the case against Mary Katherine Higdon, who killed her boyfriend Steven Freeman at their home in Griffin, Georgia. On August 1, 2018, Mary Katherine called 911 and told first responders she shot Steven by accident – saying that when she handed him the gun, it went off. At the police station, Mary Katherine allegedly changed her story and confessed to murder. However, there were problems with the police investigation: the audio on the tape was impossible to hear due to a feedback hum and first responders moved the gun found next to Steven. Nevertheless, the prosecution believed they had a strong case based on the forensic evidence. The trial began in June 2019; both the prosecution and defense claimed abuse. Ultimately, the jury sided with the defense and Mary Katherine was found not guilty on all charges. **On-screen text graphic:** Mary Katherine Higdon has moved to another state. To honor Steven, Jennifer Freeman volunteers to raise awareness about domestic violence. Interviewed: Mary Katherine Higdon; Jennifer Freeman, Steven’s mother; Tom Higdon, Mary Katherine’s father; Sarah Higdon, Mary Katherine’s sister; Thomas Skinner, Andrew McRee, and Chase Pruitt, Steven’s friends; Detective Adam Trammel; Lieutenant Chris Wilson; Kate Lenhard, prosecutor; Jorge Carabajal and Michael Granims, Mary Katherine’s public defenders; Victor, juror; and Chris, juror. (C: David Begnaud – P: Clare Friedland) (OAD: 09/23/20 as 48 HOURS SUSPICION: “The Case Against Mary Katherine Higdon”)

07/31/21

48 HOURS: “Lizzie Borden Took an Axe...” (9:00 – 10:00p) – a report detailing the 1892 murder accusations against Lizzie Borden and a mock trial with modern forensics experts, attorneys and jurors. The Borden family lived in Fall River, MA. Despite his wealth, Andrew Borden was known to be very frugal. He lived in a house that lacked indoor plumbing and gas lighting, with daughters Emma and Lizzie and second wife Abby. On August 4th, 1892, Lizzie alerted her neighbor that her father had been killed. The neighbor noted that there was no blood on her. When police arrived, they found Andrew in the sitting room and Abby in an upstairs room – both had been hacked to death. Emma had been away visiting friends and was not at the house. Five days later, Lizzie was able to give her version of events during the police inquest. Police were able to construct a timeline for the murders and when looking for a motive, focused on how Lizzie and Emma begrudged their father for his frugality and for buying a house for his wife’s sister, rather than the two of them. Other than around the bodies, the only blood found in the house was a spot on one of Lizzie’s undergarments and the bloody rags in the basement. Lizzie explained both were the result of her menstruating, and the primitiveness of forensics at the time did not allow for further testing. Police were also suspicious that the day after her father’s funeral, Lizzie burned a dress in the stove and claimed it was ruined from paint. Initially lacking a murder weapon, police later found a hatchet head covered with ash in the basement; the handle appeared to have been freshly broken off. Witnesses claimed to have seen Lizzie’s failed attempt to buy prussic acid, a powerful poison. Lizzie was arrested for murder at the close of the inquest. On June 5th, 1893, Lizzie’s trial began in New Bedford, MA. Over the course of a week, the prosecution laid out their case with expert witnesses and medical testimony, but the judge did not allow them to mention Lizzie’s attempt to buy poison. The defense team spent two days attempting to raise reasonable doubt. After two hours of deliberation, the all-male jury returned with a not guilty verdict. Following her acquittal, Lizzie and Emma used their inheritance to buy a large house in the rich part of town. However, Lizzie was shunned from the church that had brought her solace and Emma too eventually left her. She lived as a recluse until her death on June 1st, 1927. Emma would pass away nine days later. Both were laid to rest near Andrew and Abby. Nevertheless, popular culture has cast Lizzie Borden as one of America’s most notorious killers. Los Angeles author Cara Robertson first became interested in Lizzie Borden when searching a subject for her college thesis; 30 years later, Simon & Schuster published her book, The Trial of Lizzie Borden. Using a jury recruiting firm and paid jurors, a modern Lizzie Borden trial is staged with Anna-Sigga Niccolazzi as prosecutor; Matthew Troiano for the defense; and Erin Rubas and Andrew Schweighardt as expert witnesses. Both attorneys would only be able to use evidence presented at the original trial. The eight jurors deliberated, with attorneys allowed to listen in. After one hour, a vote was taken: on the first count, the murder of Abby Borden, it was a hung jury with only one juror voting not guilty; on the second count, the murder of Andrew Borden, it was again a hung jury, with two not guilty votes. *(No on-screen text graphic for the 03/28/20 original broadcast and the 12/26/20 rebroadcast.)* **On-screen text graphic for the 07/31/21 rebroadcast:** Last May, Lizzie Borden’s house was sold for \$1.8 million. It is still a museum and bed and breakfast. Interviewed: Cara Robertson, author; Anna-Sigga Niccolazzi, former prosecutor, Brooklyn district attorney; Matthew Troiano, defense attorney; Erin Rubas, crime scene investigator, former homicide detective; and Andrew Schweighardt, criminalist, New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Josh Gelman) (OAD: 03/28/20; 1st Rebroadcast: 12/26/20)

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48 HOURS: “The Murder of Anna Repkina” (10:00 – 11:00p) - a report on the murder of a Russian woman who moved to Oregon for marriage and ended up in a love triangle. In December 2016, Anna Repkina visited Portland, OR to spend time with a man she met dating online, Will Hargrove. At the end of the ten day trip, the two were engaged to be married. However, Anna was unaware that Will had already been in a relationship with Michelle Chavez since 2015. In fact, Will had been renting a room in Michelle’s home and used her ring to propose to Anna. In March 2017, Anna moved to the United States and began living with Will in Corvallis, OR. Unbeknownst to her, Will was still seeing Michelle. In April 2017, Michelle gave Will an ultimatum, forcing him to choose between her and Anna. He chose Michelle and told her that Anna would be gone by 6PM on Easter Sunday. The day after Easter, Anna’s body was found on a remote logging road. She had been killed by a shotgun blast to the head. Investigators found a fast food receipt that they were able to link to Will. Investigators later questioned then arrested him for Anna’s murder. Investigators searched Will’s car and found a shotgun with his fingerprint on it. They also checked Will’s cell phone GPS data and, because he called Michelle, were able to place him at the logging road. In October 2019, Will went to trial where he was found guilty for murder, as well as theft and identity theft for using Anna’s ATM card. He was sentenced to life with the possibility of parole. **On-screen text graphic:** Anna Repkina's ashes were flown back to Russia. Will Hargrove has filed an appeal. Interviewed: Ryan Joslin, deputy district attorney, Bend County, OR; Amie Matusko, deputy district attorney, Bend County, OR; Lt. Chris Duffit, police detective; Jamie Klotz, Will’s friend; Joseph Thompson, Will’s friend; Michelle Chavez, Will’s girlfriend; Chris Dale, police detective. (C: Tracy Smith – P: Susan Mallie, Jennifer Terker) (OAD: 10/31/20)

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