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FACE THE NATION

02/04/24

Guests: Senator Kyrsten Sinema (I-AZ) (1); Jake Sullivan, national security adviser, Biden administration (2); Holly Williams, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (3); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (4); Representative Jim Hines (D-CT) (4); General Frank McKenzie (Retired), former commander, U.S. Central Command (5)

1) Topics include: Senate immigration bill funding / changes to catch and release policy / asylum policies / migrants being abused by the drug cartels / legal requirements for the Biden administration to implement new immigration laws / chances for the bill to get through the House / timeline for the bill to pass the Senate; reelection plans

2) Topics include: strikes against the Houthis / Iran's involvement in the attacks on American troops / telegraphing the attacks; polling about the Israel's military campaign in Gaza / Israel's statements on a hostage deal / Israel offering a hostage deal / Gaza residents' right to return to their homes

3) a report from Erbil, Iraq, on the strikes on Yemen, targeting Houthi interests, as the United States appears to carefully calibrate its response in order to avoid an escalation in violence or embolden its enemies

4) Topics include: telegraphing strikes against the Houthis / unknown outcome of the strikes / attacks on American troops predating October 7th / stand-alone bill for Israeli funding / question of Democrats protecting Speaker Johnson to help pass funding for Israel; Republican support for the Senate immigration bill / bipartisan support for the immigration bill

5) Topics include: impact of the strikes against the Houthis / campaign against Iran as a possible target / power changes in Iran after the death of Qasem Soleimani; Israel's campaign in Gaza against Hamas

02/11/24

Guests: Nikki Haley, former governor (R-SC), 2024 Republican presidential candidate (1); Bob Bauer, President Biden's personal attorney (2); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (3); Mike Morell, former deputy director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), CBS News senior national security contributor (4); Samantha Vinograd, former top counterterrorism official, Department of Homeland Security, CBS News contributor, senior adviser, Biden Institute, University of Delaware (4); David Becker, CBS News election law contributor, founder, Center for Election Innovation and Research (5); James Brown, host, NFL TODAY, CBS News special correspondent (6)

1) Topics include: mental acuity tests for presidential candidates; Donald Trump's remarks about NATO countries paying their dues; Trump's comments about her husband; bill supporting Ukraine; Israel's military response against Hamas

2) Topics include: special counsel's report about President Biden / Attorney General Merrick Garland / The Justice Department / President Biden's fitness to serve / Mr. Biden's performance during his testimony / possibility of the interview transcripts between the special counsel and the President being made public / Vice President Kamala Harris' accusation against the special counsel of being politically motivated / "...looking at this particular performance by this particular special counsel in this particular case" / the President's aides who packed the classified material / specific documents the President said he was retaining for posterity's sake

3) Topics include: passing the Senate spending bill for Ukraine; possible executive action at the border; using the spending bill to reign in Israel in their war against Hamas / White House official's comments to Arab-Americans in Michigan about the Israeli government and the lives of Palestinians / the President wanting Israel to defeat Hamas and protect innocent lives; Mr. Biden's mental and physical acuity to campaign

4) Topics include: similarities between the classified items in President Biden's possession and Donald Trump's possession / what does the special counsel's conclusions say to government employees tasked with handling classified information / should the President apologize for mishandling classified information

5) Topics include: his doubt that the Supreme Court will take up Donald Trump's claims of immunity / would a president face prosecution for political decisions / claims of unequal justice for Trump with the non-prosecution of Biden; Supreme Court's hearing of the Colorado ballot issue

6) Topics include: NFL's embrace of Las Vegas; NFL managing concussion issues; diversity in leadership in the NFL / players seeing changes in diverse hires on the field and in the team offices

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Guests: Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) (1); Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) (2); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (3); Representative Jim Clyburn (D-SC) (4); Douglas Brinkley, presidential historian, author, "The Unfinished Presidency" (5); Amie Parnes, co-author, "Lucky – How Joe Biden Barely Won the Presidency" (5); Mark Strassman, CBS News senior national correspondent (6)

Guest Moderator: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent

1) Topics include: funding for Ukraine and the border / emerging House bill for Ukraine and border funding; the death of Alexei Navalny in a Russian prison / legislation making Russia a state sponsor of terrorism; will Donald Trump support Ukraine and border legislation / Mr. Trump's comments on NATO and Russia; possibility of Special Counsel Hur testifying in the Senate after his House testimony

2) Topics include: impact of Mr. Trump's legal issues on his campaign / differences in the justice system's charges against Mr. Trump and President Biden's handling of classified documents; the role of the vice president in terms of election certification; negative remarks made about him by Nikki Haley's son; Donald Trump's disparaging comments about Nikki Haley

3) Topics include: Trump ruling in the civil fraud case and possible payment / upcoming New York hush money criminal trial / can a person run for President and be convicted of a crime / turmoil surrounding Fani Willis and the election fraud case in Georgia

4) Topics include: Biden reelection campaign concerns / the use of AI / turnout concerns in the upcoming election; Biden administration's support for Israel and Prime Minister Netanyahu / Mr. Biden's relationship with Netanyahu; what President Biden has to do to secure the Black vote; the President's age in the upcoming election

5) Topics include: the health of Jimmy Carter and his legacy; similarities between Jimmy Carter and Joe Biden's first term; Vice President Kamala Harris's role in the upcoming election; Dr. Jill Biden's role in the reelection campaign; President Biden's belief that he is the only person who can beat Mr. Trump / Mr. Biden's concern that the improving economy does not get the attention it deserves / news reports focus on his age; the changing Republican party from the party of Reagan to the party of Trump; how the Biden campaign deals with foreign conflicts; concerns about Robert Kennedy Jr. and Cornell West's campaigns; Mr. Trump's legal issues

6) a report from Houston, TX, on the most recent shootings in America: at the Super Bowl celebration parade in Kansas City and at a mega-church in Houston, and their impact on the American public

02/25/24

Guests: Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (1); Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister, Israel (2); Representative Debbie Dingell (D-MI) (3); Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) (4); Representative Jared Golden (D-ME) (4); Oksana Markarova, Ukraine's ambassador to the United States (5); Fiona Hill, former senior director for European and Russian affairs, National Security Council, Trump administration (6)

1) a report from Charleston, SC, on former President Donald Trump's big win, despite it being Nikki Haley's home state

2) Topics include: possible deal to return the hostages / Hamas' demands for the hostage release / victory for Israel / White House's desire to see plans that protect civilians in Gaza / question of moving civilians to Egypt, threatening years of peace between Israel and Egypt; Mr. Netanyahu's relationship with American officials / international recognition of a Palestine state; reports about civilian casualties

3) Topics include: Democratic primary voters voting uncommitted to send a message to President Biden that they do not support his foreign policy; U.S. policy on keeping Gaza civilians safe / President not calling for a ceasefire; President Biden's decision not to meet with Michigan's Arab-American voters; if abortion rights concerns cancel out unhappiness with international affairs

4) Topics include: forcing a vote on a new foreign aid bill for Ukraine and Israel that secures the border / lack of humanitarian aid and remain in Mexico policy in the bill being a non-starter for many House Democrats / possible amendments to the bill; possible government shutdown; prodding the new Speaker of the House into being more decisive

5) Topics include: status of the Ukraine-Russia war / urgent need for aid to Ukraine / Russia's recent victories; election year issues influencing support for Ukraine; Ukrainian children abducted by Russia to be indoctrinated and adopted by Russians

6) Topics include: President Putin changing his mind on the return of Alexei Navalny's body to his mother a week after his death / how Mr. Putin's arrest of an American citizen and battlefield victories have emboldened him; Donald Trump's comparison of himself to Mr. Navalny; politicizing aid to Ukraine

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60 MINUTES

- 02/04/24 **“Chairman Powell”** – an interview with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell from Washington, D.C. He discusses the state of the economy, the future of interest rates, and possible next steps for the Federal Reserve. (See also: “The Chairman”, 03/10/19, Rebroadcast: 06/02/19; “Chairman of the Federal Reserve”, OAD: 05/17/20; and “Chairman Powell”, OAD: 04/11/21) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster)
- “A Hole In The System”** – a report on Chinese migrants. As Chinese asylum seekers enter the U.S. through Mexico at an exceedingly high rate, some by utilizing instructions found on TikTok, many say they are attempting to escape China’s struggling economy and government oppression. Includes interviews with a number of Chinese migrants; Jerry Shuster, who owns property just north of the border fence outside Jacumba Hot Springs, California; Jacqueline Arellano, a border volunteer offering humanitarian aid to migrants; and Tammy Lin, an immigration attorney working with Chinese clients. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile)
- “The Mismatch”** – a report on sports betting. New ease of access to online gambling has sparked a rapid increase in sports betting, mostly among younger men, some of whom now face debt and addiction. Includes interviews with Billy, Andrew, and John, casual bettors; Joe Ruscillo, who struggles with gambling; Harry Levant, a gambling addiction therapist; Matt Zarb-Cousin, a gambling reformer in the U.K.; Bill Miller, president of the American Gaming Association; Dick Daynard, a law professor at Northeastern University and architect of the first major lawsuits against big tobacco companies; and Mark Gottlieb, a public interest lawyer at Northeastern. (See also: “All Bets Are On!”, OAD: 03/24/19) (C: Jon Wertheim – P: David M. Levine)
- The Last Minute** – an update to “Ingenuity & Perseverance”, OAD: 05/09/21. (C: Scott Pelley)
- 02/11/24 PREEMPTED
- 02/18/24 **“Crisis in the Red Sea”** – a report on the U.S. Navy’s response to Houthi attacks in the Red Sea from inside the 5th Fleet’s Command Center at Naval Headquarters in Bahrain. As the U.S. Navy attempts to stop the disruption of global trade in the Red Sea, the Yemeni Houthi rebels continue to launch attacks on commercial ships as a sign of solidarity with Hamas. Includes interviews with Vice Admiral Brad Cooper, the U.S. military’s deputy commander in the Middle East and the Navy’s top officer in the region; and Commander Justin Smith and Rear Admiral Marc Miguez, who are stationed in the area. (C: Norah O’Donnell – P: Keith Sharman, Roxanne Feitel)
- “Fake Electors”** – a report on Wisconsin’s fake presidential electors following President Joe Biden’s victory in the 2020 presidential election. As criminal charges mount against fake electors in Georgia, Michigan and Nevada, Wisconsin’s GOP electors now allege they were duped by the Trump campaign’s attempts to overturn the election based on unfounded allegations of voter fraud. Includes interviews with Andrew Hitt, an attorney and former Wisconsin Republican Party chairman; Jack Smith, Special Counsel for the U.S. Department of Justice; and Alesha Guenther, who delivered the fake elector documents to Washington. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Sarah Koch)
- “Finding Cillian Murphy”** – an interview with actor Cillian Murphy from Ireland. He discusses his Best Actor Oscar nomination for *Oppenheimer*, his acting methods and his dislike of the spotlight. Includes interviews with Emily Blunt, actress and *Oppenheimer* co-star; and Eileen Walsh, actress and co-star in the 2001 film *Disco Pigs*. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young)
- The Last Minute** – Alexey Navalny, Russia’s most prominent opposition leader, died at his Arctic prison. In 2020, while recovering from poisoning, he spoke with 60 MINUTES. (“Putin’s Public Enemy”, OAD: 10/18/20) (C: Lesley Stahl)
- 02/25/24 **“142 Days In Gaza”** – a report on the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. In response to the October 7th attacks by Hamas, the Israeli military has launched a steady offensive campaign which has killed more than 29,000 Palestinians, displaced residents and destroyed cities. As the war continues, Gaza’s humanitarian aid and healthcare system deficiently operate amidst dire circumstances. Includes interviews with Dr. Nahreen Ahmed, a critical care specialist from Pennsylvania working at the Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza; Nebal Farsakh, spokesperson for the Palestinian Red Crescent; and Scott Anderson, a U.S. Army veteran and former deputy director of operations for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency who returned to his job when the war began in October. (See also: “The Lesson of War”, OAD: 05/03/15) (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie)
- “An American in China”** – an interview with U.S. ambassador to China Nicholas Burns from Beijing and Shanghai. Since 2020, very few Western journalists have entered the country under the direction of President Xi Jinping. Burns discusses contentious relations between China and the U.S., China’s struggling economy due to its dwindling population, and the effects of the country’s zero-Covid policy on its citizens. Also includes interviews with Xiangwei Gong, a Chinese-born U.S. citizen and president of Aptar Asia; Joerg Wuttke, a German businessman who represents BASF; William Li, CEO and founder of NIO; and Alex Gu, CEO and founder of Fourier Intelligence. (C: Lesley Stahl - Producer for Part I: Richard Bonin; Producers for Part II: Richard Bonin, Mirella Brussani) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT
- The Last Minute** – an update to “A Hole In The System”, OAD: 02/04/24. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi)

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48 HOURS: “Who Took Our Dad? The Abduction of Ray Wright” – a report on the disappearance of Ray Wright and the events which led to the conviction of two men for his kidnapping and murder. When Ray Wright, a 55-year-old twice divorced father of two and a master carpenter, suddenly lost contact with his family on January 11th, 2018, they were immediately concerned and feared a relapse. Ray, a recovering alcoholic, had spent time in prison for a November 2011 car accident in which he drove drunk, struck another vehicle and seriously injured the married couple inside. Two days after his 2018 disappearance, his brother Dean Wright confronted an intruder in Ray’s home in Rocklin, CA, a Sacramento suburb. The man ran out the back door but left a soda cup and straw behind in the kitchen which, when tested, gave investigators key forensic evidence. Sixteen days after Ray vanished, a high-speed chase ended with the arrest of Victor Gray, whose wrecked van contained a treasure trove of evidence, including a blood-soaked raincoat, a baseball cap printed with ‘Ray Wright Design’ and Ray’s wallet. Victor’s cellphone contained a picture of a letter he wrote to a man named Bob, in which Victor demanded payment because he “hand delivered you your revenge.” Additionally, the registration tag on the van actually belonged to Ray’s 2016 Ford pickup truck. Three months after Ray’s disappearance, the DNA left in the straw was matched to Victor Gray, which placed him in Ray’s house. Text messages on his phone led investigators to Katie Barnard, who lived in a trailer next to Ray’s cabinet shop in Rio Linda. When questioned in October 2018, Katie eventually admitted that she surveilled Ray because she believed Victor wanted to steal his truck. Additionally, Katie identified Bob as Robert “Bobby” Manor, her ex-boyfriend; she later told investigators that Bob admitted to killing Ray and threatened her to never speak of it again. Robert Manor and his wife were the couple Ray struck when he drove drunk in 2011; he was a feared methamphetamine dealer in North Sacramento who had been in prison for assault and selling drugs, armed with a gun. Multiple witnesses told investigators that he had wanted revenge and cryptically admitted his crime to others. In March 2021, Robert Manor and Victor Gray were charged with the kidnapping and murder of Ray Wright; both men pleaded not guilty. The trial began March 2023 and since there was still no body, the case had become a nobody homicide. On March 17th, Robert Manor and Victor Gray were found guilty of first degree murder and kidnapping; both were sentenced to life without the possibility of parole on April 28th. Until Ray’s body is found, the case remains an open missing person’s case with the Rocklin Police Department. **On-screen text graphic:** If you have any information about Ray Wright’s whereabouts please call Rocklin Police (916) 625-5400. Interviewed: Matt Chisholm, prosecutor; Haley Kendall, Ray Wright’s daughter; Zack Lewis, sergeant, Rocklin Police Department; Peggy Wright, Ray Wright’s ex-wife; Dean Wright, Ray Wright’s older brother; Kennedy Wright, Ray Wright’s daughter; Ashley Englefield, investigator, Placer County District Attorney; and Bob Manor, suspect in the kidnapping and murder of Ray Wright, interviewed while in the Sacramento County jail. (C: Natalie Morales – P: Mead Stone)

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48 HOURS: “Christy and Hilda’s Last Dance” (9:00 – 10:00p) - On Friday, November 12th, 2021, model Christy Giles and her friend Hilda Marcela Cabrales-Arzola went to a warehouse party in Los Angeles, CA. The next afternoon, both women were left at separate hospitals by two men in a car with no license plate, who in each instance claimed to have found a woman “passed out on the curb somewhere nearby”: Christy at Southern California Medical Center and Hilda at Kaiser Permanente Hospital. Christy died of a drug overdose; Hilda spent two weeks on life support, before her family decided to donate her organs. The police suspected foul play and made use of the digital trail left behind. Christy’s phone led investigators to the apartment of David Pearce, who passed himself off as a Hollywood producer; surveillance footage tied him, his roommate Brandt Osborn and their friend, photographer Michael Ansbach, to the crime. Three weeks after Hilda’s death the men were arrested; Brandt and Michael were released, but David was held on four unrelated sexual assault charges. When news of David’s arrest was made public, more women came forward. In May 2022, the prosecution added three more counts of sexual assault against David; he is currently charged with eleven counts, seven counts of drugging and sexually assaulting, forcibly raping and/or sodomizing several women, two counts of murder and two counts of providing a controlled substance, that being Fentanyl. So far, the prosecution has “declined” to charge Michael Ansbach; he’s cooperating with prosecutors and will likely testify against his two friends. This broadcast features the first primetime television interview with Jan Cilliers, the husband of Christy Giles, as well as the parents and friends of Hilda Marcela Cabrales-Arzola. **On-screen text graphic:** A trial date has not been set for David Pearce or Brandt Osborn. Interviewed: Barry Telis, retired homicide detective, Los Angeles Police Department, CBS News consultant; Mary Fulginiti, former prosecutor and defense attorney; Fernanda Cabrales-Arzola, Hilda Marcela’s sister; Jan Cilliers, Christy’s husband; Dr. Hilda Marcela Arzola-Plascencia, Hilda Marcela’s mother; Dusty and Leslie Giles, Christy’s parents; Misty Weldon, Christy’s sister; Luis Cabrales, Hilda Marcela’s father; Fernanda Cantisani and Alan Betancourt, Hilda Marcela’s friends; Erica Bergman (aka Erykah Poe), assaulted by David Pearce and tried to warn others about him on “The Dirty” blog; and Josh Ritter, former Los Angeles assistant district attorney, practicing defense attorney, advising Jan Cilliers on legal issues. Brandt Osborn, charged as an accessory to murder after the fact, responded to a question from Greg Fisher, a 48 HOURS producer, outside of court. (Contributor: Jonathan Vigliotti – Producer: Liza Finley) (OAD: 04/15/23)

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48 HOURS: “Justice for Amie Harwick” (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update on the murder of Aime Harwick, a prominent Los Angeles therapist and author, who was killed by Gareth Pursehouse, an ex-boyfriend and photographer. This broadcast contains an interview with Michael Herman, Aime’s roommate, who is publicly telling his story for the first time, as well as interviews which reveal the impact Aime had on her friends, family and clients; also included are details of the case from the lead detective and district attorney’s point of view, and the August 2023 trial. In the early morning hours of February 15th, 2020, Michael telephoned police to report that his roommate had been attacked. When police responded, they found 38-year-old Aime lying unresponsive on the ground beneath the third-floor balcony of her bedroom; Aime was transported to the hospital, where she died. Her friends and parents told investigators about Gareth Pursehouse, an abusive ex-boyfriend, who she began dating in 2009. After Aime ended the relationship, she obtained a restraining order against Gareth in 2012, who continued his obsession. In a chance encounter at an awards show in January 2020, Gareth confronted her and then stalked her through texts and phone calls; Aime blocked his number. Investigators and prosecutors believed Gareth was lying in wait in Aime’s home and hoped to catch her off guard, and that he wanted to make a statement by killing her on Valentine’s Day. Gareth was charged with Aime’s murder on February 19th, 2020; his trial began in August 2023. At first, the defense claimed that their chance encounter sent their client into a deep depression, that Gareth’s only intention that night was to speak with her and that he intended to kill himself with the nicotine-filled syringe found at her residence. After the prosecution presented their case, the defense rested without calling any witnesses. At closing arguments, the defense presented a new theory: Aime preemptively attacked Gareth in order to subdue him. The jury found Gareth guilty of first degree murder with a special circumstance of lying in wait; two months later he was sentenced to life in prison without parole. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence or stalking, the National Domestic Violence Hotline can be reached at 1-800-799-7233. “Justice for Aime Harwick” contains interview footage from prior broadcasts on the subject. Interviewed: Michael Herman, Aime Harwick’s roommate; Penny and Tom Harwick, Aime’s parents; Chris Harwick, Aime’s brother; Emily Sears, model, Aime Harwick’s therapy client; Scott Masterson, lead detective on the Harwick case, now retired; Robert Coshland, Aime’s friend (2020 and 2023 interviews); Rudy Torres, Aime’s friend, Gareth Pursehouse’s former friend (2020 and 2023 interviews); Drew Carey, Aime’s former fiancé, host, *THE PRICE IS RIGHT* (2022 interview); Victor Avila, deputy district attorney; and Catherine Mariano, deputy district attorney. (See also: 48 HOURS: “The Life and Death of Amie Harwick”, OAD: 02/22/20, Rebroadcast: 08/29/20; and 48 HOURS: “The Final Hours of Amie Harwick”, OAD: 02/12/22, Rebroadcast: 09/03/22) (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Richard Fetzer, Lauren A. White)

02/17/24

48 HOURS: “The Assassination of Jeff German” – a report on the murder of Jeff German, a *Las Vegas Review-Journal* investigative reporter and local legend, renowned for his reporting on infamous mobsters, crooked politicians and murderers. On September 2nd, 2022, Jeff was ambushed and stabbed seven times by an unknown assailant outside his home in Las Vegas, NV, in an attack captured on video. A neighbor discovered his body 24 hours later. Staff member at the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* started working to determine who killed their coworker; one of the names on their list of people who may have threatened him was Robert Telles, a Clark County public administrator. Jeff had written four articles about his alleged hostile behavior at the office, which included harassment, bullying, physical intimidation and discrimination, after he learned about the accusations of a toxic workplace from Clark County employees Rita Reid, Aleisha Goodwin, Jessica Coleman and Noraine Pagdanganan. The four women also said Robert was having an inappropriate relationship with a subordinate in the office and gave her power and privileges beyond her job title. The impact of Jeff’s first piece was immediate: the county assigned an outside consultant and Robert lost his bid for reelection in the primary. Jeff wrote three more articles, with another in the works at the time of his death. On September 7th, 2022, Jeff was brought in for questioning while police searched his home and cars and collected crucial evidence. After positive DNA results showed Robert’s DNA at the crime scene, police arrived to arrest him, but he refused to come out of his home and cut himself. A *Las Vegas Review-Journal* photographer was the only one who captured Robert’s arrest by SWAT and it made the front page the following morning. Six weeks later, he was indicted for murder with use of a deadly weapon. Robert maintains his innocence and claims he was framed. **On-screen text graphic:** Robert Telles’ trial is scheduled for March 18, 2024. Interviewed: Briana Erickson, investigative journalist, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Glenn Cook, executive editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Rhonda Prast, investigative journalist, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Aleisha Goodwin, estate coordinator, Robert Telles’ office/public administrator’s office; Jessica Coleman, estate coordinator, Robert Telles’ office/public administrator’s office; Rita Reid, estate coordinator, Robert Telles’ office/public administrator’s office; Noraine Pagdanganan, estate coordinator, Robert Telles’ office/public administrator’s office; Mark Fierro, T.V. reporter, Jeff German’s friend; Art Kane, former reporter, current investigation’s editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; Kevin Cannon, photographer, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; David Ferrara, assistant city editor, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*; and Robert Telles, video interview at the Clark County Detention Center. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Liza Finley, Gabriella Demirdjian)

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48 HOURS: “Alisa Mathewson’s Night Terrors” (9:00 – 10:00p) – a report on the 55-hour ordeal Alisa Mathewson suffered at the hands of her estranged husband, Trevor Summers, who manipulated his children into believing he just wanted to get back together with his estranged wife and their mother. Just after midnight on March 11th, 2017, Trevor drove to Alisa’s home in Valrico, FL and entered through a window, left open by their 14-year-old daughter Arden, whom Trevor manipulated into believing he wanted to reconcile and make the family whole again. Once inside the house, Trevor woke up Alisa by dripping water on her head and told Arden to drive her siblings to his house and wait. Trevor tied Alisa with a string of holiday lights, kidnapped her, sexually assaulted her and then tried to kill her; he even used Alisa’s phone to record bizarre messages, admitting to his crime. Trevor was arrested on March 13th, 2017, after police received a 911 call from a Walgreens’ employee who saw a woman attempting to flee from an SUV. Trevor’s trial began in August 2022; he was found guilty of all 11 charges and the judge sentenced him to three life sentences, followed by 224 years of prison. In a wide-ranging interview, Alisa discussed her experience and the trial, in which she faced her ex-husband, who acted as his own attorney, while on the stand. **On-screen text graphic:** Trevor Summers declined our request for an interview, citing his decision to appeal his convictions. If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. Interviewed: Alisa Mathewson; Arden Summers, Alisa and Trevor’s daughter; Jennifer Johnson and Jessica O’Connor, prosecutors, Hillsborough County State Attorney’s Office; Anthony Marchese, Trevor Summers’ court-appointed attorney (Trevor fired him before he was set to cross-examine Alisa and took over his own defense); Sgt. Christopher Steele and Sgt. Edward Remia, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office; and Jeff Mathewson, Alisa’s husband (married in 2018). (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Ruth Chenetz, Murray Weiss, Lauren Clark) (OAD: 04/22/23)

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48 HOURS: “The People v. Kouri Richins” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the death of Eric Richins and the criminal case and ongoing civil cases against his wife, Kouri Richins. Married since 2013, they had three boys; Eric started a stone masonry business and Kouri was in real estate, flipping houses. On March 4th, 2022, in Kamas, UT, Kouri found Eric unresponsive in their bed. They had celebrated Kouri’s most recent real estate deal the night before and she had prepared him a Moscow Mule (vodka and ginger beer). First responders tried to save him but were unsuccessful and said Eric died of an aneurysm. A month later, police said Eric’s death was caused by a fentanyl overdose. To help with her and her children’s grief, Kouri self-published a book, *Are You with Me?*, about coping with loss and received local media attention. On May 8th, 2023, Kouri was arrested and charged with aggravated murder; court documents allege she committed homicide by the administration of a poison. Prosecutors believe she gave Eric a lethal dose of fentanyl and his family suspects she placed it in the drink she prepared for him. Kouri’s family claims Eric was a recreational drug user and did not always buy from reputable sources. At the time of Eric’s death, there were numerous life insurance policies on him, which totaled nearly \$3 million. His family maintains their premarital agreement made Eric more valuable to Kouri dead than divorced and that she was having financial difficulties. There were problems in the marriage, including allegations of infidelity on Eric’s side and the couple had undergone counseling; Eric created a trust during their marital problems and it was kept secret until his death. Eric’s family told investigators that they suspected she had tried to kill him twice before: first in 2019, while the couple was in Greece, and then on Valentine’s Day in 2022. In June 2023, Kouri appeared in court for a bond hearing; testimony from the lead detective on the case stated that Kouri procured fentanyl from a convicted felon who worked for her. She was denied pre-trial release of any kind. In September 2023, Kouri suffered a medical emergency in custody. While she was away, jail officials found a letter, which the prosecution claimed was witness tampering and filed a November 2023 motion for a no contact order to deny Kouri access to her mother and one of her brothers. The judge denied the motion. Kouri’s family have been denied private visits with the children. There are multiple ongoing civil cases regarding Eric’s estate. Kouri denies all charges and maintains her innocence. **On-screen text graphic:** Kouri Richins is expected to go on trial in 2025. Interviewed: Greg Skordas, spokesman, Eric Richins’ family; Greg Hall, Kouri Richin’s friend, marketing director, worked with Kouri; Lisa Darden, Kouri’s mother, her first primetime interview; Skye Lazaro, Kouri’s attorney; Ronney Darden, Kouri’s brother; and DJ Darneb, Kouri’s brother. (Contributor: Natalie Morales - Producer: Betsy Shuller)
