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FACE THE NATION

- 05/01/22 **Guests:** Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (1); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (2); Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) (3); Samantha Power, administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, former ambassador to the United Nations (4); Representative Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), member, The Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol (5); Dr. Paul Burton, chief medical officer, Moderna (6); Dr. Deborah Birx, former coordinator, White House Coronavirus Task Force, Trump administration, author, "Silent Invasion" (7)
- 1) a report from Bakhmut, Ukraine, as fighting intensifies in eastern Ukraine while civilians flee
 - 2) a report and analysis on Russia's slow-moving efforts to capture territory in eastern Ukraine
 - 3) Topics include: funding from Congress for Ukraine / authorization of use of force by the United States; COVID aid / Title 42; long-term effects of COVID
 - 4) Topics include: U.S. assistance in Ukraine / authorization for the return of U.S. diplomats to Ukraine / hope for additional funding from Congress
 - 5) Topics include: series of public hearings on the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol / issuing subpoenas for members of Congress / Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene's claim of being a victim on January 6th; former President Trump's endorsement of Republican candidates in primary elections; aid for Ukraine
 - 6) Topics include: FDA review of the Moderna vaccine / effectiveness of the vaccine for children / side effects
 - 7) Topics include: judging risk of infection / need to prepare for a potential summer surge of COVID infections / topics discussed in her book covering the pandemic: institutional issues and the lack of a "plan b"
- 05/08/22 **Guests:** Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (2); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (3); Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (4); Jim Taiclet, CEO, Lockheed Martin (5); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (6); Eric Holder, former U.S. attorney general, Obama administration, author, "Our Unfinished March" (7)
- 1) Topics include: \$33 billion in aid promised to Ukraine; abortion rights / Roe v. Wade
 - 2) a report from Kramatorsk, Ukraine, as officials say Russia bombed a school with dozens of people sheltering inside
 - 3) Topics include: Russian President Putin's upcoming speech in Red Square / Russia's attempts to destroy Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty / conditions in Mariupol
 - 4) Topics include: abortion rights and restrictions; being primaried by a Trump-backed candidate
 - 5) Topics include: weapons the U.S. is sending to Ukraine; effort in Congress for legislation to manufacture semiconductors in the United States, instead of relying on Asian suppliers; need for more workers to meet the requests for F-35 fighter jets
 - 6) a report on four states – New York, Illinois, Texas, Florida – where both parties are seeking an advantage in shaping their congressional maps
 - 7) Topics include: response to criticism regarding gerrymandering, as covered in his book / gerrymandering efforts in New York, Maryland and Alabama; term limits for Supreme Court justices; reaction to criticism of current Attorney General Merrick Garland for not being aggressive enough regarding prosecutions related to the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol

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Guests: Nancy Chen, CBS News correspondent (1); Governor Kathy Hochul (D-NY) (2); Byron Brown, mayor, Buffalo, NY (3); Pete Buttigieg, U.S. secretary of transportation, Biden administration (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (5); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (6); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (7); Lloyd Blankfein, senior chairman, Goldman Sachs (8); Mark Esper, former U.S. secretary of defense, Trump administration, author, "A Sacred Oath" (9)

- 1) a report from Buffalo, NY on the deadly mass shooting in that city, which is now being investigated by the Department of Justice as a hate crime and an act of "racially motivated violent extremism"
- 2) Topics include: shooter's use of social media / investigating how the weapon was legally obtained / need for vigilance from social media companies
- 3) Topics include: uniting the city of Buffalo / sensible gun control
- 4) Topics include: mass shooting in Buffalo / availability of tactical weaponry; baby formula shortage; rising gas prices
- 5) Topics include: baby formula shortage / lack of oversight exerted by the FDA at a manufacturing facility; surge of COVID infections, particularly in the Northeast and parts of the Mid-Atlantic / possible summer surge
- 6) a report from Philadelphia, where top Republicans are flocking in the final days before Tuesday's red-hot Senate primary election in Pennsylvania
- 7) a report from Vinnytsia, Ukraine on Finland's announcement that it wants to join NATO, and Ukraine's key victory in the battle for Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city
- 8) Topics include: inflation / factors driving the price increases / risk of a recession
- 9) Topics include: his book, "A Sacred Oath", which chronicles his time in the Trump administration / January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol / events in Lafayette Square / threat to democracy posed by Trump and those around him

05/22/22

Guests: Anthony Salvanto, CBS News director of elections and surveys (1); Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) (2); Representative Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), chairman, House Democratic Caucus (3); Robert Gates, former United States secretary of defense (4) (7); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (5); Jason Furman, former chairman, Council of Economic Advisors, Obama administration (6)

- 1) a breakdown of a new CBS News poll that finds the number of Americans who say things are going badly in the country, particularly with the economy, is at the highest rate of the Biden presidency
- 2) Topics include: issues driving voters in the upcoming midterm elections / 2020 presidential election; Scott's 11-point plan to fight inflation / ending all imports from China / bipartisan criticism to his plan; poll results on the importance of condemning white nationalism
- 3) Topics include: poll results on President Biden's performance / police reform / poll results indicating some Democrats view their own Party as weak; fight over the congressional map in New York
- 4) Topics include: support for the public hearings on the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol; concern should Mr. Trump run for office again
- 5) a report from Atlanta, where former President Donald Trump has backed several candidates in Tuesday's upcoming primaries in Georgia
- 6) Topics include: "not super worried about a recession" in the next six to twelve months / inflation / proposed "price gouging" bills / factors contributing to the current state of the economy
- 7) Topics include: geopolitical impact of Sweden and Finland joining NATO / Russia's invasion of Ukraine / Vladimir Putin; China's global role; U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan; polarization between Democrats and Republicans

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05/29/22 **Guests:** Omar Villafranca, CBS News correspondent (1); Ronald Garza, Uvalde County Commissioner (2); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election and campaign correspondent (3); Governor Asa Hutchinson (R-AR) (4); Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) (5); Representative Val Demings (R-FL) (6); Nicole Hockley, mom of Sandy Hook victim Dylan Hockley and CEO of Sandy Hook Promise (7); Jaelyn Corin, former junior class president at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School and American activist against gun violence (7)

- 1) a report from Uvalde, Texas on the improper police response to the shooting at Robb Elementary School
- 2) Topics include: lack of presence by the school's assigned police officer / anger in the Uvalde community / FBI investigation into the shooting / potential demolition of Robb Elementary
- 3) a report from Houston, Texas where protestors gathered at the site of a National Rifle Association convention
- 4) Topics include: security measures to prevent mass shootings / availability of semiautomatic assault rifles / alters to notify law enforcement of potential security threats
- 5) Topics include: red flag laws and expanded background checks / stalled attempts to change gun laws / bipartisan compromise on safety regulations / lingering effects on a community in the wake of mass shootings
- 6) Topics include: gun control debates in the Senate / federal money allocated to the state for public safety / police reform and standardized training for law enforcement / the need for a federal investigation of the Uvalde shooting
- 7) Topics include: warning signs for recognizing and preventing violent behavior / activist efforts to change legislation / personal experiences with mass shootings / increased police presence

60 MINUTES

05/01/22 **"Harvest Of War"** – a report on the hunger crisis in Ukraine. The World Food Programme's efforts continue to provide relief, as they have throughout the war. Includes interviews with David Beasley, Executive Director of the U.N.'s World Food Programme; Andrii Khludov, Hanna, Rostyslav, and Lyudmyla, who all fled Ukraine; Gennadiy Trukhanov, Mayor of Odesa; and Arif Husain, the World Food Programme's Chief Economist. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young)

"Eurovision" – a report on the Eurovision song contest, and specifically its popularity in Iceland. The annual songwriting competition is the world's largest musical event and live TV show, and features performers from across Europe. Includes interviews with Jon Jonsson, Bjorg Magnúsdóttir, hosts of Eurovision Iceland; Runar Gíslason, Executive Producer of the Icelandic contest; Gundi Johannesson, President of Iceland; Disa, Steiney, Steinunn, Sura, members of the band Reykjavíkurdætur; Sigga, Beta, and Elin, members of the band Songvakeppnin Unplugged; and Dave Goodman; communications lead for the contest. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Nathalie Sommer)

"Birds Aren't Real" – an interview with Peter McIndoe, founder of Birds Aren't Real. A movement launched in satire, he says the project reflects American absurdity and has many people believing that birds are not real. Includes interviews with Claire Chronis, Cameron Kasky and Connor Gaydos, all of whom work on the project; and Lauren Kerstell, Ally Perkins and Jenny Bailey, friends of McIndoe. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Draggan Mihailovich)

05/08/22 **"Mark Esper"** – an interview with former U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper. He discusses his relationship with President Trump, his new book and his firing days after the 2020 election. (C: Norah O'Donnell – P: Keith Sharman)

"Crisis" – a report on the rising rates of mental health issues in youth. As instances of suicide, self-harm and depression continue to increase, the CDC fears a lack of resources may be to blame. Includes interviews with Dr. Michelle Pickett, emergency room doctor at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee; Sophia Jimenez, Neenah Hughes and Austin Bruenger, who dealt with mental health during the pandemic; Melissa Bruenger, Austin's mother; Tammy Makhlof, child therapist; and Dr. Brilliant Nimmer, the first pediatrician in Milwaukee to create a therapist's office inside her office. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Ashley Velie)

"Ballet in Exile" – a report on the effect of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on ballet. As the war continues, many dancers have condemned the invasion and moved elsewhere to pursue dance. Includes interviews with Olga Smirnova, Russian dancer and former lead dancer with the Bolshoi; Alexei Ratmansky, who trained at the Bolshoi and was its former artistic director; Polina Chepyk, a ballerina; Larissa Saveliev, founder of the Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition; Oleskii Potiomkin, a Principal Dancer with Ukraine's National Ballet who now serves as an army medic; and Ted Brandsen, head of the Dutch National Ballet. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts)

The Last Minute – the leak of the Supreme Court's draft decision on abortion rights

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- 05/15/22 **“Bellingcat”** – a report on Bellingcat, a team of online data detectives. As reported war crimes in Ukraine increase, the organization is building a database of social media exposing the Russian military. Includes interviews with Eliot Higgins, Bellingcat founder; Christo Grozev, executive director of Bellingcat; and Alexa Koenig, executive director of the University of California, Berkeley, Human Rights Center. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Henry Schuster)
“Sharswood” – an interview with Fred Miller. The Miller family, who recently purchased a large southern home, have come to realize their ancestors were enslaved on the very same plantation. Includes interviews with Adam Miller, Tonya Miller Pope, Debra Coles, Karen Dixon-Rexroth; Betty Dixon, Brenda Miller, Dexter Miller, Sonya Womack-Miranda, Marian Keyes, all members of the Miller family; Bill Thompson, whose family formerly owned the farm; Dennis Pogue and Doug Sanford, historic preservationists; and Karice Luck-Brimmer, a local historian and genealogist. (Part 1. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein/Part 2. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein and Braden Cleveland Bergan) **DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT**
The Mail – selected viewer comments on “Crisis” (OAD: 05/08/22)
- 05/22/22 60 MINUTES (7:50 – 8:50p)
“In Short Supply” – a report on essential drug shortages at hospitals. As pharmaceutical companies focus on profitable medicines, many fear the medicines they require will stop being produced at the rate they’re needed. Includes interviews with Dr. Mitch Goldstein, neonatologist at Loma Linda University Children’s Hospital in California; Anthony Gobin, head of the pharmacy at Loma Linda Hospital; Sarah Carney and Cyndi Valenta, whose children were both treated at Loma Linda Hospital for leukemia; Dr. Cindy Schwartz, Milwaukee pediatric oncologist and a committee chair of the Children’s Oncology Group; Ross Day, former director of Vizient; and Bill Simmons, a former high-ranking generic drug executive. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Sam Hornblower)
“Hope Chicago” – a report on Johnson College Prep in Chicago and the scholarships offered to students from Hope Chicago. Funding tuition for graduating seniors with limited financial resources, the program is also the first of its kind to offer free tuition to the students’ parents. Includes interviews with Jonas Cleaves, Principal of Johnson College Prep; Ajani Cunningham, and Kavarrion Newson, students at Johnson College Prep; Pete Kadens, founder and co-chairman of Hope Chicago; Janice Jackson, former CEO of Chicago Public Schools and head of Hope Chicago; and Yolanda White, mother of Ajani Cunningham. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Nicole Young)
“Jonas Kaufmann” – a profile of opera singer Jonas Kaufmann. The German tenor discusses his childhood home, his infamous cancellations, and how he protects his voice. (C: Norah O’Donnell – P: Kaylee Tully)
- 05/22/22 **60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Cheers!”** (8:50 - 9:50p)
“Weather & Wine” – a report on the effect of climate change on wine production. Rising temperatures impacting wine regions have vastly changed the economy of the industry. Includes interviews with Christine Sevillano, a tenth generation wine maker for the house of Piot-Sevillano; Jacques Lurton, the head of a wine family dynasty who runs the Chateau La Louviere; Greg Jones, a research climatologist with Southern Oregon University; Nathalie Ollat, director of the project at the Bordeaux Science Institute of Vine and Wine; Stephen Skelton, a viticulturist and member of the Institute of Masters of Wine; and Patrick McGrath who represents Tattinger in Great Britain. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Richard Bonin) **DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT** (OAD: 12/26/21 on 60 MINUTES)
“Whither ye Olde English Pub” – a report on the effect of COVID on British pubs. Includes interviews with Christo Tofalli, owner of Ye Olde Fighting Cocks pub; Al Murray, writer and comedian; Paul and Bernice Drew, owners of the Old Star pub; Pete Brown, Britain’s leading writer on beer and pubs; Roxy Beaujolais, owner and chef of the Seven Stars pub; Heather and Hugh Macaulay, owners of The Bell Inn; and Clement Ogbonnaya, owner of The Prince of Peckham pub. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon) (OAD: 10/17/21 on 60 MINUTES)
(60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Cheers”, OAD: 02/13/22)

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- 05/29/22 **“High Velocity”** – a report on the AR 15, a semi-automatic rifle used in many of the deadliest mass shootings in the U.S., including those at Sandy Hook, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, and the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh last week. The high velocity bullets have the capacity to shatter bone and leave lethal wounds, more commonly seen in combat, compelling emergency services to update their protocol and stock proper equipment for treatment. Includes interviews with: Rusty Duncan, assistant fire chief, Sutherland Springs, Texas; Cynthia Bir, ballistics expert, University of Southern California; Lillian Liao, trauma surgeon, San Antonio University Hospital; Maddy Wilford, student/victim, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High; Laz Ojeda, paramedic, Broward County EMS, and Dr. Peter Antevy, Broward County Medical Director; Ryland Ward, mass-shooting victim. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Ashley Velie) (OAD: 11/04/18; 1st Rebroadcast: 06/23/19; 2nd Rebroadcast: 06/13/21)
- “The Green River Drift”** – a report on the longest running cattle drive in America. The tradition has weathered a changing landscape and spans over many generations of cattle ranchers. Includes interviews with Albert Sommers, Ty Swain and Jeannie Lockwood, Wyoming ranchers; Clint Gilchrist, historian; and Brittany Heseltine, who watches the cattle in the summer. (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Rome Hartman) (OAD: 10/17/21)
- “Caligula’s Gardens”** – a report on the discovery and excavation of the Roman Emperor Caligula’s gardens. Discoveries about Caligula’s life are allowing scholars to gain a new understanding of the storied Emperor. Includes interviews with Andrew Wallace-Hadrill, professor emeritus at the University of Cambridge; Mirella Serlorenzi, director of excavations for the Italian Ministry of Culture; and Paolo Carafa, Professor of Archaeology at Sapienza University of Rome. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Andy Court) (OAD: 11/21/21)

48 HOURS

- 05/07/22 **48 HOURS: “Chasing Catherine Shelton: Part 2”** – For nearly three decades, controversial Harris County, TX attorney Catherine Mehaffey Shelton, now disbarred, has been dogged by mysterious circumstances surrounding the deaths of various men in her life. Never charged with murder, she has been called a murderer, a stalker, a crazy lawyer and more. In 2003, Jenna Jackson produced an edition of 48 HOURS MYSTERY which mainly focused on one of the murder cases linked to Shelton; Jackson has been tracking Shelton ever since. Shelton’s life, as well as her proximity to dead or injured men, has perplexed investigators for decades. Starting in the 1970s, one of Shelton’s former boyfriends, Dr. George Tedesco, was bludgeoned to death and ex-boyfriend Ferris Bond’s apartment was allegedly set on fire. In January 1980, Shelton shot ex-boyfriend Gary Taylor in the back; she admitted to that but claimed self-defense. Tommy Bell, named with Shelton in a lawsuit, was found with a bullet in his head; authorities said he was playing Russian roulette by himself. In the years to come, Shelton’s conviction for shooting Taylor was set aside, but she was linked to three more deaths: Chris Hansen, a young man discovered dead and naked in one of her homes; Michael Hierro, shot dead in his driveway; and Sam Shelton - no relation to Catherine, who died in 2017 while he was staying with her. Catherine signed his name on a lease application and has been charged with a felony: fraudulent use of identifying information. Shelton maintains she had nothing to do with any of these incidents. For this broadcast, Jackson and her team reinvestigate many of the later allegations against Shelton; also includes Jackson’s 2022 interview with Shelton. **On-screen text graphic:** Catherine’s fraud trial is currently scheduled for this summer. Interviewed: Catherine Shelton; Brian Benken, private investigator, defense attorney, member of Jackson’s investigative team and a 48 HOURS consultant; Lisa Andrews, former prosecutor, member of Jackson’s investigative team and a 48 HOURS consultant; and Tony Leal, former chief, Texas Rangers. This broadcast also includes prior interviews with: Catherine Shelton (2003 & 2016); Richard Shelton, Clint Shelton’s father (2003); Clint Shelton, Catherine’s husband, serving a life sentence for gunning down the Hierros; Gary Taylor (2003); and Marisa Hierro, wife of Michael Hierro, who was shot dead in his driveway on December 20th, 1999 (2003). (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERY: “The Law And Mrs. Shelton”, OAD: 10/29/03; Rebroadcast: 06/23/04; and 48 HOURS: “Chasing Catherine Shelton: Part 1”, OAD: 04/30/22) (Contributor: Jenna Jackson – Producers: Chuck Stevenson, Gabriella Demirdjian)

- 05/14/22 PREEMPTION

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48 HOURS: “What Does The Other Woman Know? The Disappearance of Jennifer Dulos” (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the disappearance of a Connecticut woman and the possible involvement of her estranged husband and his girlfriend. On May 24th 2019, Jennifer Dulos dropped her children off at their New Canaan, CT school, but could not be located afterwards. Declared a missing person, police quickly located her SUV at a park near her home. Inside, they found blood that looked as if someone had tried to clean it up. Investigations focused on Jennifer’s estranged husband, Fotis Dulos, with whom she was in a bitter divorce and custody battle with. Police obtained data from his cell phone, then located security camera footage for the various locations he visited the day of Jennifer’s disappearance. The footage showed Fotis driving around with his girlfriend, Michelle Troconis, dumping trash bags around Hartford, CT. The bags were recovered and contained items including zip ties, ponchos and women’s clothing, all covered in traces of Jennifer’s DNA. On June 1st, Fotis and Michelle were arrested, but without a body, police could only charge them for tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and first-degree hindering prosecution. After being released on bail, Michelle cooperated with police investigations and eventually admitted that Fotis had not been with her the morning of Jennifer’s disappearance, as he had previously stated. On January 7th, 2020, Michelle and Fotis were arrested for conspiracy to commit murder. Police eventually identified a pickup truck belonging to one of Fotis’ workmen that was spotted travelling from his home to New Canaan the morning of May 24th. A search of the truck turned up a bloodstain on the seat, which matched Jennifer’s DNA. When Fotis did not turn up for a court date later that month, emergency responders were dispatched to his home where they found him unconscious from a suicide attempt. He died two days later. The state of Connecticut is moving forward with Michelle’s trial. The broadcast also includes footage from a 2019 visit to Fotis’ home around Christmas, with him and his family, just 10 days before he was arrested for murder, and an interview with his attorney, Norm Pattis, on the day his client died. **On-screen text graphic:** The children are being raised by Jennifer’s mother in New York City. Interviewed: Carrie Luft, Jennifer’s friend; Sergeant Kenneth Ventresca, Connecticut State Police; Chief Leon Krolkowski, New Canaan Police; Rena Dulos Kyrimi, Fotis’ sister; Claudia Troconis, Michelle’s sister; Detective John Kimball, Connecticut State Police; Richard Colangelo Jr., Connecticut chief state’s attorney; Thomas Patten, New Canaan police officer; Dave Altimari, reporter, [Hartford Courant](#); Daniella Troconis, Michelle’s sister; Klelia Kyrimi, Fotis’ niece; Angelika Kyrimi, Fotis’ niece; Carlos Troconis, Michelle’s father; Jon Schoenhorn, Michelle’s attorney. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Liza Finley, Elena DiFiore) (OAD: 02/13/21)

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48 HOURS: “Please Don’t Tell” (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the case against Vincent Simmons, who was released from a Louisiana prison earlier this year after serving 44 years. In 1977, Simmons was convicted of two counts of attempted aggravated rape of identical 14-year-old twins, Karen and Sharon Sanders, who lived with their grandparents in Marksville, LA. Simmons was sentenced to 100 years in prison. The Sanders sisters say their cousin, Keith Laborde, was driving them when he gave Simmons a ride. They claim Simmons directed Laborde to a desolate area of Little California Road and then forced him into the trunk; he then raped them. The Sanders sisters also say Simmons warned them not to tell anyone about what had happened and they initially intended to keep it a secret, but Karen Sanders decided to confide in a family member. The police soon found out and Simmons was arrested, convicted and sentenced to prison. The sisters don’t doubt that they picked the right man out of the lineup. Simmons’ attorney, Justin Bonus, believes the twins are lying to protect Keith Laborde. Laborde’s cousin, Dana Brouillette, told a private investigator and swore in an affidavit in 2020 that Laborde admitted to her that Simmons was never with them that night. Instead, she said in the affidavit that Laborde told her “he had consensual sex with one of the girls and locked the other in the trunk.” Laborde denied ever having sex with them. This year, Simmons was released after a judge vacated his conviction after finding he didn’t get a fair trial. The court did not rule on his innocence or guilt, and the district attorney declined to retry him. **On-screen text graphic:** Vincent Simmons intends to go back to court to seek compensation for wrongful imprisonment. Under Louisiana State law, if he is unable to present clear and convincing evidence of his innocence, he is entitled to nothing. Interviewed: Karen Sanders; Sharon Sanders; Charles Riddle, district attorney; Vincent Simmons; Justin Bonus, Vincent Simmons’ defense attorney; Jason Flom, recording industry executive, criminal justice advocate, and host, “Wrongful Conviction” podcast; Brian Andrews, private investigator in Louisiana; Diane Prater, lone surviving juror and the only African American on the jury; Keith Laborde (via telephone); and Judge William Bennett. Also includes excerpts from: (1) “The Farm”, a documentary which profiled inmates at Angola; (2) documentary footage from the late 1990s, when Simmons and the Sanders sisters agreed to a reconciliation meeting; and (3) Brian Andrews’ videotaped interview with Dana Brouillette, Keith Laborde’s cousin. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producers: Stephanie Slifer, Sarah Prior, Murray Weiss)

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48 HOURS: “Death by Text” - an updated rebroadcast on the death of Conrad Roy III and the case against Michelle Carter, who is scheduled to be released from jail next week. Prosecutors say she influenced Roy, via text messages, to kill himself. On July 12, 2014, Conrad Roy died of carbon monoxide poisoning after sitting in his truck with a gas-powered water pump running in the backseat. Prosecutors say Roy was driven to kill himself through hundreds of incessant messages from Carter, who was more than 30 minutes away at the time he died. Carter was later charged with involuntary manslaughter. Her defense team maintains Roy decided to kill himself on his own. As seen through his own videos, Conrad Roy talked about his own struggles with social anxiety, depression and thoughts of suicide. His mother Lynn Roy also talks about the death of her son and the pain she lives with. Though they lived an hour apart in Massachusetts, the couple communicated almost exclusively via texts, online and by phone. The prosecution maintained Carter could have done something to stop Roy. The heart of the case is the question of whether Carter’s texts and messages pushed Roy to take his life, or would he have done it anyway. Prosecutors argued Carter played on Roy’s mental health and her actions were reckless; she knew what she was doing and just wanted attention. The defense maintains Carter had her own psychological problems and was involuntarily intoxicated by the antidepressant drug Celexa: she was enmeshed in the delusion that it was a good thing to help him die. The prosecution hoped the judge paid attention to the text Carter sent to her friend a week after his death, in which she admitted she could possibly go to jail. After three days of deliberation, the judge rendered his verdict, completely rejecting Carter’s defense and finding her guilty. At sentencing, Michelle Carter could receive twenty years behind bars. The Roy family knows words have power, and they can forever change lives. UPDATE for the 08/05/17 updated rebroadcast: Nearly seven weeks after being convicted, Michelle Carter, arrives for sentencing. The prosecution asked that Carter serve 7-12 years in prison. Her attorney requests probation. Judge Lawrence Moniz sentences Michelle Carter to fifteen months behind bars – a sentence that does not please the defense, who will appeal the conviction. Her attorneys request to stay the jail sentence. The judge grants the stay, meaning Michelle will be out on probation until the appeal makes its way through the Massachusetts court system. Neither Michelle nor her family, have reached out to the Roy family. UPDATE for the 01/18/20 updated rebroadcast: In February of 2019, Michelle Carter’s conviction was upheld and she began serving her 15-month sentence. Her lawyers appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. This week, the court declined to hear her appeal. Lynn Roy’s focus now is on changing laws. On-screen text graphic for the 08/05/17 updated rebroadcast: Lynn Roy has filed a 4.2 million wrongful death suit against Michelle Carter. The goal is to establish a memorial for Conrad. On-screen text graphic for the 09/22/18 rebroadcast: Lynn Roy has filed a 4.2-million-dollar wrongful death suit against Michelle Carter. On-screen text graphic for the 01/18/20 updated rebroadcast: Conrad’s Law, criminalizing suicide coercion, has been introduced in the Massachusetts legislature. **On-screen text graphic for the 05/28/22 rebroadcast:** Michelle Carter was released from jail in January 2020, three months early for good conduct. If you or someone you know is in crisis and needs help, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255. Interviewed: Lynn Roy, Conrad’s mother; Camdyn and Morgan Roy, Conrad’s sisters; Aryanna Taylor, friend of Conrad Roy; Ed McFarland, Michelle Carter’s softball coach; Bob McGovern, legal columnist (05/28/22 update: former legal columnist), Boston Herald; and Harold Koplewicz, child and adolescent psychiatrist. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Ruth Chenetz, James Stolz, Marcelena Spencer, Liza Finley, Susan Mallie, Alec Sirken – Producers for the 01/18/20 Updated Rebroadcast: Ruth Chenetz, James Stolz, Marcelena Spencer, Liza Finley, Susan Mallie) (OAD: 06/16/17; 1st (Updated) Rebroadcast: 08/05/17; 2nd Rebroadcast: 09/22/18; 3rd (Updated) Rebroadcast: 01/18/20)

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