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Dear Mr. Dan Hennen -

I have finished my review of the deaths David, Komel and Raniya Crowley in which you have retained me to do. It is my hope that the assessment and review I provided is done to your satisfaction. I want to stress that the conclusion of which I came up with are my opinion. I looked at the documents as an unbiased observer of facts in order to come up with the conclusion.

I certainly pride myself in my work and doing the best job that I can do with the materials I am provided. As a consultant, I can only offer my opinions and give advice. I feel strongly about this assessment and what I believe happened to this family based on the information I was provided. For me, it is always about the truth, no matter where that truth leads me.

Respectfully,

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MAINS INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES REPORT

Client: Dan Hennen

Investigator(s): Kenneth L. Mains

My Credentials

I served in Law Enforcement and the United States Marine Corps for a combined 20 years. During those two decades of service I have learned -- above all else -- that integrity and honesty are what the public deserves. I work for the truth in all matters, regardless how complex the case is and regardless who the client is. I use a unique and particular combination of forensic science, criminal investigation, forensic psychology, victimology, crime reconstruction, crime scene assessment and criminal profiling to help solve cases. For me it is always about the truth, regardless what that truth tells. Yet, this report is my opinion. I base my opinion on the totality of all circumstances.

I am the President and Founder of *The American Investigative Society of Cold Cases* (AISOCC) which was created to assist law enforcement members and victims' families in solving the plethora of unsolved cold cases. In this capacity I have reviewed hundreds of cold case files with the best investigators in the world who are an integral part of my organization to include Dr. Henry Lee, Dr. Cyril Wecht, Dr. Werner Spitz, Lt. Joseph Kenda, Dr. Mary Ellen O'Toole and Dr. Robert Keppel among many others.

I am also CEO of Mains Investigative Services, LLC, a fully licensed private investigating and consulting firm. We are a nationally recognized private investigative firm whose trademark is going above and beyond for our clients. Our investigations are not limited to a particular area; we service all 50 states as well as overseas and specialize in missing persons, equivocal deaths and unsolved homicides.

My law enforcement career has consisted of working as a member of the Williamsport Bureau of Police, Lycoming County Drug Task Force, Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Lycoming County of Pennsylvania's District Attorney's Office.

During my tour with the United States Marine Corps, I was assigned primarily with the Special Operations Training Group (SOTG), II Marine Expeditionary Force with a concentration on administrative intelligence.

In 2015, I was appointed as the Lycoming County Narcotics Unit Drug Task Force Coordinator and Supervisor by the Lycoming County District Attorney for which I served until 2018.

Throughout my law enforcement career, I have investigated a variety of criminal activity to include illegal narcotics, financial, property and white-collar crimes. I have been recognized by the Pennsylvania Courts as an expert in the area of illegal narcotics when I was an undercover officer working for the FBI and Lycoming County Drug Task Force. While in this capacity, I was involved in thousands of hours of surveillance that included following vehicles undetected through various Counties and States. I have been involved in and participated in close to a thousand narcotics related cases.

I have also investigated numerous violent crimes including robberies, homicides, cold cases, equivocal death and missing persons. Additionally, I have investigated public and political corruption and the intricacies of criminal organizations such as the Blood and Crips' street gangs as well as the American Mafia or La Costa Nostra.

I hold a Bachelor of Science Degree (BS) in Criminal Justice from Lock Haven University and have taken Master Degree course work in Forensic Criminology with an emphasis on Criminal Profiling. I hold professional memberships in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, the Mid-Atlantic Cold Case Homicide Investigator's Association and the Pennsylvania Homicide Investigators Association.

I have had professional training in Criminal Law, Criminal Investigations, Forensic Criminology, Criminal Profiling, Medicolegal Death Investigation, Cold Case Analysis for Law Enforcement, D.E.E.P Undercover Narcotics Investigations, Advanced Crime Scene Investigations, Sex-Related Homicide Investigations, Practical Homicide Investigations, among others.

In addition, I am an Advisory Board Member at the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law at Duquesne University and an Advisory Board Member of Criminal Justice at Lock Haven University. I also volunteer my consulting services and case reviews for the National Organization of Parents of Murdered Children and I was entrusted by The Lycoming County District Attorney to create and maintain the County's only Cold Case Unit in 2011. I have investigated cold cases professionally as a Detective since 2006.

In 2017, I was asked by the History Channel to serve as their on-air expert investigating and producing a five-part true crime documentary about the unsolved 'Zodiac' murders in California in the late 1960's.

I have been bestowed a number of awards to include Police Officer of the Year by the Williamsport Bureau of Police and the Gallantry Star for 'Acts of Distinguished Bravery' by the Williamsport Fraternal Order of Police. I am also a three-time recipient of the Williamsport Bureau of Police's Officer of the Quarter Award.

I personally have reviewed, investigated or assisted on numerous homicides, equivocal deaths, suicides, missing persons and other unsolved cases.

It is these credentials that I bring forth the following investigation.

Client: Dan Hennen

Subject: Crowley Family

Address: 1051 Ramsdell Drive, Apple Valley, MN 55124

Type Case: Equivocal Death – Ruled Murder Suicide

Relationship: None that we are aware of.

Reason for Hiring: Concerns for the official ruling of cause/manner of death.

Background Summary: The Crowley family consisting of David, Kormel and Raniya were found deceased on January 17, 2015 inside their residence. Autopsy's of the three individuals showed that they died of gunshot wounds. Police ruled the deaths a murder suicide.

Investigative Tasks to be Completed for Client:

- Give my professional opinion as to the cause/manner of death and any additional factors that may have led to the deaths.

I am looking at this case with an unbiased view as I do all my cases. I did not know David Crowley, Komel Crowley or their respective child. I know of no one associated with the Crowley family that I am aware of. I have never heard of 'Gray State' or have I read or seen anything in the media regarding this case.

My first association with this case came via the police reports and crime scene pictures I received after being retained by the client.

My review was done in a chronological and systematic direction in order not to become biased. I wanted to just review at the police reports and crime scene photographs first. After I reviewed these items numerous times over a several week period, I then asked the client to send ancillary documents about the case. I received many such documents.

Several months after I started my review, and after my initial review of the police reports and crime scene video, I did watch a documentary film about the case. I did this in order to see David and Komel interact as they were in life and to observe anything additional that would help my review of the case.

The Investigation

Once all of the information was reviewed, I was able to give my opinion on the manner of death regarding the Crowley family. I was provided an adequate amount of documentation in order for me to come to a conclusion regarding this investigation.

I do not want to rehash information you already know, because as the client, you are the one who supplied me with the documents. For me to regurgitate that throughout this report would just be redundant. Therefore, I will just emphasize some of the key areas and then provide you with my opinion as to what I believe happened. There is a ten-step process in which I like to use in reviewing cases. They are:

1. Background
2. Reports and Research
3. Crime Scene Revisit
4. Interviews
5. Evidence
6. Victimology
7. Suspectology
8. Criminal Profiling/Crime Scene Assessment
9. Timelines
10. Deduction

After I look at these areas, I will ultimately come to a conclusion based on the totality of every step listed above. Sometimes, there is very little or no information in some of these categories. However, this doesn't take away from the information that is present.

Background

What type of case is this? This case is an equivocal death that involves a husband (David), his wife (Komel) and their daughter (Raniya). All three were found by a neighbor inside their residence deceased. The three bodies were located in the living room within close proximity to each other. The police department and medical examiner have ruled this death to be a murder/suicide committed by David Crowley.

Reports/Research

The police reports and photographs of the scene that I received were very detailed and thorough. The collection and documentation of evidence was extremely meticulous and documented very well in my opinion. Although there was only one picture of the bodies at the crime scene, it was sufficient to give me an insight as to the crime. The peripheral photographs of the home and evidence were extremely helpful and the CSI team did a fantastic job in my opinion.

Although the police department did an excellent job investigating, I would have liked to have a little more background information on the relationship between Komel and David. Especially when it comes to their religious beliefs. There was mention of this in one of the reports which means they certainly looked into that aspect of it, I would just have dug a bit deeper because I

believe it has/had huge implications in their life and ultimate deaths. The following is information I was supplied regarding religion in the Crowley Family.

Religious Backgrounds - David grew up Lutheran, but wasn't very active in his adult life. Komel grew up Muslim. Some say she "converted" to Christianity in order to marry David, but that may not be entirely true. After they were married, she attended a Muslim worship service once while visiting her parents in Dallas, TX. But that is only what a family friend had stated.

Interviews

I was not retained to conduct any interviews regarding this case.

Evidence

The police department did an outstanding job in my opinion on collecting and documenting the evidence in this case. I was not afforded the opportunity to examine any of the evidence collected. However, it appeared to me that the proper collection of evidence and the documentation of such evidence was done correctly and by proper standards.

Victimology

Victimology has many different meanings. Some will say victimology is the study of victimization, including the relationships between victims and offenders. I like to say that it is simply getting to know your victim, in every sense of the word. By knowing how the victim will react in a given circumstance, could lead you to the offender. In this case we have a lot of information regarding how David lived his life. His thoughts, demeanors, traits and background give us a tremendous insight to his life. Information on his wife and child are lesser known to some degree.

There is no need to go into great detail about the Crowley's background because I am not privy to it as it relates to their childhood. If I was the lead investigator on this case however, I would want to know everything about their upbringing, religion, schooling, education, family, mannerisms, hobbies, propensities, etc. As a consultant, I am and can only be concerned with the information provided to me. In this case we have three victims.

David Crowley. (Husband)

David served in the armed forces and was an Army veteran. At the time of his death he was 29 years of age. He was considered the leader of this anti-government type of movement that was gaining traction in the way of notoriety. It appears that during his 2nd deployment overseas, he became bitter toward the Army and the government. He felt what America was doing in the Middle East was wrong and he was very vocal and passionate about this. When he was discharged by the Army, he began work on this "movement" he called 'Gray State'. This movement, from my understanding, was about not letting the government take over our fundamental rights as citizens.

David went to film school and harnessed this energy and passion about this movement into a script and potential feature film. After a few years of trying to obtain funding for his project and moving it forward, it appeared it somewhat faded out. By this I mean there were some investors, friends and associates of David and his project that bowed out or were forced out by David.

By December 2014, David was obviously feeling the pressure of his attempt to make the movie 'Gray State' and it was equally obvious through his emails and interviews with people who worked on this project with him he was passionate about the project. It also appeared to me that he was frustrated that people didn't have the same intense passion or energy he did for the project.

David became increasingly withdrawn it seems. He shied away from social contacts and did not associate with people outside his immediate circle of friends or wife Komel and child. This withdrawal was evident to everyone around him and it became amplified closer to the incident.

He was controlling of his wife according to some. He did not allow her to communicate much with her own family according to interviews. However, this occurred closer to the incident and not so in the beginning of the relationship. This is evident when Komel's sister drove from Texas to Minnesota to see Komel because she had stopped corresponding with her. When she arrived at the residence David answered the door. He refused to let her talk to Komel and turned her away. Yet, when the sister picked up a car from Komel, Komel had left a picture on the seat saying she loved her. This leads me to believe she was following what David wanted and not what she wanted. Also, it was apparent he was pushing himself away from society, and taking his family with him.

There were three occasions that he would not allow friends and family inside his home. Once was Komel's sister, his friends Mitchell Heil and Daniel Mason were both met in the driveway where they talked. This is another indication to me that something wasn't right inside the Crowley home or possibly David's paranoia.

This is also in line with his personality--which was a strong alpha male type. He was a leader and people followed him. He was not eccentric but he was a driven, creative artist with a strong business sense and opinions.

David seemed to be of a high intellect and along with that level of intelligence sometimes comes a never-ending search for answers that may never come. I believe David Crowley had this never-ending search for answers.

As December of 2014 approached, David had lost weight, looked disheveled and "crazy" according to witness statements. This was in strong contrast to his prior appearance. His appearance alarmed his friends and family. This is a strong indicator that something was not right with him.

It appeared that David used marijuana and hints of alcohol and mushrooms according to his journal. The marijuana use was evident at the crime scene. This by no means diminishes his character but we have to wonder what this a normal thing for him and his wife?

It appears he did not have a job and relied on Komel to support him so he could concentrate on “Gray State.” This had to have some financial burden upon the family as they had cellphone bills, utilities and mortgage to pay.

Komel Crowley. (Wife)

Komel was 28 years of age at the time of her death. Komel was of Muslim faith and it was reported she gave up this faith and converted to Christianity for David. Komel was born in Saudi Arabia and lived in Pakistan until the age of 17. She met David in Texas while he was stationed there. They married after only six weeks of courtship. They had one child, named Raniya.

She was a dietitian and was loyal to David. She knew how to fire a gun as was evident as she was shown shooting at a target on a home movie I watched. During David’s relentless pursuit of making the “Gray State” movie, she was by his side every step of the way. Some say she even took on David’s personalities and traits (not wanting to be social, anti-government stance, etc.) to the point where some of her friends actually said to her “You sound just like David talking.” It is my opinion that David’s beliefs were also soaked in by Komel. Even though most describe her a free thinker, she was obviously dedicated to David and they were a team. Komel’s conversation about the Rapture and David’s “excited interest” in it only weeks from the incident reinforces this belief to me.

The email exchanges only a couple months before the deaths certainly take a harsh tone with David’s family members. Komel seems to be very angry and is cutting people out of her life as David was doing.

There are some conflicting accounts about how she was as a mother. One person claimed she didn’t seem to enjoy it much and made her mind up with David that they would not have another child. Some thought this odd as they were still young. From the home movies I watched, it seemed to me that she was an attentive and loving mother. However, no one knows how she was as a mother when the camera was turned off.

Raniya Crowley. (Child)

Raniya was 5 years old at the time of her death. She was attending school and her teacher stated she was a fast learner and a normal student. There was nothing to indicate that she was abused or mistreated at all. One particular video clip I watched did show Raniya talking about blood and monsters and it was a bit disturbing coming from a five-year-old child. However, children are a product of their environments and this is apparently what she heard or saw being talked about in her home. Even though I am sure it was a literal and not figurative regurgitation of information, it was somewhat disturbing to view. Yet, this does not mean she wasn’t a well taken care of normal child, which it appears she was.

Timelines

A timeline is significant in order to visualize and construct movements, activities and whereabouts. In any death investigation, we need to concentrate on the past month and pay particular attention to the last 24-48 hours of activity of that individual. In any case, it is very important to separate fact from fiction. As time goes by rumors, conjecture, opinions and innuendos propagate; thus, supplanting the most important aspect of the case and that is the facts. Timelines are crucial to determine when a crime occurred. Although the documents I were provided indicate a substantial past timeline of events. I want to focus on the last week before the victim's death.

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

- David Crowley reaches out to producer Jason Allen asking if he'd like to be the Executive Producer and help out with the logistics of the film.

Friday, December 19, 2014

- 7:22am - David Crowley texts Christopher Peck "do you have any?"
- 1:00pm - David and Komel arrive in Minneapolis buy marijuana from Chris Peck.
- 3:00pm - David and Komel arrive at Raniya's pre-school to pick her up.

Sunday, December 21, 2014

- 8:13am - Komel sends a text message to Heidi Lish.
- David Crowley charges \$31.32 at the Apple Valley Smashburger location.

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

- 9:36am - Sidrah Alam (Komel's sister) missed a phone call from Komel Crowley (Not verified)
- 11:40am - Alam missed a phone call from Komel Crowley (Not verified)
- 2:00pm-3:00pm The December 26, 2014 issue of the Sun *ThisWeek* gets delivered to the Crowley home according to the paperboy. This was found in the kitchen trash.

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

- 6:00pm – 9:00pm - Neighbor Brett Malay sees David in the window across the street at the Crowley home.

Thursday, December 25, 2014

- 12:40am - the following is posted on the Gray State Facebook page "and it's not an easy feat when trying to maintain the story's integrity without selling out, and having such a small team."

Friday, December 26, 2014

Sunday, December 28, 2014

- According to police reports Dan Crowley Jr, drops off Christmas packages at the Crowley home on the front step. Does not knock or ring doorbell, and leaves.

January 10, 2015

- Christmas presents observed on the front steps of Crowley residence by neighbors.

January 17, 2015

- 12:56pm – Judy Prochnow of 1055 Ramsdell Drive calls 911 to report three bodies at the Crowley residence.
- 12:59pm – Police dispatched to Crowley residence for report of three dead bodies.
- 1:04pm – Police arrive on scene to 1051 Ramsdell Drive (Crowley residence)

Criminal Profiling/Crime Scene Assessment

I find the following while looking at the crime scene pictures that have relevance to me.

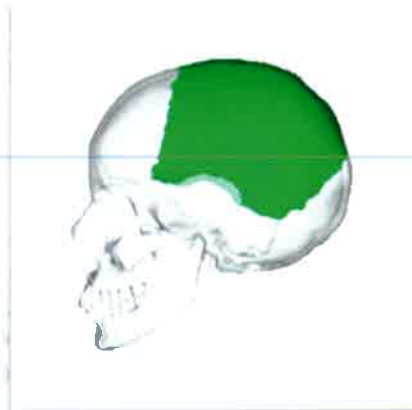
- David and child were barefoot. This means he was comfortable and had no indication of going or being outside.
 - Allah Akbar or “God is Greater or Greatest” in Arabic written in blood on the wall. This is done to either stage the scene to look like something it isn’t, because it is the motive for the event or it is for shock value.
 - No organization. David had numerous military and electronic gadgets. There was very little organization to these items. Yet, the tools in his garage seemed to be neatly organized unlike other items. This could mean that he did not use the tools as much as he did the electronic gadgets or military items therefore, they were organized when he moved into the house and then not touched often since that time. Yet, it also tells me this event was not planned as the house was in “normal” conditions.
 - Love. The word love seems to be a constant theme in this family. Notes, stickers, etc are shown throughout with the word love.
 - This was an impulse not planned murder.
 - Choice of weapon one of convenience.
 - No signs of blood in master bedroom.
 - Komel’s positioning indicates to me she was possibly shot without knowing she was in danger and/or on her knees and fell forward.
 - David was either standing when shot or on his knees.
 - All three were in “Comfortable” clothing (sweatpants).
 - Two bracelets on the left wrist of David likely means he is right handed.
- It is very hard to properly and accurately construct the last movements of the victims because of the dog’s involvement and activity around the bodies. From the home video’s I have seen, the dog was quite active. Although not a large dog, it was strong enough to pull/tug on any of the bodies and move its positioning. This is evident in the tearing of Komel’s sweatpants. The dog was obviously eating the bodies for survival. Therefore I am not confident in reconstructing the shooting sequence.

Autopsy

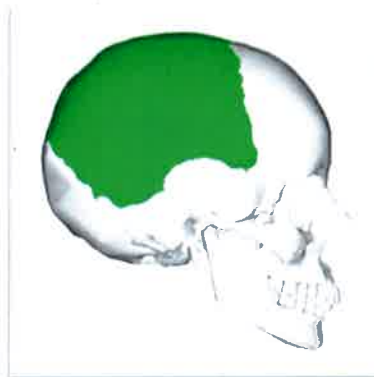
David's gunshot wound had an **exit** through the **left parietal bone** (See below). This would indicate he was shot in the right side of his head.



Komel had two head wounds and **entrances** are located the **left posterior parietal bone** with and unknown exit point. Obviously, this means she was shot in the left side of her head.



Raniya had one gunshot wound **entrance** to the **right parietal bone**. However, what is most complexing to me is the fractured rib she suffered.



Lab Report Analysis

The most important aspects here are the ballistics evidence and the DNA through bloodletting.

1. All six bullets and casings were recovered. The lab determined they were all fired from the .40 caliber Springfield XD handgun that was lying next to David Crowley.
2. The gun (Item 1a-3) had a mixture of two or more individuals. This is common. The major contributor to this DNA matched David Crowley.
3. The magazine in the gun (Item 1B-1) also has a mixture of two or more individuals. The major male component matches David Crowley.
4. The blood on the wall is Komel Crowley's blood (item 11)
5. Komel's blood is also found on the floor in the context of a bloody bare footprint.
6. Komel's DNA was found on items 42, 43 and 44 which are bullets.
7. The push keys on the safe where the gun was most likely taken from was a mixture. The major contributor is Komel.
8. Item 53-1 is a bullet and the DNA from that matches Raniya.
9. Item 57-1 is also a bullet and the DNA matches David Crowley.
10. The 'A' key of the laptop had blood.
11. The notepad had Komel's blood and the words "Submit to Allah Now" written.

DNA, specifically touch DNA, is a tricky area. With Komel's DNA appearing on the touchpad of the gun safe, we cannot conclude either way if she was the one to retrieve the weapon in question. She could have touched the pad at an earlier point in time. It could also be transfer DNA from David having contact with Komel and then himself touching the keypad. Or, it simply could mean Komel touched the touchpad herself for whatever reason.

Six cartridge cases were found in the living room. One cartridge was found. This means the offender most likely "racked" the weapon before firing.

Six bullets were found. Let's examine each bullet:

Item 42 – Found in the living room and had Komel's DNA.

Item 43 – Found in the living room and had Komel's DNA.

Item 44 – Found in the living room and had Komel's DNA.

Item 45 – Found in the basement and no DNA.

Item 53 – Found in living room and had Raniya's DNA. (found by clean-up crew)

Item 57 – Found in the attic and had David's DNA.

Manner of Death

There are four possible manners of death in this case which we must deduce until only one manner remains. This death was either caused by a homicide by someone outside of the three victims, murder-suicide by one of the three victims, accidental death or natural causes. By going through the documentation that I have procured, we should be able to eliminate the causes until we have only the true manner of death remaining.

Natural Death

The medical examiner concluded all three victims had gunshot wound(s) to the head, which effectively eliminates death by natural occurrence.

Accidental

Again, the medical examiner concluded all three victims had gunshot wound(s) to the head, which effectively eliminates death by accident.

Murder-Suicide

There are numerous reasons this could be deemed a murder/suicide. The following are reasons I believe the manner of death could be ruled murder/suicide.

- No forced entry
- No human footprints in snow
- David's gun was used and all six spent cartridges came from that same gun
- Bloody barefooted footprints were left on the floor in the home. David was found deceased barefooted.
- Note on computer was indicative of a suicide note. In addition, blood was found on the letter key "A" which coincides with the note.
- Gate was closed on the fence outside.
- The positioning of the bodies.
- The bodies not being on furniture or bed as if it was a planned event.
- The dog was still alive and not confined. If an intruder was present, the dog most likely would have been shot or confined to a room in my opinion.

Murder

There are several reasons that make me believe this could have been a murder carried out by someone outside of the home.

- Rear patio door was open slightly when police arrived on scene.
- Gun laying near David's left side even though he was reported to be right handed.
- All the victims being found in one room as if they were gathered and herded into the room.

Suspectology

When determining suspects, we must account for individuals in the Crawley's past and present that had means, motive and opportunity to perpetrate a crime against him.

Although almost anyone can be a suspect, but we must start with the ones closest to the victim and work our way out toward lesser known associates and finally to strangers if applicable.

In any death investigation, we must always look at who benefited from the persons death. If this was a homicide, who gained anything from the decedent's death. The majority of homicides are done because of money, sex or revenge (Anger).

Money – In the information I was provided there were some business partners that stood out as potential suspects. However, without further investigation, I cannot rule anyone in or out. Yet, I will say there was possible motive for a vested third party to capitalize on the "Gray State" movement and the potential movie deal that may or may not have come to fruition.

Sex – I do not see this being a factor in these deaths. There is just no evidence from any source that brought this into play as a possible scenario and the autopsy or crime scene show no indication of this.

Revenge/Anger - It is possible someone who did not share David's anti-government beliefs could have motive to murder him and his family. Someone who became angry over David's comments is probable. Yet, enough to drive them to murder him and his family? In my opinion this is not probable. David and Komel must also be looked at under this potential motive. Revenge/anger is often a spontaneous event, triggered by something that makes an individual react in the heat of the moment. David and Komel could have had some type of argument or disagreement which led to this event.

Time of Death

I believe this incident happen in the evening hours. I deduced this from the Christmas lights and the dining room lights being on upon arrival of police. To further this deduction, we can look at the clothing the family was wearing. Most people will wear sweatpants in the evening, especially in the winter.

Allan Olson 1074 Lowell Drive heard three rapid gunshots on a date before New Years eve. He believes it was in the evening but he can not pinpoint the date, but knows he heard the shots. I believe this is the most credible witness of hearing gunshots. These were most likely the three shots that killed Komel. But when did the other three shots take place? I cannot be confident in reconstructing the sequence of shots that took place because of the lack of and conflicting witness accounts of when they heard possible gunshots.

In my opinion this happened the evening of December 24th or the evening of December 25th and most likely December 25th because of David's Christian beliefs and the last Facebook post (if this was posted by David).

Deduction

It is my opinion; someone would not plan and execute the act of murder of this family and then come to the home and use David Crowley's own weapon to carry out these murders. Especially since it was more probable than not, the weapon was located in the locked safe in the bedroom. For someone to come into his home, without any signs of a struggle, find the keys to open the safe and then use that weapon is not likely at all. That doesn't make sense. Possible--yes--- but certainly not probable nor likely.

There is no forced entry and no human footprints in the rear of the house where the sliding glass door was slightly ajar. Police took extra care to photograph the soles of their own shoes in order to not mistake them for any others. The front door was locked. Is it possible the offender was an intruder and left through the front door and locked it on the way out? Yes, that is possible as I have seen many offenders lock the door leaving a crime scene. Yet, with the totality of everything we know, I do not see this as a likely scenario. Therefore, we have to rule out an intruder.

Now we can deduce that the murderer was someone inside the house. Since Komel's blood was found on the wall and her blood made the barefoot print, we can rule her out. Through victimology, it appears David was a loner of sorts, especially as time passed. He kept his wife away from other family members, including her own. He seemed controlling of his wife and she seemed to adopt his anti-government ideologies. His appearance changed gradually closer to the time of this incident. There was a change in Komel's behavior as well. From this we can deduce that it is more probable than not that David was the offender or Komel as the offender. We can certainly rule out the child and with everything done after the murder in Komel's blood, it leaves David Crowley as the person more likely than not responsible for these homicides.

The song playlist title "Ascent" is another obvious clue. This played on a continuous loop during the murder/suicide. I think this is in direct relation with David's Christian beliefs. This was most likely created after the murder of Raniya and Komel and after the words were "smeared" on the wall due to Komel's blood being found on the keyboard.

The Quran being located and opened to the page that is referred to as the "Forgiveness Prayer" which people of Muslim faith say over their dead. I think this was done out of love and respect he had for Komel and for her religious beliefs. Yet, there were pages ripped out of the Quran and torn into tiny pieces. Again, this would indicate to me that something regarding the Islam faith may have triggered this event. The blood on the side of the Quran indicates he flipped through the pages after writing the phrase on the wall in blood.

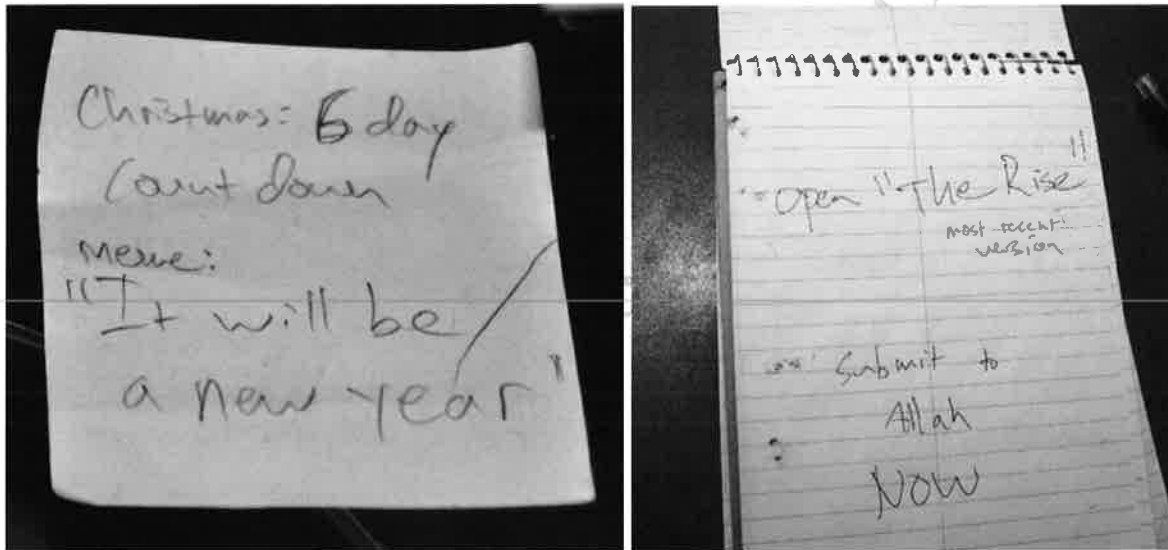
No signs of blood in master bedroom. From this we can deduce the offender never went back into that room as they did the office and kitchen areas. This means the weapon was taken from the safe first.

If this act was perpetrated by an intruder or someone other than David or Komel, they would have left a "better" suicide note. By that I mean why write a vague note on the computer? They would have wrote a note that strictly pointed toward David being the murderer. An example

would be, "I killed my wife and child because I could not stand them to be in this world any more. I could not take the pressure anymore. I love you all. Signed – David Crowley."

Leaving a forward suicide letter like this would be more indicative toward someone staging the scene. Instead, we get "I have loved you with all my heart". This is very vague and not indicative of someone wanting to make this look like a murder/suicide committed by David. This vague note is also consistent with "Open The Rise" and "Submit to Allah Now". Short and somewhat vague. I am not a forensic linguist but I can say in my opinion both the note on the computer and the phrases on the notepad in the office were most likely written by the same person.

I am also not a handwriting expert but, in my opinion, whomever wrote the phrases on the notepad (presumably the killer who is right handed because of the blood smears) also wrote the words on the yellow sticky. It is my opinion this is David Crowley. To me, the writings appear to be the same, especially the use of quotation marks and the letters "m" and "t".



Inconsistencies and Abnormalities

In almost every investigation I have been a part of or reviewed, you will find inconsistencies in the reports. Usually this is because more than one person is writing a report on the subject and no two people see the same thing. In addition, mistakes, typos and other errors do and will occur. However, this does not mean they are done out of malice or some other malignant meaning. They are simply errors made because of incompetence, neglect or inexperience. There are also always perceived abnormalities and unanswered questions. Here are a few that have been brought to my attention by the client in which I will try to answer if I can:

- 1) Gun is one foot from David's left hand.

This is one of the most glaring problems with this case. David's gunshot wound had an exit through the left parietal bone. This would indicate to me he was shot using his right hand. Yet, with the animal scavenging that took place, it is possible that the gun was moved. However, the most genuine answer I can give for the gun's positioning is that I cannot explain it. Yet I will say if it was a staged suicide, the gun would have been placed in David's right hand.

- 2) Blue blanket is over David's legs.

Possible dog activity.

- 3) Blood spatter is medium velocity due to blunt force trauma and flows in at least four directions.

I am not a blood spatter expert but everything I see is consistent with a gunshot wound to the head.

- 4) "Bloody footprints" show cleaned-up blood when sprayed.

I do not believe this is true. There were visible bloody prints but they were enhanced with chemicals which is standard procedure.

- 5) Bullet hole in living room ceiling was not documented or seen until February 18, 2015.

True. To me it appears to be an oversight, which happens. Does not mean it was done out of conspiracy or malice.

- 6) No bullet, fragment, or cartridge found associated with the gunshot wound to David's head.

Not true. Item 57 was a bullet that was found in the attic with David's DNA.

- 7) Fruit on the counter is still fresh.

I cannot tell what type of fruit this is? I would want to determine that first and then conduct an experiment in the controlled temperature and environment to see how the fruit would react. My initial reaction is if this is kiwi fruit, it should spoil in the 68 degree temperature after 23 days however, that is an assumption and a controlled test should be conducted. However, my research showed the fruit can be stored at temperatures of 65 to 70 degrees for up to eight weeks before spoiling. The banana's that are on the other counter are by contract very brown.

8) Back door was ajar.

¼ of an inch according to the police reports. This could be signs of something but again, it could be nothing.

9) Back neighbor noticed back door open during the time frame, but doesn't remember when.

10) Again, could mean something but could mean nothing at all.

11) Knife tested positive for blood of all three, yet it was not visible. Appears to have been washed, and no prints on the knife.

Not true. Lab report stated there was a mixture of DNA from two or more individuals. David, Komel and Raniya cannot be excluded as being possible contributors of the DNA. You will not always get prints from items, that is just the reality of it.

12) No apparent blood in area around knife.

The knife may not have even come into play. There was no indication of stab wounds.

13) Writing on wall doesn't match David.

This cannot be determined. Writing with a pen or pencil during the course of your everyday routines is very different then smearing something on the wall. You cannot compare handwriting to something painted or smeared on an area.

14) David's fingerprints are not on the gun.

Nor are anyone else's. Just because you touch an object does not mean you automatically leave fingerprints. Not true. Again, according to the lab report, it was inconclusive to David's fingerprints. (LP1B-2)

15) Knife is on top of stuffing fibers and hair.

I can find no indication of this.

16) Stuffing is under blanket by David's leg.

Could be dog activity.

17) Prints/ridge detail of "bloody footprints" never identified.

True. I believe that since David and Raniya were the only barefoot people in the house, they were able to conclude it was David's footprint. If not, you would have to assume that an intruder was barefoot in the home to commit these murders. Not likely or probable.

18) No high velocity blood spatter. Nothing that shows gunshots to heads took place.

I think everything I observed is consistent with gunshot wounds to the head.

19) David's leg looks to be lying on top of fiber stuffing. Why, and how?

I do not have an answer for this.

20) Not enough dog feces in the house – roughly 29 separate droppings.

I would talk to a veterinarian about this but my opinion is it is consistent for a dog that was out of food and began eating the bodies.

21) Medical Examiner did not re-hydrate David's left hand or feet to compare to other evidence in the house.

I do not know if this was done or not. It is not typical.

22) David's feet were not tested for blood.

Again, I think they concluded it was David's footprint and I agree.

23) When police left the scene, they had six casings, one unspent cartridge, and four fragments. Without having knowledge of whose blood/tissue/brain matter was on the evidence, it was determined to be a murder/suicide. Once tested, the evidence retrieved that night showed the blood belonged to Komel. The Police Chief called it murder/suicide WITHOUT the bullet that killed David being found.

I do not know why he did this, maybe because by all indications it looked like that to him. Does not mean it was a conspiracy or a cover-up.

24) Chris Klein was the one who reported the whole in the ceiling.

Agreed.

25) Chris Klein lied to the police about being in the house with Dan Sr., and he lied about having permission to be in the home.

I would want to look into why he lied of course if true.

26) Chris Klein entered the attic BEFORE the police arrived.

This has no relevance to the crime in my opinion.

27) Item 57 (bullet fragment from attic) was not, or could not, be tied to David's gun.

Not true. Lab report stated that Item 57 (bullet from attic) was fired by Item 1 (Springfield Armory Model XD-40 40 S&W caliber pistol)

28) Item 57 (bullet fragment from attic) was found one month later – after the scene was released and cleaned by a professional cleaning crew.

This is not an uncommon occurrence. It doesn't show malice or misdirection by police in my opinion.

29) The police officers present that day, the crew from BCA, and the cleaning crew DID NOT see a whole in the ceiling. If it had been there, it would have been noticed since Det. Bone stated when he went in February, when they opened the door, he noticed "an obvious" defect in the ceiling.

It is obvious they did not see the bullet hole. That has been determined. It is speculation and assumption they would have noticed it.

30) The blue blanket was under Komel, yet over David.

Possible animal activity.

31) Knife blade was in the locked and open position.

I don't understand the relevance of this is.

32) The knife blade was pointing toward David's upper body.

I don't understand the relevance of this is.

33) Decomposition does not equate to three weeks. Dr. Lelinski states the decomp as “early to moderate” which puts the bodies being left in the house for about 4-7 days, 10 days at most.

I disagree. I think the decomposition is appropriate for the conditions.

34) Paleo was thin and dehydrated. He did not present as an animal that had been feasting on dead human flesh.

I disagree. The dog wasn't feasting, it was forced to after running out of food.

35) No pools of blood located anywhere in the house. Where did the blood to write on the wall come from?

Blood probably came from the head wound of Komel.

36) Item 57 (bullet fragment from attic) does not have any blood/tissue/hair in, or on the fragment. Nothing could be detected even after spraying the item, or swabbing the item.

Not true. DNA was recovered from this bullet and matched David.

37) Dan Jr. stated he dropped the packages off on December 28, 2014, yet, the neighbors do not recall seeing the packages until January 10, 2015.

They had no reason to pay attention to the Crowley home. This does not mean they were not there.

38) Pot on the dresser looks staged. It should not be in the grinder, and there are no smoking papers.

Not true. I have worked undercover narcotics for over a decade. Didn't look staged. You don't need smoking papers. There was a bong in the bathroom.

39) According to those who use marijuana, the tweezers on the dresser next to the pot are “wrong”.

I disagree.

40) Kitchen window was unlocked.

This may be true but I have no knowledge of it.

41) Snow was “trampled down” around the house and on the back deck prior to police arrival. How do we know this?

I did not see this documented anywhere.

42) The bodies were moved by the police and then written in the reports as being in the position found.

How do we know this? I saw no indication of this being done.

43) David’s left finger position is not in a natural death position.

I disagree. I never heard of a natural death position.

44) The latent prints found – were they matched to the police officers on-scene?

I do not have an answer for this.

45) The police did not look at anyone to be a suspect despite the proof of a large amount of money being at stake, and Sean Wright’s threat to David saying he was upset with David because he felt he would be thrown in prison.

I think the police did their due diligence in interviewing potential suspects.

46) Komel’s left hand was originally UNDER her body so that means Paleo COULD NOT have eaten her left hand. It was missing prior to her body being placed.

I disagree.

47) Police reports state “no ammo in the house”.

I did not observe this but if it was stated they were obviously wrong.

48) “Below is an image from the detective’s notes. This show's that latent print (palm print LPIA-1) found on the magazine of the handgun had a "visible scar". This info was not translated on the typed police reports. It is reported that David Crowley did not have a scar on either of his palms.”

ANALYSIS

· LP1A-1: one LPP, narrow area of VLS RD, some VLS pres/ridge units; VLS Scar; some high quality areas but low quantity of LPP. Borderline sufficiency - poss VLS erased? = SFC, NO A FLS.

This, in my opinion, is not from the detective's notes but rather from the Lab technician, probably Jennifer Kostroski. LP1A-1 is not a latent palm print from the magazine. It is a latent palm print from the pistol recovered at the scene which fired the six rounds.

I would want to first talk to whomever made this note about the print. It is possible they are referring to something else and I would not want to assume. If we take this note as factual and the word scar as literal, there needs to be some investigative work done. Since there are no palm prints taken of David, there were unable to compare the latent and to observe a possible scar of the palm. In order to eliminate David as the source of this scar, I would track down his military prints to determine if this was his or at the very least if he had a scar. If you are unable to track down these prints, I would want to interview all the people who knew him and question them specifically about him having a scar on his palm.

Conclusion

Sometimes there are no warnings of a tragic event such as murder or suicide. Sometimes there is a triggering event that the rational individual acts impulsively and irrational. It is my opinion this was not a planned event by David and Komel. It is possible it was David's plan, but I do not think he included Komel in this plan. I base this on the state of dress of the victims, the previous days communication David had with others outside his family and the condition of the home. All of this was normal and above suspicion.

One thing my years as a police officer and investigator taught me was that you never know what people do behind closed doors. Individuals may present themselves one way in public but once inside the comforts of their home, they are free to act in any manner they wish...and most do.

Yet, there seems there was a triggering event that we do not know about. Could it have been David's pressures as it relates to finances and the inability to get his movie project going? Could it have been Komel's religious beliefs? Could it have been an argument about the 'Gray State'

project between Komel and David? Could it have something to do with Komel's or David's treatment of Raniya? I do not have an answer for this but I believe something triggered David.

I just don't think this was a planned event. I have never read one instant of a argument happening between Komel and David during their relationship. Yet, this event has all the earmarks of a domestic argument or spontaneous event.

The bullets tell the story as to what happened.

- Item 42 (Bullet) – Found in the living room and had Komel's DNA.
- Item 43 (Bullet) – Found in the living room and had Komel's DNA.
- Item 44 (Bullet) – Found in the living room and had Komel's DNA.
- Item 45 (Bullet) – Found in the basement and no DNA.
- Item 53 (Bullet) – Found in living room and had Raniya's DNA.
- Item 57 (Bullet) – Found in the attic and had David's DNA.

It is clear Komel was shot twice in the head and possibly three times according to the DNA. This is consistent with witness Olson who heard three consecutive gunshots. That is a lot of anger being expended toward one individual. One shot to the head is enough. Yet, he shoots her in the head again. And possibly again according to the DNA. Then David uses her blood to write "Allah Akbar" on the wall. Why? He simply could have used a marker. (See picture below) It makes me believe Komel angered him in some way. His anger was directed towards her.



If it was a planned event, David wouldn't need time to walk around and do things as he did. Everything would have already been done. They all would have sat in the living room and David would have died seconds after killing his wife and child. He would have already written the note and made the playlist. Yet, this did not happen. This leads me to believe it was not a planned event.

Sometimes, things are as they seem and the most logical conclusion is the truth. You can make any given situation look like something it isn't. This happens in the courtroom all the time. That is why the prosecution has an expert and the defense has an expert that disagree even when looking at the same piece of evidence. You could look at this case and come to a conclusion it was murder by someone in the government who did not want David to release the film "Gray State." You can look at this investigation and say that it is possible David and his family was murdered by an intruder who had anti-muslim beliefs or government assassins killed the family because they didn't want exposed in the movie. All this may be possible but it isn't probable. You have to deduce possibilities to probabilities in order to get to the truth.

It is my opinion that the police are correct in their final conclusion of murder/suicide committed by David Crowley. If a cover-up by the police is something that individuals want to point their finger at, I will say this unequivocally did not happen. A conspiracy by that many sworn police officers with nothing to gain is preposterous and did not happen.

It is obvious to me that David Crowley was diving into a downward spiral of madness. Whether this was from the pressures of having to create the "Gray Space" movie or because of his never-ending quest for exploring his beliefs and passion. I am not a psychologist or psychiatrist and will not venture out of my expertise to try to explain why he did this. That question may not ever be answered.

Again, I want to emphasize that this is only my opinion as to what may have happened regarding these deaths. It is not a fact and should not be concluded as such. Yet, I feel strongly about this assessment and the investigative opinion I have formulated. I am sure you could find others that could look at the same set of facts I have and draw a different opinion.

Again, because of the totality of everything involved and based on the documents I was provided or had access to, I believe it is more probable than not that David Crowley murdered his wife and child and then committed suicide. If more evidence came to light that I have not reviewed, it could potentially change my opinion.

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