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[01:26] So far, in the course of ten episodes, we've thrown lots and lots of names at you, and it's not always easy to keep track of them all. There is the entire orbit of Greg's world, all his friends and family, employees and acquaintances, then there are all State officials connected to the case. And then, there are all those names that popped up at trial, including witnesses you never heard about before.

The truth is, there were more, many more, names in the case file that we left out of the series. Names of people the TBI interviewed, names of people the defense interviewed, names of people and places and things that someone thought might be relevant, but really weren't. And that's the hardest part of covering any wrongful conviction - parsing out what's relevant from what isn't.

Because the truth is that so so much of the official story is irrelevant - people and places and events that had nothing to do with the actual crime but have been roped into the narrative to get the conviction the State is seeking.

Which leaves out another entire world of people and places and events that were actually related to the crime, the evidence and information that *is* relevant to figuring out what really happened.

And that's where we've finally arrived. To this new world, full of new names. But you don't need to draw lines between these new names and the old ones, no need to twist your mind into knots trying to make connections. Put all the old names and places and dates and times behind you, and give your brain a clean slate to absorb an entirely new story, because your brain will need the space.

[03:30] Rabia Chaudry: Hi and welcome to Undisclosed. This is Episode 11 in the Greg Lance series; Murder Clan. My name is Rabia Chaudry, I'm an attorney and author of the New York Times Bestseller, *Adnan's Story*, and I'm here with my colleagues, Susan Simpson, and Colin Miller.

Susan Simpson: Hi, I'm Susan Simpson. I'm an attorney in Washington, D.C., and I blog @TheViewFromLL2.

Colin Miller: Hi, this is Colin Miller, I'm an Associate Dean and Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law, and I blog @EvidenceProfBlog.

[04:17] Rabia Chaudry: Remember that journal Greg was keeping after his arrest? The one where he expressed his frustration with his attorneys and his pain at being away from his wife and daughter? That same journal notes when Greg first began getting information about who actually may have murdered Victor and Alla Kolesnikow. The information came from people he didn't know at all, people he had never heard of or met.

But they knew him, and they knew what he was in for and what he was facing charges for. They also knew that he was innocent. A November 27th, 1999 journal entry states, "More and more people are coming up to me and telling me I didn't do it."

Billy Cleghorn was the first one to come forward with information about who possibly committed the murders.

In November of 1999, Billy Cleghorn was detained at the Putnam County Jail, the same place where Greg was being held awaiting trial. It wasn't Billy Cleghorn's first rodeo with the law - by the time he met Greg Lance, Billy had been in and out of prison for 20 year, since he was a juvenile, and he had a long record of burglaries, theft, and grand larceny.

He also had a history of escaping the law. When he was 14 he was arrested in connection with four burglaries and the theft of a car. The night he was hauled in to jail, he managed to crawl up into the ceiling of his cell and escape. A few years after that, he was stopped on suspicion of

theft but got away from two officers even though he was cuffed. In 1984, he out-wrestled his jailer and escaped from the local jail after another burglary charge.

In July of 1999, he fled on foot from officers that stopped him as he was driving. The officers found meth and a loaded pistol in the car. They couldn't find him for another four months.

[06:15] Susan Simpson: On November 4, 1999 as officers continued to question people about Billy, they knocked on an apartment door where a very pale, frightened man answered. When the police asked him if he was alone, the man said, "Yes," but nodded his head "no."

The man then stepped back from the front door and nodded towards the upstairs, where officers heard a noise. Billy had once again crawled into a ceiling, where officers found him hiding with a gun. Billy was charged with meth possession and illegal possession of a weapon by a felon and brought into the Putnam County jail to await trial. But he also had a warrant out on him for cocaine charges and a federal warrant for a firearms violation.

That's where Billy and Greg first met, at the maximum security unit in the jail. According to Greg, Billy was "geeking," a phrase that we heard repeatedly from other witnesses, drug jargon for being high on meth and paranoid.

Billy told Greg that he knew Greg was innocent because Victor and Alla Kolesnikow had been murdered by Sam and Peggy Horn.

If those names sound familiar, it's because we mentioned them before. All the way back in episode one of this season, in which we examined the night when the Kolesnikows were murdered.

The closest neighbors to Victor and Alla lived across the street from them. The Redmond brothers, David and James, lived in two separate trailers, and the Horns - Sam, Peggy and their daughter Samantha, lived in a small house behind the trailers. They were all related though, David and James Redmond were Peggy's brothers. All three of these families lived on different parcels of land, parcels they had bought from the Kolesnikows in April of 1997.

Two days before they were murdered, Victor and Alla filed an eviction suit against David Redmond and his wife. And, apparently, the Kolesnikows were also aiming to get back Sam and Peggy's property, because the Horns had also fallen behind in payments.

Billy didn't know about the property issues but what he knew, he told Greg's new defense investigator, retired FBI agent Jim Harcum, on November 24th, 1999. But even before Harcum had spoken to him, Billy had already talked to Putnam County Detective Doug Burgess and TBI Agent Robert Kroffsik.

[08:39] Colin Miller: According to Burgess' notes of the interview, Billy seemed to be "in some kind of distress, possibly drug withdrawals and was somewhat incoherent." That was likely around the same time that Greg first met Billy- when he was geeking.

Billy told the authorities he thought Sam and Peggy Horn were involved in the murders of the Kolesnikows and that their daughter Samantha may know something about it, something she confided in another friend too.

A couple of weeks later, on November 17, 1999, Kroffsik returned to interview Billy. This time, Billy had an actual statement, a coherent set of facts to give to the TBI agent.

About a week after meeting Kroffsik, he met with Greg's new defense investigator Jim Harcum, and told him the same story he had told the TBI agent, but this time with much more detail which may have been because the investigator had many more questions.

According to both Kroffsik and Harcum's reports, this is what Billy had to say:

Billy had known Sam for years, in fact since he was a child. The Horns and the Cleghorns had been neighbors back in the 1970s, and went from being friends to becoming family through marriage.

At one time Billy's sister had been married to Sam's brother, and Billy's brother had been married to Sam's daughter, not Samantha, but a much older daughter from an earlier marriage. The marriages didn't last but produced children that bound the families together pretty much forever.

Billy was a long time drug user, having been addicted to cocaine for years before the summer of 1998, when he moved on to meth. Those were the years that meth became the drug of choice for the addicts of Cookeville.

Paula Laucamore:

We was all back then cooking meth. Industry meth. Not 'Shake-n-Bake,' not, like, ice or nothin. I mean, we had red phosphorous, iodine, pseudo, you know. A makeshift, white-trash, country boy meth lab.

And he started cooking it, and different people that was his friends and family, they learned also. And then it just kind of started spreading.

That is Paula Laucamore, a Cookeville native who knew Billy and Sam from back in the day, unfortunately thanks to a meth addiction that took years for her to overcome.

Paula Laucamore:

I got introduced to it, I was actually around the man that brought it there and I was friends and seeing a guy that he had taught- one of the first people. And so, it was a very private world, secluded world. That was in '96, and then it just started kind of trickling out a little bit.

So, I guess it was like, '98 maybe, that Sam and all of them was really trying to learn how.

And Sam, being an enterprising man, did learn how to cook his own meth from a book he read. A book he kept buried under a tree in his backyard across the street from the Kolesnikows.

Billy Cleghorn was not just taking meth but dealing it too, for Sam. Sam's kitchen was his lab, and there he cooked batches that he sold and also consumed, along with his wife and daughter.

On the night of the murders, Billy said, he had been at the Horns' house a couple of times. First, sometime after 10pm. Then, he returned alone around 3 or 4am to deliver some meth and saw that the Kolesnikows house was on fire. As he pulled into the Horns driveway, Sam came running out of the house, telling him to get out of there because the cops were on the way. So Billy took off, scared of getting caught with drugs in his car.

It wasn't until a couple of days after that night that he pieced together what happened, coming to the realization that the Horns had killed the Kolesnikows, and later having that confirmed by Sam's daughter Samantha.

[12:09] Rabia Chaudry: That was the story he told TBI Agent Kroffsik and defense investigator Jim Harcum in 1999, and his story has remained pretty consistent all these years, even up through this year, when we tracked down Billy to hear it for ourselves.

We found Billy Cleghorn where he has spent most of his life, behind bars in Tennessee.

[13:51] Rabia Chaudry: When we tracked him down, Billy was incarcerated at a county jail, not a prison, though he is serving a 2016 sentence that ends in 2023. Susan and I met with Billy in person in the most...well bizarre experience I've ever had visiting an incarcerated person.

No one checked our IDs, no one checked our bags, we were just escorted to an office where we set up our laptops and recorder and waited for Billy. A few minutes later an officer brought Billy into the room, uncuffed him, closed the door and walked away.

Billy was tall, bald, and tattooed - rather intimidating to look at, but perfectly nice to talk to. And he was willing to talk, as he has been all these years, and to tell us all he knew about the Kolesnikow murders.

As he said in his previous written statements from decades ago, on the night of the murders, he had been at the Horn house a couple of times. He was there first, sometime after 10pm, along with a man named Tony McCloud. At the time, he said Sam wasn't doing so well. He was full on geeking and didn't even let Billy and Tony get out of the car.

Billy Cleghorn:

When I talked to Sam Horn, he was all paranoid. Thinking that the Russian guy was watching him because he was all geeked out of meth. Sam was all, he was just paranoid that the dude was gonna turn him in for cooking meth. I just know Sam thought he was watching him because he was scared he was gonna turn him in to the police.

Billy had some drug paraphernalia he wanted to show Sam, but Sam thought his neighbors were watching him.

Billy Cleghorn:

I was gonna show him some glassware, and he said, "No, keep it in the trunk. My neighbors are over there watching me. I'm gonna have to kill 'em or do something with 'em because he's gonna put me in the prison. So I left.

Billy returned again between 3 and 4am, this time alone, and saw that the Kolesnikows house was on fire, but there were no first responders on the scene yet. No fire trucks, no cops, no ambulances. Just a house on fire in the middle of the darkness.

As Billy pulled into the Horn's driveway, Sam came running out to the car with a pistol tucked into his waistband.

Billy Cleghorn:

Sam runs out into the thing and says, "Get out of here! Somebody's killed the neighbor and they're gonna blame it on me."

"Somebody's killed the neighbor and they're going to blame it on me."

Now, if Sam Horn really said that to Billy, that means he knew full well the Kolesnikows had already been murdered. Long before the fire was extinguished enough for authorities to even determine anyone was inside the house, and well before the authorities realized Victor and Alla had been shot.

Susan Simpson:

How did he know they were killed?

Billy Cleghorn:

I don't know [laughs].

There's only one way Sam Horn could have known the neighbors had been killed before any first responders were even at the scene. And we all know what that is.

[16:51] Susan Simpson: Billy sped off, he was afraid to get caught with drugs in the car if the police did show up. At the time, the Kolesnikow house was fully ablaze. So much so that no one could have gotten near it. And yet, there wasn't another soul outside watching it happen. Not Peggy nor Samantha nor the Redmond brothers. So this must have been before anyone called 911.

About a day or two after the murders, the Horns decided to lay low for a bit and went to stay with Billy's brother Jackie for a couple of weeks. Jackie, who had previously been married to one of Sam's daughters but was divorced, was now seeing Sam's niece, a woman named Rachel.

According to Billy's 1999 statement, it was a full house at Jackie's place. Sam, Peggy, Samantha, and a man named Lacy Harness and his sister Jenny Harness, along with Billy himself, all camped out with Jackie and Rachel, cooking meth and getting high together.

While the geeking was expected and pretty common, Peggy Horn was taking it to another level. It was the only time Billy said he had ever seen her like that. She was seeing ghosts in her sleep, weeping about dead people, babbling about a gun with a "light hooked to it" to see better in the dark, and fretting about a shirt she said she left somewhere.

Sam told her to shut up or he would have her committed, and told the others she was crazy from the drugs.

Years later, in 2005, defense investigator Jim Harcum spoke to Jackie Cleghorn about the time the Horns stayed with him. Jackie confirmed what Billy had reported.

When Harcum spoke to Jackie in 2005 he told him that he had never met Greg Lance before but knew that Greg had been charged and convicted of the murders. But no one, according to Jackie, knew Sam better than he did. They went back for decades, and were best friends at one time.

Jackie knew that Sam and Peggy had bought property from Victor, and he also knew they had fallen behind in payments because of Sam's meth addiction and because Sam's business, a cabstand that he used to run, had gone under.

At one point, when Jackie and Rachel had fallen on hard times themselves, Sam had let them live at his place, where they slept in their car on his property across from the Kolesnikows.

Jackie didn't know Victor but he had witnessed Sam and Victor get into an argument a few months before the murders about whether or not Sam could put a well on the property. Victor told him he couldn't do it, and Sam responded that he'd do it anyway.

[19:35] Colin Miller: Not long after, Jackie and Rachel decided it was time to move away from the Horn residence. Sam had gotten into a fight with Jackie over how to cook a batch of meth and ended up pulling a gun and putting it inside of Jackie's mouth. Jackie backed off, packed up, and left.

They still saw each other on and off and yes, Sam, Peggy and their daughter had come to stay with Jackie and Rachel after the murders.

Jackie told Harcum they had all been high on meth at the time, Peggy kept going on about the murders and police, and Sam kept telling Peggy to shut up, threatening to put her in an insane asylum. At one point, said Jackie, Peggy wept, "this makes three people I have helped kill."

And, like Billy, Jackie heard Peggy say she had left a shirt behind, and was afraid the police had found it.

And, said Jackie, at some point during their stay, Sam casually mentioned to Rachel and him that the best way to kill someone was to tape a flashlight to the gun so it blinds the victims and they can't see you when you shoot them.

Later, when it came out in the papers that the weapon that killed the Kolesnikows had a flashlight taped to it, Rachel and Jackie realized that Sam must have had something to do with it.

We spoke to Jackie, who confirmed this account, and also told us that during the time Sam and Peggy bunked out with him, Sam slept with his guns locked and loaded on Jackie's couch, assuming that at any moment the police would barge through the door to arrest him. Billy remembered the same thing:

Billy Gleghorn:

He laid on the couch for two weeks after we left Jackie's, waiting for the police to come. Said he know they's gonna blackmail him. He was gonna do as many as he could do, ya know (laughs)? I said it wasn't a good place to go around after.

Sam was ready to kill as many cops as he needed to if they came for him. Lucky for him, the police never did come.

[22:58] Rabia Chaudry: That wasn't the only time the police didn't come for Sam. Despite his repeated run ins with it, Sam Horn always seemed to be just out of the reach of the law.

We've spoken to a lot of people about Sam, and every single one of them, every last one, said the same thing - he was crazy and he was dangerous. But not only him, his entire family shared the same reputation.

Paula Laucamore:

That's the thing, people that I met in ... and I was strong in the meth scene, and people who did it, people who had it, and people who cooked it, and traded chemicals and stuff -- the Horns were always known for being killers and crazy people. Always.

Susan Simpsons:

The Horns, you mean Sam and Peggy? Or the whole Horn family?

Paula Laucamore:

The whole Horn family. All of them.

Rabia Chaudry:

Like Aaron and Alex Horn?

Paula Laucamore:

All of 'em, yeah. The whole clan.

I remember there was some girl named Ginger, and one of them Horns, she was murdered and it seemed like a Horn was involved with that. All them Horns were just unpredictable people, ya know? Probably would burn your house down. Probably would-

Rabia Chaudry:

People in town were scared of them?

Paula Laucamore:

Yeah.

That's Paula Laucamore again and while she didn't know the Horns very well, well their reputation preceded them.

The truth is that so many of the people connected to this case have criminal records for drugs and violence that at one point it seemed like Greg was the only one who didn't.

We found most of these records using the Tennessee online inmate search, which allows you to look up if someone is currently incarcerated and order their criminal records. We've used the tool to order records for lots of folks, and when you search for the last name Horn, well a lot of records pop up. Like pages and pages of them.

But if you search for the name Samuel Horn in the system, it comes up completely blank. Which is odd because do have a two page record that Greg's investigator was able to get years ago that show a few nonviolent, non drug charges, like custodial interference, driving on a suspended license, and writing a worthless check - which, by the way, Peggy had a very frequent history of doing.

What's even more odd is there's no question that Sam was repeatedly arrested or connected to other kinds of more serious criminal activity over the span of many years.

For example, a newspaper clipping from 1982 reports that Jackie Cleghorn, Billy's brother, and Sam Horn, were being held in connection with breaking and entering into a hardware store in Sparta, Tennessee.

The police had found the two men still in the commission of the crime, with Sam inside the store knocking the combination lock off of a safe, while Jackie waited outside. They were both charged with burglary and safe cracking, and bonded out on \$10,000 each, but apparently nothing came of the charges. The incident doesn't appear on Jackie's record and, as we said, Sam appears to have no such record at all.

Interestingly, the same article reported that hours before the two men broke into the hardware store, another local store, an OTASCO tire store, had also been broken into. And whoever broke into that store had spread gasoline throughout it and then set it on fire.

It was a clear arson, according to the authorities. However, they made it a point to say it was unrelated to the hardware store break in by Jackie and Sam. As far as we can tell, no one was ever arrested in connection to the OTASCO break in and arson.

Then there's this rumor that we've heard over and over, from at least half a dozen people who knew Sam. That at some point he had shot, with impunity, a campus police officer at Tennessee Tech University. The stories were all similar, but in one version Sam shot the officer in the arm, but didn't mean to kill him, but he died anyway. In other versions, he meant to kill him and blew his arm off, but the officer survived. In all the versions, Sam had been pulled over by the officer before and was so pissed off when he was pulled over again, that he got out of his car with a shotgun, fired at the officer, and took off.

We really wanted to verify the story so the first place we started was with the Tennessee Tech campus police to see maybe if they had a record of it, which didn't go so well.

Rabia Chaudry:

My name is Rabia Chaudry and I'm a journalist that's working on a story, and I'm trying to find some information about a Tennessee Tech campus policeman or security guard who was killed in sometime ... I think in the 90's? Late 80's or early to mid 90's. And I'm wondering if those are records you would have, if there was somebody was killed on campus in the line of duty?

TN Campus Police Operator:

Tennessee Tech Police Department in Cookeville, Tennessee?

Rabia Chaudry:

Yes, that's right.

TN Campus Police Operator:

Um, hold on one moment.

Rabia Chaudry:

Okay, thank you.

(hold music / campus information)

TN Campus Police Operator:

Ma'am?

Rabia Chaudry:

Yes.

TN Campus Police Operator:

Thank you for holding. Uh, I don't know where you got your information, but we're not aware of any of that.

Rabia Chaudry:

Um, so I'm working on a story that involves a homicide that happened in 1998 in Cookeville, but one of the prime suspects, it's been reported by a lot of different people that he was involved in shooting a Tennessee Tech guard. Like, I keep hearing this - I've heard this from at least half a dozen sources. I just can't find any evidence for it, so I thought ...

TN Campus Police Operator:

Yeah, I don't know where you're gonna find it.

Rabia Chaudry:

Well, I was gonna take a look at obituaries-

TN Campus Police Operator:

No one here knows anything about it.

Rabia Chaudry:

I was gonna look at obituaries from the time to see if there's any obituary about anybody who worked there, but I thought I'd start with your office to see, I'm assuming you would ... you know, sometimes police departments have memorials or they have a wall of ... to commemorate people who have died in the line of duty, or anything like that.

TN Campus Police Operator:

We haven't had any.

Rabia Chaudry:

In all through the 90's and 80's as well?

TN Campus Police Operator:

Right.

Rabia Chaudry:

Not a single person? Not a single security guard ever shot on campus?

TN Campus Police Operator:

Ma'am, I told you everything that I know to tell you.

Rabia Chaudry:

Okay, um, do you have ... is there some-

TN Campus Police Operator:

We don't ...

Rabia Chaudry:

Yeah, I'm sorry, go ahead.

TN Campus Police Operator:

I just got finished talking to the chief and he told me what to tell you.

Rabia Chaudry:

No, I understand, but I'm just wondering ... have you been ... okay ... but nobody's you haven't checked anything, you're just telling me what he told you. But you haven't actually checked records. I mean, is there somebody who can actually check records for me?

TN Campus Police Operator:

Well I think if an officer died in the line of duty I would know.

Rabia Chaudry:

Have you been there that long? Since the 80's?

TN Campus Police Operator:

I've been here for 27 years.

Rabia Chaudry:

Oh, wow.

TN Campus Police Operator:

You do the math.

Rabia Chaudry:

Yeah, yeah, yeah ... Can I ask you another question? Do you know the name Sam Horn?

TN Campus Police Operator:

No.

Rabia Chaudry:

Hmm. Okay.

Next, we combed through obituaries and newspaper archives, enlisting the help of a Tennessee Tech University librarian named Charlene McClain, who put in hours of research but also came up empty.

Finally, I took it to social media, asking our listeners on Facebook and Twitter if they knew anyone who worked as a campus officer at the university in that era. I never said why I needed the information, or who it was connected to.

A few days later, we got a voicemail on our tip line.

The man started off by saying he had some names of cops that could be helpful and listed off a few of them. Then, his voicemail took a different turn.

Now, we've disguised his voice, and will explain why in a minute.

Anonymous Caller:

And that's all I found on TTU cops. But, uh, I do have an alternative suspect for you, but I don't know how much you've looked into him. Sam and Peggy Horn. But, I do know Sam Horn and he is quite capable. He's a good man, he was a good man. He's been dead for a few years now, but he's the type of person who if you cross him, he was more than capable of murder in my book. I know he shot a cop some years ago. Either a cop or a constable. I remember him telling me about it. Shot him with a shotgun, and he meant to kill him. Said luckily he didn't kill him. I don't know what ever came of that, but that happened right in the 70's. I know Sam got on meth real bad back in the mid 90's.

I told him it was incredibly ironic that the point of my social media post was to try and find out more information about Sam shooting an officer at Tennessee Tech. But without even knowing what I was researching, he ended up responding with information about the very same incident in his voicemail.

I also told him yes, Sam Horn was not only on our radar, he was dead center of it. The man shared that Sam himself had told him about shooting the officer after being pulled over one too many times, and also that he knew that Sam and Peggy lived across the road from the Kolesnikows.

He said at one time Sam had been a good person, but he was absolutely capable of killing someone who crossed him or took advantage of him. While this man didn't have any direct information about Sam and Peggy's involvement with the murders, he had heard things.

The man said that Sam began changing for the worse when he started getting deep into his meth addiction and that was when this man distanced himself. Most of the time that he had spent with Sam was during the years that Sam operated his cab company.

And that takes us to the next story about Sam, which unlike the officer shooting story, we were easily able to verify thanks to newspaper accounts and court records.

[34:44] Susan Simpson: On the morning of December 18, 1992, Detective James Lamb of the Putnam County Sheriff's office was summoned to the Scottish Inn motel in Cookeville. The manager on duty took him to room 155, where the detective found a deceased man wearing only underwear, laying on his back on one of the two beds in the room.

The man's skin was discolored and his head hung off the bed, as if it had fallen off of his pillow, with his feet pointing towards a television that was still turned on. It looked like he had been dead for several hours.

The police collected what they found on the scene: an empty bottle of Candian Mist Liquor, bed sheets with stains, and the man's clothing and shoes. While there didn't seem to be any foul play involved, the dead man's wallet was missing and they had no way to identify him.

When they checked the motel registry, it turned out the room had been rented in the name of one Ms. Sue Brown two days earlier, and who had, according to the clerk, checked in with the man for one night. Ms. Brown had been dropped off at the motel by the Horn cab service.

The next day Sue Brown did not check out, but a man from the same Horn cab service came by to pay for another night at the hotel in cash, explaining to the clerk that Ms. Brown's daughter wasn't able to pick her up so she needed to stay at the motel another night.

The following morning, the man from the Horn cab service came by again and asked the clerk if Sue Brown had checked out. He had knocked on the door and no one answered. The clerk said that he didn't know if she checked out, and the man left.

A little while later, a maid entered room 155 and she found the man, undressed and very much dead, all alone in the room. There was no Ms. Sue Brown to be found.

It turned out that Ms. Brown had given the motel a bogus address, but the detectives tracked down Horn's cab service to interrogate the man who had returned twice to the motel.

That man turned out to be Sam Horn. And Sue Brown turned out to be his mother in law, Rose Redmon. That's right, Peggy's mother.

The dead man was Charles Hamlet, a local businessman, and it seems that he went to the motel with Rose for the kind of good time he wouldn't want his wife to know about. What Hamlet didn't know was that he was being set up by Rose, Sam, Peggy, and Sam's brother and cab company partner Sanford Horn for an extortion scheme that never quite came to fruition.

[37:29] Colin Miller: Before we explain the scheme, it's important to know that Charles Hamlet wasn't any random mark.

According to a *Herald Citizen* article, he had been a regular "customer" of the Horn cab company and on December 4, 1992 he actually bought the company from Sam and Sanford for \$15,000. He paid them in cash, with the understanding that the company would become his on January 1, 1993. But two days after paying them, he went to the Scottish Inn with Rose and he ended up dead.

After Hamlet died, his family sued the Horns, alleging they kept both the \$15,000 and the company, and destroyed the sales contract to cover up.

Their civil suit said that the Horns never intended to honor the sale, which was why they were planning on extorting Hamlet. The Hamlets sued for the \$15,000 plus \$200,000 in punitive damages. Meanwhile the Horns countersued for \$100,000 for harassment.

Eventually the parties settled without either admitting liability and with the Horns returning the \$15,000.

A few months later in November 1994, Sam, Sanford, and Peggy were indicted and arrested for criminal conspiracy to commit extortion.

The indictment read:

violation of T.C.A. §39-12-103(a). Further on or about December 6, 1992, in pursuance of said conspiracy, Sam Horn and Peggy Horn hired a female subject to pose nude in photographs with Charles Hamlet, removed the clothes of Charles Hamlet (who was at the time incapacitated by alcohol consumption) and proceeded to take photographs and video-tape of Charles Hamlet and the nude female subject (§39-12-103(d)) for use in coercion upon Charles Hamlet with the intent to unlawfully obtain property, advantage, or immunity or to unlawfully restrict Charles Hamlet's freedom of action, all of which constitutes the offense of criminal conspiracy to commit extortion, committed in Putnam County, in violation of T.C.A. §39-14-112 and §39-12-103, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

According to a newspaper account of the case, the medical examiner determined that Hamlet died of a heart attack that night at the motel, rendering the defendants extortion plan moot and lucky for them they weren't charged with anything in connection to Hamlet's death.

Even luckier for them though was that Sam, Peggy and Sanford were never actually prosecuted for the extortion plot.

Six months after the indictments, all charges against them were dropped by District Attorney William Gibson.

[40:00] Rabia Chaudry: The very next year, on the morning of January 19, 1995, Sanford Horn was leaving his home when he was viciously attacked with a hammer. Sanford attempted to fight off the assailant but the man then pulled out a knife and began stabbing Sanford repeatedly, killing him in the front yard of his trailer.

In the course of the struggle with Sanford, the culprit tore away at Sanford's jean pocket, grabbing his wallet and ripping his jean leg straight down. The man then took off with the wallet and the murder weapon.

Three days later the police busted through the door of 29 year old Phillip Leon Boles, also known as Peewee, who they found naked and dazed, high from a combination of marijuana, valium and thorazine.

Right off the bat Peewee admitted to killing Sanford, but insisted that he never meant to. It was his aunt and uncle's idea, he said. His aunt, who he also called his mother because she had raised him most of his life, was Rose Redmon, Peggy Horn's mother.

According to Peewee, who was clearly mentally unwell, he had been wanting to kill or hurt himself for a while. He had nothing to live for, he said, not since the woman he loved left him eight months ago for another man, a man she had been cheating on him with.

Peewee had spiraled since then, staying high, and being in constant emotional pain, wanting to end his life he told the detectives. His mother, as he called Rose, and her husband Andy told him that if he wanted to end it all anyway, and he had nothing to live for, he may as well attack and rob Sanford first.

Peewee didn't know Sanford, he was Rose's son-in-law Sam's brother. But Rose and Andy knew that Sanford often carried large quantities of cash on him and they could show Peewee where he lived.

Andy, said Peewee, told him to just hit Sanford with a hammer and then try to take the money. But he said to take a knife just in case Sanford fought back. He didn't need to tell Peewee that though, Peewee worked in a slaughterhouse and always carried his knife, he told the police.

Rose and Andy drove Peewee to Sanford's house, dropped him off, and told him where to hide and wait until Sanford came out of his trailer. It was all, said Peewee, their idea. His head was so messed up, he didn't know why he said ok to do it. But, he said, it was never about the money for him.

Rose and Andy wanted the money, Peewee said. He just wanted a way out of his life. Well, Sanford did fight back, and Peewee pulled out his knife and killed him. Peewee then fled and ditched the knife and the wallet.

[42:34] Susan Simpson: Peewee never even looked inside the wallet to see how much cash was in it, he told the police, but a day or so after the murder, Rose showed up at Peewee's door demanding to know where the money was. He told her the same thing he later told police, he didn't know where it was or how much it was, he didn't have the wallet.

Well, Rose decided to take Peewee for a drive, hoping he could pick out where he had thrown the wallet, though he kept insisting to her that he burned it. In the car with them was Rose's son David Redmon. Yeah, the same David Redmon, Peggy's brother, who lived in a trailer across the road from the Kolesnikows.

Rose had Peewee recount the crime as they drove around, waving him quiet every time he mentioned anything about her or Andy being involved. It seemed to Peewee that she was recording him, and it turned out that he was right. She did record him, and she turned it over to the police.

According to Rose, she had nothing to do with the crime, neither her or Andy had plotted it or encouraged it, it was all her nephews doing, she said. His idea. She was scared that he would kill her too so she recorded him confessing to it so she could turn him into the police.

In fact, Rose has always maintained innocence, and a few people we've spoken to suggested Sam himself may have had something to do with it. Interestingly, Peewee does mention Sam a few times in his police interrogation, once even saying Sam's name and then quickly correcting himself that he meant to say Andy.

Whether or not Sam was involved, the police weren't buying Rose's story, at all. Peewee was so clearly psychologically compromised they felt it was clear he had been manipulated into committing the crime, and they likely had enough experience with Rose and her family that they knew they were fully capable of such a plot.

All three, Rose, Andy, and Peewee, were charged with Sanford's murder.

Rose ended up taking a second degree murder plea with a 22 year sentence. She was released in 2012, having served 18 years for plotting her son in law's brother's murder. Rose's husband Andy served only three years. And Peewee, well he's still in prison, eligible for parole in 2020.

[45:08] Colin Miller: That was just a brief tour of some of the Horn clan crime stories, and we didn't even get to the one about Sam's nephew Mike, who, in 2010, left his state-issued dentures behind at the crime scene when he murdered a 28 year old woman and then attempted to run over the officers trying to arrest him. How did the police know they were his dentures? Well, they were engraved with his name.

As we said before, there are pages and pages of Horns with criminal history and records, but again, somehow Sam evaded spending any time behind bars. Which takes us back to the Kolesnikow murders and back to 1999 and Billy Cleghorn spilling the beans on the Horns.

He told the authorities and Greg's defense investigator what he witnessed himself the night of the murders at Sam's house, what he heard Peggy say at his brother's Jackie's place, and there one more big piece of information.

Samantha, Sam and Peggy's daughter, apparently confessed to him.

In 1998 Billy and Samantha were both romantically and sexually involved even though he was in his late 30s and she was only 17. Her father Sam wasn't happy with it and felt threatened that Billy would take Samantha away from the family.

A couple of months before this most recent arrest in 1999, Billy finally moved out of Sam's house and moved in with his friend Paula Laucamore, the Paula we've been hearing from in this episode.

Samantha began coming over to Paula's to see Billy and one night, she began weeping and talking about the murders.

In his 1999 interview Billy told defense investigator Harcum that Samantha's "mother had gone over to the (Kolesnikow) residence earlier during the day and unlocked the bathroom window." That, apparently, was how she snuck in after the Kolesnikows had gone to sleep.

[46:45] Billy Cleghorn:

Samantha said she was asleep on the porch. And she heard somethin' and woke up. She said it sounded like gunfire. She said then a little bit after like she seen her mom and Sam come in, they had a bunch of stuff. And ah, I reckon that's when they, ya know, did whatever they did across the street. And ah, I reckon, she said something about her mama went in earlier that day and opened the bathroom window. She said she had to use the bathroom, and ah went in there and did whatever, I don't know.

Billy went on to tell Harcum that according to Samantha, her parents smelled like gasoline and she heard them laughing and talking about shooting the Kolesnikows.

Billy later found out that Samantha had confided in Paula as well and could corroborate his story.

To be clear, Billy wasn't seeking to tell the truth out of any sense of justice for Greg. He was in a dire situation, facing many years in a federal prison, and was hoping this information could help him cut a deal. Billy reached out to Paula from the prison and she agreed to speak to the authorities and to Greg's investigator as well.

And she did, although the interview took place in a pretty disconcerting way.

[48:00] Susan Simpson:

So you had know warning they were coming to you other than Billy's call.

Paula Laucamore:

TBI car sitting out in my driveway, and plus I had all kinds of stuff in my house to cook meth. Now the law is so funny...

Susan Simpson:

Please come on in!

Paula Laucamore:

I'm gonna tell you now, Cookeville Police is very shady. [Susan: yeah...] County and City. Now I respect a lot of them up there. A lot of the been good to me and they're good people. But a lot of them is shady as hell.

Susan Simpson:

So they took you to a graveyard? How did that happen?

Paula Laucamore:

I said we're not gonna stay here. And they said well we'll just take you to a spot that we go to. And they took me to a graveyard on down this road, not far from my house.

Susan Simpson:

What graveyard was it?

Paula Laucamore:

I don't know.

Susan Simpson:

[laughs] If the cops were driving me around and pulled into a graveyard, I'd be like "guys, what's up? Can we go to a coffee shop?" ...

Paula Laucamore:

And so I asked before we started, you know, I was high, I was already, you know, not in a good spot, and I just started talking to 'em, kind of told them a little bit, and kind of fizzled out of the conversation...

Susan Simpson:

So when you, to the extent that you recall, you go to this graveyard, were you being recorded?

Paula Laucamore:

No, I think he had a legal pad.

Susan Simpson:

And he just, it ends pretty quick. You're not going to tell him much.

Paula Laucamore:

And he had some Russian name.

Susan Simpson:

He had a Russian name?

Paula Laucamore:

Mmm-hmmm.

Susan Simpson:

The interviewer?

Paula Laucamore:

Krosky or something....

Susan Simpson:

Kroffsik.

Paula Laucamore:

That's it.

[49:22] **Colin Miller:** What she told them in 1999 is pretty much what she told us this year.

Paula Laucamore:

Samantha came and started coming around, Billy had been there a couple of weeks and she came over, and I'd tell her he's not here. Because I did not want a minor in my house cooking meth because the police could come - there's a reason right then to come through the door - you have a minor in here. And I didn't trust her, I didn't want any association with them Horns. I knew how to cook my own dope, I had my own stuff, I didn't need them people. And didn't want whatever came with them.

[50:02] **Rabia Chaudry:** One day, Paula started geeking on Samantha, geeking hard. She saw Samantha was wearing jewelry on every finger and both arms, rings and bracelets, and Paula flipped. She made Samantha take it all off and ordered her to start cleaning up the place after Billy. That's when Samantha broke down.

Paula Laucamore:

She was like, 'You have bibles and you talk about Jesus, do you think Jesus could love somebody like me?' So we just started talking about Jesus a little bit, and I don't know if

she was manipulating the situation to try to calm me down. Using Jesus, or if the little girl really did want to know about Jesus. So I was back and forth with her about having compassion or geeking on her. [laughs]

And so she just, it was around 10 or 11 at night, for about 3 hours, this little girl, she's cleaning the house, and just starts spilling her guts. And sometimes people get high on meth and they call it truth serum. And people get high on meth and they'll just start telling you everything about everything.

And that's when murder came up.

Paula Laucamore:

She breaks down and tells me that her grandmother is in prison...she says "my grandmother is in prison for a murder she didn't commit."

Ok, not that murder, that's the murder of Sanford Horn, Sam's brother, the one that Peggy's mother went to prison for.

Paula Laucamore:

She said my dad made me go with him next door to the neighbor's house and ah, something about somebody got shit, she heard a shot again, and that her mom and somebody had got in through a bathroom window and that somebody, and then she's rambling on, and then she said "and Dad took me back to the house", and "I can't believe they went back up there, they were looking for something, um, something that was by the headboard, and Dad came in and drunk a glass of chocolate milk, and told me not to never to talk about it again."

I said, "So you're telling me that your dad killed somebody?" And she said "I'm telling you that my mother did!". And I was like "What?"

That night's conversation was enough for Paula and she made Samantha leave and not return. She didn't want to know all that Samantha was telling her, and she didn't want a juvenile around as she was cooking meth.

Not long after though, sometime in the fall of 1998, Paula's house was surrounded by law enforcement agents.

Paula Laucamore:

This may be three weeks to a month after all this went down were Samantha had come over. And I'm going out my front door, and all of a sudden three county cops, or maybe TBIs, I'm not sure, come flooding to my car and I thought I was getting busted for meth. And they said, " Miss Laucamore, get back from the car, get back from the car!" And I went and sat on my porch, and I'm like "What's goin' on?" And they're like "We've

received some information and we need to look in your tailpipe and underneath your bumper." I'm like, "What?"

The information they had gotten was that Sam was going to kill Paula for robbing his daughter of her jewelry.

Paula Laucamore:

Well, come to find out, they had had an informant down at Sam Horn's. And Sam was down there talkin' about puttin' a pipe bomb in my car, in my car, to blow up my car for what I did to his daughter.

Now, the cops didn't find any bomb and while it's certainly alarming that Sam was floating the idea of killing Paula, naturally what caught our attention was the part about the informant.

Because truth be told, a lot of people who knew Sam thought that he must have been an informant, maybe that's why he never got arrested or prosecuted for anything. And there are many people who say they saw officers at Sam's place and knew full well about his meth lab.

One of those people is Lacy Harness, a man who worked with or for Sam, who was at Sam's house on the night of the murders, and who agreed to answer some of Greg's mothers questions when she went to see him.

And while Paula didn't know Lacy, he did figure into her theory of what happened on the night murders.

Paula Laucamore:

I believe that Sam, Peggy, I believe that Samantha was there, I believe there was four people that was totally involved in that.

Susan Simpson:

Is there a person you think is the fourth? Could it be Billy?

Paula Laucamore:

No.

Susan Simpson:

You don't think so. Could it be Jackie?

Paula Laucamore:

No.

Susan Simpson:

You don't think it was Jackie.

Paula Laucamore:

No.

Susan Simpson:

Why is that?

Paula Laucamore:

I just don't think it was Jackie. You know, there's a lot of talk about this Lacy guy.

[54:44] Susan Simpson: When Sam and Peggy Horn were interviewed by the police about their whereabouts the night of the murders, they told them they had been in Nashville all day and evening on August 4th, and didn't return home until 1:30am. Their daughter Samantha had been at home, they said, as was Lacy Harness.

According to Sam, he had been in Nashville to renew his driver's licence and they stayed in the city later to celebrate their wedding anniversary, which it indeed was.

The problem with this story is that others place Sam and Peggy at home that night, all night. There's Billy of course, who has maintained since 1999 that he was at the Horn house multiple times that night and every time he was there so was Sam.

According to Billy's 1999 statement there was another man with him when he went to Sam's place around 10pm. His name was Tony McCloud.

There is a handwritten document in Greg's files in which McCloud signs a statement that looks like it's been written by Joyce. The statement says that McCloud was at the Horn residence that night, and Sam and Peggy were definitely home.

We were able to find Tony McCloud after all these years, and while he doesn't know anything about what happened later that night, he still swears that the Horns were home.

Tony McCloud:

I was just over there that night, then the next - then I come back again the next morning, I was there until about 11:00 at night, 10 or 11:00 that night, and left Sam's, then come back about 3:00 in the morning and all that was going on.

Rabia Chaudry:

OK, but you can confirm then, because Sam and Peggy told the police that they weren't home that night. They said they were in Nashville until 1 am. That's not true.

Tony McCloud:

I know they was at home, I can tell you that right now, I was with them all night sittin' at their kitchen table with 'em.

Rabia Chaudry:

OK, all right, so we know they were home.

Tony McCloud:

Yeah, but I promise you they were there at 11 or 12:00 that night 'cuz I left and they were still right there.

Rabia Chaudry:

OK.

Tony McCloud:

Sam and Peggy was, that night. I'll testify to that in a court of law and take a lie detector test. I promise you they were there that night.

Rabia Chaudry:

Thank you, I appreciate that.

Tony McCloud:

With everything that's in me. [Rabia: yeah...] They were there that night.

And two other people were there that night, according not only to other witnesses, but to their own statements putting them there. Samantha Horn and Lacy Harness. Lacy was living with the Horns at that time, and apparently dating Samantha as well.

We spent a lot of time looking for Lacy, knocking on dozens of doors, making phone calls, because it was clear that while Billy and Jackie and Paula mostly had second hand information, if there was anyone who had direct information of what happened that night other than Sam and Peggy themselves, it had to be Samantha and Lacy.

And between the two, Lacy seemed like he had more incentive to talk.

[57:38] Colin Miller: Back in 1998, two days after the murders, he gave the police a short statement. In it he said that he got home at around 11:00 pm and noticed people hauling hay in the field behind Victor's house. Lacy sat in a chair on the porch and around 11:30 pm he saw a light come on across the way in Victor's bedroom. Lacy fell asleep on the porch until around

1:00 am. At that point he woke up and went inside and fell asleep again until Sam work him up and told him there was a fire at the neighbors house. That was it, that was all he knew.

Seven years after giving this statement, Lacy spoke to defense investigator Jim Harcum. He told Harcum that he was aware that someone was convicted of the Kolesnikow murders, but he didn't know who. Harcum told him it was Greg Lance. Lacy didn't know Greg, they had never met he said, but he felt that Greg didn't commit the murders. It was Lacy's opinion, according to Harcum's report, that Sam Horn was responsible for the murders.

He told Harcum he didn't have direct knowledge that Sam and Peggy were involved in the murders but he knew they were having property issues with Victor. Sam, said Lacy, was operating a meth house, cooking dope in his kitchen day and night, and in general it was a bad environment. Everyone was hooked on dope, including Sam's daughter Samantha.

Lacy told Harcum that he was pretty sure Victor and Alla were killed over the property and that Peggy wanted the deeds for the property she and her brothers had bought from Victor. According to Lacy, both the Redmon brothers were still making payments on the property and David Redmon would make up any failure to pay by doing yard work at Victor's house. But Sam and Peggy, said Lacy, were way behind on their payments.

He told Harcum again about the night of the murders, but this time his story was a little different. He didn't come home at 11:00 pm, he had actually been home all night. He remembered Billy coming by a couple of times and Jackie and Rachel swinging by in the early evening, and recalled that he fell asleep on the porch around 11:00 pm. He woke up when he heard Sam saying "What is that" and realized he had somehow ended up on the couch inside the house.

Sam, he said, was coming from the back of the house, had no pants on, was just in his underwear and was stripping off a green sweatshirt. Sam leaned over Lacy and looked out the front window of the house, stating that Victor's house was on fire.

When Lacy looked out the window, he said he didn't see anything but then saw a few flames. He and Sam went outside on the deck and saw David Redmon on the porch of his trailer. David yelled that he had called 911 and shortly afterwards the fire department showed up.

Lacy hadn't seen Peggy but heard the shower running when he woke up so he figured she was taking a bath.

A couple of days later they all went over to Jackie and Rachel's to hide out for a bit. They're, like Billy and Jackie, Lacy saw Peggy talking crazy. Lacy's sister Jenny told him that Peggy admitted that she killed the Kolesnikows and Sam burnt the house down. Peggy also told Jenny that when she shot Alla, she saw her spirit come out of her body.

Beyond this information, he said he knew nothing else that could help in the case. But that wasn't exactly true. This year, Lacy had much more to say.

[1:00:48] Rabia Chaudry: Like I said earlier, I looked hard for Lacy, visited a lot of dead end addresses, got scared off by lots of dogs, made dozens of calls, and finally gave up because I had to come back home.

But Joyce, Greg's mother, didn't give up.

She was able to track down not just Lacy but his sister Jenny Harness too. Now remember, Jenny had also been at the Horn residence on the night of the murders but her name was left out in pretty much all of the early statements. Lacy didn't want his little sister, who was a teenager, getting caught up in anything.

But, Jenny was at the Horn home all night and from what we've been told, she was asleep in a back bedroom the entire time.

The next morning, Lacy and Jenny's parents showed up to pick her up. Now the parents don't show up anywhere in the official records but, as we'll get into next week, her mother in fact had some very pertinent information.

Getting back to Lacy though, it wasn't the first time Joyce had spoken to him in person. She had gone out to see him years ago and taken notes, which we have in her writing on a yellow pad.

She wrote in her notes that Lacy told her that Sam had lots of guns, hundreds of them, hidden all over the place. He said that he had told Detective Doug Burgess and Agent Kroffsik about Sam and Peggy but they didn't want to hear it, that he had been expecting others to come to question him about the murders but no one ever did.

He also told her, according to the notes, that he saw cops at Sam's place as Sam was cooking meth. Sam's meth kitchen was no secret to law enforcement, which, if there really was an informant at Sam's that alerted the police that he was going to kill Paula, is clear anyway.

Anyhow, it seems to be a pattern with Lacy that every time someone speaks to him, he has a little more information to provide. This time when Joyce met with him, with Linda, Greg's advocate you heard from early in the season by her side, Lacy told her more than he had before.

But as always, she asked him to start at the beginning.

Sam, he said, had a history of getting away with stuff.

Lacy Harness:

There was a couple of cases slid under the table, you know, disappeared, they had no motive, or no information really. And at least with the pictures of it I know the people that was in it, you know, and he had some doin's with killing his own brother. And the DA had dismissed a lot of things against Sam Horn.

Joyce Argo:

We found that today in the court records.

Lacy Harness:

And it had started when Sam shot that cop over there in the face. Point blank, with a .410.

Joyce Argo:

At UT?

Lacy Harness:

Yeah, like for instance, one of the things Sam had slide under the table and nobody was ever convicted of was a man was murdered, well I'll call it murdered, but he had passed away and, um, Rose had climbed in bed in a motel, and I heard that...

Joyce:

Hamlet, Charles Hamlet, was that the guy's name?

Lacy Harness:

I don't recall the name, but Sam had the pictures still after he died and they had moved, everything was moved.

The pictures that Sam had taken of Rose in bed with the dead man, Charles Hamlet, well he kept them until he died himself, and Lacy had seen them with his own eyes.

But whatever Sam's involvement was with the other stuff, Lacy is pretty convinced that Sam and Peggy killed the Kolesnikows.

Lacy Harness:

The guy that I think did it was Sam. He was a shady, shady character. I'm a firm believer that Sam did it.

Joyce Argo:

You think he did it.

Lacy Harness:

Sam did it to cover up Peggy.

Lacy said that Peggy was the one who shot the Kolesnikows, and that Sam burned down the house to hide any evidence of them being there.

Lacy Harness:

She had her fingerprints on so many things that Sam had to burn it to cover up the evidence of her fingerprints all over the place.

Joyce Argo:

Her fingerprints were over everything at the house?

Lacy Harness:

Yes.

She was looking for the deed documents, Lacy said, because they had fallen behind in their payments to Victor and he was foreclosing on them.

Plus, Sam was paranoid that the Kolesnikows were spying on their meth operation

Lacy Harness:

Sam had stopped everything. I mean he shut down. He thought that they were about to come in on him.

Joyce Argo:

And arrest him.

Lacy Harness:

Yeah, which I wouldn't swear that.. see these people wasn't from here. And they had some kind of camera set up in their home. And they was fixin' to tell on Sam for what he was doing. On top of...that was one of the reasons they wanted him out of there.

On the night of the murders, said Lacy, he was at the Horn residence. And so were Sam and Peggy, they hadn't gone to Nashville that day like they told the police.

Lacy repeated the story that he fell asleep on the porch and then somehow ended up asleep on the couch inside the house, which was where Sam woke him up.

Lacy Harness:

I dozed off, and the next thing I know Sam was waking me up, out the window, I'm feelin' water dripping on my head, you know, he had just got out of the shower. He said "Man, what? You hear them gunshots?" I said "Nope - what's goin' on? I know it ain't rainin' on this porch. What the heck you puttin' on there?" And Sam is dripping wet, water drippin' out of his hair, you know.

Joyce Argo:

Oh, from just gettin out of the shower?

Lacy Harness:

Yeah, I mean he hadn't even dried off, he still had his underwear in his hand and a towel in the other hand, and slid the door, slid the window open there, and he's like "You hear them gunshots?" And he's lookin' across the street, see if I would see it before him, you know what I mean? Like trying to get me to see - he's trying to play my mind. The house reeked of gas.

Joyce Argo:

Sam and Peggy's house?

Lacy Harness:

Yeah. And that cleared me up, you know. And them taking a shower that late? [Joyce: Normally people don't take a shower....] They was out somewhere they shouldn't be.

Joyce Argo:

Exactly, exactly.

[1:07:10] Rabia Chaudry: Throughout all the years in the statements Lacy has given he really doesn't have much to say beyond this point of the timeline of what happened the night the Kolesnikows were murdered. At least, nothing of any real evidentiary value.

But this time, when he spoke to Joyce, he told her what he saw the next morning. Sam, he said, was out in the back of his house taking care of some things.

Lacy Harness:

They didn't get rid of the clothes till the next day.

Joyce Argo:

Oh, the next day they got rid of the clothes?

Lacy Harness:

Around daylight.

Joyce Argo:

How did they get rid of them?

Lacy Harness:

Burned them in a barrel around back. I went out early the morning after. The fire department was still out there, you know, making sure the smoke wasn't going to catch back. Well, he was outside at daylight cutting the hinges off of this...

Joyce Argo:

That safe?

Lacy Harness:

Yeah. And was standing there burning the paperwork as he went over it. And they had it piled all over the trailer sittin', and he was in the driveway with it, and in the back of the house.

That safe, said Lacy, had been hauled out from Victor and Alla's house after they were killed. And while the cops and firefighters were across the street going through the fire wreckage, Sam was just a few hundred yards away, torching the door off of the victims safe, and searching for the deed papers to their property.

After emptying the safe, Lacy said Sam put the safe in a car, which he had destroyed.

Lacy Harness:

The back of the case was hid in a car that he had took the keys.

Joyce Argo:

And he crushed it.

Lacy Harness:

Yeah. And it was destroyed

Now, back in Episode 1 we mentioned that whatever could be salvaged from the fire was turned over to the Kolesnikow estate, and that included documents found in a safe.

So there was a safe actually found in the house, and we have pictures of it. Multiple crime scene photos show a safe, its door wide open, in one of the burned out rooms. The safe is full of files with documents, neatly organized, though they look slightly singed.

The odd thing here of course, which should have occurred the investigators, is that the safe was found with the door open. Who keeps a safe like that? It seems like maybe someone went through the safe before they set the house on fire, someone who knew how to crack a safe, someone who had the time to then go through the safe, someone maybe like Sam.

The safe Lacy is talking about then had to be another safe, one that Sam wasn't able to crack and instead had to torch open. Lacy told Joyce and Linda he knew it took over an hour for Sam

to blowtorch the door of the safe open, he said it was good safe, heavy, with numerous bars that ran through the door and latched.

I looked up safes like that and they generally run a little over 100 pounds.

Now it could be that Sam Horn - skinny, cracked out, doped up Sam Horn - was able to haul a safe that heavy all by himself a couple of hundred yards uphill from the Kolesnikow house up his own driveway and into his backyard.

It could also be that he loaded the safe from the victims house into his van and drove it across the street home.

But whether the safe was carried all the way to up Sam's or loaded into his van, it still had to be removed from the Kolesnikow house manually, it still had to be physically carried some distance.

And if Sam Horn needed a hand doing that, well there was only one other man there that night.

The man that Samantha told Billy she saw returning from the Kolesnikow house with her parents, hauling a bunch of their stolen items. That man was Lacy Harness.

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