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Thanking "Reporter" again for allowing us to post her reports here on this forum to share with everybody.
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"Arndt Day 7, part 1"

Posted by reporter on 18:17:13 6/05/2001

The courtroom starts out pretty empty today. 3 jurors have on dark clothes, 3 women have spring clothes and 1 man has on a light blue shirt. All jurors have been given note pads and thick, black binders into which they can put things entered into evidence.

Having agreed between themselves to dismiss Van Blaricom, the defense calls Judith Fischer, LA's therapist. She came to the therapist because of recurring nightmares, extreme fear, headaches, recurring, intrusive thoughts, digestive problems. It was hard to listen to an account of a personal

therapist putting out intimate details of such a painful and personal nature.

*New tidbit I had not heard before. Linda was not debriefed by the BPD, standard after being so pivotal in the early hours, and to this day has not been debriefed. Will be interesting to see the opposition on this.

The testimony was long and a bit tedious. Most of it was regarding LA's ongoing trauma and Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. She thought she was suspected of department leaks. Hearing this testimony made me look at Koby and Beckner and wonder if they feel any guilt at the pain this woman and officer has endured. (Clearly, my bias is coming out).

After she finally left the department, having outlasted Koby, Eller and Thomas, she was seeking employment anywhere and no one would give her a job. Her decision to leave gave her both relief and devastation.

As LA's financial situation grew worse the therapist offered a much reduced price. Linda, being proud and honorable, chose instead to reduce her sessions with the therapist.

The cross was sort of interesting. Lots of maneuvering on Halaby's part to portray her as less than a competent therapist. Or on the fringes of the therapy world. She evidently keeps very sketchy records and much was made of that. The jury was dismissed for lunch and then the Judge told Halaby that his examination of Fischer was like a mouse playing with a dead mouse. The questions had been asked and answered many, many times. The judge had to say that he meant no disrespect of the therapist. There is some crapola out of the hearing of the jury about a prior therapist whose records were stolen. No resolution on that. Back shortly with Arndt's testimony.

Hey, no more 'thank you' posts needed. You should

ask questions or make comments. I do appreciate all of your words, though and if you were all here, wouldn't we all just ride that shuttle and go to lunch!

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"Reporter" also wrote an "Arndt Trial, Impressions" which I will post shortly and I don't know if that is what she considered part 2 of the report so I will wait and see if she posted more at Justice Watch. I am not a member there so I have to have somebody else get it for me. I will put the "impressions" on another thread.

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"Arndt trial, Day 7, part 2"

Posted by reporter on 18:52:26 6/05/2001

Linda got on the stand about 2 pm. Born and raised in Minnesota, dad was a cop and mayor, sounds like the salt of the earth family. Many are in attendance at the trial for her. They went through her training, education and many awards.

Interesting question: Was there internal politics in the department at that time (March 1997)

Answer: There CERTAINLY was!

She says she has not (to this day) been debriefed about what happened to me on December 26

LA ate at Dot's Diner with Chief Koby on April 8, 1997. At that time the media bashing of her had not begun. 2 key witnesses had contacted LA and said they were worried that a tabloid was going to name them as suspects. She warned Koby about this and wanted to protect the witnesses from being harassed by the media. Koby then had a meeting with the Public Information Officer (Susan Laurien?). Koby thought it should be just let be, let it lie. Media will spin anyway. Others at the meeting thought they had an obligation to do something, the sooner the better. A press release was issued saying these 2 were witnesses not suspects.

Cmdr Eller told LA that it was the history of the BPD to deny a problem and look for a scapegoat and warned her that things would get worse.

Eller told her, on the very night of Dec 26 that she might be in danger, to vary her route home. She was a key witness and the murderer might not want her to testify.

Then there was a lot of testimony about Peter Boyles and how damaging he and Chuck Green were to her reputation. A tape was played of LA calling Koby and asking him to back her up.

She finally took medical leave May 15 because she had been taken off the Ramsey team, was exhausted and it seemed a good time to do so.

"This isn't about me" she said, "It is bigger than about me. It goes to the credibility of the department and the truth of the Ramsey investigation."

May 22 Koby saw her at a health club and told her the Boyles tapes were being collected and he and Union Rep would decide if they should sue Boyles.

No one ever got back to her about that. Boyles was making statements that she had sent the FBI away and didn't collect the flashlight. Both are untrue.

*New item: several time the words "unclothed body of JonBenet" have been used. Is it possible that she had less on? Why are they using those words?

The stories took on a life of their own and kept multiplying, and multiplying.

Did she give the Ramseys a sample of the ransom note. Yes, it was requested and AUTHORIZED BY ELLER, but was given AFTER the Ramseys had given samples of handwriting.

Her father wrote 4 letters to police and Hunter. No response from police, although Hunter responded.

In talking about a letter from The Globe News Department, the judge said, Is this for real?? Does the Globe HAVE a news department? That was funny.

Again Eller warned her that things could get worse and that Beckner (now Chief) did not think well of her.

The only tear we saw was when she was asked to tell about her quitting the department. A fellow work person (I don't know who) said to her upon witnessing her being berated for something minor, You really ARE the bastard child aren't you?

She returns to the stand tomorrow at 8:45
