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CHRISTINA HARDWICK FOR U-T-V's  
LEGAL BEAT. IN A TIME WHEN CRIMES  
ONCE HIDDEN ARE MAKING NATIONAL  
HEADLINES, A FAMILY IS CONVICTED OF  
MOLESTING YOUNG CHILDREN IN THEIR  
DAYCARE CENTER.**

**FOR MORE THAN A DECADE THEY'VE  
CRIED OUT THAT THEY ARE INNOCENT.  
VICTIMS OF A MODERN-DAY WITCH  
HUNT FOR IMAGINED CHILD ABUSERS.  
THE PROSECUTORS SAY THIS CASE IS  
DIFFERENT—THEY'RE GUILTY.**

**TONIGHT ON "CRIME STORIES,"  
REPORTER AGNES COLUMBO LOOKS AT  
THE CONNOTY FAMILY OF MINNESOTA.**

**JUDIE CONNOTY, HER MOTHER  
JENNIFER AND BROTHER BRYAN SAY  
THEIR CASE IS JUST ONE OF DOZENS  
THAT SENT INNOCENT PEOPLE TO  
PRISON IN THE 1980s. THEIR CRIME?  
MOLESTING YOUNGSTERS AT THEIR  
FAMILY-OWNED DAYCARE CENTER.**

**MORE THAN A DOZEN DAYCARE  
WORKERS WERE CONVICTED BACK  
THEN AND MANY HAVE LONG SINCE  
BEEN ACQUITTED OR RELEASED FROM  
PRISON. AMID GRAVE QUESTIONS  
ABOUT WHETHER THE CHILDREN HAD  
HOLD THE TRUTH.**

**THE FIRST CHARGE OF CHILD ABUSE  
WAS MADE AGAINST BRYAN CONNOTY IN  
1994.**

**BY THEN, HE AND JUDIE HAD WORKED  
SEVERAL YEARS AT THE LUKES DAY  
SCHOOL WHICH JENNIFER HAD NAMED  
AFTER A CLOSE FAMILY FRIEND.**

**JUDIE AND JENNIFER WERE INDICTED IN  
1995.**

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**JASON MURPHY SAYS IT WAS THE PRESS THAT HELPED PUT HIM AND HIS FAMILY IN PRISON FOR ABUSING CHILDREN. NOW IT MAY JUST WIN HIS RELEASE.**

**IN 2001, AFTER RECEIVING A LETTER FROM JASON, SARAH MCADAMS TOOK UP HIS CAUSE.**

**MCADAMS SITS ON THE PRESTIGIOUS AND CONSERVATIVE EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE “WALL STREET JOURNAL.”**

**SHE’S WRITTEN ABOUT DAYCARE CASES FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. IN 2003, SHE NARROWLY MISSED WINNING THE PULITZER PRIZE FOR HER EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF WRONGLY CONVICTED CHILD MOLESTERS—including the MURPHYS.**

**THE COUNTY’S TWO TOP PROSECUTORS RAN SUCCESSFULLY FOR HIGHER OFFICE AFTER WINNING THE MCADAMS CASE. MCADAMS SAYS THEY’RE WILLING TO KEEP INNOCENT PEOPLE**

**IN PRISON TO AVOID ADMITTING THEY  
MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE.**

**MCADAMS SAYS THE REPORTERS WHO  
COVERED THE MURPHY STORY NEVER  
BELIEVED THE DEFENSE BUT ALWAYS  
TRUSTED THE PROSECUTOR.**

**THAT PROSECUTOR WAS THOMAS  
BROOKS. HE SAYS SOME OF THE MANY  
LEGENDS ABOUT THIS CASE BEGAN IN  
THE COURTROOM.**

**ACCORDING TO BROOKS, THE  
CHILD TESTIFIED THAT HE'D BEEN  
PENETRATED BUT DIDN'T KNOW  
WHAT WAS USED. LATER, ON CROSS-  
EXAMINATION, A DEFENSE ATTORNEY—  
AND NOT THE CHILD—SUGGESTED IT  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN A KNIFE.**

**ONE CHILD TOLD INVESTIGATORS  
HE'D BEEN TIED TO A TREE EVERY  
DAY AND THAT A ROBOT TALKED TO  
HIM IN THE MAGIC ROOM. ANOTHER  
SAID THE MURPHYS PULLED THE LEGS**

**OFF A SQUIRREL AND KILLED A BIRD  
TO FRIGHTEN THEIR VICTIMS. BUT  
EXPERTS BELIEVE THESE BIZARRE  
STORIES COULD ACTUALLY BE TRUE.  
AND BROOKS SAYS THE CASE WAS  
BASED ON DETAILED, BELIEVABLE AND  
UNSOLICITED REPORTS OF ABUSE.**

**BROOKS AND MURPHY AGREE THE  
MEDIA HAVE NOT ALWAYS PLAYED FAIR  
WITH THE MURPHY STORY.**

**A MONTH AND A HALF LATER THE  
PAPER PRINTED A DISCRETE NOTICE  
ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF  
A LEGAL DEFENSE FUND FOR THE  
MURPHYS.**

**BROOKS WROTE HER FIRST STORY  
ON THE MURPHY CASE AND BY THEN,  
COURTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY HAD  
QUESTIONED THE RELIABILITY OF  
CHILDRENS TESTIMONIES.**

**CAN A CHILD REALLY BE MADE TO  
BELIEVE EVENTS THAT NEVER TOOK  
PLACE? NEXT ON U-T-V.**

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**NO TWO PEOPLE EXCEPT IDENTICAL TWINS HAVE THE SAME GENETIC MATERIAL. BUT WHAT IS DNA?**

**DNA IS THE BLUEPRINT MOLECULE, THE CHEMICALLY CODED INFORMATION THAT CARRIES A PERSON'S HEREDITARY INFORMATION; WHAT THEY ARE; WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE THEIR INDIVIDUALITY.**

**MORE THAN 99% OF THE DNA IS THE SAME FOR EVERYONE. BUT THERE ARE AREAS BETWEEN THE KNOWN GENES CALLED POLYMORPHIC REGIONS OR JUNK GENES. THE DNA PATTERNS VARY DRAMATICALLY BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS. IT IS THESE GENES THAT ARE TESTED.**

**THERE ARE TWO BASIC KINDS OF DNA TESTS. PCR THREE LETTER THAT STAND FOR POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION. BIG WORD. PRETTY EASY. IT'S A COPYING PROCESS WHERE A RELATIVELY SMALL PIECE OF DNA**

**IS COPIED MULTIPLE TIMES. REPLY,  
RESTRICTIVE FRAGMENT LENGTH  
POLYMORPHISM ANALYSIS IS DONE  
WITH SPECIAL ENZYMES WHICH WE  
CALL RESTRICTION ENDONUCLEOSES  
WHICH ACT LIKE MOLECULAR  
SCISSORS. THEY WILL CLIP OUT, IF  
YOU LIKE, A PIECE OF SNA THAT WE'RE  
INTERESTED IN SO THAT WE CAN  
ANALYZE IT.**

**IT DOES NOT SEEM POSSIBLE THAT  
SOMEONE COULD BE CONVICTED  
MERELY ON DNA EVIDENCE AS IT  
IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE  
TO BE CONVICTED MERELY ON A  
FINGERPRINT.**

**DR. GREEN, PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR  
OF FORENSICS SCIENCE PROGRAM AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS IN AUSTIN,  
COMPARES FINGERPRINTING WITH DNA  
TESTING.**

**SO CAN YOU REALLY COMPARE  
IDENTICAL TWINS?**

**FINGERPRINTING HAS BEEN AROUND FOR NEARLY A CENTURY AND IS VIRTUALLY THE DEFINITIVE MEANS OF CLASSIFYING AND IDENTIFYING PEOPLE BUT IT'S USES ARE LIMITED. SNA TESTING NOT ONLY HELPS IDENTIFY CRIMINAL SUSPECTS, IT WAS USED IN THE PERSIAN GULF WAR TO IDENTIFY AMERICAN WAR DEATHS AND IS USED TO DETECT GENETIC DISEASE. IN FACT IT'S CHANGED THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT DIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE.**

**THIS IS NO VOODOO SCIENCE. IT'S HARD RELIABLE SCIENCE. IT IS A SCIENCE THAT IS SO FASNINATING THAT IT ALMOST ALLOWS YOU TO PEEK INTO THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.**

**IS DNA TESTING AS FOOLPROOF AS FINGERPRINTING? IS IT INDEED GENETIC FINGERPRINTING? THE JURY IS STILL OUT.**