

MURDER IN THE 21ST
#102 LAUREN GIDDINGS SCRIPT

CNN+ Original Series	
SLATE: JUNE 26, 2011 MACON, GEORGIA	
UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE	
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	Camera Man: Lauren. Karen Giddings: She just was a joy from the moment she was born.
UPPER 3rd: VOICE OF KAREN GIDDINGS LAUREN'S MOTHER / WBFF 45 - FOX	Karen Giddings: She had such a great personality and I just thought, you know, that's how kids are.
UPPER 3RD: VOICE OF DEBORAH PAYNE LAUREN'S AUNT / WTTG 5 - FOX	Deborah Payne: Everybody's little darling. She was the first born grandchild in our family.
	Woman: Lauren, hold that up.
UPPER 3RD: VOICE OF DEBORAH PAYNE LAUREN'S AUNT / WTTG 5 - FOX	Deborah Payne: She was the role model for all her cousins.
UPPER 3RD: GIDDINGS FAMILY VIDEO TRIBUTE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 19, 2021 LOWER 3RD: KAITLYN WHEELER LAUREN'S SISTER	Kaitlyn Wheeler: She was a go getter. She was always a really hard worker. She was the first in our family to graduate from college at all. And then to go into law school was such a big deal.
SLATE: FROM 2009-2011	

LAUREN ATTENDED MERCER LAW SCHOOL.	
	<p>Kaitlyn Wheeler: During Lauren’s final year at Mercer, her teacher had her write a law journal to see her reflect on the work she was doing and how it was obviously changing her perspective of criminals. People being accused of different things.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: EXCERPT FROM LAUREN’S LAW JOURNAL</p> <p>SLATE: <i>I meet these attorneys who have been in this profession for decades and I think how do they have the emotional strength to deal with these issues day in and day out for that amount of time?</i></p>	
<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Facebook Post): Lauren Teresa April 26, 2011 Law school. Check 2 Comments So excited and proud of you!!!</p>	
<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Facebook Post): Lauren Teresa April 26, 2011 Sitting in my very last class!! 2 Comments Yay yay yay!!! Hellz yeah!!</p>	
<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Facebook Post): Lauren Teresa April 26, 2011 Very last day of classes 😊 1 Comment Sounds like it’s time for a sex and the city marathon!</p>	
<p>SLATE: MAY 14, 2011 LAUREN GRADUATES FROM MERCER LAW SCHOOL.</p>	

<p>SLATE: JUNE 17, 2011 LAUREN'S SISTER KAITLYN'S WEDDING</p>	
	<p>Priest: Promises you made with each other. And by authority granted...</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: LAUREN'S SISTER KAITLYN'S WEDDING 06/17/2011</p>	<p>Lauren Giddings: So I think I told at least everyone everyone at that table, I had written this really long, like six page speech. Um. But, you're not gonna hear it so don't hear it so don't worry. I think it's Hillary Clinton, has the book, don't worry I'm not getting into my politics. I promise. The title is: "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child." and everyone who was invited here today - this is their village that raised them. And just in the last really two years I've gone to it seems like a wedding almost every weekend and unfortunately you don't always go to a wedding where both families, every person in the room is happy about it and just so excited about this couple getting together and committing themselves to each other forever.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: VOICE OF KAITLYN WHEELER LAUREN'S SISTER / GIDDINGS VIDEO TRIBUTE</p>	<p>Kaitlyn Wheeler: Lauren's boyfriend - David Vandiver, also made the trip to my wedding. We had met him a few times at that point. David seems like a really nice guy. There was some talk about Lauren moving in with David once her lease for her apartment was up.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: TEXTS FROM LAUREN TO DAVID 06/23/2011 4:30PM</p> <p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text messages): Lauren Giddings: Thanks for coming to the wedding. David Vandiver: It was a good time. Lauren Giddings: I guess I will see you when you get back from LA. David Vandiver: Yes</p>	

<p>Lauren Giddings: I'll be studying my ass off! David Vandiver: Hit those books. Lauren Giddings: Have fun, but not too much fun LOL. David Vandiver: 😊</p>	
<p>SLATE: JUNE 24, 2011 ONE WEEK SINCE HER SISTER'S WEDDING</p>	
<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Email): from: Lauren Giddings To: Friends Subject: Update June 24, 2011 Hey guys, I'm hunkering down to study for the bar. Please don't be offended if I don't respond to texts or emails.</p>	
<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text messages): Ashley: Are we still going out tonight? Lauren Giddings: Absolutely</p>	
<p>SLATE: BUT BEFORE LAUREN BUCKLES DOWN TO PREP FOR THE BAR EXAM, SHE AGREES TO ONE LAST NIGHT OUT WITH FRIENDS.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE AUDIO INTERVIEW OF ASHLEY MOOREHOUSE LAUREN'S FRIEND</p> <p>5:14</p> <p>SUBTITLES: Det. Patterson: When was the last time you've actually physically seen Lauren?</p>	<p>Det. Patterson: When was the last time you've actually physically seen Lauren?</p>
<p>SLATE: JUNE 24, 2011</p> <p>UPPER 3RD: BOTTOMS UP CLUB VIDEO 06/26/2011</p> <p>SUBTITLES: Ashley: Um... Ashley: That Friday night we went out to the bar... Ashley: Bottoms Up.</p>	<p>Ashley Moorehouse: Um, that Friday night we went out to the bar, Bottoms Up, and she came back to my boyfriend's place to stay for the evening. It was me, Garon Mueller, my boyfriend, his roommate, Joe Karens. Um, a couple of Garon's friends that came in from Augusta.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Did you spend the night over there?</p> <p>Ashley Moorehouse: I did.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Now, did she stay with this friend of your boyfriend's, Joe?</p> <p>Ashley Moorehouse: Yes, she did.</p>

<p><i>Ashley: And she came back to my boyfriend's place to stay for the evening.</i></p> <p><i>Ashley: It was me, Garon Mueller, my boyfriend...</i></p> <p><i>Ashley: his roommate, Joe Karens, um...</i></p> <p><i>Ashley: a couple of Garon's friends that came in from Augusta.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Did you spend the night over there?</i></p> <p><i>Ashley: I did.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Now, did she stay with this...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: friend of your boyfriend's, Joe?</i></p> <p><i>Ashley: Yes, she did.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Do you know if they slept in the same room?</i></p> <p><i>Ashley: Um, I'm not positive.</i></p> <p><i>Ashley: I went to bed before they ended up going to bed.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: So when you went to bed, you left her up with Joe?</i></p> <p><i>Ashley: Yes and the friends from Augusta.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: Do you know if they slept in the same room?</p> <p>Ashley Moorehouse: Um, I'm not positive. I went to bed before they ended up going to bed.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: So when you went to bed, you left her up with Joe?</p> <p>Ashley Moorehouse: Yes and the friends from Augusta.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE AUDIO INTERVIEW OF ASHLEY MOOREHOUSE LAUREN'S FRIEND</p> <p>UPPER 3RD: GARON MULLER'S HOUSE</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: What time you think you woke up?</i> <i>Ashley: Probably 10:30. That day we went to lunch.</i> <i>Ashley: Lauren was back at the house with Joe.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Did you ever see her or talk to her again?</i> <i>Ashley: No.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: What time you think you woke up?</p> <p>Ashley Moorehouse: Probably 10:30. That day we went to lunch. Lauren was back at the house with Joe.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Did you ever see her or talk to her again?</p> <p>Ashley Moorehouse: No.</p>
<p>6:38 SLATE: JUNE 25, 2011 12:30 PM LAUREN LEAVES JOE AT THE APARTMENT AND HEADS OUT TO HEALY POINT COUNTRY CLUB.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: TEXT TO DAVID 06/25/2011</p>	

<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text Messages): <i>Lauren Giddings: Hey David I'm at Healy Point by the pool and I just saw a bunch of guys wearing Game Cocks gear. Thought that you'd like that.</i></p>	
<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Email): <i>From: Lauren Giddings To: Friends Subject: Jim Shaws 5:18pm, June 25, 2011 Does anyone want to go eat at Jim Shaws?</i></p>	
<p>SLATE: <i>NOBODY RESPONDS TO LAUREN'S EMAIL, SO SHE GETS TAKE-OUT FROM ANOTHER RESTAURANT BEFORE HEADING HOME TO STUDY.</i></p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: <i>ZAXBY'S RESTAURANT 6:09 PM</i></p> <p><i>POLICE EVIDENCE</i></p>	
<p>SLATE: <i>LAUREN HEADS BACK TO HER APARTMENT TO STUDY. TWO DAYS LATER HER FRIEND KATIE CHECKS IN TO SEE HOW SHE'S DOING</i></p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: <i>TEXT FROM KATIE TO LAUREN 6/27/2011 11:30 AM</i></p>	
<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text Messages): <i>Katie: Hey girl, check out these pics of us from last weekend. The wedding was a blast. It was so nice hanging out together again.</i></p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: <i>TEXT FROM KATIE TO LAUREN 6/27/2011 3:15PM</i></p> <p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text Messages): <i>Katie: What was that eye shadow you used? It looked so good on you.</i></p>	

<p><i>What's it called? I'm thinking about picking some up.</i></p> <p><i>Text me when you get a chance.</i></p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: <i>TEXT FROM KAITLYN TO LAUREN</i> <i>6/27/2011 7:00PM</i></p> <p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text Messages): <i>Kaitlyn: Just checking in to see how things are going.</i> <i>When you have time give me a call.</i></p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: <i>TEXT FROM KATIE TO LAUREN</i> <i>6/28/2011 10:20 AM</i></p> <p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text Messages): <i>Katie: Hey, are you okay?</i> <i>I know you are studying, but it's so unlike you not to text back</i></p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: <i>TEXT FROM KATIE TO LAUREN</i> <i>6/28/2011 1:10PM</i></p> <p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text Messages): <i>Katie: Lauren? Hello?</i> <i>You've really got me worried.</i> <i>This is not like you. Lauren?</i></p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: <i>TEXT FROM KATIE TO KAITLYN</i> <i>6/28/2011 7:15PM</i></p> <p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text Messages): <i>Katie: Hey Kaitlyn, have you heard from Lauren? She's not responding to any of my texts.</i> <i>Kaitlyn: That's strange. I haven't heard from her either. She has been studying a lot.</i> <i>Katie: I know, but this doesn't feel right.</i> <i>Kaitlyn: Let me give her a call.</i></p>	
	<p>Lauren Giddings:</p>

	<p>Hi, this is Lauren. Leave me a message. Hi, this is Lauren. Leave me a message. Hi, this is Lauren. Leave me a message.</p>
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<p>LOWER 3RD: TRUE CRIME GARAGE EPISODE 341 – LAUREN GIDDINGS AIRED OCTOBER 2019 – 1 MILLION DOWNLOADS PER WEEK</p>	
<p>ON SCREEN GFX: YOUTUBE PAGE</p>	<p>Nick: Welcome to True Crime Garage, wherever you are, whatever you are doing, thanks for listening. I'm your host, Nick and with me as always, The Captain. This week. We have a case of a missing person. Everyone was desperately trying to reach anyone who might know where Lauren could be. This is getting stranger by the minute.</p>
<p>UPPER 3rd: TEXT FROM KAITLYN TO ASHLEY 6/28/2011 7:15PM</p> <p>ON SCREEN GFX (Text Messages): Kaitlyn: Hey Ashley, have you seen Lauren? Ashley: Not since Friday night. Kaitlyn: Could you swing by her apartment and check on her. She's not answering any of my texts or calls. Ashley: Sure. I'll go by now.</p>	
<p>SLATE: KAITLYN ALERTS MACON POLICE THAT LAUREN MIGHT BE MISSING</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE AUDIO INTERVIEW OF ASHLEY MOOREHOUSE LAUREN'S FRIEND</p> <p>LAUREN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	<p>Det. Patterson: Do you have a key to her apartment or did you know where she hides the key? Ashley Moorehouse: I knew where she hides the key. Det. Patterson: And did you go into inside her apartment last night or the day before or? Ashley Moorehouse: Yes. Last night. Det. Patterson: And did everything appear to be undisturbed last night?</p>

<p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: Do you have a key to her apartment...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: or did you know where she hides the key?</i> <i>Ashley: I knew where she hides the key.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: And did you go into inside her apartment last night...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: or the day before or?</i> <i>Ashley: Yes, last night.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: And did everything appear to be undisturbed last night?</i> <i>Ashley: Um, yes. However, she's getting ready to move...</i> <i>Ashley: so her stuff is just sort of strewn everywhere.</i></p>	<p>Ashley Moorehouse: Um, yes. However, she's getting ready to move. So her stuff is just sort of strewn everywhere.</p>
<p>UPPER 3rd: VOICE OF KAITYLN WHEELER LAUREN'S SISTER / GIDDINGS TRIBUTE VIDEO</p>	<p>Kaitlyn Wheeler: So she did not find Lauren, but found all her stuff. So her cell phone that was dead, her keys to her car, all that type of thing that if you did leave home, you would've taken with you. So that was a big concern.</p>
<p>LOWER 3RD: STEPHEN MCDANIEL LAUREN'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR</p> <p>UPPER 3RD: WGXA MACON NEWS</p>	<p>Stephen McDaniel: The last time anyone heard from her was an email that she sent out and no one's heard from her since</p>
	<p>Reporter: Have you seen her hang out with anyone at the time, anything like that?</p>
	<p>Stephen McDaniel: No. No, no one has seen her since Saturday. I haven't seen anything. I mean, you always hear noise outside, but it's just people walking by pretty much.</p>
	<p>Reporter: And she just recently graduated from Mercer?</p>

	Stephen McDaniel: Yeah. She and I were, we were both JD students. Um, we graduated back in May.
	Reporter: What kind of person was she? I mean, how did you, what did you see about her?
	Stephen McDaniel: I mean, she's as nice as can be. I mean, very personable, very much people person.
<p>SLATE: JUNE 29, 2011 11:50 PM ASHLEY AND HER FRIENDS GO BACK TO LAUREN'S APARTMENT.</p>	
<p>11:18 UPPER 3RD: POLICE AUDIO INTERVIEW OF BRIAN GRANGER LAUREN'S FRIEND</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Brian: A couple of people had arrived from Atlanta.</i> <i>Brian: And basically the group of us...</i> <i>Brian: Ashley, Garon Mueller...</i> <i>Brian: Joe Karins and...</i> <i>Brian: Stephen McDaniel...</i> <i>Brian: went up into Lauren's apartment.</i></p>	Brian Granger: A couple of people had arrived from Atlanta and basically the group of us, Ashley, Garon Mueller, Joe Karens, and Stephen McDaniel went up into Lauren's apartment.
<p>UPPER 3RD: LAUREN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Brian: And as we're kind of looking at the exterior door and the door frame...</i> <i>Brian: and the front windows, just looking to see...</i> <i>Brian: if it looked like anybody had broken in or attempted to...</i> <i>Brian: or if a window was broken and there...</i> <i>Brian: there didn't appear to be anything like that.</i></p>	Brian Granger: And as we're kind of looking at the exterior door and the doorframe and the front windows, just looking to see if it looked like anybody had broken in or attempted to, or if a window was broken and there, there didn't appear to be anything like that. And you know, there didn't seem to be anything out of the ordinary inside. The friend from Atlanta was on the laptop. Apparently she was able to access Lauren's email account.

<p><i>Brian: And, you know, there didn't seem to be anything out of the ordinary inside.</i></p> <p><i>Brian: The friend from Atlanta was on the laptop.</i></p> <p><i>Brian: Apparently, she was able to access Lauren's email account.</i></p>	
<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Email message): <i>from: Lauren Giddings</i> <i>To: David Vandvier</i> <i>Subject: Moving In</i> <i>10:18pm, June 25, 2011</i> <i>David, looking forward to moving in with you on the 30th. By the way I think some Macon Hoodlums tried to break into my apartment the other night</i></p>	<p>Brian Granger: She said the last email on there had been sent at 10 something PM on Saturday night.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: LAUREN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Brian: Lauren's phone, when they found it, had been dead.</i> <i>Brian: It was run down, cause it was not plugged in.</i></p>	<p>Brian Granger: Lauren's phone, when they found it, had been dead, it was run down, 'cause it was not plugged in.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: VOICE OF KAITLYN WHEELER LAUREN'S SISTER / GIDDINGS TRIBUTE VIDEO</p> <p>ON SCREEN GFX (Facebook Page)</p>	<p>Kaitlyn Wheeler: I ended up calling hospitals and different places around the area just to check to see if they had a random Jane Doe, you know, that kind of thing. I woke my dad up. It was probably 2:00 AM at that point. I let him know. So he kind of woke up and just took off towards Macon.</p>
<p>SLATE: JUNE 30, 2011 6:30 AM POLICE SEARCH LAUREN'S APARTMENT AND TALK WITH NEIGHBORS.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: WGXA MACON NEWS</p> <p>LOWER 3RD: MIKE BURNS</p>	<p>Mike Burns: We follow where evidence takes us. As we get more clues or more evidence if we have to go back at the apartment, go elsewhere, that's where we going to go.</p>

MACON POLICE CHIEF	
<p>LOWER 3RD: DAVID VANDIVER LAUREN'S BOYFRIEND</p>	
<p>SLATE: POLICE BRING IN LAUREN'S BOYFRIEND DAVID VANDIVER IN FOR QUESTIONING.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: DAVID PATTERSON MACON POLICE DETECTIVE</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: What kind of relationship did y'all have?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: I mean, did she have any other boyfriends?</i> <i>David Vandiver: No sir. Not that I'm aware of.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Listen to me.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: I'm asking you for your help.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: This is your girlfriend.</i> <i>David Vandiver: I understand that.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Because, we can't find her.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Somebody knows something.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Now, I'm asking you...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: do you know anybody...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: that she might have been seeing besides you?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Is it possible that she could have a boyfriend...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: that you don't know about?</i> <i>David Vandiver: In the sense that anything's possible?</i> <i>David Vandiver: In part because we're living in different cities...</i> <i>David Vandiver: and I think any couple-</i> <i>Det. Patterson: She's never had anybody...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: that she had broken up with in her past?</i> <i>David Vandiver: I don't like to know about my ex girlfriend's exes.</i> <i>David Vandiver: I'd just rather not hear it.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: David I want to talk to you over here. What kind of relationship did y'all have? I mean, did she have any other boyfriends?</p> <p>David Vandiver: No sir. Not that I'm aware of.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Listen to me. I'm asking you for your help. This is your girlfriend.</p> <p>David Vandiver: I understand.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Because, we can't find her. Somebody knows something. Now, I'm asking you. Do you know anybody, that she might have been seeing besides you? Is it possible that she could have a boyfriend that you don't know about?</p> <p>David Vandiver: In the sense that anything's possible? In part because we're living in different cities, and I think...</p> <p>Det. Patterson: She's never had anybody, that she had broken up with in her past?</p> <p>David Vandiver: I don't like to know about my ex girlfriend's exes. I'd just rather not hear it..</p>
<p>SLATE: POLICE TALK WITH DAVID WHITMIRE,</p>	

<p><i>A FELLOW MERCER GRAD STUDENT AND RESIDENT OF THE APARTMENT BUILDING.</i></p>	
<p>SLATE: <i>JUNE 30, 2011</i></p> <p>14:25</p> <p>LOWER 3RD: <i>DAVID WHITMIRE LAUREN'S CLASSMATE</i></p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: How old are you? David Whitmire: I'm 58. Det. Patterson: I'm just trying to picture it so there is a bunch of young people in their twenties and theirs you. David Whitmire: Yeah. Det. Patterson: You went to law school already? David Whitmire: Yeah, we all did. We all graduated May 14. Det. Patterson – How long you known Lauren? David Whitmire – Met her in class and class would be over and we'd sort of migrate back...towards the apartments and she and I would end up together a lot. Det. Patterson: Have you ever sent any, like hateful, emails.. Det. Patterson: emails or perverted...emails...talking sexual content to any...females that was is your graduating class? David Whitmire: It wasn't sexual, it was supposed to be a joke. David Whitmire: But I did send one e-mail and... David Whitmire: I told this girl and we were friends... David Whitmire: I compared her to living, walking, talking Viagra. Det. Patterson: Let me get to the point. Det. Patterson: Is there any way Lauren has emails from you... Det. Patterson: on her computer of a sexual nature? David Whitmire: I didn't send anything to her. Det. Patterson: Have you ever sent emails to Lauren... Det. Patterson: talking about sex or what you would do to her? David Whitmire: No, no, no. Nothing like that.</i></p>	<p><i>Det. Patterson: How old are you? David Whitmire: I'm 58. Det. Patterson: I'm just trying to picture it so there is a bunch of young people in their twenties and theirs you. David Whitmire: Yeah. Det. Patterson: You went to law school already? David Whitmire: Yeah, we all did. We all graduated May 14. Det. Patterson – How long you known Lauren? David Whitmire – Met her in class and class would be over and we'd sort of migrate back...towards the apartments and she and I would end up together a lot. Det. Patterson: Have you ever sent any, like hateful, emails.. Det. Patterson: emails or perverted...emails...talking sexual content to any...females that was is your graduating class? David Whitmire: It wasn't sexual, it was supposed to be a joke. David Whitmire: But I did send one e-mail and... David Whitmire: I told this girl and we were friends... David Whitmire: I compared her to living, walking, talking Viagra. Det. Patterson: Let me get to the point. Det. Patterson: Is there any way Lauren has emails from you... Det. Patterson: on her computer of a sexual nature? David Whitmire: I didn't send anything to her. Det. Patterson: Have you ever sent emails to Lauren... Det. Patterson: talking about sex or what you would do to her? David Whitmire: No, no, no. Nothing like that.</i></p>

<p><i>Det. Patterson: talking about sex or what you would do to her?</i></p> <p><i>David Whitmire: No, no, no. Nothing like that.</i></p> <p><i>David Whitmire: You won't find any email from me, uh, to her...about anything except just school stuff.</i></p>	<p><i>David Whitmire: You won't find any email from me, uh, to her...about anything except just school stuff.</i></p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: EXCERPT FROM LAUREN'S LAW JOURNAL</p> <p>SLATE: <i>I've been put on a case which was surprisingly worse on me, personally than the previous child pornography case. And I keep having dreams of being attacked.</i></p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: DAVID VANDIVER LAUREN'S BOYFRIEND</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: So you're telling me the whole time...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: you were gone to California...</i> <i>David Vandiver: If you look at the email, she sent me Saturday night...</i> <i>David Vandiver: You talking about me not being married and all this stuff.</i> <i>David Vandiver: When girls start talking about commitment stuff...</i> <i>David Vandiver: The email that she sent me at 10:13, Saturday night, started off...</i> <i>David Vandiver: I literally read it while I was in the rental car.</i> <i>David Vandiver: I looked at that email, because I thought she was...</i> <i>David Vandiver: sending me an email that said something like...</i> <i>David Vandiver: "When are we gonna get married," stuff like that.</i> <i>David Vandiver: I'm just like...</i> <i>David Vandiver: my reaction to that as always is to just back away.</i> <i>David Vandiver: So I put off even reading that email...</i> <i>David Vandiver: because I thought it was gonna be all about that.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: So you're telling me the whole time you were going to California, you didn't call her check in with her, nothing?</p> <p>David Vandiver: No. If you look at the email, she sent me Saturday night, and my, this has been, you're talking about me not being married and all this stuff. When girls start talking about commitment stuff, the email she sent me at 10:13, Saturday night started off, I literally read it while I was in the rental car. I looked at that email because I thought she was sending me an email that said something about when are we gonna get married and stuff like that. And I'm just like, my reaction to that is always just to kind of back away. I tried put off even reading that email because I thought it was gonna be all about that.</p>
<p>ON SCREEN GFX (Email message):</p>	

<p><i>from: Lauren Giddings</i> <i>To: David Vandvier</i> <i>Subject: Moving In</i> <i>10:18pm, June 25, 2011</i> <i>David, looking forward to moving in with you on the 30th. By the way I think some Macon Hoodlums tried to break into my apartment the other night.</i></p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: <i>DAVID WHITMIRE</i> <i>LAUREN'S CLASSMATE</i></p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>David Whitmire: I think one time she invited me in but like...</i> <i>David Whitmire: if it was just going to be she and I...</i> <i>David Whitmire: I wouldn't go in.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Did you know she hid a key...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: on the outside of her apartment?</i> <i>David Whitmire: I didn't know that.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: When was the last time you seen Lauren?</i> <i>David Whitmire: It was graduation.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: So you hadn't seen her like...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: around the apartment complex...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: coming and going or anything like that?</i> <i>David Whitmire: No.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: Have you ever been in Lauren's apartment?</p> <p>David Whitmire: I think one time she invited me in, but like if it was just going to be she and I, I wouldn't go in.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Did you know she hid a key on the outside of her apartment?</p> <p>David Whitmire: I didn't know that.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: When is the last time you seen Lauren?</p> <p>David Whitmire: It was graduation.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: So you hadn't seen her like around the apartment complex coming and going or anything like that?</p> <p>David Whitmire: No.</p>
	<p>Nancy Grace: Very quickly to tonight's case alert. The disappearance of a Mercer University law student, now a homicide investigation. Cops find the torso of a young woman outside the apartment complex. A 27-year-old, Lauren Giddings</p>
ACT 3	
<p>SLATE: <i>JUNE 30, 2011</i> <i>FIVE DAYS SINCE LAUREN HAS BEEN SEEN</i></p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: <i>STEPHEN MCDANIEL</i> <i>LAUREN'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR</i></p> <p>UPPER 3RD: <i>WGXA</i> <i>MACON NEWS</i></p>	<p>Reporter: Do you know any enemies she might have had, somebody that might wanna hurt her?</p>

	<p>Stephen McDaniel: No, I, we don't know where she is. I mean, the only thing we can think is that maybe she went out running and some one snatched her. Because, I mean, we went over, one of her friends had a key, we went inside and tried to see if there was anything amiss. But I mean, she had a door jam that was sitting right by it. So there was no sign that anyone broke in. I mean, the door was locked when everyone got here. I mean, we just don't know where she is.</p>
	<p>Reporter: What about, um, in the, like, the parking lot area? I know they've been doing a lot of, I think that's where they had recovered the body or whatever they recovered from there.</p>
	<p>Stephen McDaniel: Body? Reporter: Had you heard, had you seen anything there? Had you seen anything there? I mean, we don't know if this is the same person, you know what I mean? Like they took out a body there earlier. We don't know if this is the same person or not. So that's why we're trying to ask people if they know who lived there. Are you okay, sir?</p>
	<p>Stephen McDaniel: I think I need to sit down. Reporter: Okay. Are you okay, sir?</p>
<p>LOWER 3RD: MIKE BURNS MACON POLICE CHEIF</p>	<p>Mike Burns: We asked the public to help us with this investigation. The victim was dismembered. So if the public smells any kind of foul odor, to please contact the police department, uh, we have not found all the body parts yet.</p>
	<p>Reporter: How does this make you feel that this happened, like right here?</p>
	<p>Boni Bush: Right now, I feel like I could throw up all over...everywhere.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: WGXA MACON NEWS</p>	<p>Reporter: What's going on in your mind right now? Like what are you thinking?</p>
	<p>Stephen McDaniel: Why would anyone do this? Reporter: Didn't hear anything?</p>

	<p>Stephen McDaniel: No.</p> <p>Reporter: Didn't see anybody?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I just heard something. Maybe I could have helped.</p> <p>Reporter: It's ok, don't worry.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: EXCERPT FROM LAUREN'S LAW JOURNAL</p> <p>SLATE: <i>This probably sounds worse than it is; it's really just led to some restless nights. I consider myself less emotional than most women. I thought I'd be well suited for hard issues like this, but apparently it's going to get me one way or the other.</i></p>	
<p>SLATE: BIBB COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: DAVID VANDIVER LAUREN'S BOYFRIEND</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>David Vandiver: I heard that.</i> <i>David Vandiver: A co-worker told me that on the way down.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Have you ever been violent towards her?</i> <i>David Vandiver: Not one of us has ever raised a hand or finger at either of the other.</i> <i>David Vandiver: We hardly even have words.</i> <i>David Vandiver: I see something coming and I back away.</i> <i>David Vandiver: We were on good terms, I mean...</i> <i>David Vandiver: she stayed at my house last Tuesday.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: I don't know, dog. I'm just asking you.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: If you were in my position, who are you gonna talk to?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: The closest person to her.</i> <i>David Vandiver: I totally understand that, you know...</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: We found a body. We don't know if it's her or not.</p> <p>David Vandiver: I heard that.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Okay</p> <p>David Vandiver: A co-worker told me that on the way down.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: All right. Have you ever been violent towards her?</p> <p>David Vandiver: No, sir, not one of us has ever raised a hand or finger to either of the other. We hardly even have words. We, we just, I see something coming and I back away. I mean, we were on good terms. I mean, she stayed at my house last Tuesday.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: I don't know dog. I mean I'm asking you.</p> <p>David Vandiver: Ok, fair enough.</p>

<p><i>David Vandiver: and I would think that her parents, I think her parents...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: I'm sure you were in California like you said...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: because all of that's documented.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: My question though is...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: when you landed in Atlanta at 6 AM Monday...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: where did you go?</i></p> <p><i>David Vandiver: I went straight home because I knew that I couldn't...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Did anybody see you?</i></p> <p><i>David Vandiver: I don't know.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: I'm just asking.</i></p> <p><i>David Vandiver: I don't recall any neighbors being on the street.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Do you have a gated community where you go in...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: the guard waves to you?</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Or do you just go...do you live with anybody?</i></p> <p><i>David Vandiver: No, just the dogs.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: The only person that saw you when you landed at 6 AM...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: and you got your car...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: you can prove that you got your car, right?</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Cause it was at the airport, and you drove home.</i></p> <p><i>David Vandiver: The ticket has a checkout time, I assume.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Yeah, well they do.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: I mean, if you were in my position, who are you gonna talk to? The closest person to her.</p> <p>David Vandiver: I understand, I totally understand that. You know, and I would think that her parents, I think her parents...</p> <p>Det. Patterson: I'm sure you were in California like you said, because all of that's documented. My question, though, is when you landed in Atlanta at 6:00 AM Monday, where did you go?</p> <p>David Vandiver: I went straight home because I knew that I couldn't...</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Did anybody see you?</p> <p>David Vandiver: I don't know.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: I'm just asking.</p> <p>David Vandiver: I don't recall any neighbors being on the street.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Do you have a gated community to go in, the guard waves to you or do you just go, do you live with anybody?</p> <p>David Vandiver: No, just the dogs.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: So the only person that saw you when you landed at 6:00 AM and you got your car, you can prove you got your car, right? Cause it was at the airport. And you drove home. When you got home...</p> <p>David Vandiver: The ticket has a checkout time, I assume.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Yeah, well they do. Yeah.</p>
<p>LOWER 3RD: DAVID WHITMIRE LAUREN'S CLASSMATE</p>	<p>Det. Patterson: Who do you think would've hurt Lauren? If this is Lauren. What, what first came to your mind? That's what I wanna know.</p>

<p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: Who do you think would've hurt Lauren?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: If this is Lauren?</i> <i>David Whitmire: Because of how she would get so down...</i> <i>David Whitmire: about that guy in Atlanta.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: We're talking about that older guy.</i> <i>David Whitmire: Yeah.</i> <i>David Whitmire: And she would tell me about what they would do and stuff.</i> <i>David Whitmire: She would get real down because...</i> <i>David Whitmire: you know, she was expecting a ring.</i></p>	<p>David Whitmire: Yeah. I was afraid it might be suicide because of how she would get so down about that guy in Atlanta.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: We're talking about that older guy.</p> <p>David Whitmire: Yeah. And she would tell me about what they would do and stuff. She would get real down 'cause, you know, she was expecting a ring.</p>
<p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: And you don't know anybody that might want to harm her?</i> <i>David Vandiver No, sir.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Are you worried about that being her?</i> <i>David Vandiver: Absolutely, absolutely.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: It's not a good situation.</i> UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>David Vandiver: I understand that, it seems too coincidental to me, I mean...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: My thing is, I'm trying to find out...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: if someone actually, physically saw you...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: when you left Atlanta airport headed to the house.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Cause, if you landed at 6:00...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: And you didn't go home...</i> <i>David Vandiver: I did go home.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: I know that's what you're telling me, but I'm just saying...</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: And you don't know anybody that might wanna harm her?</p> <p>David Vandiver: No, sir.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Are you worried about that being her?</p> <p>David Vandiver: Absolutely. Absolutely.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: It's not a good situation.</p> <p>David Vandiver: I, I understand. It seems too coincidental to me, I mean...</p> <p>Det. Patterson: My thing is I'm trying to find out if someone actually physically saw you, when you left Atlanta airport headed to the house. Cause if you landed at six, and then you didn't go home.</p> <p>David Vandiver: No, I did go home.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Well I know that's what you're telling me, but I'm just saying.</p>
<p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: since this investigation has been going on...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: which is Thursday, have you made the comment to anyone...</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: Since this investigation has been going on, which is Thursday, have you made a comment to anyone that she's got what she deserved or anything of that nature?</p>

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David Whitmire: No. No.

Det. Patterson: That she shouldn't be running by herself or anything like that?

David Whitmire: I was always worried about all the girls about running by themselves.

Det. Patterson: That's not the question.

David Whitmire: Okay.

Det. Patterson: The question is...

Det. Patterson: since we have discovered the body in the trashcan...

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Det. Patterson: have you ran your mouth to anybody saying...

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David Whitmire: No

Det. Patterson: It's just something I have to clarify.

David Whitmire: No. It's okay.

Det. Patterson: Do you know Lauren's next door neighbor, Stephen McDaniel?

David Whitmire: Very well.

Det. Patterson: Was he even at class last week?

David Whitmire: That's a good point.

David Whitmire: I tried to tell somebody and they wouldn't listen to me.

David Whitmire: But he missed Monday.

Det. Patterson: And you know that for a fact because you were there?

David Whitmire: Oh, absolutely.

Det. Patterson: You've known him for, what, three years, maybe?

David Whitmire: Yeah, but only really well for like...

David Whitman: the last year and a half.

Det. Patterson: Does he collect knives or have you ever seen him with a knife?

David Whitmire: Oh no.

David Whitmire: He's shown me some of his knives before.

Det. Patterson: What about guns?

David Whitmire: No, no.

Det. Patterson: That she shouldn't be running by herself or anything like that?

David Whitmire: I was always worried about all the girls about running by themselves.

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David Whitmire: No, it's okay. It's okay.

Det. Patterson: Do you know this, uh, Lauren's next door neighbor, uh, Stephen McDaniel?

David Whitmire: Very well.

Det. Patterson: Was he even at class last week?

David Whitmire: That's a good point. I tried to tell somebody and they, they wouldn't listen to me, but he missed Monday.

Det. Patterson: Okay. And you, you, you know that for a fact cause you were there?

David Whitmire: Oh, absolutely.

<p><i>David Whitmire: He's got at least two or three, I think.</i></p> <p>23:36</p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Is there anything else you feel like I should know?...That maybe I didn't ask you?</i></p> <p><i>David Whitmire: No</i></p> <p><i>Det Patterson: Ok, you ready to go back?</i></p> <p><i>David Whitmire: Yeah.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: I'm gonna run you back to your apartment.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: You've known him for what, three years maybe?</p> <p>David Whitmire: Yeah, but only really well for like the last year and a half.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Does he collect knives or have you ever seen him with a knife?</p> <p>David Whitmire: Oh no. He's shown me some of his knives before.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: What about guns?</p> <p>David Whitmire: He's got at least two or three, I think.</p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Is there anything else you feel like I should know?...That maybe I didn't ask you?</i></p> <p><i>David Whitmire: No</i></p> <p><i>Det Patterson: Ok, you ready to go back?</i></p> <p><i>David Whitmire: Yeah.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: I'm gonna run you back to your apartment.</i></p>
<p>SLATE: <i>JUNE 30, 2011 STEPHEN McDANIEL IS BROUGHT IN TO TALK WITH POLICE.</i></p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: <i>STEPHEN McDANIEL LAUREN'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR</i></p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: I just need to discuss a few things with you. Det. Patterson: You know the reason why we're down here...</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: Alright, here we go. I just need to discuss a few things with you. You know the reason why we're down here is because Lauren's missing. Right?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: Yes.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: I've asked everyone that lives in that apartment complex if it would</p>

<p><i>Det. Patterson: is because Lauren's missing.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Right?</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: Yes.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: I've asked everyone that lives in that apartment complex...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: If it would be alright for us to search their apartment.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Give me consent to search.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: I've explained to you that you can be there when I'm doing this.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: And in your statement, you stated you didn't want me to do that?</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: I'm trying to find out where you...</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: I've got several firearms that I own.</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: And...I'm always...</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: I don't want other people...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: You do understand that we're trying to locate Lauren.</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: I know.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: She's missing.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: And everyone in the apartment complex has agreed.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Except you.</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: I.. it's...</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: it's the lawyer in me, I suppose. I mean...</i></p>	<p>be alright for us to search their apartment, give me consent to search. Uh, I've explained to you that you can be there when I'm doing this. And in your statement, you stated you didn't want me to do that? I'm trying to find out where you...</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I've got several firearms that I own and I, I'm always, I don't want other people.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: You do understand that we're trying to locate Lauren.</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I know.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: She's missing. And everyone in the apartment complex has agreed, except you.</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I.. it's. It's the lawyer in me, I suppose. I mean.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: TRUE CRIME GARAGE NICK AND THE CAPTAIN HOSTS</p> <p>UPPER 3RD: LAUREN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	<p>Nick: 2:15 PM. A handler and two cadaver dogs arrived on the scene and started their search of the area. They hit twice at Lauren's apartment. This was just outside of the front door, and in her bathroom. They alerted at the apartment complex's laundry room. The dogs alerted at Stephen McDaniel's front door.</p>
ACT 4	
<p>SLATE: JUNE 30, 2011 1:30 PM</p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: STEPHEN MCDANIEL LAUREN'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: Me and you are gonna ride on over there and...</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: Me and you are gonna ride on over there and I'm just gonna walk on in there with you and I'm just look around and make sure she ain't in there and that will be it.</p> <p>Stephen: Certainly.</p>

<p><i>Det. Patterson: I'm just gonna walk on in there with you and...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: just look around and make sure she ain't in there and that'll be it.</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: Certainly.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Patterson: Hit the road to the house.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: All right, c'mon. Hit the road to the house.</p>
<p>SLATE: JUNE 30, 2011 POLICE SEARCH STEPHEN McDANIEL'S APARTMENT.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: STEPHEN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	
<p>SLATE: DURING THE SEARCH POLICE DISCOVER A VARIETY OF WEAPONS.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: STEPHEN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	
<p>SLATE: 11:28PM</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: What do you need all these weapons for?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Are you scared somebody's going hurt you?</i> <i>Stephen: No.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Just gimme one reason.</i> <i>Stephen: To have.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Why?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Does it make you feel important?</i> <i>Stephen: No.</i></p> <p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: Earlier today, we sat here and talked.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Why are you shutting down?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Why are you not talking to me?</i> <i>Stephen: I don't know.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: What do you need all these weapons for? Are you scared somebody's going hurt you?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: No.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Look at me when I talk to you son. Okay? Just gimme one reason.</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: To have...</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Why? Does it make you feel important?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: No.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Earlier today we sat here and talked. Why are you shutting down? Why are you not talking to me?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't know.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Are you sad that something happened to Lauren? If that's her in that trash can.</p>

<p><i>Det. Patterson: Are you sad that something happened to Lauren?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: If that's her in that trashcan?</i> <i>Stephen: Yes.</i></p>	<p>Stephen McDaniel: Yes.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: WGXA MACON NEWS</p>	<p>Reporter: Lauren's family, friends, and even community members who didn't know her have shown support outside of her apartment. But now they're also stepping forward to help with the homicide investigation by donating \$11,000 to crimestoppers.</p>
<p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: I need you to tell me what you want me to tell her mother?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: And then I won't ask you another thing.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: I'm not going to tell her mother that you don't know.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Because her mother saw you on the news tonight.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: And she cried all the way down to Macon.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Because you had the balls to get on the news...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: and tell everybody everything.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: You didn't have no problem talking to the news...</i> <i>Det. Patterson: when they asked you questions.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: I'm asking you questions.</i> <i>Det. Patterson Where's Lauren?</i> <i>Stephen: I don't know.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Yes, you do know.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: If you did something.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: That you regret.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: You let me know.</i> <i>Stephen: I didn't.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Well, who did?</i> <i>Stephen: I don't know.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: I need you to tell me what you want me to tell her mother. And then I won't ask you another thing. I'm not gonna tell her mother that you don't know because her mother saw you on the news tonight. And she cried all the way down to Macon because you had the balls to get on the news and tell everybody everything. You didn't have no problem talking to the news when they asked you questions. I'm asking you questions. Where's Lauren?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't know.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Yes, you do know. If you did something that you regret, you let me know.</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I didn't.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: Well, who did?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't know.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: EXCERPT FROM LAUREN'S LAW JOURNAL</p> <p>SLATE:</p>	

<p><i>This guy hasn't had trial yet, innocent until proven guilty, etc. I still can't make myself comfortable with the idea that I'm helping him.</i></p>	
<p>28:02 UPPER 3RD: WGXA MACON NEWS</p>	<p>Reporter: Right now, Lauren's apartment, the one below hers, McDaniel's apartment, and other rooms within Barrister's Hall apartment complex are considered possible crime scenes.</p>
<p>LOWER 3RD: KAREN GIDDINGS LAUREN'S MOTHER</p>	<p>Karen Giddings: He was somewhat a reckless. It's strange to even think he was in the, the law school, because he just kept to himself. She would encourage him to come out with the class.</p>
<p>LOWER 3RD: DAVID VANDIVER LAUREN'S BOYFRIEND</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: Where do you plan on going tonight?</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Back to Atlanta?</i> <i>David Vandiver: Yes, sir.</i> <i>David Vandiver: I'm very concerned. I don't know what I can do to change it.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: Where do you plan on going tonight? Back to Atlanta?</p> <p>David Vandiver: Yes, sir.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: You're not, you're not planning on staying in Macon.</p> <p>David Vandiver: No, sir.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: You're not concerned if that's her or not?</p> <p>David Vandiver: I'm very concerned. I don't know what I can do to change it.</p>
<p>SLATE: DAVID PROVIDES PROOF OF HIS GOLF TRIP TO CALIFORNIA.</p>	
	<p>Det. Patterson: Alright, c'mon. They're ready to take you back.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: WGXA MACON NEWS</p>	<p>Reporter: Police are now saying that they're treating the homicide case as if the body found does belong to missing Mercer Law graduate Lauren Giddings, Macon Police Chief Mike Burns won't confirm the identification of the body because they're still waiting on DNA testing. But he says they do believe the body is Lauren's.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD:</p>	<p>Kaitlyn Wheeler: At first, my dad was supposed to identify the body, so when he</p>

<p>VOICE OF KAITLYN WHEELER</p> <p>LAUREN'S SISTER / GIDDINGS TRIBUTE VIDEO</p>	<p>got to Macon, he met with the sheriff and was quickly told that that would not be happening because of the state that her body was in.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: 06/30/2011</p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: SCOTT CHAPMAN MACON POLICE DETECTIVE</p>	
<p>SLATE: DETECTIVE SCOTT CHAPMAN IS BROUGHT IN TO HELP WITH STEPHEN'S INTERROGATION.</p>	
<p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Chapman: Friends communicate back and forth.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: The only thing you've said is...</i> <i>Det. Chapman: "yes" and "no" and "I don't know."</i> <i>Det. Chapman: And I feel like I've looked out for you today.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Everything you said you've wanted, I've given you.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: I've tried to give you food several times.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: You know, I feel like we've talked.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: You told me how you like to look at porn on the internet.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: And that's the kind of stuff you tell friends.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: You know what I'm saying?</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Right?</i> <i>Stephen: Yes.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: You said earlier, you like girls, right?</i> <i>Stephen: Yes.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: You said she's a pretty girl, right?</i> <i>Stephen: Yes.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: What did you do to her Stephen?</i> <i>Stephen: I didn't do anything.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: You're lying. You hurt that girl.</i> <i>Stephen: No, I didn't.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Sure you did.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: That's why you're having this massive meltdown right now.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Cause you can't live with yourself, can you?</i></p>	<p>Det. Chapman: Friends communicate back and forth. The only thing you've said is "yes" and "no" and "I don't know." And I feel like I've looked out for you today. Everything you said you've wanted, I've given to you. I've tried to give you food several times. You know, I feel like we've talked. You told me about how you like to look at porn on the internet. And that's the kind of stuff you tell friends, you know what I'm saying? Right?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: Yes.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: You said earlier, you like girls, right?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: Yes.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: You said she's a pretty girl, right?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: Yes.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: What'd you do to her Stephen?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I didn't do anything.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: You're lying. You hurt that girl.</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: No, I didn't.</p>

<p><i>Det. Chapman: It's overwhelming you, isn't it?</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Tell the truth, Stephen.</i> <i>Stephen: I didn't do it.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Who did it?</i> <i>Stephen: I don't know.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Yes you do, Stephen.</i></p>	<p>Det. Chapman: Sure you did, that's why you're having this massive meltdown right now. Cause you can't live with yourself, can you? It's overwhelming you, isn't it? Tell the truth, Stephen.</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I didn't do it.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: Who did it?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't know.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: Yes you do, Stephen.</p>
<p>SLATE: JULY 1, 2011 1:50 AM POLICE OBTAIN SEARCH WARRANTS FOR STEPHEN'S APARTMENT, HIS CAR AND HIS BODY.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>STEPHEN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	
<p>SLATE: POLICE DISCOVER FOUR CONDOMS IN STEPHEN'S DRESSER DRAWER. HE SAYS HE'S A VIRGIN.</p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: CARL FLETCHER MACON POLICE LIEUTENANT</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Lt. Fletcher: Why are you still a virgin?</i> <i>Stephen: Because I'm waiting until I'm married.</i> <i>Lt. Fletcher: Have you ever been close to finding the right one yet?</i> <i>Stephen: No.</i> <i>Lt. Fletcher: Have you looked?</i> <i>Stephen: Yes.</i></p>	<p>Lt. Fletcher: Why are you still a virgin?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: Because I'm waiting until I'm married.</p> <p>Lt. Fletcher: Have you ever been close to finding the right one yet?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: No.</p> <p>Lt. Fletcher: Have you looked?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: Yes.</p>
<p>SLATE: STEPHEN REVEALS THAT HE STOLE THE CONDOMS FROM OTHER APARTMENTS IN HIS BUILDING.</p>	

<p>SUBTITLES: <i>Lt. Fletcher: Was it just recently you decided to go and...</i> <i>Lt. Fletcher: look for stuff in the apartments...</i> <i>Lt. Fletcher: or have you been doing it since you've been living there?</i> <i>Stephen: I don't remember.</i> <i>Lt. Fletcher: How many condoms do you have in your apartment?</i> <i>Stephen: Four.</i> <i>Lt. Fletcher: Did you take two from each apartment or...</i> <i>Lt. Fletcher: three from one and one from another, do you remember?</i> <i>Stephen: One from each of those.</i> <i>Lt. Fletcher: Where did you get the other two?</i> <i>Stephen: I took them from when my sister was living at our home.</i></p>	<p>Lt. Fletcher: Was it just recently you decided to go and look for stuff in the apartments or have you been doing it since you've been living there?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't remember.</p> <p>Lt. Fletcher: How many condoms do you have in your apartment?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: Four.</p> <p>Lt. Fletcher: Did you take two from each apartment or three? From one and one from the other. Do you remember?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: One from each of those.</p> <p>Lt. Fletcher: Where did you get the other two?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I took them from when my sister was living at our home.</p>
	<p>News Anchor: Stephen McDaniel, the neighbor of missing Lauren Giddings, he was arrested Friday morning on a burglary charge. During his first appearance hearing today, he was charged with an additional count of burglary and was denied bond.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: EXCERPT FROM LAUREN'S LAW JOURNAL</p> <p>SLATE: <i>I wouldn't let emotions have such an effect on me - Either my apprehension toward representing "bad" clients or my sympathy for their situation... It's not just some emotion I can shut off or on when I need to.</i></p>	
<p>SLATE: JULY 6, 2011 THE FBI CONFIRMS THE BODY IS LAUREN'S BASED ON A DNA SAMPLE FROM HER MOTHER.</p>	
<p>SUBTITLES:</p>	<p>Det. Chapman: What do you know about that body we found today?</p>

<p><i>Det. Chapman: What do you know about that body we found today?</i> <i>Stephen: I don't know.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: You don't know?</i> <i>Det. Chapman: What if I told you, that I believe that you do know?</i> <i>Stephen: I don't.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: What if I told you that I could prove it?</i></p>	<p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't know.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: You don't know? What if I told you that I believe that you do know?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: What if I told you that I could prove it?</p>
ACT FIVE	
<p>SLATE: JULY 1, 2011 12:39 AM</p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: SCOTT CHAPMAN MACON POLICE DETECTIVE</p> <p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Chapman: Why did you do it, Stephen?</i> <i>Stephen: I don't know.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Stephen!</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Why are you going to keep telling that?</i> <i>Det. Chapman: You hurt that girl.</i> <i>Stephen: No, I didn't.</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Yes you did, Stephen!</i> <i>Det. Chapman: You hurt her, man!</i> <i>Det. Chapman: She was screaming!</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Screaming, Stephen!</i> <i>Det. Chapman: Why?</i> <i>Stephen: I didn't do it.</i></p>	<p>Det. Chapman: Why'd you do it, Stephen?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't know.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: Stephen! Why are you gonna keep telling that? You hurt that girl.</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: No, I didn't.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: Yes you did, Stephen. You hurt her man. She was screaming. Screaming, Stephen. Why?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I didn't do it.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: STEPHAN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	
<p>SLATE: POLICE DISCOVER TWO KEYS IN STEPHEN'S APARTMENT. ONE IS A MASTER KEY TO THE ENTIRE COMPLEX. THE OTHER IS A KEY TO LAUREN'S APARTMENT.</p>	

<p>UPPER 3RD: STEPHAN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	
<p>SLATE: POLICE BELIEVE HE STOLE THEM FROM THE BUILDING'S PROPERTY MANAGER.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: 06/23/2011</p>	
<p>SLATE: POLICE OBTAIN WALMART STORE SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE OF STEPHEN, THREE DAYS BEFORE LAUREN WAS MURDERED.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: 06/23/2011</p>	
<p>SLATE: STEPHEN PURCHASED PLASTIC PONCHOS AND ROPE.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	
<p>SUBTITLES: Det. Chapman: Did you clean up? Stephen: No. Det. Chapman: You didn't? Stephen: No. Det. Chapman: You smell like you've been cleaning up. Det. Chapman: Like you've been using cleaner to clean up.</p> <p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>SUBTITLES: Det. Chapman: You've been using some kind of cleaner... Det. Chapman: to clean up your apartment, haven't you? Stephen: No.</p>	<p>Det. Chapman: Did you clean up?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: No</p> <p>Det. Chapman: You didn't?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: No.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: You smell like you've been cleaning up, like you've been using cleaner to clean up. You've been using some kind of cleaning to clean up your apartment, haven't you?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: No.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	
<p>SUBTITLES: Det. Chapman: Stephen, this is hard, buddy. Det. Chapman: I know this is hard.</p>	<p>Det. Chapman: Stephen, this is hard buddy. I know this is hard. And I can tell it's something that you want to let it go. There's blood in your apartment, Stephen. You</p>

<p><i>Det. Chapman: And I can tell it's something that you want to let it go.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: There's blood in your apartment, Stephen.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: You didn't get it all up.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: It didn't all come off.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: You scrubbed and you wiped.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: But we can tell that.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: Don't you watch CSI?</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: Stephen!</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: Why is there blood in your bathroom?</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: I don't know.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: Yes, you do know. Why, Stephen?</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: I don't know.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: Has anybody else been in your bathroom?</i></p> <p><i>Stephen: No one that I -</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: No one.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: I'm giving you an opportunity...</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: ...to show everyone that you're not a monster.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: That you feel bad about what happened.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: We got your hair with the body.</i></p> <p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>SUBTITLES:</p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: That's right, buddy.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: See that?</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: Look at it.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: See how easy?</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: It happens.</i></p> <p><i>Det. Chapman: And it happened to you.</i></p>	<p>didn't get it all up. It didn't all come off. You scrubbed and you wiped, but we can tell that. Don't you watch CSI? Stephen! Why is there blood in your bathroom?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't know.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: Yes you do know. Why, Stephen?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I don't know.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: Has anybody else been in your bathroom?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: No one that I know of.</p> <p>Det. Chapman: No one. I'm giving you an opportunity to show everybody you're not a monster. That you feel bad about what happened. We got your hair with the body. That's right, buddy. See that? Look at it. See how easy? It happens. And it happened to you.</p>
<p>LOWER 3RD: TRUE CRIME GARAGE PODCAST NICK AND THE CAPTAIN HOSTS</p> <p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>STEPHEN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	<p>Nick: Police discovered a large bloody sheet in a washing machine at the apartment complex's laundry room. They found a hacksaw with human flesh on it. It was found in a locked storage closet in the laundry room. And then even more damning, they find the packaging for this saw in his apartment. He's accused of having a computer flash drive with child pornography on it.</p>

<p>SLATE: STEPHEN IS CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: STEPHEN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	<p>Nick: They found a pair of Lauren Giddings' panties in a drawer in his bedroom.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: WGXA MACON NEWS</p>	<p>News Anchor: Macon police have been waiting on results from forensic evidence sent to the FBI in Virginia, hoping the outcome will lead to an arrest and close the Lauren Giddings homicide investigation.</p>
<p>SUBTITLES: <i>Det. Patterson: This is the end.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Is there anything you want to say?</i> <i>Stephen: I didn't do anything.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: We know you killed her.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: We know you put her body in the trashcan.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: It's as simple as that.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: You're not going to win.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Too much evidence.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Appreciate you talking to me though.</i> <i>Det. Patterson: Just hang tight. They'll be down here in a minute.</i></p>	<p>Det. Patterson: This is the end. Is there anything you want to say?</p> <p>Stephen McDaniel: I didn't do anything.</p> <p>Det. Patterson: We know you killed her. We know you put her body in the trashcan. It's as simple as that. You're not going to win. Too much evidence. Appreciate you talking to me, though. Just hang tight. They'll be down here in a minute.</p>
<p>LOWER 3RD: MIKE BURNS MACON POLICE CHIEF</p>	<p>Mike Burns: Today, I want to announce that an arrest warrant on a charge a felony murder was issued last night against Stephen McDaniel. He was formally charged at 9:30. The warrant was served by Detective Patterson. I hope this arrest will bring comfort to the family and to our community.</p>
<p>ACT 6</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	
<p>SLATE: POLICE DISCOVER A CAMERA STEPHEN McDANIEL USED TO RECORD LAUREN IN HER APARTMENT.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	
<p>SLATE: THE VIDEOS WERE TAKEN ON THE NIGHT LAUREN WAS MURDERED.</p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	

<p>SLATE: APRIL 21, 2014 NEARLY THREE YEARS SINCE LAUREN'S MURDER</p> <p>UPPER 3RD: POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	<p>Reporter: Recent evidence uncovered by GVI computer forensic investigators may have compelled McDaniel to accept a plea deal. Cook says investigators found pictures of Giddings on the camera McDaniel used to spy on her. District Attorney David Cook laid out the deal offered by prosecutors, a written confession detailing what McDaniel did, and the waiver of his rights to appeal.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: TRUE CRIME GARAGE PODCAST NICK AND THE CAPTAIN HOSTS</p> <p>UPPER 3RD: LAUREN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>LAUREN'S APARTMENT POLICE EVIDENCE</p> <p>POLICE EVIDENCE</p>	<p>Nick: Stephen's story was this. He said that at 4:30 AM on Sunday, June 26th, he broke into her apartment dressed all in black. He used the master key to get into the apartment. He stood there watching her sleep before he startled her away. He leaped across the bed, onto her and grabbed her around the throat. They struggled and tumbled out of the bed to the floor. During the struggle, Lauren managed to rip the mask off of McDaniel's face. He said she recoiled in horror when she recognized him. She pleaded, "Stephen, please stop." McDaniel clenched his hands around her throat for 15 minutes until she stopped moving and then dragged her into the bathroom and placed her in the bathtub. He then returned to his apartment next door. Then in the evening, he returned with a hacksaw and cut up her body. He said, "I removed her limbs and head. Wrapped them in several black trash bags separately and discarded them in the Mercer Law School dumpster." He said he put Lauren's torso into the apartment trashcan on June 28th, two days before it was found. He went on to say, "It's difficult for me to explain why I killed Lauren, and attempted to conceal my deed the way I did." He grieves Giddings daily, but doesn't expect forgiveness from her family. He said, "If I could take it back, I would."</p>
<p>SUBTITLES: <i>Karen Giddings: We have lived going on three years now... an unimaginable nightmare. As parents, we not only lost our devoted daughter... but the true devastation...</i></p>	<p>Karen Giddings: We have lived, going on three years now, an unimaginable nightmare. As parents, we not only lost our devoted daughter, but the true devastation is the loss of those who were deprived, a chance to ever know the life of Lauren Theresa Giddings.</p>

<p><i>is the loss of those who were deprived the chance to ever know...</i> <i>The love of Lauren Theresa Giddings.</i></p>	
<p>SLATE: <i>IN EXCHANGE FOR DROPPING THE BURGLARY AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES, STEPHEN PLEADS GUILTY TO MALICE MURDER</i></p>	
<p>LOWER 3RD: <i>DAVID COOKE DISTRICT ATTORNEY</i></p>	<p>Reporter: McDaniel Is sentenced to life in prison. Cooke says the deal offers closure to Giddings’ friends and family.</p> <p>Cooke: I wanted them to be in the position where we knew justice not only certain, but justice was final.</p>
<p>SLATE: <i>2021 TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY</i></p>	
<p>UPPER 3RD: <i>GIDDINGS FAMILY VIDEO TRIBUTE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AUGUST 19, 2021</i></p> <p>LOWER 3RD: <i>KAITLYN WHEELER LAUREN’S SISTER</i></p>	<p>Kaitlyn Wheeler: It's been 10 years since Lauren's murder. Not a day goes by that I don't think about her, my family doesn't think about her. When I think of her now it's more about Lauren and less about her murder. It's, you know, good memories. So, we do all sorts of things to keep Lauren’s memory alive. There’s a bench in Macon that is in the city park. It’s pink and really pretty, and that's an honor for. Also we’ve had a softball tournament and 5K’s in her name. My favorite one is my daughter, Lauren Magnolia, who’s obviously named after my sister. And at this point, Lauren would have seven nieces and nephews. We know she would think we were ridiculous for having so many kids so fast, I know that for sure.</p>
<p>UPPER 3RD: <i>EXCERPT FROM LAUREN’S LAW JOURNAL</i></p> <p>SLATE: <i>It is sad how often my friends and I forget how blessed we are. Yes we have stressful lives, but they’re stressful because they are overflowing with opportunity and hope. We’re privileged to be able to do the work we do.</i></p>	
	<p>Lauren Giddings: I did want to say how special this wedding is, obviously not just because this is my sister’s wedding and please join me in toasting the happy couple.</p>

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102 GIDDINGS CUT-DOWN TIMES: 3:04 TRT (Total)

ACT ONE – 43 Seconds

6:30 – 7:13 – Lauren going to Country club and grabbing take out food then heading home to study.

ACT TWO – 35 Seconds & 24 Seconds

13:40 - 14:15 – Det Patterson grilling David Vandiver about any boyfriends she might have had.

14:48 – 15:12 – Det Patterson grills David Whitmire talking about emails of sexual nature.

ACT THREE – 36 Seconds & 36 Seconds

20:36 – 21:12 – Det Patterson grills David Vandiver about coming home and proof of him getting to his home if anyone can prove that he did get home.

22:19 – 22:55 – Det Patterson grills David Whitmire about making a comment on the girls running that Lauren got what she deserved.

ACT FOUR – 10 Seconds

29:57 – 30:07 – Det Chapman talks to Stephen McDaniel about looking out for him and being friends and looking at porn on the internet.