

Maura Murray extended timeline  
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**Maura Murray was born May 4, 1982 in eastern Massachusetts.**

- Maura was born May 4, 1982 in Brockton, MA to Fred Murray (Frederick J. Murray) and Laurie Murray (née Laurie A. Merhman).
- Maura is from a family of 3 older siblings Fred, Kathleen and Julie and a younger brother Kurt (Kurtis). Julie is 2.5 years older; Kurtis is 6 years younger; Kathleen 4.5 years older.
- Mother (Laurie) was a nurse (R.N.); father (Fred) worked as a nuclear medicine technician.
- Grew up in Hanson, Massachusetts
- Parents divorced when she was 6 years old
- (after the divorce) lived with her mother Laurie Murray in Hanson
- Close with her father Fred Murray
- Would beat Julie and Freddie in chess
- Involved in youth sports, track meets, often went camping and hiking, usually in the mountains of New Hampshire
- In elementary school she set the school record for the 1.5 mile run beating both the girls and boys.
- In third grade, Fred would teach her and her friends to play basketball.
- Soccer was her best sport but loved basketball and running the most. Maura was an “outdoor enthusiast”.
- Had a close group of friends (7 total) growing up and through high school and college
- The family would spend two weeks in NH every year; the first week would be spent camping at Jigger Johnson, the second week Fred would rent a cottage in Edelweiss Village (JM/MMM 71) [Edelweiss is in Madison, NH near Conway].
- (Fred) and Maura used to visit the area (Bartlett) four to five times a year and would hike area mountains in the region. "We've been going there ever since I changed her diapers in the woods," Fred Murray said.
- Julie considered Maura her “best friend” and noted that although they were fierce competitors they were each other’s “number one fans”.
- Kathleen was born October 14, 1977. She was a graduate of the Hanson Regional High School Class of 1997.

**High school (1996-2000)**

- Maura attended Whitman-Hanson Regional High School

- As a freshman in high school, Maura was the starting point guard on the high school varsity team. She was also a “good softball pitcher”.
- As a freshman, threw a free throw in Boston Garden after winning a contest
- During sophomore year, she gave up all sports to concentrate on running track and cross country
- “Top notch. She was one of my brightest students,” said John Souther, Murray’s advanced placement calculus teacher at Whitman-Hanson.
- “She’s a very academically talented, gifted student,” said Jim Daley, Whitman-Hanson basketball coach and social-studies coordinator. “She’s very organized, very diligent. She was a steady-eddy, very consistent, very focused, a lovely young girl.”
- “She was extremely driven ... she always wanted to be the best. Her freshman year, she broke the record in the two-mile. I thought, Wow! She’s got big things going for her. Then she kind of matured and her speed was never the same. What she had was endurance. She was an icon.” (Coach Mike Driscoll)
- Qualified for US nationals in 2 mile in high school
- “Shattered every school record”
- Co-captain of the track team in senior year
- Won District in the mile in senior year (Oxygen)
- “... in high school her reputation as a star runner (she ran a five-minute mile) was known throughout Massachusetts.” (Seventeen)
- One day took off to Boston - friends were looking for her all day (ID Disappeared)
- Maura’s first car was a Cutlass Supreme.
- 1996: at the Catholic Memorial Invitational, Maura set the freshman record for the 2 mile at 11:34 (record still stands as of 2021). Note: corrected to the Freshman 3K (if someone can give me the wording I will fix this).

**October 6, 1998**

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*Hi there,*

*My name is Maura Murray from Hanson MA and I've been going to Jigger Johnson's campground, which is clearly the best, and hiking in the White Mountains ever since I was too young to remember. I would like to know if*

*anyone out there has ever climbed Mt. Tripyramid (the trail starts at Sabaday Falls) because I had quite an experience. I also want to help out at the huts during the summer or manage trails if there are any available jobs that someone knows about. Does anybody have any bear or moose stories to tell because I would love to hear them. Great website-bye*

### **July 28, 1999: Saturn**

Purchased used Saturn in Weymouth, MA

- 3/15/1996 Original purchase in Quincy, MA
- 7/28/1999 Purchased (assume by Fred) in Weymouth, MA
- 10/02/01 Inspected in Weymouth, MA
- 10/10/02 Inspected in Weymouth, MA
- 10/17/03 Inspected in Weymouth, MA
- Last odometer: 149,486

### **2000 Graduated from high school**

- Graduated fourth in her high school class
- Earned \$400 award at graduation (Disappeared)
- Scored 1420 out of 1600 on the SAT (740 in math)
- Accepted at US Military Academy West Point as a cadet (Senator Kennedy wrote her recommendation)
- Recruited by Harvard

### **West Point (fall 2000 to January 2, 2002)**

- Spent 1.5 years at West Point majoring in Chemical Engineering before transferring to U Mass Amherst
- Ran track (Julie also ran track so they saw each other multiple times a day)
- Met Bill R. sophomore year through older sister Julie in 2001; began dating fall 2001
- Bill was in Julie's class (2 classes ahead of Maura)
- Maura met Bill's parents, younger sister and her husband in 2001 at the Army/Navy football game in Baltimore, MD; met entire family summer 2002 in Ohio
- *Edit (thank you): The 2001 Army-Navy game was in Philadelphia. The one in 2000 was in Baltimore*
- Spent 3-6 weeks each summer at the Rausch home in Ohio
- Accused of theft at the Fort Knox PX August 2001 - \$4-5 dollars of lip gloss in her pocket - had to go through a cadet honor hearing (was with friend Megan at Fort Knox)

- Withdrew from West Point January 2, 2002

#### How Bill and Maura met (clarification Dec 2020 from Bill Rausch)

- “Julie introduced me to Maura in 2001.”
- “I was not assigned to Maura, was not her mentor, and was not associated with her honor hearing or case in any way.”
- “I was a Cadet Honor Representative at West Point. It's possible that people have taken that fact and incorrectly assumed that I was officially involved in Maura's case.”
- "I also spoke with her about whether she wanted to stay at West Point; an option she could have pursued despite her honor violation."
- "Our conversations were informal and not related to my official role as Honor Rep. I had no role or influence over her case. It was common to have such conversations with siblings or friends of friends who were facing difficult decisions, e.g. to stay or leave West Point."

#### Letter from Maura to Bill - 2002

*According to Chuck Theodore: The road goes ever on. The Kancamagus Hwy goes a long way -> 35 miles?! I only know that because of the "No Gas For the Next 32 Miles" sign - Anyway - OUR road better go ever on - and that means more than 35 miles worth Stud*

*- New day deserves a new color - I was pumped when I found this pen in dads car - probably from my last letter to you!*

*So even though we had overcast days up north - and everyone was bummed, it actually worked out for the best - A news reporter informed us that overcast weather actually brings out the contrast in colors more than sunshine - but I didn't buy it - Don't get me wrong - the foliage was breathtaking in the 5 feet of our visual field! Ha I would have been bummed anyway - cause Ain't no sunshine when you're gone esp. For the whole damn weekend! It was a success for you though - dad was wary of having Red Stripe as recommended by his daughters Boyfriend - and he actually LIKED it - same taste. Whohoo - all you need now is History Channel debate discussions and lots of Mozart score for me Ha*

*I love you Bill - missed talking to you last night - mistimed naps and getting up in crazy hours of the night to finish homework is no way to function - although I'm surprisingly well rested - I'd do it over just to talk to you though.*

*Dad & I took guesses as to which road this was - if it turned left - it was 302 - I said it could've been Bear Notch but dad was right on w/ the Kancamagus - I think I'm anxious to have you up there to see your reaction to the place I love so much. Even if you hated it, NH is my other home - I've gone there every year of my life and would hate for that to suddenly stop - I think it was a major part of who I am today and the things I love to do - And for me to have known you for a year - you being the man I want to be with for the rest of my life - And yet to not have experienced that huge part of me brought about from hiking/jumping off Indian leap just tells me of how little we do know about each other - how much there is to learn - lets get started! I love you  
-Maura*

### **Bill's Saab**

- Bill R bought a 1999 Saab 9-3 for \$13,500 in 2002 (in Northampton, MA). Fred and Maura visited the same dealership, among others, on the Saturday before her disappearance. He owned it until 2009 when he traded it in on a new car.

### **Spring 2002**

- Noted rocky point in Maura and Bill's relationship (reported 2005): "Raush's (sic) mother, Sharon Rausch, reiterated that statement in a recent interview. She said there was a point where the couple's relationship was rocky in the spring of 2002, but they had resolved their problems by summer and had a good relationship since then."
- Is this the time the email was sent that was found in Maura's dorm room?

### **UMass (2002 to February 2004)**

- Attended UMass Amherst/Nursing starting 2002 (month/day?)
- Julie confirmed that she had an athletic scholarship at UMass (2022)
- She was set to graduate from Nursing in fall of 2005
- Maura had arranged a summer (2004) job at a hospital in Oklahoma (unknown date)
- When (Bill) Rausch visited Amherst during vacations, they'd do what many couples do on the weekends: hiking in the mountains, shopping for antiques and visiting book stores in Western Massachusetts.

### **UMass Spring 2002**

- Classes start Tue Jan 28
- TBC It is reported that Maura was injured and did not participate in track this semester

### **September 4, 2002**

Fall classes start at UMass

### **Thanksgiving 2002**

UMass official break: Wed Nov 27-Sunday Dec 1

### **New Years Eve “December 31, 2002”**

“... about a year before the disappearance, Maura spent New Year’s Eve at the house of a friend of the Connollys in Goshen, New Hampshire”.

### **2003 (general)**

Julie spent the year in South Korea in the military (deployed from Fort Bragg, NC).  
Would receive care packages from Maura.

### **January 2003**

Sharon reports that Maura is at their house in January (and is overheard crying after Bill returns to the Army)

### **Spring 2003**

Maura mentions being in Florida over spring break (presumably 2003?)

### **July 2003**

From Sharon’s notes: “Fred, Maura and Billy vacationed in the White Mountains in July 2003”

### **July 3, 2003**

- Fred bought the Toyota Corolla

### **July 27 or 28, 2003**

Bill returns from NH (see below)

### **July 31, 2003**

Letter from Bill to Maura “I’ve been back for 3 days now”.

### **August 2, 2003**

Letter from Bill to Maura “I don’t even need to ask you if you had the best week ever in NH with your dad ... Get back to NH soon I’m dying to hear from you”.

### **Late Summer 2003 (is this the July 2003 vacation?)**

- Fred, Maura and Bill stayed at a condo in Bartlett, NH (Salamones own condo in same complex)
- Possibly got speeding ticket during this trip (see below)
- On July 31, 2003, Bill had been back for 3 days (per letter from Bill)
- On August 2, 2003, Maura was still in NH (per letter from Bill)

### **July 27, 2003 - Speeding ticket**

- July 27, 2003, 7AM, Hooksett PD, 99 in a 65 on route 93 north
- Driving father’s car
- Dropping Bill at the airport?
- Maura paid hefty fine (around \$300)
- Had to appear in court July, 30, 2003 at the 6th district court in Hooksett, NH - she pled no contest and paid the fine and court fees - suspended her license for 30 days in NH (starting 8/27)
- August 27, 2003-Sept 27, 2003 - her license was suspended in NH (just NH)
- There is also a reinstatement fee that many people don’t know about

### **UMass Fall Semester**

- Starts September 2, 2003 per letter (or September 3)
- Maura was a Junior
- Lived 0415 Kennedy Hall/413.546.7439
- She normally parked in Lot 12
- Enrolled in classes in Pharmacology, Mental Health, Maternity and a Research Class (TCA)
- Maura had Clinicals 2 days a week at Norwood Hospital Labor and Delivery Unit and Providence Behavioral Health Hospital in Holyoke [Norwood is S of Boston and 93 miles from Amherst est 1:43 drive; Holyoke is 15 miles est 26 minutes)
- Erin Murphy confirmed to Terry O’Connell that they had a Clinical on Tuesday evenings at the Norwood Maternity Ward in Norwood, MA
- Scott Wahl mentions in a 107 that her Clinicals were Tuesdays “and Wednesdays”
- Students are in groups of 6-8 for Clinicals; TCA has a list of 5 names of Maura’s group (unknown if it’s a complete list)
- Clinicals spanned from 7AM-2PM; she would carpool with her group

- Maura was injured this semester and didn't participate in track; she planned to return for spring track
- Maura had made arrangements in January 2004 to be employed for the summer of 2004 at a hospital near Billy in Lawton OK.
- [At some point Maura stayed over at Erin M's place in the Boston area and borrowed some clothing - not sure of the complete story - possibly related to the Clinicals at Norwood - a snowstorm?]

### **Columbus Day Weekend 2003 (est October 10-13)**

- Maura and Fred took a trip to 4 peaks in VT/NH
- “(Fred) remembers a hike they took not long before she went missing. These are some of his most cherished memories. Maura tailed him along the steep pitches of Bond Cliff, a three peaked mountain trail in New Hampshire's White Mountains, Fred explains. The two climbed 23 strenuous miles of ascents and descents. When they finally reached the last peak, Maura pulled a Long Trail beer out of her backpack and handed it to her father. It was a celebration of their accomplishment together.” (Conway)

**Oct 13, 2003**

Vermont post card

Happy Birthday Mom!!

I can finally appreciate what you mean by being on your feet ALL day - I finally get it. I see how nurses interact with patients and I can totally picture you doing a much better job in making a patients day - get them laughing or dancing - whatever it means more to me now after I've tried it myself + realized how claiming it can be - GO GO GO but always with a smile - no wonder it's so easy to flip out when you're home! ha bad joke. No one understands fully until they take care of someone totally dependent. How degraded did my lady feel when I was fumbling around trying ... both and making stupid small talk? Whatever the situation - have fun on your B-day - esp w/

Thanks for everything

Love, Maura

Happy Birthday

**October 17, 2003**



Saturn passed inspection in Weymouth, MA

### **October 20, 2003: credit card incident at UMass**

- Date of Offense: 10/20/2003/Place of Offense: Amherst, MA (report taken 11/03/03)
- Name of Complainant: Patrolman Carlos Rivera
- Con't until 5/30/04
- Amherst Police Department/111 Main Street/Amherst, MA 01002
- Court Use Only: A hearing upon this complaint application will be held at the above court address on (Date of Hearing) December 16, 2003 at (Time of Hearing) 12:00 noon. Court Use Only.

### **Thanksgiving and Christmas 2003**

- Sharon: Maura had been off of school for a month, but in that time, she traveled to NY and back, to OH and back and several times to CT and back during which time each trip involved parties and get togethers plus the usual hub bub of the Holidays: shopping, cooking, wrapping etc. I recall she looked tired over Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Sharon gave Maura 2 prepaid calling cards at Thanksgiving "Sharon said she had bought two AT&T calling cards for Maura the previous Thanksgiving holiday."
- Bill came to UMass 12/20/2003 (end of finals week)
- January 2004 was the last time Sharon saw Maura
- Christmas 2003 (January?) was the last time Bill saw Maura
- Bill gave Maura black gloves for Christmas
- Maura received a cell phone for Christmas (per Miles to Nowhere Bill gave her a cell phone for Christmas and paid the bill; it was on the Rausch family plan) - I think this was Maura's first cell phone (?) and once she had a cell phone Bill verifies she did some texting also
- Spent winter break in Hanson - full itinerary in Dec 15 email below
- Duke University Blue Devils basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski (Duke University Blue Devils basketball coach) met Murray and Bill Rausch around Thanksgiving time and provided them with basketball tickets during the Christmas holiday basketball tourney.

Note: there is a story of Maura becoming upset at her mother on Thanksgiving before she went missing - however, it seems she was with the Rausch family Thanksgiving 2003

### **December miscellaneous**

Fred starts working in Bridgeport, CT (stayed at the Homestead Suites, Shelton, CT)

### **December 15, 2003 - email to friends**

*Hey ladies! One more final and a paper. Did everyone get tons of snow? UMass sucks at plowing and my little Saturn got stuck. Now I'm screwed for tomorrow. Parking services can shove it. Anyway, I feel like I haven't seen anyone in years but the stories are great. Carly, I hope you feel better and the same to Erin Jones. I had that in Florida on spring break. Anyway, Bill is coming up the 20th and we're seeing a Duke game in NY, then heading to Hanson. Actually, Hanover to stay with Kathleen. Julie is coming home on the 23rd. Wahoo!!! And we plan on going to see Dane Cook. I hope everyone can come. Then off to Ohio. But when do you girls go back to school? My 8:00 a.m. final got moved to 6:30 p.m. which didn't work out as well as I'd hoped because I slept all day. Ha! Screw it! I'm in a great mood. I hope you all have more motivation than I do*

*See you soon, Maura*

**December 16, 2003 - Hearing on credit card issue at 12 noon**

**December 20, 2003 - Bill arrives UMass (per email)**

**December 20, 2003 - (Bill and Maura attend) Duke vs Texas basketball game at Madison Square Garden.**

**December 23, 2003 - Julie comes home (per email). Julie saw Maura during this break and they exchanged gifts, etc.**

### **January 2004 Miscellaneous**

Possibly in January, Maura arranges a summer job in Oklahoma. From Conway (based on Feb 9): "Just a few weeks earlier Maura had arranged for a summer job at a hospital in Oklahoma to be closer to Billy."

Mid-January - Maura called AAA because she locked her keys in her car - the spare key was placed outside the car at this time. This was "before the mechanical problems" (Sharon's notes)

In January, Maura visited Fred in Connecticut where he was working. Her car started having problems. He didn't have a place to store the car in CT so he drove it back to UMass. Maura followed him back in his car. They left the car in lot 12. Fred told her not to drive it. (I believe this was Jan 24/25, not 100% confirmed).

### **UMass January 2004**

- January 28, 2004: Classes started at U Mass
- Move in January 26

- [https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/academic\\_calendars/academic\\_calendar\\_03-04](https://www.fivecolleges.edu/academics/academic_calendars/academic_calendar_03-04)
- [Microsoft Word - 2003-04 calendar.doc \(umass.edu\)](#)
- UMass has “Welcome Back Week” last week of January into the first week of February
- Lived 0415 Kennedy Hall/413.546.7439 (same as prior semester)
- Worked two jobs: UMass security (“security receptionist” - supervisor Karen Mayotte working at Melville Hall) and art gallery (supervisor “John”).
- Clinicals in Norwood Maternity on Tuesday PM and Holyoke Wednesday AM
- Boyfriend Bill Rausch (was) a second lieutenant with C Battery, 119th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla

#### Thursday, January 29, 2004 - Email to friends

*Maybe I can lighten the email mood. UMass had crosswalks with pretty much railroad barriers because so many people have gotten hit/had accidents. I think there were seven last year. Not much to say about the rashes, though. Katie, what do crabs eat? Do they need a little aquarium? Ha! I'm jealous. Are you ready for this? Dane Cook is playing at UMass and we went to get tickets but it was sold out. I missed out AGAIN! But I did some research and he plays in Storrs, Connecticut February 12th not too far from UMass Worcester Providence. Tickets are ten bucks and go on sale Monday. So let me know if anyone's interested. I imagine they will be hard to get as usual*

*Take care, girls*

*Maura*

#### Tuesday Feb 3 and Wednesday Feb 4:

- Erin M drove her to clinicals at Norwood Maternity on Tuesday evening (their 1st clinical)
- They got stuck in a snowstorm and stayed with Erin Murphy's friend at Bentley.
- [Note: there is a Bentley University in Waltham, MA, I presume this is what is meant]
- They were running late to the 2nd clinical Wednesday morning in Western Mass so rather than going back to umass before their second clinicals the next morning, Maura borrowed clothing
- Note: the 2nd clinical is presumably in Holyoke, MA

- Maura borrowed corduroys and a white sweater

(tweeted by Erinn):

EM (via email): they got stuck in a snowstorm after their 1st clinical (Norwood Maternity) on the Tues evening prior and stayed w/EM's friend at Bentley. They were running late to the 2nd clinical Wed AM in W.MA so MM borrowed cords and sweater, which she returned to EM on 2/9.

#### **Thursday Feb 5**

- 7:00 PM Maura's shift starts in Melville (security)
- 7:17PM - Maura talks to Bill (20 minutes) - cell phone records
- (two more short calls to Bill)
- 9:56 Maura calls Bill (6 minutes)
- 10:10pm Maura calls Kathleen (28 minutes) - "burst into tears about 3 hours later" (according to Seventeen, an ex girlfriend of Tim C was harassing them about money owed)
- 12:07am calls BR for 7 minutes
- Karen Mayotte (supervisor of dorm receptionists) is told that Maura is upset - walks to Melville
- Maura doesn't initially respond - finally says "my sister" - crying softly
- Karen walks Maura back to her single room in Kennedy (note: next week KM is called by her supervisor told Maura had a car accident and is asked to call UMass police - gives a statement)
- 340am Domino's pizza

#### **Friday, Feb 6**

- Classes cancelled due to snowstorm

#### **Saturday, Feb 7**

##### **Walk through of the day**

- Fred arrived (at her dorm) est 12-1230pm called, waited for her to come outside to go car shopping
- Maura and Fred went car shopping (Maura's black 1996 Saturn was in rough shape)
- Started car shopping in Hadley - Fred had 4k "on his person". Then went to Northampton where Bill had had luck. Then went to Rt 10 west of Northampton.

- Interested in a 3 year old Geo Prism (I believe they had decided to purchase this car but didn't have enough \$ at the time). (source: Conway)
- According to Julie: they found 2 cars that day. The first was around \$4K; the second at a different dealership was \$6K (doesn't remember the dealership but it was red) - that's the one Fred wanted to purchase but he "deals in cash" so didn't have enough on him.
- According to Julie: his bank was in Connecticut or eastern Mass - had limits on withdrawal; wanted to incentivize the dealer, told her he would come back (her nursing program required her to travel to clinicals)
- Came back to the Quality Inn - hung around; Maura exercised in the weight room.
- Dinner at the Amherst Brewing Company on North Pleasant Street in downtown Amherst
- Got a call from Kate who had just returned from a track meet. Picked her up at a student parking lot around 9PM.
- Went to Liquors 44 after picking up Kate (either before the next trip to ABC or after) - Kate and Maura looked for wine. [It seems that all 3 went inside.]
- Went back to Amherst Brewing Company upstairs with Kate.
- Fred was staying at Quality Inn on Russell st. in Hadley (237 Russell St, Hadley, MA - subsequently Comfort Inn and Rodeway Inn, now closed permanently)
- Maura dropped off Fred and drove Fred's Toyota Corolla to UMass
- Attended dorm party
- After leaving the party, had an accident along Route 9 in Hadley (\$8,000-10,000 worth of damage; Fred paid about \$500 out of pocket)
- Maura was not cited in the accident. She got a ride in the tow truck back to Fred's motel which was next door to the car repair.
- Maura had left her phone at the dorm (possibly in Sara's room?) so she used Fred's phone to call Bill in the early morning hours.
- According to Bill: "She told me she had been in an accident. She was never afraid of Fred." and on the calls over the next days: "I was worried about Maura after she called me crying having just wrecked Fred's Toyota. I called Maura and her best friend to see if she was okay. You ask "why so many calls" but for me I ask why I didn't try harder to see if everything was alright given she drove to NH on Monday without telling anyone."

**Times:**

- 12-1230 est Fred arrived at Maura's dorm
- 3:21 PM talks to Julie about car shopping and 2 favorite cars (this is the last time they spoke)

- 4:13 PM Calls Reliance Auto
- 9:01 PM Maura calls Kate
- 10:00 PM Drops Fred at motel
- 11:00 PM Arrive at Sara A. dorm room

### **Sunday, February 8**

- 2:30am Maura left the party according to Sara (Sunday)
- 3:33AM call to report Hadley accident (North Maple St & North Hadley Rd in Hadley, MA “where it T’s”
- 3:34AM police dispatched
- 3:37AM Mark Ruddock officer arrives
- 4:11AM “cleared” per police report
- 4:29AM tow truck leaves with Maura
- 4:45AM tow truck drops Maura at Quality Inn (237 Russell St Hadley MA)
- 5:36AM Maura calls Bill (father’s cell phone) for 11 minutes (4:36 on BR phone records)
- 5:48AM Bill calls Maura for 5 minutes (4:48 on BR phone records)
- Fred woke up at est 10AM - Maura was asleep in the room
- Maura woke up around 10:30AM told him about the accident
- Spent the day with Fred
- Fred called insurance company, looked into rental cars; found a loaner
- Fred went to North Amherst Motors around 12:30PM (78 Sunderland Rd, North Amherst, MA)
- Rental car for Potters Auto & Truck Rental is 12:25pm (79 Sunderland Rd, North Amherst, MA)
- Fred dropped off Maura at her dorm around 1-1:30PM
- Fred returned to Bridgeport, CT - arrived est 3:30PM
- 2022 Julie Murray was asked if Maura worked at the art gallery on 2/8 and answered: “To my knowledge, for a few hours. We know she spoke with Sara on Sunday at some point”
- 8:30pm Maura checks messages (has phone back from SA at this time?)
- 11:26pm Fred talked to Maura remind her to pick up accident forms “in triplicate”
- Maura agreed to call Monday 8PM to go over the forms
- From White (2008) - based on the 2/10 call to Umass security: “Campus security had evidence that she was last seen Sunday morning by a fellow student and that she was carrying a backpack, box of wine and a large hockey bag of beer.” (this is presumed incorrect because Maura was at the motel on Sunday morning)

## Monday, February 9

- “Just after midnight on Monday morning, Feb. 9, she conducted a Map Quest search of the Berkshires and Burlington, Vt., on her personal computer.”
- 3:32AM (“Monday”) emails assignment to her nursing cohort
- Searched Mapquest for Burlington and Bartlett
- 4:00 am finished working on computer (Miles to Nowhere)
- There are rumors that she made additional searches about alcohol and pregnancy after finishing her schoolwork. I don’t have a good source on this.
- Got back onto her computer on the afternoon for a couple of hours - searched several sites including getting directions from Amherst, MA on to Burlington, VT
- That afternoon she spent a "couple of hours" searching sites to include getting directions from Amherst, MA to the Burlington, VT area.
- “It appears she got back on her computer on the afternoon of the ninth and during the course of a couple hours searched several sites to include getting directions from Amherst Mass to the Burlington Vermont area”
- 12:55pm call to phone owned by Dominic and Linda Salamone (3 minutes)
- 1PM sends email to Bill Rausch

February 9, 2004

Date: Mon, 09 Feb 2004 13:00:06 -0500

From: mmurr0@student.umass.edu

Subject: hey hey

To: "Bill Rausch"

**I love you more stud**

**I got your messages, but honestly, i didn't feel like talking to much of anyone, i promise to call today though**

**love you**

**maura**

- 1:13pm calls Erin O'Neil (Murphy) about returning clothes “crying” (note: Erin Murphy was in Patterson 354; phone number 413.545.1466).
- 1:24pm emails teachers (UMass Nursing School) and boss at a local art gallery - gone for a week “death in the family”
- [1:24PM] A police investigation later revealed that Maura also emailed teachers at the UMass Nursing School and her boss at a local art gallery to let them know she would be out of town for several days due to a death in the family.  
(Conway)

- According to the Boston Herald 2.16.04 she sent 3 emails: The next day she sent three e-mails: one to her boyfriend saying she wanted to talk and the others to a professor and the gallery saying she would be away for the next week to resolve some "family concerns."
- 2:05pm 1-800-GOSTOWE (system out of order; could only listen to recordings) - 5 minutes
- 2:18pm Call to Bill leaves message (along the lines of "I love you, I miss you, I want to talk"); 20/20 episode described by Bill as: "she loved me, she wanted to talk, we'd talk later"
- Around 3pm (my estimate only)? Erin M received knock on door, later found clothes in baggy outside the door
- After Patterson? Maura went to parking lot to get into Saturn
- 3:15pm withdrew \$280 from ATM
- 3:43 left liquor store - \$40 of alcohol (Bailey's nip, Kahlua, Vodka)
- (picked up accident forms unknown time/place) in SR notes, it mentions the forms were from the Hadley PD at 15 East Hadley Dr.
- [Rausch said a dorm mate saw her leave the campus about 4 or 4:30 p.m. Feb 9]
- ["Murray, who is 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs about 120 pounds and has brown hair and blue eyes, was last seen on the UMass campus between 4 and 4:30 p.m. Feb. 9."]
- 4:37 checked voicemail

#### New Hampshire/Saturn accident timeline

- 7:27 Faith Westman calls 911 (Ronda Marsh) - 1 minute 18 seconds
- 7:29 CS dispatched
- 7:42 Butch calls 911 after several unsuccessful attempts (time from Chuck West) - call is 3 minutes
- 7:42 ambulances/fire engines toned out
- 7:43 Hanover calls Grafton (Ronda Marsh) clarifies one female
- 7:46 CS arrival logged by Anthony Stiles 7:46:20
- 7:54 First BOL to neighboring fire stations (*H2 REQ ALL FIRE UNITS FOR A FEMALE ABT 507 ON FOOT. VICTIM OF CRASH.*)
- Fire personnel involved state they received a BOLO that reached some 63 agencies on the way to the scene by Grafton County Dispatch ordered by Sgt Smith for a female, 5 feet 7 inches who had left the scene of the accident they were responding to.
- 7:56 Dick Guy (EMS) arrives



- 7:56 Ambulance arrives stays 6 minutes (departs 8:02)
- 7:57pm woodsville fire rescue pumper truck arrived w department officers
- 8:02 EMS cleared
- (during this time) cursory search up and down 112, Old Peters Road, game trail
- (time unknown) CS has dispatch run license plate; owned by Fred Murray of Weymouth, MA
- (time unknown) CS had Grafton call the residence listed, left message
- 8:49 fire crew left
- 8:50 Tow truck leaves; Maura's car was towed ten miles to Lavoie's Auto Care Center on Route 10 in Haverhill
- 9:27 CS dispatched to Pike and leaves the area - Lime Kiln Road (suicidal teenager)
- 11pm CS made second attempt to phone FM residence
- 11pm Byron Charles and Mac Cashin assisted Smith w obtaining the search warrant

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**Special: Timeline for Butch Atwood (this is something I worked on as a post so I'm including it here)**

1. Atwood stops at the Saturn - best estimate 7:29-7:32
2. Atwood talks to Maura/the driver and drives off - best estimate 7:30-7:34
3. Atwood arrives home, backs into his driveway, goes inside and tells Barbara what happened
  - The Atwood home is 210 yards east.
  - Best estimate for his arrival inside the home: 7:34-7:38
4. Atwood goes inside and starts calling police (3-5 unsuccessful calls)
  - Best estimate for starting calls: 7:35-7:39
5. Atwood reaches Hanover Dispatch
  - Confirmed time 7:42 (from Chuck West) - call duration is 3 minutes
6. Atwood goes back to his bus
  - Best estimate: 7:45-6
7. Grafton County calls back and speaks to Barbara
  - Best estimate: 7:46-7:47 (entered into system at confirmed 7:48)
8. Cecil Smith knocks on his window
  - Best estimate: 7:50-7:53
  - Cecil issues first at 7:54 - this has to be after talking to Butch presumably immediately after.

8. Atwood takes the Bronco and starts driving for “10-15 minutes”

-Best estimate: 7:55-8:02 (sees Monaghan when he returns)

-I have already mentioned I think he made two circuits; the second could have been after seeing Monaghan because the timetable is very tight since Monaghan drives in tandem with the ambulance which leaves at 8:02.

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## Tuesday, February 10

New Hampshire: Search of Saturn, and phone calls

- 7:02AM Chief Jeff Williams requests a call back from d1 about the incident
- 9:30am search warrant issued by Judge Timothy Mckenna of Haverhill District Court to search Saturn
- Charles and Cashin complete search; Maura is identified as the driver
- 1:30pm through VT, NH and MA for “Maura Murray” (dark coat with black hair; 5-5, 120 pounds) - see below
- 3:20pm CS leaves message on Fred’s machine (in MA - he is in CT).
- 3:30pm CS called Weymouth Police Department - directed to Laurie Murray
- 3:40pm CS spoke to LM; gave CS Maura cell phone and dorm number
- Smith again tried Fred, left another message.
- 3:51pm CS spoke with Hanson PD
- 4:40pm CS spoke to Kathleen Murray, requested photo of MM
- 5pm Fred gets message from Kathleen - he is sitting in a parking lot when he listens to the message
- 5:17pm Maura referred to as "missing" by Haverhill police
- 5:44pm Fred calls Haverhill pd to report “very important” information “Fred Murray calling back and said that officer has not gotten back to him. Told him that he had the message but sure he would be calling. Stated it is urgent that officer calls him, he has some very important information to give him. Caller asked if officer had a cell phone ... negative sir, but I will give him another message. Please do, it is very urgent that he calls me.”
- 7PM CS called UMass campus security asked to check dorm room
- 8PM CS spoke to FM
- 8:25pm Haverhill PD called Fish and Game
- 8:40pm Haverhill received a call from UMass campus security (note room packed)
- 9pm Fish and Game reported to Haverhill PD that they would begin search at daylight if she had not shown up

## **From Peabody on the afternoon calls**

"Haverhill Police notified Freddie Murray, Maura's brother "we have your abandoned car" on the evening of Tuesday, Feb 10th - 24 hours after Maura went missing -They mistakenly notified him instead of Fred Murray. They did not mention that Maura was missing - Freddie asked them about her (as did Sharon Rausch when she spoke to them) and they said they didn't know she was the driver and IF she was missing, the family would have to report her missing in her home town.

Sharon - "Fred receives a voice message on his home phone about his car being found abandoned near Woodsville NH on the evening of February 9th. Fred's answering machine notes the time of day as 3:20 PM EST. Fred is at work on a contracted job in another state and does not get the message until later. At approximately 5:00 or 5:30 PM Fred Murray receives a call from his daughter Kathleen. The Haverhill Police have reached her brother, Freddie Murray's residence (Freddie resides with his mother Laurie Murray, younger brother and Maura when she is not at school.) The police reported to Freddie that they found an abandoned car owned by Frederick Murray. Freddie told them that was his sister's car and they had to search for her. The policeman that talked to Freddie said that if she was missing, he would have to contact their local police department. When Freddie called the local police department he was told that he would have to call the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Police Department, Maura's current residence. Fred Murray, the father, called Haverhill Police Department and begged them to start looking for Maura.

## **Second BOL (be on the lookout) : Grafton County Sheriff Logs:**

*12:04 - Phone - Be on the Lookout - Services Rendered 2*

*Call Taker: D19 - Adams, Daniel*

*Location: (HAV) - Haverhill PD*

*Calling Party: Charles, Byron - @ +++UNKNOWN+++*

*Narrative: Needs on Maura Murray (redacted). Apparently this individual was involved in a MVC yesterday in Haverhill. Upon officers arrival, found the car, no driver with a rag stuffed in the tail pip. Waiting on descriptors of individual.*

*Narrative: H6: black hair past shoulder length, wearing a dark coat, about 5'5", 120 pounds, Last seen in the Wild Ammounoosic Rd area.....*

*Narrative: put out at 12:21 on Graf A, Hav, Lit, and Lis locals*

## **UMass/Maura's dorm room**

- It is reported that Maura's alarm was going off, prompting an RA to enter her room to shut it off
- According to someone living on Maura's floor, it is reported that they were "going through her stuff" that afternoon

## New Hampshire/112

- The Westmans walked around their property on Tuesday and did not see any footprints belonging to Maura.

## Bill Rausch/Fort Sill, Oklahoma

- Receives phone call from Fred (per phone bill options include 443CST (5 min), 459CST (4 min), 525CST (18 min), 538CST (8 min))
- It is noted by Peabody that the AMRC confirmed on the evening of 2/10 that they had contacted (his) commander in arranging his emergency leave from the US Army to go to NH.

**Bill Rausch 2020:** “. . . I had just finished eating dinner and received a call from Fred and Fred told me that Maura’s car was found on the side of the road in New Hampshire and she was missing. And like Julie, I asked a bunch of questions. Like Julie, I didn’t get many answers. Fred told me what he knew, which wasn’t much. He was going to New Hampshire and so I told him - hey man, I’ll be there soon. So, um . . . hung up the phone. I immediately went into my Commander’s office because I had to get permission to leave. He wasn’t there, so I spoke with first sergeant and - you know . . . for the rest of the night that was the conversation between my commander . . . my battery commander, my battalion commander - I mean it’s pretty uncommon for someone’s girlfriend to disappear, right? So, it was a pretty unique situation but that was a big focus for the rest of the night, until I was on a flight the next morning and so the other sorta stream of activity was calling my parents. So I called my mom and dad . . . their landline had me get on the line and told me what had happened, which, was, Maura’s car was found on the side of the road in New Hampshire. We don’t know why she was there. She is nowhere to be found and I’m going to New Hampshire and they said “Got it, we’re going to go out, too!” And so mom and dad, I said we’re going to drive east. It’s about an eight hour drive - nine hours maybe to Connecticut. So I got on my computer and looked at some flights, found a flight from Oklahoma City to Hartford for the next morning. Booked the flight. Asked a buddy, “hey man, can you take me to the airport tomorrow morning? No problem. I mean I was really fortunate, I don’t know what Julie’s situation was at Bragg but at Ft. Sill I had a really good support group and so I spent all my time with them. Packed, got things ready, argued to my command why they needed to ensure I could leave. Mom was working on a Red Cross message which is required to leave. We had some experiences with because while I was at West Point, there were some deaths in the family and so mom knew that process well. I’ll call the Red Cross and give them the five W’s; who, what, where, when and why? And so by the time I got my command

sorta on board, they were going to let me go, reluctantly. Mom's working the Red Cross thing. They're in the car driving east, I got my flight booked, I'm packed, I'm freaking out because I don't know what the hell is happening and my friends are all telling me, "man, it's gonna be okay, gonna be okay, it's going to be okay." And that's how I found out. So the next morning, my buddy drove me north up to Oklahoma City. Boarded the plane and we went from there. Obviously a lot happened after that and you know that's probably a conversation for another time.

Julie Murray (this is from Military Matters interview)

- (Had) Arrived in Fort Bragg and learned she would be deployed overseas
- in an ammunition company - deployed by platoons "mags"
- got call Maura was missing
- chaos and panic
- couldn't ask commander "hey I gotta go"
- had just met lieutenant in another platoon
- she (other lieutenant) wasn't deploying for another 6 months
- she said "I'll go".
- J didn't even approach her. Everyone knew J was going through something.
- She volunteered to go in Julie's place.
- "I cannot thank you enough" "Can never ever repay you"
- Julie rushed to NH as fast as she could (see approx Feb 22)

## Wednesday, February 11

Fred Murray

- Starts the drive in the early hours; arrives at Haverhill PD before dawn
- Heads to 112, combs the street
- Sees the official search (NH Fish & Game) headquarters being set up near 112/116
- Is held at the police station on Wednesday
- Talks to the dog handlers after the dog track when they return to the police station
- (Apparently was not consulted about scent article given to bloodhound per quote "If they had asked me ...")

Bill Rausch (also Sharon and Bill Sr.)

- Bill is driven by a friend from Fort Sill (Oklahoma) to the OKC airport. Flies to BDL (Hartford/Springfield) - layover is unknown.

- Receives whimpering call while going through security at OKC (it is left as a message which he retrieves after going through security)
- His parents drove from Marengo, Ohio and picked him up at the BDL airport
- They drive together up to Haverhill, NH
- Arrive at Haverhill PD est 5PM
- "Billy was extensively interrogated in private, and then Bill and I were questioned in the room with Billy" (Sharon Rausch)
- Later that evening when Bill and his parents arrived in New Hampshire, they went directly to the Haverhill Police Station to meet with the Murrays and law enforcement. At the station, the police played the voicemail through their landline. Not everyone heard the same thing. Sharon thought it sounded like "sniffing," and as if as someone was "trying not to cry." Officers that heard the voicemail said it sounded like someone "humming." To Fred, the sounds were "unintelligible." In Julie's TikTok video, Fred recalled feeling that he "desperately wanted it to be Maura," but wasn't able to make out the whimpering that others heard." (107 blog)

#### Whimpering Call (These are Central times)

- Bill calls Red Cross at 5:34AM
- Bill checks voicemail at 5:46AM
- Bill calls his parents at 5:55AM (tells his parents at this time?)
- (It is noted that Bill calls the FBI on 2/11 re this call - see below)
- Bill played it for police that night (possibly called with a landline and played over speaker?).
- Detective Todd Landry told Bill on the evening of 2/11/04 that the call originated from the Red Cross

#### Other family members

- Kathleen, Freddy, Kurtis arrive
- Julie is at Fort Bragg, NC and flew up later (22nd?)
- (subsequently) siblings drove E on 112 to North Woodstock and Lincoln, then across the Kancamagus Highway to Bartlett and Conway (tourist towns the family knew) checked motels, handed out flyers - posted at bus stops, gas stations and police stations
- All family and friends stay at the Wells River Motel in VT.

First official search by Fish and Game (there were 5 searches in 2004)

- Fish and Game arrived with their helicopter; Haverhill police, NHSP and K-9 team gathered on the ground. (There was one dog this day: a NHSP bloodhound)
- Fish and Game team led by Todd Bogardus was brought in 36 hours after the crash on a clear cold morning
- Lt. Scarinza received call at 6AM on this day; reportedly flew in the helicopter
- Fish and game pilot flew above the treetops scanning for footprints
- “(we) searched the immediate area and we had them cone out and go several miles away from the area. That helicopter is also equipped with a FLIR unit which is forward looking infrared - so had she been out there and giving off any heat signal we would have been able to pick that up. after covering the significant area at least 112 and outlying roads over probably 10 miles distance the end result was we had no human foot tracks going into the woodlands off of the roadways that were not either cleared or accounted for. At the end of that day the consensus was she did not leave the roadway” (Bogardus)
- 10 miles of roadway checked just on that first official search and not a single footprint that could have been Maura’s
- “a NH state police bloodhound that was brought in on our first day of searching. That dog did run a track off the crash site. He actually did it twice. And each time he ran a track from the crash site it ended at the intersection of Bradley Hill Road which is just within sight of the crash site. It’s possible she may have been picked up by a vehicle there.” (Bogardus)

#### 5PM+ Haverhill PD

- Police spoke to Rausch and Murray families
- Fred Murray was asked if Maura had experienced any traumatic events
- Haverhill PD had a meeting that night speculated Maura was suicidal or had planned to run away.
- Family search party returned to Wells River Motel

#### Haverhill PD unknown time

- It is reported that Butch took his first polygraph on this day.

#### Other/FBI/NHSP

- Peabody notes that the FBI offered their assistance to NH LE on Wednesday, February 11th “The FBI’s offer was the result of Lt Bill Rausch contacting them regarding a call from a prepaid calling card very early the morning of 2/11/04”.

- According to Lavoie, he started the Saturn for the State Police on this day (Wednesday)

#### UMASS/Karen Mayotte

- Date unknown but “before her disappearance was known to the public” Karen Mayotte to Clint Harting: "I don't know which day it was, but it was the week that she went missing. Her car accident/disappearance was not known yet to the public. I was visiting a dorm in upper central when I was radioed to call the office. On the phone, they patched me through to the police department. That is when they told me about her going missing, and I remember almost being sick at that moment knowing I should've done more for her emotionally days ago. Worst feeling ever, and that is before I knew more details about this case. The officer asked me if I could come in to the station the next morning to write a statement. Which I gladly did. And in that statement I shared exactly what happened the last evening I saw her. "

#### Thursday Feb 12

##### New Hampshire/police

- Police issued a press release - Maura may be enroute to the Kancamagus Highway area and was listed as “endangered and possibly suicidal” (first press on the case)
- 3:05PM press release faxed to the Hanson, Mass PD
- First newspaper article: 200 word news brief from the Manchester Union Leader.
- Fred and Bill met with reporters in an outdoor press conference in Bethlehem NH. Fred pleads with Maura to come home.
- "I don't know what the matter is, or the trouble you think you might be in, but it isn't anything we can't solve," he said through the media. "It's me - you can tell me. We'll work it out until we solve it."
- Search efforts continued in NH. Fred and other family members posted flyers and canvassed the area: hotels, motels.
- [Scarinza] said the Major Crimes Unit, and specifically, Sgt. Charles West, has been involved in the Murray disappearance since three days after she disappeared.
- By Thursday, the search had expanded into Vermont.
- Fred and Maura's boyfriend held a news conference that evening.
- News segment that night (Karen McNamara saw this)



- (reported July 1) He said the Major Crimes Unit, and specifically, Sgt. Charles West, has been involved in the Murray disappearance since three days after she disappeared.
- (move) Just over a week after the disappearance, the FBI began assisting with the investigation by interviewing friends and family in Massachusetts, trying to ascertain anything that would clarify Maura's decision to leave without telling anyone.

#### New Hampshire/family search

- (reported the 12th) Haverhill, NH -- A worried family fanned out across northern New Hampshire yesterday in search of a young woman who vanished after a minor car accident Monday night.
- (Bill Rausch) Surprised folks don't know more details about the actual search. We hit darn near every business in NH with a flyer. From VT to ME and Canada down to MA. In fact, we were going through flyers so quickly, a printing press co. in OH cranked out an additional 5k and overnighted them to us in NH - the local office store in NH couldn't keep pace with flyer production. Heck, one big reason (there were many) the McDonald's came up to help was bc we wanted more boots on the ground to intensify our search.
- We walked Rt 112 on foot heading east and did not see any foot prints in the snow between the rd and river. As someone mentioned, there was a section or two where the river and road were side by side but even there we did not see footprints in the snow or a break/gap in the snow and ice on the river.
- We walked most of the ~20 mi between the accident site and Lincoln. Thank you for asking.
- Rob McDonald and his wife Christine drove up Thursday or Friday "as we heard Maura was missing". Christine drove home to work the next day (Monday); Rob stayed in NH/VT for a couple of days possibly until Wednesday.

#### New Hampshire/Fred (est Thursday)

- According to Julie's tiktok, Fred talked to the Westmans "3 days" after Maura went missing. They invited him in and he looked out (the window they had been looking out).
- Fred: "... they showed me the window - said they had a clear line of vision and they did I saw it too - they saw the police maybe come 5-6 minutes after they had called. There in front of them closer than you think - there's no reason they would miss anything."

- Thursday is my best estimate for the initial dorm room search by the UMass detectives (Davies and Thrasher) - I'm using this full quote from Conway because it suggests the dorm search was Thursday and before the Friday class visit: *"By the next day, Thursday, Feb. 12, police had issued a press release stating Maura may be enroute to the Kancamagus Highway area and was "listed as endangered and possibly suicidal." The press release also stated that "witnesses at the scene reported seeing a lone female with no apparent injuries who appeared impaired due to alcohol consumption." It still remains unclear who the witnesses were that said Maura appeared to be intoxicated. The release was not dated, but a time stamp shows it was faxed to the Hanson, Mass. police department at 3:05 p.m. Thursday. On the UMass Amherst campus, another search was underway at Maura's dorm room. Investigators found her belongings packed in boxes and a search of her computer showed she had downloaded directions to Burlington, Vermont. UMass police and college counselors met later that week with students from Maura's nursing class. The dean of the nursing school, Eileen Breslin, sent out an email to the entire nursing college alerting them of Maura's disappearance. Details about Maura's last few days on campus were starting to emerge, including the fact that Maura had reported a death in the family when there was no death.*
- (Assume this is when the dorm photos were taken - to be confirmed)  
[Y8ojGRP.jpg \(1576×822\) \(imgur.com\)](#)

## Friday, February 13

### UMASS

- Two UMPD officers, Detectives Chris Thrasher and Brian Davies and two counselors from Mental Health Services visited a junior nursing class, Parent-Child Nursing, on Friday afternoon. Joan Cully, administrative director of the Office for the Advancement of Nursing Education and Eileen Breslin, dean of the school of Nursing were also present at the meeting.
- In addition, an email was written by Breslin, and released to the UMass nursing community. According to the email, Murray sent an email to her faculty Monday afternoon at 1:24 p.m. indicating she was heading home for the week due to a death in the family and that she would contact everyone when she returned.
- (estimated around this day) Maura's high school friend Katie recounts getting an "away message" that read "...if you have seen Maura in the past 2-3 days please contact UMass PD." (MMM episode 21, minute 51).
- Dorm room visit by Bill Rausch and Rob McDonald moved to Feb 19.

### New Hampshire

- Family members planned to search into Vermont

- Fred walked into Vermont police stations on Friday: (Vermont) LE knew nothing
- Fred went to LaVoie's to see Saturn. Used spare key stored under the bumper. Car started right up. Maura's belongings were on the cement floor behind the trunk spread out on the floor.
- Per Sharon/Disappeared some of Maura's car contents given to Bill this day (running clothes, bag school books)
- Note: car contents returned to family moved to 2/19 but some things may have been given to Bill on this day

#### New Hampshire/News

- "Anyone who might have been driving on Route 112 Monday, Feb 9, between 7:30pm and 8pm is asked to contact state police about anything they might have seen. The number is (603) 846 3333."

The McDonalds (sent in an email 8.2.22 but was copied from a letter/email Rob sent in 2004)

- My wife (Christine) and I heard from Bill about Maura's disappearance on Friday, February 13, 2004, and drove up to the NH/VT border that night. We checked into the Wells River (VT) Motel. It was Presidents Day weekend. Christine had to return on Tuesday, February 17 and drove home that day in our car. I was able to stay through Thursday, February 19.
- It was on that day that Bill and I drove to UMass-Amherst and met with campus police late in the afternoon. They offered to take us to Maura's dorm room, but Christine had rented me a car to drive home in from Avis, which had a counter in a Springfield hotel. It closed at 6 p.m., so Bill first drove me to Springfield. I picked up a rental car and followed Bill back to UMass. We went back to campus police and they took us to Maura's room. Afterwards, I said goodbye to Bill, who was going to try to see a UMass friend of Maura's named Sara. I'm not sure if he was able to link up with her, but that evening he returned to Wells River and I drove the rental car back home. I taught class the next day, Friday, February 20.

More from Rob McDonald (this is from April 16, 2018 so may be considered less precise than the paragraphs above which were written right after they returned in 2004)

- I was with him for all that time. My wife and I arrived late Friday and checked into the Wells River Motel, which is where everyone was staying. If my memory is correct (not a 100% certainty given that 14 years have passed) my wife drove home on Monday (it was a three day weekend) but I was able to get colleagues to cover my classes and didn't head home until -- I think -- Wednesday. That

last day Bill and I drove to UMass and met with campus police; afterwards he drove me to Springfield (or maybe it was Worcester), where I rented a car and drove home.

- Bill basically didn't leave my side. While my wife was with me, he slept in his parents' room. After my wife left, he moved over to mine. There were times when he'd go to the motel office to do phone interviews with Greta Van Susteren, etc., but other than that I don't remember us being apart. I wish I had a better memory of NH and VT geography and place names. The first day or two I was there (Saturday and maybe Sunday) we searched in the general vicinity of the crash site. We visited the tourist town near Mt. Washington and also went to a few other towns both in the direction in which she was traveling (into NH) but also in the opposite direction (toward VT) since, if she got picked up, we weren't sure in which direction the car was traveling. We were posting fliers, talking to people in convenience stores and food markets, and trying to get her picture and police contact info out there. We went to UMass on my last night up there to meet with campus police and also to get me a car rental so I could drive myself home. I hated to leave. Bill stayed up there for a while longer.

#### **Saturday, February 14th**

- Reported Sunday the 15th: (Maura) is very close to her family, in particular her father, who spent yesterday checking bus stations in New Hampshire and Vermont for any signs of her.
- Reported Sunday the 15th: Yesterday morning, Rausch and his father were told that Murray might have been at a McDonald's in St. Johnsbury, Vt. They drove there, but no one had seen her.
- As of Feb. 14, the Haverhill Police had called off the search for Murray, but the investigation continues.
- Family search (from Rob McDonald 2018): The first day or two I was there (Saturday and maybe Sunday) we searched in the general vicinity of the crash site. We visited the tourist town near Mt. Washington and also went to a few other towns both in the direction in which she was traveling (into NH) but also in the opposite direction (toward VT) since, if she got picked up, we weren't sure in which direction the car was traveling. We were posting fliers, talking to people in convenience stores and food markets, and trying to get her picture and police contact info out there.

#### **Sunday, February 15th**

- Report that family friend interviewed CW (note: have heard RF refused to be interviewed by CM)
- Sgt. Cecil Smith of the Haverhill, N.H. Police Department filled out the accident report on Feb. 15, six days after the incident.

## Monday, February 16th

- Christime McDonald interview with Marrottes at 10-10:30am
- Christin McDonald interview with EllisGudek house 10:30-10:35am
- Christine McDonald interview with Atwoods 10:40-11am
- Christine McDonald interview with Butch Atwood (note that the “whimpering” phone call was mentioned in the NH Union Leader on 2/13 which is how Butch could have known about it)
- “Maura Murray’s boyfriend, Bill Rausch, was also searching again Monday. Her family and friends said they don’t know what else to do. They’ve covered a 50-mile radius from Woodsville with posters, but police said there is still no sign of her. Her father believes she’s no longer in the area.”
- Murray’s father, Frederick; her brothers, Frederick and Kurtis; her sister, Kathleen; and her boyfriend, Army Lt. William Rausch of Oklahoma, are distributing fliers in New Hampshire near the Vermont border.

## Tuesday February 17th

### Official investigation

- FBI became involved this day per Chuck West
- (Per Whitewash) HPD set up a road block [“the next Tuesday night”] for 2 hours.

### Family

- Bill Rausch is on CNN American Morning from the Wells Motel
- “February 17, eight days after the disappearance, CNN’s Soledad O’Brien interviewed Maura’s father, Fred Murray, and her boyfriend, Bill Rausch, who flew in from Oklahoma.”
- Christine McDonald returns home (per RM 8.2.22)

### UMass

- First University article about Maura’s disappearance: “Nursing Student Missing for Days”.

## Wednesday, February 18th

- (in the newspaper the 19th indicating it happened the 18th) “A couple of drivers along Route 112 yesterday afternoon got a surprise when they took a curve then had to hit the brakes quickly as they encountered one tall police chief and two state troopers walking toward them in the roadway. Williams and Lt. John Scarinza, the Twin Mountain troop commander, plus his

second-in-command, Sgt. Tom Yorke, examined the crash scene and the surrounding area once again.”

- (per Valley News 2/19) Butch interviewed by press as he stood in his driveway
- The FBI has offered to help investigate the case of a University of Massachusetts nursing student who vanished in the White Mountains nine days ago. But local New Hampshire authorities so far have declined the bureau's help, the woman's family and friends said yesterday. Gail Marcinkiewicz, a spokeswoman for the FBI in Boston, said the bureau has offered to help search for 21-year-old Maura Murray of Hanson, Mass., who disappeared after her car slid into a snowbank on Route 112 in Woodsville, N.H., on Feb. 9.
- Family Members from Massachusetts, Murray's boyfriend, Bill Rausch, from Oklahoma, and his parents from Ohio have searched the length of the Kancamagus highway in hopes of finding her.
- (unknown what day Fred checked bus stations but reported 2.18)“Results are slow in coming. Like the bus stations. Did she leave from a local bus station? That hasn't been investigated, so I did it myself,” Mr. Murray said, adding that his efforts turned up nothing.

## Thursday, February 19

### New Hampshire/police investigation

- Strelzin gives this as his best date for when his office became involved in the case (April 2007 proceeding)
- Car inventory given to family by police (taken back June 28, 2004)
- RF first questioned by police "10 days"
- TBC: other neighbors questioned by police starting this day
- Monaghan submits his new or revised report this day

### New Hampshire/Official search 2 of 5

- A second major search was organized 10 days after Maura's disappearance to inspect the woods. Three canine teams (this time cadaver dogs) were brought in - two from the New England K-9 Search and Rescue Group and one from the New Hampshire State Police.
- According to Bogardus, the dog teams went into the woodlines and searched different segments on both sides of route 112 within the half mile radius.
- Fish and Game Lt. Todd Bogardus, in a press conference at the Haverhill Police Department Thursday afternoon, said the three canine teams, two of which were part of the New England K-9 Search and Rescue group, and the other from

the state police, were unable to come up with any clues. Two of the canines were air scent dogs.

- Nancy Lyon and her canine partner, a 3-year-old malinois, Quiklie, spent most of Thursday morning scouring a section of Route 112 for a missing 21-year-old Hanson, Mass., woman.
- Lyon and Quiklie are members of the New England K-9 Search and Rescue group. They were one of three canine teams taking part in the search for Maura Murray, a nursing student at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

### Family search/FBI

- Murray said his and Rausch's family members had, in the past week, papered the area with posters bearing his daughter's photos, from central Vermont to Fryeburg, Maine. and searched behind miles of roadside snowbanks.
- Meanwhile, the investigation into the Feb. 9 disappearance widened Thursday when the FBI joined the probe at the request of New Hampshire State Police. FBI agents spent Thursday morning interviewing Murray's mother, Lauri Murray, at her Hanson home.
- Her father, Fred, of South Weymouth, and older brother, Freddy, also searched the woods along Route 112 in the past week and have not found any footsteps to indicate she had been there, Rausch said.
- The family has established a Web site with photographs of Murray, hoping someone will recognize her.

### Bill and Rob McDonald visit UMass and see the dorm room

- From Rob (this text was written in 2004 so is the most accurate): "It was on that day (Feb 19) that Bill and I drove to UMass-Amherst and met with campus police late in the afternoon. They offered to take us to Maura's dorm room, but Christine had rented me a car to drive home in from Avis, which had a counter in a Springfield hotel. It closed at 6 p.m., so Bill first drove me to Springfield. I picked up a rental car and followed Bill back to UMass. We went back to campus police and they took us to Maura's room. Afterwards, I said goodbye to Bill, who was going to try to see a UMass friend of Maura's named Sara. I'm not sure if he was able to link up with her, but that evening he returned to Wells River and I drove the rental car back home. I taught class the next day, Friday, February 20."

- Additional from Rob McDonald (this was written in 2018/19 so is less accurate): *I was with him for all that time. My wife and I arrived te Friday and checked into the Wells River Motel, which is where everyone was staying. If my memory is correct (not a 100% certainty given that 14 years have passed) my wife drove home on Monday (it was a three day weekend) but I was able to get colleagues to cover my classes and didn't head home until -- I think -- Wednesday. That last day Bill and I drove to UMass and met with campus police; afterwards he drove me to Springfield (or maybe it was Worcester), where I rented a car and drove home.*

## Friday, February 20, 2004

### Vermont/Official Search of Burlington, VT

- A search of Maura's computer revealed a map of Burlington (unknown date but possibly 2/19?). This led to a search of the Burlington area: *"Vermont State Police, Burlington police, and other local agencies have canvassed motels in Burlington, South Burlington, Colchester, Shelburne, and surrounding towns to see if she checked in anywhere around"*.
- Reported the 21st: University of Massachusetts at Amherst campus police **discovered yesterday** that the junior nursing student had used Mapquest.com to research directions to Burlington on Feb. 9.

### Boston/FBI

- Boston FBI agents have joined in the search for Maura Murray, a University of Massachusetts student from Hanson who disappeared more than a week ago after an accident on a snowy New Hampshire road. "What we asked the FBI to do was to do a background investigation, talking to family members, so hopefully we can generate ideas as to what she was thinking or where she was going. Other than that, we're doing all we can," Lt. John Scarinza, commander of New Hampshire State Police Troop F, said.
- New Hampshire investigators, which include the Haverhill police department, state police and Fish and Game, also have been working with Massachusetts law enforcement, including the UMass campus police. **The FBI also has been providing assistance in Massachusetts in developing a timeline of Murray's actions in the week before her disappearance.**

### NH Police Investigation

- Police have checked bus companies and questioned bus drivers to see if Murray had caught a bus somewhere. Nothing has proven that was the case.



- Authorities are also conducting background checks of "people of interest" in the area.
- Police in the meantime have been tracking Murray's credit cards and bank accounts. But they aren't revealing anything they have learned.

#### Fred/Good Morning America

- Fred Murray, who is scheduled to appear on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" today to discuss his daughter's disappearance, said the FBI involvement is a good start, but not enough.

#### New Hampshire/Official Search

- Scarinza: "Hopefully, by the close of [today] we will have talked to everyone at least twice within a reasonable radius of the area. We're talking 5 miles, give or take,".

#### Family search

- the family of Murray, who have vigorously searched throughout the area for the past 10 days, traveling as far as Conway and Bartlett to put up posters asking for information about the woman, a nursing student at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.
- Maura's father and his 33-year-old son were searching along the Kancamagus highway in northern New Hampshire on Saturday, where the family goes camping every summer.

#### **Saturday, February 21, 2004**

(reported 2/20) Her son (Bill Rausch) must report back for duty in Oklahoma tomorrow, she said, and other family members who have put their lives on hold must also return to their homes. But, she said, that does not mean they are giving up trying to find her.

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Murray's family has offered a reward for information and has created a website, [www.spbowers.com/mauramissing.html](http://www.spbowers.com/mauramissing.html).

(the 22nd) An award fund for any information about Murray is now more than \$20,000.

Sharon Rausch, the mother of Maura's boyfriend, said Duke University basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski has donated an undisclosed amount to the fund. Rausch said the coach met Maura at Madison Square Garden over the holidays. Krzyzewski's daughter is friends with Maura and her boyfriend, Army Lt. Bill Rausch.

**Sunday, February 22, 2004**

Julie Murray

- Lauri Murray's daughter Julie, an Army officer at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, is taking emergency leave and is expected to arrive on Sunday to help in the search.
- Julie Murray got leave - went to the scene of the accident
- "I wanted to see it as Maura had seen it -- after dark. I got out of the truck and walked up and down
- the road, looking at different angles and perspectives. There was a constant thought in my mind as I did this -- if I was Maura what would I have been thinking," (email to Conway).

Other updates

- Fred Murray's statement to UMass police department is dated 2/22/04 @ 6:04pm
- "Dad of missing Mass. woman now suspects foul play. Her father, Frederick Murray, believes his daughter was given a ride from a person who won't come forward since he helped her leave the scene of an accident, or a person who gave her a ride and then abducted her."
- Leave is up for Maura Murray's boyfriend, Army Lt. Bill Rausch of Oklahoma, who is heading back to his military post. Maura Murray's father Frederick and her brothers and sisters are still handing out fliers in Vermont and New Hampshire.
- (note: Kathleen and brother Fred are still in NH)
- Police and family members are also trying to gauge the significance of a phone call that reduced Murray to tears while working her campus job at UMass-Amherst on Feb. 5. She was so disturbed by the call her supervisor had to take her home.
- Police are also investigating a message on Maura's phone from a friend she talked to the day before she disappeared.
- (reported Friday 2/27) Eventually, life continues, bills need to be paid, and last weekend Fred Murray had to get back home. "The worst part was driving home

alone," he said. "Then I stopped in her room at UMass, and that was pretty awful.

- Fred confirms no cell/ATM use: "She hasn't used her ATM card, she hasn't used her cell phone, she hasn't spent a dime."

#### **Monday, February 23, 2004**

- Reported 2/21 "(Sharon) Rausch and her husband must return to their Ohio home on Monday, but she said their efforts would continue to find Murray."

#### **Tuesday, February 26, 2004**

- Kathleen finds women's underwear near French Pond. Sent to NHSP for analysis
- Maura's hair brush and a toothbrush were provided to the state police crime lab in Concord along with the underwear for testing.

#### **February 27, 2004**

- R.C. Stevens of PSII Inc., a Northampton, Mass., private investigation agency, is digging into what has happened.
- Reported March 24 that it (underwear) did not belong to Maura
- Butch Atwood, the last witness to see her, has been questioned several times by police.
- Scarinza says there is absolutely no evidence foul play has been involved, and that people living in the area of the accident scene have been interviewed several times.
- A search of nearby homes by a canine team as well as forensics experts would require a search warrant. And a search warrant would require probable cause.
- On Feb. 27, over a hundred residents from Maura's hometown gathered at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Hanson to pray for her safe return. Maura's close-knit group of six girlfriends from high school arranged the vigil after weeks of search efforts turned up few results. Many felt all they could do was pray.

#### **March 2, 2004**

##### **New Hampshire**

- Maura's siblings checked out of the Wells River Motel
- Kathleen brought Maura's belongings to her house in Hanover
- Car remained at Lavoie's garage in N Haverhill
- Fred checked out of the WR Motel after 3 weeks searching

- Returned every weekend for the next year “After about 3 weeks, Fred continued the search with a group of key volunteers, many with expertise in search and rescue. This is discussed in the Missing Maura Murray interview with Rick Graves which describes how Fred Murray and searchers came up “every weekend for the first year”. They did a circle, moving out (this describes a spiral search). Rick Graves estimates they searched a 15-20 mile perimeter around the crash site. He says it was a team of 4-6. He notes that some distant cousins and relatives who would come out to support them. Graves notes they “beat the hell out of those woods” and mentions gravel pits, etc.”.
- Newspaper mentions R.C. Stevens of PSII Inc of Northampton, MA became involved

#### Umass investigation/investigation miscellaneous

- The mystery call is pinpointed as being the one with Kathleen.
- Investigators have determined the origin of an unusual telephone call that Murray received a few nights before she fled the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. The conversation upset her so much that she had to be escorted from her job to her dorm room.
- The call, according to UMass police Lieutenant Robert Thrasher, came from one of Murray's two sisters. But Thrasher said police have yet to receive an explanation of what was so upsetting.
- Yesterday, Fred Murray, the girls' father, said he was told that Maura's sister called her to talk about a "monstrous" fight with a boyfriend. "But I don't think that would upset her all that much," Murray said.

#### March 3, 2004

- First mention of red truck “Sgt. Beausoleil said another tip, from a woman who was walking on Route 112 in Bath, N.H., on Feb. 9, also could not help investigators develop a criminal case. The woman reported a suspicious man in a red pickup truck with Massachusetts plates eyeing her near the Stage Stop general store in Bath at about 7 that night. According to the woman, the man left when she went into the store and headed east toward the accident scene. Ten minutes later, the woman saw Haverhill police go by in the same direction, responding to the accident.

#### March 19, 2004

- Brianna Maitland goes missing in Vermont

#### March 24, 2004

- 15,000 8- by 10-inch color posters printed (reported by SR). Bethlehem Fire Chief Jack Anderson, agreed to have firefighters throughout the twin states help distribute about 1,000 of the posters. "We will try and help through our 26 towns," Rausch said she also has enlisted the help of Beth Drewniak of Hanson, Mass., to help distribute the posters. She said Drewniak's daughter grew up with Murray. "We are hoping \$40,000 will (jog) someone's memory," she said. Poster says \$40,000 will be paid for any information leading to her safe return.

## **April unknown**

### **New Hampshire/John Monaghan follow up investigation**

- John: - and hopefully I won't [00:23:00] leave anything out by mistake. So, um, I, I, and a number of people went along Route 112 and basically checked every residence and if people lived there we'd talked to them and asked them if they'd seen anything. If anything appeared odd or suspicious. And, nobody did. And so, we also went into the um, the hunting camp areas just to see if anybody had kicked in door or busted a window and none of those had been broken into and then I was [00:23:30] also asked to go to ... I think I went to Cumberland Farms, Shaws and DP Quick Stop, I believe? Those are the 3 places that had surveillance cameras -
- John: - and I pulled the tapes. I didn't review the tapes but I pulled the tapes. Um, just to see if perhaps she had stopped there on her way through. Those were just turned over and detectives would've reviewed those, not me. Um, and then I think later on I had also gone and checked ... the Mountain Lakes area is sort of this ... somebody [00:24:00] had an idea that it would be a great resort area at one point and it really never took off so ... But, there's a ton of houses out there. Some are lived in, some aren't. So, I went and ... I have a map and I would checked off every residence that I checked. If it was occupied I'd talk to the owner. If it was unoccupied, I'd make sure nobody broke in. If I found an unoccupied structure that had an open door, I would check the inside and, uh, again, didn't find anything.
- Art: How [00:24:30] shortly after the accident was that? [inaudible 00:24:38]
- John: I think that was, that was a month or two later. I believe those reports are dated like April. Um, and these things that I did, I did at the request of whoever was leading the investigation. Usually, Lieutenant Skorenza would call me and say John, are you busy and even if I was, here's what you're gonna go do so, so I would just be assigned these followup investigations to do.

### **Complaint sent to Fred Murray**

Fred's persistence resulted in a formal letter of complaint from Haverhill, N.H. Chief of Police Jeff Williams in April of 2004. Williams warned Fred that complaints of trespassing and parking on private property had been filed by area property owners and that repeat offenders would be arrested. Police would not say how many

complaints were filed or by whom, though one resident and witness to the accident, Faith Westman, later admitted to submitting an official complaint.

## **April 2, 2004**

New Hampshire/ongoing official search efforts

- On April 2, 2004, Gary E. Lindsley reported. "Although an official air and ground search was declared concluded by New Hampshire Fish and Game and Troop F State Police officials in February, K-9 teams from the Adirondack Rescue Dog Association will resume their search of the Haverhill area this weekend."
- It was noted that one of the dog teams was Marilyn Greene, a team trainer and private investigator, and her K-9, Buddy, from Guilderland, N.Y. We also learn that similar search efforts took place the prior weekend: "This weekend, like last weekend, K-9 teams from the Adirondack Rescue Dog Association will conduct a search of the area surrounding the accident site."

Email planned for UMass

- (This must be Sharon) Rausch is asking them (UMass) to send an e-mail message to the university's 40,000 students through a blind e-mailer between April 15 and 20. The e-mail will read, "Please help us find Maura. Please forward this to all the contacts in your address book." The e-mail will contain information about what Maura looks like as well as information about the accident which she was involved in the night of Feb. 9. "It will literally (reach) hundreds of thousands of people," Rausch said. She is holding off sending out the e-mail right now because about 15,000 posters are being distributed in Vermont and New Hampshire, as well as at UMass.
- Plan for Maura's birthday May 4th: family and friends will ask people to tie blue ribbons around trees as well as to their car antennas. The following message also will be released May 4: "Maura's family prays for her safe return on her birthday."

## **April 8, 2004**

- Seventeen magazine makes plans to cover Maura's story
- Kathleen mentions that 2 of Maura's hairbrushes were submitted to the FBI (in the context of the Seventeen article)

## **April 10, 2004**

Carla Baron, psychic

## **April 29, 2004**

New Hampshire/CW sighting

- April 29: RF interviewed by SP Lt. John Scarinza checked out RF time records at his job in Franconia and confirmed that his story was credible

#### **May 2004 generic**

- Fred petitioned Gov Craig Benson for help
- Seventeen Magazine article published

#### **May 4, 2004**

Release of balloons

#### **May 6, 2004**

- On May 6, 2004, the Caledonian Record reported that a man had come forward with a possible sighting of Maura:
- Scarinza said a man, whom he declined to identify, was returning from a construction job in the Franconia area when he spotted a young woman matching Murray's description hurrying east on Route 112, about an hour after her accident.

#### **May 8, 2004**

##### **New Hampshire/Fred Murray**

- Fred held press conference at the Woodsville American Legion Hall with the parents of Brianna Maitland

##### **New Hampshire/Official search 3 of 5**

- Following the information about the CW, a search took place on May 8, 2004 involving about 15 Fish and Game officers and 6 dogs. A helicopter was also used. These teams searched the woods about 5 miles east of the accident site. This site is near the intersection of 116 and 112.
- *"A dozen people resumed the search yesterday on foot and in a helicopter. Scarinza said that was more than enough manpower to scan the rural terrain. It was likely the last time a search crew will venture into the woods. If Murray had wandered off the road, finding her would be easy because there is about 1½ feet of snow on the ground, Scarinza said. and it has not snowed since Feb. 9."*

#### **May 17, 2004**

##### **New Hampshire/Official Search 4 of 5**

- I have no information about Search 4 aside from the date captured from the infographic displayed on the Oxygen episode. I have found no information from newspaper reports from this date.

May 21, 2004 (reported 2005) - or May 26, 2004

- Fred Murray, sent a letter to New Hampshire Governor Craig Benson on May 21, 2004 asking him to persuade State Police to receive assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the search for his daughter. Murray never received a response.
- Letter mentions CW sighting at around 8PM  
<https://mauramurray.createaforum.com/evidence/newspaper-articles-57/?message=496>

May 29, 2004

- According to a document released after the NH Supreme Court hearings, Maura's possessions were removed from her dorm room May 29, 2004. "Officer assisted family member removing items from student's room".

**June 8, 2004**

- Vermont State Police, NHSP and FBI met at the VSP Barracks in St. Albans VT to continue to review the Brianna Maitland and Maura Murray cases
- Lt. John Scarinza is the "F" Troop Commander of the New Hampshire State Police. He and Detective Sgt. Bob Bruno also of Troop "F", participated in the meeting.
- Based upon the evidence gathered to date, New Hampshire State Police investigators strongly feel that the disappearance of Maura Murray does not have a common link with the investigation into the disappearance of Brianna Maitland in Vermont.

**June 25, 2004**

Report drafted to repossess car contents

**June 28, 2004**

Massachusetts/Kathleen and Tim's residence in Hanover, MA

- This is the date of the NHSP repossessed property report (car inventory)
- "... NH state police turned up on the doorstep of Maura's sister Kathleen's home in Hanover. The trooper requested that all items found in Maura's car be returned. Maura's belongings had been given to the Murray family within two



weeks of the accident. Police also confiscated the hard drive of Maura's computer and took custody of Maura's car. Police explained that a major crimes unit of the SP was stepping into the case and wanted to conduct forensic tests of Maura's car and personal belongings." (Conway)

#### New Hampshire

- "It appears Trooper Todd Landry requested the search warrant for the cell tower ping in June of '04' when the Major Crimes Unit became involved and went to Kathleen's to re-claim the items in Maura's Saturn".

#### June 29, 2004

- Fred Murray receives a denial of his FOIA request to the NHSP.
- The New Hampshire State Police Major Crimes Unit is now involved in the disappearance of 22-year-old Maura Murray.
- Newspaper articles highlighting the book "Not Without Peril" - "what does this mean?"

#### July 12, 2004

Fred Murray receives a denial of his FOIA request to UMass PD.

#### July 13, 2004 (Tuesday)

##### New Hampshire/Official Search 5 of 5

- The fifth and final "official" NHSP/NHFG search took place July 13, 2004 involving nearly 100 people including 60 state troopers, conservation officers, and volunteers from search and rescue organizations. It is noted they conducted "line searches". This search involved a one mile radius of where the Saturn was found. It was noted that police were "looking for anything Maura may have left behind, such as the black backpack she was believed to have been carrying when she left the scene."
- July 13, 2004 – About 90 searchers continue to look for possible clues at and around the accident site in Haverhill. The search, which again includes use of a State Police helicopter, is focused in a 1-mile radius from the accident site. Search areas include parking sites, wooded areas and roadways along Route 112 to the town of Woodstock; and Route 118, from the Junction of Route 112 south to the height of the land at the Woodstock/Warren town line. Investigators do not believe any of the items collected to be relevant.
- Ninety people in five teams fanned out over a one mile radius from the crash site on Tuesday. We have them going through drainages..anything that

encompasses within that one mile radius," said Lt. Todd Bogardus of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

- Authorities say there is no one thing that led them to search the area again, but they are looking for items Murray had with her when she left Massachusetts that wintry night. One was a backpack.
- HAVERHILL -- Search teams fanned out through fields, woods and drainage ditches yesterday on another search of the area where a Massachusetts woman was last seen more than five months ago.
- Nearly 100 people, including 60 state troopers from as far away as Exeter, conservation officers, and volunteers from search-and-rescue organizations, spent the day on line searches, painstakingly looking for any clue that would shed new light on the disappearance of Maura Murray.
- Search was 9am until dark

August 5, 2004

- (Sharon) Rausch said she has sent out 350 e-mails to churches in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and across the country (asking for them to pray for Maura's return).

Late 2004

- Rusty knife from Larry Moulton (move to February 2005)
- Butch and Barbara Atwood move to Florida (as planned): According to investigator John Healy, Atwood moved to Florida between 9 and 11 months after Maura went missing.

Fall 2004

- (October) Sharon and Fred decide to go to square one and examine Maura's cell phone records. Sharon calls Linda Salamone and realizes she has not been contacted by the police. (Seasons at Attitash)
- Laurie Murray was diagnosed with throat cancer last month and is undergoing 30 days of chemotherapy and radiation. [reported in November so diagnosis was October].

October 29, 2004

- In November he (Fred Murray) appeared on the Montel Williams Show to publicize the case

November 19, 2004

- (reported 11/19 but happened in October) At 1 p.m. on Feb. 9, Maura Murray called a Wakefield couple who own a condominium at the Seasons at Attitash resort in Bartlett, N.H., that was for rent. Murray's family has stayed at the resort. But the couple, Dominic and Linda Salamone, say they have never heard from investigators.
- A new website launched last week, [www.mauramurray.com](http://www.mauramurray.com), offers information about the case and a forum for people to chat. "We've already had interest from people," said Kerri Doble Gingras of Marshfield, a relative of Murray who developed the web site with her husband.

Jan 9, 2005

- A New Hampshire state police investigator did not contact Salamone until after the Patriot Ledger newspaper in Quincy, Mass., ran a story in November that reported she was among the last people to talk with the missing woman. Salamone said the state police officer told her he was following up on an earlier call. "He said they had tried to contact me before, but had not left a message then and that their investigation had since taken a different turn." She said she explained to the investigator that the condo is booked months ahead and she could not remember what was said in the 90 seconds or so that she and Maura Murray spoke nine months before.
- For Fred Murray, it's logical that his daughter would seek to stay at the condominium complex at Attitash, where the family had vacationed in the past, and disturbing that investigators did not follow through on the call until prompted by a newspaper story.

Feb 9, 2005 -

- at the tree; Fred headed to NH State House in Concord to hopefully meet with Governor John Lynch (met 10 minutes)

March 2005:

- Fred made another push for FBI intervention and release of records. Met with AG Kelly Ayotte, Jess Strelzin, Robert Bruno and John Scarinza

**March 19-20, 2005: Fred and family members talk to FD**

Subject: Fire Company Report

These are notes from weekend of 3/19/05 and 3/20/05

WEEKEND OF MARCH 19TH AND 20TH, 2005

Fred, Suki, and Patti went to VT and NH and stayed at Wells River Motel

They went to the Woodsville Fire Station, Route 10 on Saturday (all call fire department) and spoke with the Fire Chief B Kennedy and his wife, Abby who is a dispatcher there. They were given a paper (call log with incident date, dispatch time, return time) with all the names of those at Maura's accident site including their signatures. Nine call firemen went in truck. They happened to be having a meeting/function at the fire house when the call came in. Heater Boy wonders how they all fit in truck.

The names of the nine firemen that went to Maura's accident were Chief B Kennedy (...) A Kennedy, his wife and dispatcher, A. Wright, J. Robbins, M. Locke, K VanNorden, B Williams, W Mitchell, one with first name Zack, last name looks like Brinken or Brinker. E1 is the truck they rode in.

Along with the Fire Department, 2 EMTs and Sgt. C Smith were there. Patti and Suki think not much said about NHSP Trooper Monahan but heard his name. Woodsville Fire go in truck and appear to have department vehicles. Bath, NH on the other hand take their own cars.

Patti asked if the rag in the tailpipe was clean - yes. The Chief and everybody saw and were suspicious of the rag in tailpipe. C Smith told them that MA people do that ??? The Chief thought ... where did he come up with that??

The Chief said the car was not in a ditch but on the side of the road with so little damage to the car. He didn't understand why she couldn't drive off in it unless it just wouldn't start. Chief's wife Abby mentioned seeing footprints walking around the car. Patti thought around the car as if to look in. Abby said she was looking in the car window (Patti thinks passenger side) with a flashlight and in front seat could see Fred's name on a package of developed film; in the back of car she could see books and a bag. SHOULD ASK HER IF SHE SAW ALCOHOL IN OR OUTSIDE VEHICLE.

C Smith told them to get away from the car.

C Smith told them she probably went to a friend's house at mountain lake.

They did search "really sad" (?) Fire Co walked as far as Bradley Hill Road and saw no footprints. Patti doesn't know about other way. Searched around the area and found nothing. They thought the accident was strange right from the beginning and thought it very odd that nobody was there (neighbors, etc.).

When Fire Co. got to scene C Smith was there but they said that EMS might've got there first.

Fire Co. didn't see anyone walking but Abby said, I probably shouldn't tell you this but a person was seen walking there and both Suki and Patti thought she said by Eddie's Place but Fire thought she said Wini's place. THIS SHOULD BE CLARIFIED.

Heater Boy says Smith is about 40ish and that he is an arrogant guy.

Both Suki and Patti think the Chief and Abby are sincere and think this was not handled properly. Fred made a remark about police not talking and Chief said he

doesn't understand it. The chief gave Fred his card in case he has any more questions.

They seem suspicious of Butch and don't know about him, strange character. They said why did Butch not come back out and why wasn't anyone out - strange that people didn't stay with her.

Cecil Smith may've left when Fire Co. there not sure.

Chief and/or wife said, how do you know someone didn't push her.

Car was very easy to get on the flatbed because it was just parked on the side of the road.

Suki said they saw footprints around car at her door like someone locked the door.

Suki also remembered Faith Westman in their phone conversation a while back saying that the car looked like it was just parked on the side of the road. Suki thought Faith thought it odd. Faith also denied to Suki ever saying there was a man with a cigarette in the car. In the Sheriff's report it says she did and also says she said the car was in a ditch.

#### **April 7, 2005 emails between Witness A and Helena**

"Thu, 07 Apr 2005 22:39 , 'K McNamara'

<[XXXXXXxus@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXxus@hotmail.com)>(mailto:[XXXXXXxus@hotmail.com](mailto:XXXXXXxus@hotmail.com))> sent: I visited Maura's website for the first time tonight. I am so touched by the photo of her and her Dad hiking. I have many like that of my daughter and my husband. I was haunted by her disappearance for a very long time. I travel Rt 112 from Lincoln to Woodsville and back almost daily, often returning after dark. I saw her car that night. I arrived immediately after the police did. In fact the same police car that responded passed me twice that night - first on Goose Lane (Swiftwater RD) and then again on Rt 112. I remember mentioning it to my Dad - he said "How did you know it was the same police car?" Easy - it was car 001. It appears as though it went the wrong way on Rt 112 and doubled back and then passed me. I am acutely aware of my surroundings when traveling that road since there is no cell phone service from farms on Swiftwater Rd to the Beaver Pond by Lost River. When I saw the police car stopped I had a strong intuitive feeling I should stop to help - but then I figured they are the police with radios, neighbors have phones and my cell service does not even work. I continued on toward Lincoln. I took note - as I always do - of how many cars pass me and where. I know I did NOT see anyone walking along the road that night. I heard the police were questioning folks along the road mid morning a few days later. I was so surprised they did not have a road block during that time of night ESPECIALLY THE

following week on the same night. Since I did not see anything I figured I knew nothing. Then I realized the fact that I saw nothing could be helpful. I called the police and told them how many cars and where I saw them. I no longer remember that info now - although I can tell you where and how many cars I passed tonight on my way home. I was haunted for a very long time, wanted to help with the search, wanted to reach out to the family. Instead I have prayed, wished, hoped and tried to intuitively know where to look. I came up with no answers, but always scouring the roadside and river with my eyes on my way to work and home again hoping for an answer. I feel like I was so close to where she was but ..... I never saw her. I am so sorry. I will continue to pray for her and her family. Peace, Karen McNamara"

April 24, 2005

Family meets with Witness A (Weeper/Frank Kelly present)

According to Alex C, there is also a report from Weeper attached to the email from the meeting that day:

*"Alex C: Because along with the initial email from Helena Dwyer-Murray, **there is a report from I assume a PI or a detective of some sort** it doesn't give a name, that was present during an April 24th 2005 meeting between you and members of the family. It doesn't say who. But they basically corroborate all the same stuff and I was wondering if maybe even that was you know I'm sure that's somebody..."*

*John Smith: Frank, F Frank, I'll use his name, Frank the investigator actually said that..."*

late 2005: Fred's lawsuit

- Fred filed lawsuit
- frustrated and irritated with having been denied access to certain police records, he filed a lawsuit against various law enforcement agencies, including the state police
- He requested thousands of pages of records, including accident reports, an inventory of items taken from Maura's vehicle, a copy of her computer hard drive and the surveillance tape from the liquor store she visited before leaving.

October 3, 2005

**Letter from Sharon Rausch to Maura (on or around October 3, 2005)**

*"Dearest Maura, Please trust me, and please, please listen to me. I would like to speak for so many people that I have met that I know that love you. But, I will not presume to know their inner thoughts and feelings, so I speak only for myself and for Big Bill. We have this discussion over and over. We want you to know that there is no problem that you may have that we cannot understand; there is no problem that you may have that we find cannot find help for you; there is no problem or action on your part that we cannot forgive. Very simply: we will always love you.*

*We wish you knew how very much our family loves you and longs to know that you are well. There is nothing that you have done or could possibly do that would diminish the love we have for you. We will always be here for you or to help you. There are times we feel guilty - and we play over and over so many things in our minds: if we ever caused you to feel insecure in our love or to doubt that we wanted you to be a part of our family, please forgive us. If you are choosing to be away, then I know that guilt does its number on you too. Don't be afraid to come home, to come to Ohio.*

*I recall the fear and love in your voice when you called for advice when Billy was so ill during Jan 2002. Do you recall that fear? It pales in comparison to the fear we experience because you are missing. Because you have been gone for so long, you surely must have doubts and fears about returning. This is understandable. But here nothing has changed the way Big Bill and I feel towards you. We just regret that we didn't openly share with you how much we love, admire and respect you.*

*Most of all, we just want to hold you and smother you with our love and hugs while you blush and giggle. Call us collect; email us; write us with no return address; contact us in any manner you choose, but please let us know that you are among the living. Hopefully, you will return soon: your old room is waiting; the Beretta is waiting. Most of all, we are waiting. And, if God forbid, you are being held against your will, trust in God, be strong, do what you can to get away, and if possible, get word to us. Be confident that your Dad will never rest in his search for you, and many more of us will never give up our pursuit until you are home.*

*All my love and prayers, Sharon*

*PS - Thought that you would want to know: 'Joseph' is comforted with 'Harry' on the opposite side of shredded navy - I know you get it :-)* “

**end 2005/beginning 2006:**

December 7, 2005

- Filming for 20/20 episode (see Jan 6, 2006)

### **Dec 7, 2005: NHLI Maura Murray Task Force**

- The New Hampshire League of Investigators formed the “Maura Murray Task Force” on December 7, 2005 by 4 members (guess: Healy, Tate, Shamshak, Kelly)
- Kelly: "... on December 13, 2005 we drove to Weymouth Massachusetts and we met with Fred Murray and his family for the first time and explained what we wanted to do (of nine “missing persons cases, this was the one we chose) and began the tedious task of gathering background information and what facts were available at that time."
- Seemed to end officially in 2008-9
- Did backgrounds on everybody. Interviewed the entire FD who responded 2/9. Healy traveled to Florida to interview Atwoods (didn't answer any questions).
- 3 major searches: October 2006, July 2008, date of 3rd unknown
- Utilized medium Maureen Hancock
- The NHLI collectively agreed that Maura's disappearance was the result of a crime.
- They ruled out suicide and accidental death. They also checked and ruled out all sightings that had been reported (up to whatever date in 2008).
- They had three reasons for concluding that this was a crime: 1) contradictory witness statements, 2) their assessment of a staged accident scene, and 3) referral of the case to the Major Crimes Unit.
- Healy said nationally, statistics show if someone is harmed, their body is usually left within five miles of where they disappeared.
- (Healy) and his team will utilize topographical maps and compasses to conduct a search within five miles of the crash scene. They will visit Haverhill in January and February and drive along the area's roads to learn where someone might feel safe while dropping off a body. That information will be entered into a GPS system. Then, during warmer weather, searches will be conducted using search dogs.
- The team will also look at Murray's cell phone bill and the last 20 to 30 calls in an attempt to determine what was going on in Murray's life before her disappearance.
- According to Healy, STALK Inc., a team of profiling professionals, has also offered its services to help find Murray.

### **December 19, 2005: Fred sues for the records**



- Bill In Equity Filed on Behalf of Fred Murray (17 Pages) Dated December 19, 2005
- Memorandum of Law in Support of Preliminary Injunction Filed on Behalf of Fred Murray Dated December 19, 2005 (14 Pages)
- Order of Notice - Expedited Hearing From Grafton County Superior Court Dated December 20, 2005 (2 Pages)
- Special Appearance of Attorneys For State of New Hampshire (Devine, Millimet & Branch) Dated January 4, 2006
- Memorandum of Law in Support of Objection to Motion for Preliminary Injunction Submitted on Behalf of Fred Murray Dated January 18, 2006 (9 Pages)
- Rule 7 Notice of Mandatory Appeal Filed by Gallant & Ervin on behalf of Fred Murray With Supreme Court of New Hampshire Dated February 16, 2006 (7 Pages)
- Supreme Court Remand and Order For A New Hearing Dated December 20, 2006 (6 Pages)
- Grafton Superior Court to Timothy J Ervin Esq Notice of Hearing to take place March 16, 2007 Dated February 1, 2007 (continued to April 13, 2007)
- Notice of Decision From Clerk Dated June 12, 2007
- Supreme Court Order Denying Fred Murray Appeal After Second Hearing Dated May 2, 2008 (2 Pages)

## **2006**

### **January 3, 2006**

- NHLI: Some of the volunteers have met with members of the family to review the case and have reviewed all of the press coverage associated with the case. The volunteers then held a team meeting in New Hampshire, on Jan. 3, 2006, to further review the case and determine future action.

### **January 5, 2006**

- NHLI: Shamshak, who is the former police chief in Spencer, said he has spoken to Murray's friends, family, acquaintances and boyfriend. He said detectives from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine will use all public records associated with the case. He said the New Hampshire state police have done a "considerable amount of work" on the case, but the volunteer detectives have the time to re-examine leads. "When things go cold, that's where we step

in," Shamshak said. "Anything that is generated from us will certainly be passed along to law enforcement."

- A team of private investigators is joining forces with the family of Maura Murray to help find the missing 22-year-old Hanson woman. John Healy, a retired New Hampshire State Police trooper, is leading the 12-man group of volunteers. They are already focusing on a few leads police might not have looked into, Healy said yesterday. "There are a couple of remote parking areas and fishing areas two to three miles from the highway and those areas may not have been searched yet," Healy said.
- The team has gathered all of the media coverage for study as well as topographical maps of the area and are in communication, regularly with the family. They also hope to serve as an interface between the family and law enforcement.

#### **January 6, 2006**

- 20/20 episode on Maura
- Rausch said she and her son were flown to ABC headquarters in New York, Dec. 7 for two days. They were interviewed from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. She said Fred Murray, Maura's father, was interviewed in Wells River, Vt., and at the site of the crash.

#### **January 8 2006**

- Interview of the Westmans by APN (in collaboration with NHLI)

#### **January 10, 2006**

- "First" Marotte interview by NHLI (13:30hrs)
- Second is January 29, 2006

#### **January 2006**

- Fred Murray went to the Grafton County Superior Court to obtain the case files relating to Maura's disappearance

#### **January 18, 2006**

- Grafton County Superior Court Judge Timothy Vaughan heard the case in Haverhill a few miles from where Maura Murray, 21, disappeared after a minor car accident on Route 112 in February 2004, the Valley News reported.

#### **January 19, 2006**

- Judge Timothy Vaughn wrote in his decision yesterday that release of the records could compromise the case and lead to the destruction of evidence.

January 27, 2006

- Grafton County Judge Timothy Vaughn issued a five-page decision yesterday, a little more than a week after Frederick Murray sought an injunction for the release of papers relating to the disappearance nearly two years ago of his daughter, Maura. Murray's attorney, Timothy Ervin of Chelmsford, Mass., said yesterday he would not comment on the decision until he conferred with his client.

January 27, 2006

- Nancy Grace show: SHAMSHACK: All right. The investigative team, consisting of a dozen retired law enforcement investigators, is doing three things. We're looking to do investigative research on what has been written in the public domain. We're conducting interviews of percipient witnesses. And we're conducting a scene investigation, looking at the crash dynamics, and then again looking in the area, what possibly could have happened here.

January 29, 2006

- "Second" Marotte interview (first was Jan 10, 2006) - this is known to be by GP

March 2, 2006

- Kate replies to email from NHLI investigator(s)

March 17, 2006

- 20/20 episode

May 2, 2006

- Circle of Hope: Fred Murray, Maura's father held a 'Circle of Hope' on Route 112 at the accident site in New Hampshire. A 'Circle of Hope' met in Maura's hometown of Hanson, MA and was attended by Maura's mother Laurie Murray, sister Kathleen, brothers Freddie and Kurtis, Grandmother Ruth Mehrman, aunts, cousins, numerous dear friends and neighbors. A 'Circle of Hope' was held by Fred Murray's family and friends in Weymouth, MA. Laurie Murray's brother, Ricky Mehrman, family and friends met in their 'Circle of Hope' in Yankton, SD. Maura's sister Julie and Maura's boyfriend Bill Rausch, both lieutenants in the army, joined in their 'Circle of Hope' at their respective army posts of Fort Bragg, NC and Fort Sill, OK. In Marengo, OH, Bill's parents

Bill and Sharon Rausch invited their family along with friends of Maura for a 'Circle of Hope' at their home. The UMass Track Team also met in a 'Circle of Hope' while participating in The Atlantic 10 Track Meet in Richmond, VA.

July 28, 2006

- Letter from family posted on North Country News

September 22, 2006

- Fred Murray is asking the state Supreme Court to rule on his right to-know request for police records.

New Hampshire/Search 1 of 3 by New Hampshire League of Investigators

- Note: we have additional material on this search, including the sites searched.
- October 21-22: The first NHLI search was a two day search (Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, 2006). They used dog teams from the Connecticut Canine Search (Al and Marian Beland and their dogs Taz and Tracer) and Dukes County Search and Rescue out of Martha's Vineyard. They searched multiple areas in the vicinity of the crash site. The furthest site was Beaver Pond - 12 miles away. Although I have a list of 11 sites, it has been stated that cadaver dog teams were sent to 6 sites (from this list). We have heard separately that cadaver dogs went to the A-frame, French Pond and Old Peters Road so three of the six are effectively known.
- Don Nason of the New Hampshire League of Investigators said the dogs picked up some scents, but nothing conclusive.
- Police dog teams, including Connecticut Canine Search and Dukes County Search & Rescue from Martha's Vineyard, along with the New Hampshire League of Investigators, volunteered to search for Murray Saturday and Sunday.
- When Maura's father, Fred Murray, arrived Saturday, he spent some time with the investigators being updated on the searches so far.
- Murray was hopeful the weekend's search would rule out some possible sites, including area gravel pits and the Mountain Lakes area.
- Don Nason, a member of the New Hampshire League of Investigators, said six areas were chosen, including a wooded area near the search site, because of information Fred Murray and other people have provided. He declined to reveal the areas.
- Nason did talk about why they were searching a sand pit. He said it is not far from where Maura had her accident and went missing.
- "We are not necessarily looking for Maura's remains, but something that belongs to her," he said. "The important thing is to keep [the investigation] going. If

someone knows something but is afraid to open his mouth, give [state police] a call. Or contact [Maura's] Web site."

- A brother-and-sister team, Al and Marian Beland, along with their canines Taz and Tracer, were part of the search teams during the weekend. The Belands have about 18 years experience in search and rescue between them.
- An area near a dam and a snowmobile corridor in Warren also was searched, he said, but nothing was found and it did not look promising.

## **November 2006**

Family forum created

### **November 14, 2006 (Tuesday)**

- Concord, N.H.-- The father of a missing Massachusetts college student asked the New Hampshire Supreme Court on Tuesday to release police records and evidence in her disappearance.
- Murray's lawyer, Timothy Ervin, argued that while exemptions to the state Right-to-Know Law and the federal Freedom of Information Act allow police to withhold evidence in open investigations, they cannot withhold all 2,500 records indefinitely. He asked that a judge review the records to determine whether some should be released.
- Senior Assistant Attorney General Nancy Smith argued the records, including witness interviews, phone records and police reports, could become critical evidence in a criminal prosecution.

### **November 16, 2006**

- (presumed unrelated/possibly related to the Tom Conrad case) Pike, n.h.-- Police and a dive team spent three hours yesterday searching for "evidence" in the waters of an abandoned quarry on Lily Pond Road, less than a mile from a murder in September 2005 that remains unsolved.
- Members of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department and the Fire Marshal's Office were also at the abandoned slate quarry, immediately off the west side of Lily Pond Road, about two miles north of Route 25C.
- Also there was Mike Conrad, whose brother, Tom, was shot dead on the porch of his home on Lily Pond Road on the night of Sept. 28. Authorities have declared his death a homicide but have charged no one and have released little information about their investigation.

## **December 20, 2006**

- CONCORD, N.H. -- The state Supreme Court ruled Wednesday state police must give more detailed descriptions and reasons for withholding their investigative files in the disappearance of Massachusetts college student Maura Murray.
- State police "have not met their burden to demonstrate how disclosure of the requested documents could reasonably be expected to interfere with any investigation or enforcement proceedings," the court said in a unanimous decision.
- A superior court judge had agreed, ruling in favor of state police after he reviewed a list outlining 20 categories of records that were being withheld, such as "photographs," "correspondence," "maps and diagrams" and "tax records."
- The high court said those categories were too vague for anyone to determine whether disclosure would compromise the police investigation or future criminal prosecution. They said the law clearly puts the burden on government agencies to justify withholding documents from public scrutiny.
- "If the respondents continue to resist disclosure, they must make a presentation that will allow the superior court to determine how disclosure of the requested information could interfere with an ongoing investigation or enforcement proceedings," Associate Justice Richard Galway wrote for the court.
- However, the ruling stopped well short of giving Fred Murray what he sought: either an index describing every record being withheld and the reason for keeping it confidential, so he could challenge the nondisclosure; or a requirement that a judge review the records and rule on each one.
- Effectively, the court incorporated into state jurisprudence a six-part test provided for by the FOIA. These include the ability to withhold information that may hinder an investigation, deprive someone of a fair trial, invade someone's privacy, identify confidential sources, disclose certain investigative techniques or endanger someone's life or physical safety.
- The court found while the Attorney General's Office might have grounds to withhold investigative records, it has not shown that releasing the records would "interfere" with that investigation or eventual prosecution.
- "Put another way," wrote the court, "merely because a piece of paper has wended its way into an investigative dossier created in anticipation of enforcement action, an agency . . . cannot automatically disdain to disclose it."

## 2007

- In 2007, a national missing persons organization offered \$75,000 to anyone with information leading to Maura's whereabouts.

## February 9, 2007: 3 year anniversary

- John Healy, who is a member of the team of investigators working on the Murray case in concert with the Molly Bish Foundation, said the team has come up with other theories about what happened that dark February night. John Healy, a private investigator, said a team of investigators working with the family isn't ruling out that scenario, but they also have other theories. For instance, he said he and other investigators believe the woman the neighbor saw may not have been Murray and that the accident scene may have been staged.
- Healy said although police have said Murray crashed her car into the trees, he and the other investigators do not believe it to be true.
- He said, based on the damage to the Saturn, that it appears as if the car was traveling at a slow speed when it may have struck the underside of another vehicle; the actual crash site may have taken place somewhere else. Not only that, they believe Murray may not have been the young woman then-First Student school bus driver Butch Atwood saw. They believe the scene where the Saturn was found by Atwood may have been staged.
- (Helena) said a lot has happened during the time Maura has been missing. Maura's sister, Kathleen, got married and Maura's boyfriend and unofficial fiance, Billy Rausch of Fort Sill, Okla., was promoted to captain and sent to Iraq.
- What has really frustrated Fred Murray is that he says he has turned over potential evidence to state police with nothing resulting. One example is that a man came forward and told him that the man's relative may have been involved. The man also turned over a possible weapon.

## April 13, 2007

- Record of a hearing on the Fred Murray matter
- Grafton Superior Court Notice of Hearing to Timothy J Ervin Esq Hearing on the Merits to take place April 13, 2007 Dated February 15, 2007
- This is the day of the "75" comment:

### REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. SMITH:

Q. You indicated in responding to Attorney Ervin that you could give him a percentage that you have in your mind of likelihood. What is that percentage regarding whether the likelihood of this results in a criminal case?

A. I mean, I'd say it's probably 75 percent.

Q. Pardon?

A. I'd say it's probably 75 percent.

**July 12, 2007**

**“Maura is Missing” is published by the Whitman & Hanson Express by Maribeth Conway & Josh Cutler (10 parts)**

**August 6, 2007**

- An Arkansas-based group, Let's Bring Them Home, is trying to bring to light what happened to Murray, who was an accomplished athlete in track. The missing person's advocacy group is offering a \$75,000 reward to help accomplish its goal.
- Besides the reward, Let's Bring Them Home is also offering a toll-free tip line: 1-866-479-5284 for people to call in with tips about Murray's whereabouts.

**October 30, 2007**

- Scarinza wants people to search their memories yet again for clues they may have missed, anything at all unusual on or near Route 112 that night.
- "The other component we have encouraged over and over again is, if anybody thinks they saw Maura Murray or anybody on Route 112 -- or, more importantly, gave somebody a ride -- it would be extraordinarily helpful to us," he said. "Also, if anyone remembers picking up a hitchhiker. Maura doesn't have to be on 112."
- Scarinza believes Maura had a destination in mind when she left the University of Massachusetts-Amherst about 4:30 p.m. the day she disappeared. She knew Route 112 because her family had often camped and hiked along there since she was a child.
- "Clearly, she had a destination point, and we have not been able to determine what that is. It's fair to say if anyone has anything on that, we'd like to know," Scarinza said.

**Update on Fred**

- Since his daughter, Maura Murray, 21, disappeared after crashing the 1996 black Saturn she was driving Feb. 9, 2004, in Haverhill, he has spent many weekends scouring northern New Hampshire for any hint of her fate.
- "I think a dirt bag grabbed her. I said that right off the bat," Murray said.
- A few weeks ago, he tracked down tips that Maura had been murdered and her body parts buried in a sand pit.
- "It makes me pretty mad. This involves the same people who are my chief suspects and the cops say, 'We looked into that,' but I don't know what that means," Murray said.



- Murray talks with people on the street, private investigators and psychics and goes to local bars to find any tidbit of information to lead him to a new search. Many have led nowhere -- like a stained knife someone turned over to Murray, and a search volunteer private investigators conducted of a vacant A-frame. "That's been debunked," he said.
- Murray has been to most surrounding towns on the prowl for "dirt bags" and "renowned dirt bags" in Littleton, Lisbon, Landaff, Bethlehem and Whitefield. He cruises rural roads, looking for turnoffs and secluded areas a killer might seek out.

## 2008

May 2, 2008: Supreme Court Denies Fred Murray's appeal

- Supreme Court Order Denying Fred Murray Appeal After Second Hearing Dated May 2, 2008 (2 Pages)

July 3-4, 2008: New Hampshire/Search 2 of 3 by New Hampshire League of Investigators

- This past Friday and Saturday a group of licensed private investigators from NH, VT and MA, along with K-9 teams from as far as Connecticut searched wooded areas in Haverhill, NH in search of Maura Murray.
- This weekend's search was the third ground search performed by the team for Maura's case.
- Local private investigator Nanci Mahoney, who was not part of the Maura Murray Task Force, donated her townhouse and obtained her neighbor's townhouse to house all the K-9 teams and some of the investigators as well as providing a home made breakfast for all Saturday at 5:30am.
- Shannon Door owners Tom and Tess Mulkern donated the Friday night meal for the teams. Betty Jane Newton donated a case of "Doggie Yogurt" for our K-9 partners and Starbucks Manager Kim Elliot donated the Saturday morning coffee.
- lPeabody on websleuths: *"Her family and friends are so grateful for the professionals who gave up their holiday weekend (July 4th and 5th) for another search."*

**August 14, 2008:**

- 20/20 special - Vanished: Two Coeds, Two Horrifying Mysteries - What Happened to Brooke Wilberger and Maura Murray?

## 2009

- Maura's case was added to the newly established New Hampshire cold case unit.

### February 8, 2009

- Mention of NHLI: "Healy said his crew of volunteer investigators has found some possible evidence over the years, such as a human scent picked up by search dogs, but he's uncertain if it ever led to anything. Although he continues to occasionally examine the area where Maura Murray disappeared, Healy thinks the best bet police have in solving the case is if someone new comes forward."

### May 4, 2009

- Maura's mother passes away from cancer (Maura's birthday)

### September 4, 2009

- Butch Atwood (Arthur Everett Atwood) dies from cancer

### December 11, 2009

- A Cold Case Unit, newly created by the New Hampshire Department of Justice, now lists the name of a college student from the South Shore on its Web site.

## 2010

(Unknown)

Around 2010, Terrence O'Connell a retired police investigator became involved in Maura's case. O'Connell's team of investigators included Anne Marie Mires, director of the Molly Bish Foundation, forensic anthropologist, and member of the Boston medical examiners' office; Craig Ackley, a retired FBI agent formerly in charge of the FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit and an expert in criminal behavior; Daniel Parkka, a retired Massachusetts police officer who did a reconstruction of the accident scene; and Carla Meyers, a retired New Hampshire attorney.

New Hampshire/Search of French Pond Road by O'Connell team

- In 2010, FAR archaeologists and volunteers made an effort to systematically search the area around the pond and the pond itself. Working in cooperation with the Murray family and local NH police, the perimeter of the pond was surveyed using probes. With the help of the Quincy, Massachusetts Police dive

team, the entire pond was surveyed using side scan sonar (Fig. 8.19). There were a series of anomalies, three in total, that were observed at the bottom of the pond. The divers were able to more clearly define the targets using ROV robotic cameras (Fig. 8.20). Due to the poor visibility underwater, the divers were put in the water to explore the anomalies (Fig. 8.21). The divers determined that the anomalies were natural features and not human remains. This area was ruled out and our team moved on to explore other scenarios.

### **February 7, 2010**

- Tests are being performed on possible new evidence in the mysterious disappearance six years ago of University of Massachusetts nursing student Maura Murray in Haverhill, according to Lt. James White, head of the New Hampshire State Police Major Crime Unit.
- As a result of the new leads, White said, police collected items that are now in the process of being tested.

### **February 8, 2010**

- Investigation Discovery “Miles to Nowhere” (officially released Jan 10, 2010)

### **February 25, 2010**

Violet Atwood dies: Violet V. (Corbishley) Atwood died Feb. 25, 2010, at the age of 91 in Harrisonburg, Va. She was a long time resident of Raynham, Mass., and Woodsville, N.H. She was married to Myron (Deke) Atwood and had two sons Arthur (Butch) and Barry.

### **March 18, 2010**

- Neighborhood Watch Groups Starting Up In Haverhill, N. H.

### **May 10, 2010**

- Black box is analyzed at the Troop F barracks (by Daniel Parkka working with Terry O’Connell).

### **December 8, 2010**

- Update on cold case unit: "The case of Maura Murray has not been ruled a homicide and still a missing persons case, but circumstance lead us to believe that she is missing because of foul play," he said of the 2004 case of the Massachusetts woman who disappeared without a trace between a minor accident on Route 112 in Swiftwater, N.H., and the response of a Haverhill police officer a few minutes later.

## 2011

- April 2011: SOCO Magazine, April 2011, What Happened to Maura Murray? - A Missing Person Case With More Questions Than Answers, Kerry Miller

## 2012

- September 27, 2012: Investigation Discovery (Disappeared), Miles to Nowhere : Maura Murray, September 27, 2012 (originally released Jan 10, 2010)

## 2014

- January 28, 2014: Boston Magazine: Will the Internet Find Maura Murray?, Bill Jensen
- With no trust in local law enforcement, Fred welcomed volunteer citizens to join in the search. A year into the case, former New Hampshire state police lieutenant John Healy met a relative of Maura's named Helena Murray at a conference on missing persons. Having a college-aged daughter himself, and knowing he had the tools to help, Healy organized a group of experienced private investigators and began to make trips to Route 112, even bringing cadaver dogs to the scene.
- Fred Murray initially worked closely with Healy's group. In 2005, though, he sued the state police in an attempt to make public all of the reports pertaining to the investigation. He was unsuccessful, and what's more, Healy and his volunteers publicly disagreed with his effort. Fred says more conflicts arose, so he stopped working with them. "He shut the door on me and the whole group of volunteers ever since," Healy says. Healy's group is still trying to find Maura and, by his estimates, has spent thousands of hours following leads. "We're doing this for their whole family," Healy says.
- In Maura Murray's case, Strelzin will not say how often law enforcement monitors online forums, but concedes that the police are "aware of things that are said." He adds that "nothing fruitful" has ever come from the DIY detectives.
- "All we ask is that they do not interfere in the investigations," Strelzin continues. "You would expect that if people had information they would contact the authorities."
- Renner has just completed a 300-page book about his search for Maura, and can rattle off minute details about the case as if they were baseball stats
- February 5, 2014: 10 year anniversary
- "Our office and the state police do receive information from people," said Senior Assistant Attorney General Jeffrey Strelzin. "Unfortunately, none of that

has turned out to be fruitful. We haven't had any credible sightings of Maura since the night she disappeared."

- "I've been asked if we've had any credible sightings since she disappeared," said Strelzin. "The answer is no."

2016

- **March 15, 2016: Fred Murray's Open Letter to James Renner #1**

*By Fred Murray*

*FOR BOTH OF US*

*My family and I will forever be thankful for the kindness and support of all compassionate people from around the world for these many years now. You've helped us struggle through some trying times more than you could ever know. Not everybody is as decent as you are however, so this is to provide you with some insight as to the base level to which a rank opportunist can sink. I've never responded to any of this type of fiction before because you don't need to defend yourself when you've done nothing wrong but this particular aspersion is just way over anybody's edge.*

*I've recently been shown two very early comments by the author of a blog about my daughter, Maura, that represent the most insidious and reprehensible tactic that I can possibly imagine. This is from November 3, 2011, "she came to his single bed motel at 2:30 in the morning," and was reinforced on March 19, 2012, with "sleeps in the bed." Again, the bed reference is singular, indicating two people in one bed. The insinuation here is one hundred percent clear and could be interpreted as an obvious ploy by the blogger to create a scenario in which the reader can be influenced and encouraged to envision something unspeakably horrible.*

*To contrive an allusion to the worst thing that a person could possibly be accused of in the history of mankind is beyond despicable. Is the blogger trying to create a sinister character to embellish the "narrative" he hopes to peddle? Is he attempting to shape his "story" toward the direction he wants it to go for promotional purpose? Mark Twain used to agonize for hours over the inclusion or exclusion of a single word because of its powerful effect on the image he was building.*

*The reality is that this canard is manufactured and is unreservedly false. The motel in question is still there and would be very easy to check if you were interested in getting this right. There were two beds in each room in the old section in 2004 and staff has attested to this. There still are as nothing has changed since and I can even provide the actual room number. The blogger was in Hadley, Massachusetts, and should know this, so to misrepresent this fact appears to be haphazard research at best or an intentional ruse at worst. If you had to bet your last dollar on this, which would you pick?*

*Remember now, he isn't just talking about me here but also my daughter. If he can find it within himself to promote something like this, then absolutely anything else wouldn't need even a second thought. He is only limited by the bounds of imagination concerning how he chooses to dupe his unsuspecting readers.*

*These immortal lines from the Army-McCarthy hearings in 1954, "I think I have never really gauged your cruelty or your recklessness," and "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?" are as apt here as they were there.*

*What kind of "journalism" would you call this? Can it even be called journalism? Could this be a vindictively designed retribution for noncooperation? What kind of publisher would print this? What a black eye to a once proud profession a guy like this is. If my daughter could be here with me today she would ask, "Dad, are you just going to let this creep get away with that?" If he made this allegation to anyone who actually knows me they most likely would laugh in his face and call him a really special kind of punk. Anecdotal contributions from the community on this matter include such phrases as "two minutes in a phone booth with this puke," and "whack him in his fork tongued mouth" which seem to indicate the locally pervasive public sentiment.*

*The inaccuracies throughout are too numerous to detail here but to show that this "style" is no accident I direct you to the "What we have learned so far" section of the blog. There are five references to me and each one is false, inaccurate, and orchestrated to distort and deceive in how it relates to me personally and can be readily discredited. One is a particularly easily demonstrable example of an attempt to mislead. You don't have to be overly*

*sharp to find a clear indication of this in Maura's phone records for Saturday, February 7th, 2004, which he carelessly presented on his blog on Sunday, January 11, 2015, thus undercutting the main bulwark of his own position concerning our not looking for a used car. The Reliance Auto Sales call at 4:13 p.m. refutes his stance on there being no evidence of this search. I also hold unassailable tangible proof obtained that day from there and elsewhere for support.*

*This would all be absolutely laughable and quickly forgettable if it weren't so perversely sneaky and rampantly full of ill intended innuendo. Can you agree with me that exploitively misusing someone's missing daughter as the means toward enhancing your hoped for professional advancement is reminiscent of Glen Campbell's lyrics, "there's been a load of compromisin' on the road to my horizon?"*

*It seems you folks are being led through a carefully crafted tale with me as its intended foil. It appears as if the blogger could be redeploying a form of the infamous "Big Lie Theory" which postulates that if you tell a big enough lie, and tell it frequently enough, it will be believed. This is from Mein Kampf, "and thus, in the primitive simplicity of their minds, they more readily fall victims to the big lie rather than the small one." This scheme reveals his insultingly abysmal regard for the reasoning capacity he arrogantly estimates his targeted audience to possess.*

*The motivation, well, let's all take a wild guess. Maybe this devious exercise will be enough for this literary tomato can to get his old job back at that lightweight tabloid in Cleveland.*

*Fred*

*P.S.*

*I've included a reference to a critique of a previous performance by this fellow for your perusal.*

*<http://renneriswrong.blogspot.com/2008/11/defense.html>. Something to consider: Excerpt from Society of Professional Journalists. Code of Ethics - <http://www.spj.org/>>*

*June 30, 2016*

May 2016

- True Crime Addict by James Renner published

June 30, 2016: Fred Murray's Open Letter to James Renner #2

*By Fred Murray*

*I wasn't going to bother with the rest of this guy's drivel because I'm totally immersed in finding my daughter, Maura, and the dirtbag who grabbed her but it's clear that you deserve to hear the truth from me personally.*

*He has asserted as basic fact that I asked Maura's friends to not talk to him. This, of course, is another false allegation taken from his list of misrepresentations that he's tried to foist on you. The reality is that I said the girls should "play it the way they saw it". I wasn't going to chance it because I didn't trust him based on his unfounded and mean spirited hatchet job on his personally manufactured suspect, Dean Runkle, in the Amy Mihaljevic case. I don't think unjust collateral damage matters to him if it is likely to enhance his readership and thus his profit.*

*Another mainstay that he hangs his hat on is his beyond absurd claim that I ducked talking to the police for over two years. The record shows I spoke to the state police early and often because of their own performance both collectively and individually and also their intransigence concerning their non-acceptance of the Boston F.B.I's offer to enter the case. I was at their Twin Mountain station several times in the first few months and on a couple occasions with a roomful of the top police brass around trying to talk me out of seeking the F.B.I. I always went alone.*

*I compared the situation to the fire department asking for assistance from other agencies when the fire has them outmanned and overmatched. My request was doomed because there can be no major crime in the north country with its near total economic existence dependent upon unafraid tourists. The missing weren't grabbed by one of the area slimeballs but instead got lost in the woods or committed suicide. Downplaying and delaying has always worked in the past as the families of the victims get discouraged and drift away. That*



*couldn't work this time since all the heat you folks put on kept their feet to the fire.*

*He seeds his tale with inaccuracies all over the place. An example is his implying that Sara Alfieri told me the whole story. Sara told me during the only time I talked to her that she was "asleep the entire time" and nothing more.*

*Another would be his constant reference to my brother's home in Weymouth as "Fred's house." This is a false platform erected to support establishing me as the owner of an adult magazine he says he found in the backyard in 2012 when I had moved out in early 2002. "Fred's house" has been in Hanson since he bought it in 1974.*

*Something that rankles me is that a former senior police official who was supposed to get the red stained carpet samples from the A frame to the state police lab still hadn't done so two and a half years later according to high state police officials.*

*He repeatedly mentions a hanger on want to be track coach named Hossein something who said he never knew Maura's father was alive when he met Maura and me while we were watching a race and told me of his prospective book about a runner. Maura had no interest what so ever in this guy. It seems the author starts with the finished product he wants and then back fills in anything he thinks might support the desired image he wishes to create. He's a real phony.*

*It's insidious how he tries to sell the notion that Maura was always camping alone with me when all my kids would go with me on every trip and no kid ever went alone. He gets this from my former sister-in-law who is his twin in spirit as exemplified by her claiming that Maura and I would share a tent when camping when she very well knows there was always the girls tent and the equipment tent which doubled as my quarters. She referred to me as being "odd" but why then did she let her own daughters go vacationing with us numerous times? She mentions an argument during which he "really reamed her" when no such event ever took place. Screaming at kids is counter productive and is not how I've ever handled anything at any time. Her characterizing herself as Maura's confidant and frequent advisor is intellectually dishonest.*

*Tim Carpenter has never been considered the brightest bulb on any circuit to begin with. He severely compounded that status with a progressively increasing alcoholic debilitation reportedly resulting in borderline incompetence and near death last year. You need look no further than the bizarre “drunk and naked on a mountain top” statement he made to see there’s not much left. Ironically, Carpenter himself has been mentioned concerning a yet unresolved highly suspicious incident in nearby Warren, New Hampshire, in April of 2004.*

*Everything the writer concocts about me is designed to imprint and project his desired negative image of me on his audience. His specialty is carefully crafting illusion that he hopes only someone who actually knows me very well can detect.*

*In my opinion, this guy redefines the term “pathetic” and is the literary equivalent of a carny-barker. His writing philosophy seems to be to keep repeating junk over and over and hope that it will eventually be accepted as fact. Just keep throwing you know what against the wall and hope some of it sticks. Throughout my life I’ve always thought that the worst thing you could possibly call someone is a sneak. This guy is a sneak!!!*

Thank you,

Fred

P.S.

*My family and I remain deeply appreciative for the unfailing support you folks have given us throughout this continuing struggle and also for your constant digging for information and following possible leads. We couldn’t have continued and we’d be nowhere without you.*

September 2016

➤ Debut of 107 Degrees Blog

2017

## February 11, 2017: Boots on the Ground

- initiative started by Nancy Cory after attending John Smith's meeting at the VFW in Littleton February 11, 2017. This is the first time she met Fred Murray.
- (I will add the BOTG searches for each year when I get the dates)

April 22, 2017

Helena Dwyer Murray dies from cancer

Fall 2017

- Chuck West assumes the responsibility as lead investigator in the case

August 19, 2017

- First podcast - 107 degrees

September 2017

- Oxygen debuts 6 part series: The Disappearance of Maura Murray.

October 2017

- ATM photos released
- (Dorm photos released @ Crimecon) date?

December 2017

- Erinn Larkin releases interview with Fred Murray (to confirm - I believe part 1 was put out December 2017 and part 2 in early 2018)

## 2018

February 2018

- Vigil (Family, Boots on the Ground)

July 8, 2018

- GB Geotechnics of NYC used ground penetrating radar July 8, 2018

## 2019

February 2019

- Vigil (Family, Boots on the Ground)
- February 20, death of Cecil Smith

### **April, 3, 2019: search of basement of home on 112 west of Saturn**

- NHSP and FBI agents finished up investigation of home on 112 (100 yards west of accident site)
- 3pm press briefing by Strelzin at Grafton County Superior Court
- Associate Attorney General Strelzin reported that a team of a dozen agents and detectives went into the basement area and had searched several feet down. He said they located nothing other than a small piece of what may have been pottery and an old piece of piping.
- The furthest search from the Ground Zero area on Route 112 has been about 25 miles out from the scene, they've also looked at areas of the Kancamagus Highway and at some areas in the town of Bartlett.

## **2020**

### January 2020

- Julie Murray does a 2 part interview the True Crime Garage "The Captain"

### February 2020

- Vigil (Family, Boots on the Ground)

### May 4, 2020

- On Maura's 38th birthday, the family launches a new website:  
<https://www.mauramurraymissing.org/>

### October 2020

- Boots on the Ground 2020 (3 days: October 16, 17 and 18)

### October 16, 2020

- an official application was submitted to the NH Division of Historical Resources (DHR) for a State Highway Historical Marker to be erected near the location on Route 112 in Haverhill, NH where Maura was last seen. If granted, the Marker would formally recognize the historical significance of Maura's disappearance.

### October 28, 2020

- Community member went to court to attempt to obtain the 7 photos taken by Cecil Smith on 2/9/04. Request later denied.

## **2021**

March 9, 2021

- The request for a historical marker was denied. The family filed an appeal.

September 13, 2021

- (per NHSP) a small number of bone fragments were uncovered in the ground during a construction project in the area of Loon Mountain in Lincoln, New Hampshire. The fragments appeared to be human and did not appear to be recent.

October 16-17, 2021

- Boots on the Ground search

November 10, 2021

- The bone fragments found at Loon Mountain were determined to exclude Maura: “Further investigation has revealed that the fragments do not appear to have been recently transported to the site where they were located, but were, instead, found in existing soil. In addition, based on radiocarbon dating, the date range for the bone fragments is as follows: a 95.4% probability of the individual dying anywhere from 1774 to 1942; and a 68.2% probability of anywhere from 1718 to 1893. Based on the results of the investigation and the testing, the bone fragments do not appear to be related to any open missing person case or recent criminal activity. Instead, the bones are likely historical in nature. Also based on the small amount of fragments recovered it is tentatively believed that the sex may be of an adult female or small statured male. There was no apparent trauma indicated on those same fragments. Unless new information is developed no further press releases are anticipated in this matter.”
- Maura family press release: [Press Release: Bone Fragments Discovered at Loon Mountain are not Maura Murray - Maura Murray \(mauramurraymissing.org\)](https://mauramurraymissing.org/press-release-bone-fragments-discovered-at-loon-mountain-are-not-maura-murray)

November 25, 2021

- Maura’s older sister Kathleen passed away from cancer.
- “Julie Murray: With great sadness, we said goodbye to Kathleen this morning after a long battle with cancer. She went peacefully with us by her side. Life is beautifully tragic, she went too soon and will be missed terribly by those touched by her kind soul. On this Thanksgiving, my family is thankful for the

love and support this community has shown us heartbreak after heartbreak without fail. Thank you 💙”

January 2022 (or December 2021)

New team at CCU

Julie’s first meeting with the new team was February 2022

January 17, 2022

The FBI created a ViCAP for Maura:

*The FBI has created a Violent Criminal Apprehension Profile for Maura Murray. Julie Murray, Maura Murray's sister, said the Attorney General's office called her this past week to share the alert.*

June 16, 2022

Unknown date - new head in Maura’s case:

Julie Murray: Mixed feelings ... the lead detective on my sister's case is moving on ... 18 years still missing. Thank you and sad to see him go, but perhaps a fresh set of eyes is what is needed.

July 13, 2022

NHSP conducted a ground search of two sites on 112 in Landaff and Easton - about 4 miles from the accident site (this is not the full article):

*LANDAFF, N.H. —*

*A ground search was underway Wednesday in connection with the 2004 disappearance of a Massachusetts college student, officials with the New Hampshire attorney general's office announced.*

*The search in connection with the Maura Murray investigation was being conducted off Route 112 in Landaff and Easton, about 4 miles from where her car was found abandoned in 2004.*

*"This is simply going back and searching areas that have already been searched before," said Associate Attorney General Jeff Strelzin. "This is something we do in a lot of our cases."*

*Strelzin said officials typically don't notify the public, but in this case, the search was so large it would raise public curiosity or alarm, so a release went out after the family was notified.*

*"I'm just so happy," said Julie Murray, Maura Murray's sister. "I mean, I'm nervous, but this is big news for the investigation."*

*Teams walked into the woods in a line, fanning out and poking into the brush. Dogs were also used in the search operation.*

*"The goal is to cover ground that has been previously covered, but to do a more extensive search," Strelzin said. "Obviously, the hope with any of these searches is to find any evidence that might be relevant to this case."*

*Officials said there is no new information that prompted the operation. Maura Murray's family said they are guarded but optimistic. Her father, Fred Murray, has been unrelenting in his effort to keep the investigation active.*

2023

### January

Starting January 2023, Maura was featured on billboards on the I-93 corridor in Massachusetts, with other locations added. These billboards were initiated by a volunteer in the community who was able to get them "pro bono". Initially there were two billboards planned, but quickly there were more (9 and counting).

April 9

Jeffery Williams (Chief of Haverhill PD at the time of Maura's disappearance) passes away

[Obituary for Jeffery Loren Williams | Noblin Funeral Service](#)

April 22

Lt. John Scarinza (headed NHSP investigation) passes away

[Obituary information for Lt. John K. Scarinza, Ret. \(bryantfuneralhome.net\)](#)

July 18

The Murray Family announces a rally and participation in a coalition

## Families of the Missing and Murdered Demand Action from N.H. Attorney General

Concord, N.H. - A coalition of families of the missing and murdered in New Hampshire are joining forces to demand answers from the States' Attorney General, John M. Formella, and New Hampshire public officials. With over 130 active missing persons and murder cases that remain unsolved in New Hampshire, the coalition of families are insisting that the Attorney General improve communication, reform the victim advocacy program and secure justice for the victims. The stagnation of the investigations, communication gaps, and shared sense of apathy is the impetus behind these devastated families banding together. The group will gather at the Attorney General's office at 33 Capitol Street in Concord, N.H. on August 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Families, advocates, and supporters are welcome to attend.

"The weight of our anguish grows heavier with each passing day, as the hands of time struggle to catch up with justice. Five years of waiting, five years of longing for answers, five years of unrelenting pain. Yet, we remain united, resilient, and unwavering in our pursuit for truth. Though the road may be long and treacherous, our determination shall never waver, for the memory of our beloved Trish fuels the fire within our hearts. Together, we shall persevere until justice finally finds its way home," said the family of Trish Haynes whose 2018 murder remains unsolved.

"35 years with no answers and lack of communication from authorities. Being the only known survivor of the Connecticut River Valley serial killer, I am their voices. I may have healed physically but mentally my pain still remains as fresh as the day I was attacked and stabbed 27 times and left for dead, I was 7 months pregnant and we both had to fight for our lives. So many questions and still no answers, so many lives affected by this monster. Cathy Millican, Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Critchley, Bernice Courtemanche, Ellen Ruth Fried, Eva Marie Morse, Lynda Moore, Barbara Agnew, Heidi Lee Martin, and myself were just living our lives when evil stepped in uninvited. I just don't want them to be forgotten." said Jane Boroski, the lone survivor of the unsolved Connecticut Valley River killer.

"It's been 19 years since my sister Maura disappeared and we are still left without answers. My family has encountered roadblock after roadblock in our dealings with public officials. This lack of transparency and communication from New Hampshire makes the ambiguity of the tragic situation all the more unbearable. We are frustrated and we demand action," said Julie Murray, older sister of Maura Murray who went missing in February 2004.

The goals of this initiative include:

- *Raising Awareness.* Many cases have received no coverage or exposure. This effort will help bring those victims into the public consciousness to promote a renewed focus on the investigations.
- *Reforming the Victim Advocacy Program.* Victims and families often do not know who is in charge of their cases and find their inquiries go unanswered. Many haven't been assigned or in contact with state appointed victim



advocates. The program is ineffective. To the families, this is the bare minimum.

- *Improving Communication with Investigators.* Advocates and families regularly send in leads and tips, but are met with silence, without even an acknowledgement of receipt. Families understand the complexities and ongoing nature of these investigations and are not seeking to jeopardize law enforcement proceedings; however, they will no longer tolerate being completely ignored.
- *Securing Justice for the Victims.* The ultimate goal is to achieve justice for these unsolved cases and bring resolution to the families left behind in the wake of these tragedies. This will take more understanding, cooperation, and communication between investigators and victims/families.

Individuals can join the effort and learn more about the advocacy initiatives of the families of the missing and murdered in New Hampshire by emailing [NHunsolved@gmail.com](mailto:NHunsolved@gmail.com).

Jan 6 2024

Julie Murray announces a new podcast on her missing sister “Media Pressure” - Season One The Untold Story of Maura Murray:

*It's been twenty years since 21 year old nursing student Maura Murray disappeared without a trace, yet countless questions remain, hundreds of theories circulate the internet, and her family continues to fight for resolution.*

*Maura's mysterious disappearance is a story that's been told hundreds of times by strangers, but absent in the stories you've heard are the voices of those who knew her best and those closest to the investigation - not anymore!*

*In every episode, the goal is to cut out the noise and reveal who Maura really was with exclusive interviews, an in-depth look into the investigation efforts, and exploration of the impact on those left behind.*

*Maura's sister Julie Murray hosts Media Pressure's Season One - The Untold Story of Maura Murray.*