

## **SOUZA INVESTIGATIONS**

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I am a retired homicide investigator with twenty-five (25) years of service with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department and a total of Thirty (30) years of law enforcement. During my years of service I have worked in patrol, as an undercover detective and a homicide detective. I have been involved in numerous homicide investigations as a patrol officer and as a homicide detective. Several of these homicide investigations presented scenarios where family members were involved in the homicide, with the most notable being the "Ewell investigation". I have attended numerous homicide training classes on various types, motives and causes of "who done it". In regards to a spouse killing or having a spouse killed, their involvement is usually apparent because of the persons demeanor, statements made (to investigators or others), and body language when questioned about the murder.

After my retirement, I became a licensed private investigator with a special interest in homicide and employee theft cases.

In March 2002, I was contacted by David Dalition who asked me if I would be willing to investigate the death of his sister, Linda Adanalian.

After hearing the verbal information from Mr. Dalition, viewing the television news report videos and reading the newspaper articles on the death of Linda Adanalian, I agreed to work on the case. That decision was based on my experience as a homicide investigator and that experience caused me to believe that this case needed to be investigated.

Based upon my experience and education when there is a death of a spouse, the first person that needs to be eliminated as a possible suspect is the surviving spouse. When there is evidence of motive (i.e., abuse (mental or physical, financial, adultery) there is enhanced suspicion of the surviving spouse. In a case where the victim is the female spouse, the statistics show that over 80% of female homicide victims are killed by their husbands, boyfriends or male companions. Therefore, homicide investigators need to first eliminate the surviving spouse unless there are obvious reasons/evidence that someone else (i.e., robbery, rape and where both spouses are the victims) is involved. Even then one does not eliminate the surviving spouse totally.

After investigating the facts surrounding Linda's death, which included pertinent

documents surrounding her death, interviewing witnesses, and reviewing evidentiary materials it is my opinion that Linda Adanalian did not commit suicide or die from an accidental selenium overdose.

I will reveal the following information that an experienced investigator would conclude as "probable cause" to conduct an investigation:

- a) Linda and Mark Adanalian were in a failing marriage and Linda was at a point that just prior to her death she was going to leave her husband.
- b) Her marriage counselor had warned her that Mark had the potential to kill her and the children. The marriage counselor also told Linda that if she left Mark, he would testify in court that Mark should only be permitted supervised visitation with the children.
- c) Linda told her close friends that Mark was like an "OJ Simpson" and if anything happened to her, they were to tell the police to investigate Mark.
- d) Linda also told her close friends that she was fearful for her life because of Mark's temper and how he treated her and the children with his verbal abuse.

I am not saying that Mark Adanalian murdered his wife, but I am saying that there are things "said" and "done" by Mark that an investigator would conclude are very suspicious. Those answers will come out when an investigation is completed by law enforcement.

The fact that Linda died from a "hot shot" of poison leads me to believe it was administered by someone close to her.

If Mark is the perpetrator of his wife's death and based on what the marriage counselor told Linda, I believe the Adanalian children could be in danger.

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