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CASE No: 002-11232000

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Prove Who Killed Catherine Fox**

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Murder Mystery Author Mysteriously Murdered

By Clegg O'Donnell
Lansbury Times Staff Writer

Best-selling author, Catherine Fox, most famous for her critically acclaimed novel *The English Professor's Last Words*, is dead. She was found strangled to death in the early morning hours of November 23rd at Crooked Cottage, the former home of the late queen of the murder mystery, Agnes Christoff.

Sources reveal that Ms. Fox was being blackmailed and Detective R.D. Bradbury of the Lansbury Police Department believes the blackmail ties directly into her murder. He confirmed there are three suspects he's speaking with. Information on who the suspects are, or why she was being blackmailed, is being kept under wraps at this time as part of the police investigation.



Catherine Fox (1972-2000)

Several years ago, Ms. Fox was the former live-in nurse for Agnes Christoff. It has often been remarked how much Catherine Fox's writing style mimics that of her late employer. In a recent interview on the subject, Ms. Fox stated, "During Agnes' last years, she and I became very close. As I provided her with round the clock health care and companionship, she taught me everything I know about writing. I will be eternally grateful for her influence on my career."



The murder took place at Crooked Cottage, a former home of late murder mystery writer, Agnes Christoff



11/24/00 9:13AM



Charlotte
Jane
Marple



LANSBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

NAME: Charlotte Jane Marple PHONE #: (773) 555-3632

ADDRESS: 428 Vicarage Rd. Lansbury IL 60397

EMPLOYER: Parkpress Publishing, Inc. DATE: November 23rd, 2000

ADDRESS: 703 Ackroyd St. Suite 2 Chicago, IL 60131

NARRATIVE:

I make the below statement voluntarily. This account is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and represents my observations in the case currently under investigation. I understand that making false statements or reports pursuant to a police investigation is a criminal offense under MCL 750.411a.

I've been Ms. Fox's publisher these past 7 years and we've become like family. Yesterday she brought an envelope to my office and matter-of-factly told me that in the event of her death I was to hand it over to Detective R.D. Bradbury of the Lansbury Police. I was shocked and asked what she was talking about.

She said one of Agnes Christoff's grandchildren was blackmailing her but she refused to get into specifics. She was to meet the blackmailer at midnight at Crooked Cottage, where Mrs. Christoff had spent her last remaining years. I told her to call the police but she wouldn't hear of it. She was adamant she needed to go alone and made me promise to stay far away from there. Then she left to get the money she needed from the bank.

I was worried about Catherine so there was no way I wasn't going. I just wish I got there in time to do something. Just as I arrived at the cottage, I saw a dark figure fleeing out the side door and into the woods. At first I thought it was Catherine, but once I crept up to the cottage and looked in the window I saw her lifeless body on the floor. Terrified for my own life, I ran back to my car, locked the doors and called the police.

I can't believe she's gone. She taught me everything I know about writing, and because of her influence I just finished my first novel, which I'll be dedicating to her in her memory.

SIGNATURE: Charlotte Jane Marple

Catherine Fox

24 Spade Street Lansbury, IL 60397

Dear Detective Bradbury,

If you're reading this letter it means I have been murdered. One of these three people is responsible for my death:

Edgar A. Christoff

Alfred. H. Christoff

Gina. K. Chesterton

Allow me to explain... Several years ago, I was a live-in nurse to Agnes Christoff, the world-famous murder mystery writer. I can honestly say I owe my career to her. Quite literally because the book which brought me fame and fortune as an author, The English Professor's Last Words, was not actually written by me. It was written by her.

You see, Agnes died before she could publish it. She had become a very private person in her last years and didn't even let her publisher know she'd been working on something new. I was by her side day and night while she created her final masterpiece. Agnes bounced ideas off me many of which she used in the story. She said I had a knack and should try my hand at writing sometime.

Her only living relatives were her three grandchildren who never once took the time to come see her, yet had no problem taking the time to cash the checks she sent them each month.

Catherine Fox

24 Spade Street Lansbury, IL 60397

Her health severely declined toward the end of 1992 and I honestly think she was only holding on to finish the book. She passed away in her sleep the morning after writing the last chapter on July 17th, 1993. I mourned her greatly as she'd become like a mother to me.

When I informed her grandchildren, instead of grief in their voices I heard jubilation. Instead of asking when the funeral was, they wanted to know when the will would be read. I couldn't let them cash in on her final masterpiece. So I packed up my things, along with the manuscript, and left. I later submitted the manuscript to a publisher under my own name and the rest is history.

Flash forward to present day.. Apparently Agnes made a copy of The English Professor's Last Words I never knew about and one of her three greedy grandchildren found it. They sent me the enclosed blackmail letter threatening to expose me unless I paid \$500,000. I fear for my life, but couldn't risk coming to you first as I knew my career would be ruined if word got out.

Since you are reading this, I must have made the wrong decision. Please do everything you can to find out who blackmailed me. Agnes would not have wanted one of the grandchildren to profit from my death.

I only hope she forgave me for profiting from hers.

Yours Truly,
Catherine Fox

I FOUND a COPY of MY
GRANDMOTHERS last
BOOK AND can PROVE
YOU STOLE IT.

MEET ME AT CROOKED
COTTAGE at MIDNIGHT
TONIGHT with \$500,000
IN UNMARKED BILL'S

COME ALONE OR ALI
YOUR FANS' WILL FIND
OUT YOU ARE A FRAUD.

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Edgar A. Christoff



Gina Chesterson



Alfred Christoff



LANSBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT **PERSON OF INTEREST**



CASE#: 002-11232000

Last Name <u>Christoff</u>				First Name <u>Edgar</u>				Middle Name <u>Allan</u>					
Alias / Maiden Name / Nickname / Prior Names <u>N/A</u>													
Home Address <u>416 Usher Street</u>								Apartment		City <u>Lansbury</u>		State <u>IL</u>	Zip Code <u>60397</u>
Home Phone <u>(773)555-7408</u>				Driver's License/ID Number <u>C623-2015-1310</u>				State <u>IL</u>		Marital Status <u>Widowed</u>			
Date of Birth <u>10/31/1961</u>	Age <u>39</u>	Sex <u>M</u>	Race <u>W</u>	Ethnicity <u>C</u>	Height <u>5'10"</u>	Weight <u>170</u>	Hair <u>Brown</u>	Eye <u>Brown</u>	Shoe Size <u>11</u>	Dominant Hand <u>L</u>	Disability? <u>N/A</u>	Place of Birth <u>Chicago, IL</u>	
Scars - Marks - Tattoos <u>Raven, left shoulder</u>				Prior Military Experience <u>N/A</u>				Martial Arts/Combat Experience <u>N/A</u>				Do you own a firearm? <u>Yes</u>	
Prior Arrests? <u>DMV</u>				Prior Felonies <u>N/A</u>				Outstanding Warrants <u>N/A</u>				Currently Under Investigation? <u>N/A</u>	
Employer <u>Lees Funeral Home</u>	Work Phone <u>(773)555-1313</u>			Employer's Address <u>24 William Williamson Rd.</u>				Length of Employment <u>7 Years</u>		Occupation <u>Undertaker</u>			

IF YOU OWN MORE THAN 3 VEHICLES USE AN ADDITIONAL CARD

Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	VIN (if available)
1992	<u>Chevy Caprice</u>	<u>Station Wagon</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>YOM-666</u>	
1995	<u>Ford</u>	<u>Mustang GT</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>EMP-507</u>	
Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	VIN (if available)

Individual Statement

Date of Incident <u>11/23/00</u>	Time of Incident <u>12:01am</u>	Please describe your whereabouts on the date and time of the incident.	
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I was at Lees Funeral Home at midnight on November 23rd. This years flu killed several of the towns elderly and we were having 3 funerals the next day, so I was working late preparing bodies.

I went into this business because the people who prepared Grandmothers body did a horrid job. I wanted to spare peoples loved ones from seeing what we saw.

Individuals who can confirm your whereabouts at the date and time of the incident.

Name <u>I was working alone at the time</u>	Relationship	Phone Number	Home Address	Notes
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DEPARTMENT USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE

Signature of Person Receiving <u>Dt. R.D Bradbury</u>	Agency Name & Address <u>Lansbury PD 4 Main St., Lansbury, IL</u>	Agency Telephone Number <u>(773)555-123</u>
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LANSBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT **PERSON OF INTEREST**



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Last Name <u>Christoff</u>				First Name <u>Alfred</u>				Middle Name <u>Hector</u>					
Alias / Maiden Name / Nickname / Prior Names <u>Hitch</u>													
Home Address <u>17 Vertigo Lane</u>								Apartment		City <u>Lansbury</u>		State <u>IL</u>	Zip Code <u>60397</u>
Home Phone <u>(773) 555-9876</u>				Driver's License/ID Number <u>CB23-0084-8230</u>				State <u>IL</u>		Marital Status <u>Single</u>			
Date of Birth <u>8/13/1958</u>	Age <u>42</u>	Sex <u>M</u>	Race <u>W</u>	Ethnicity <u>C</u>	Height <u>5'6"</u>	Weight <u>187</u>	Hair <u>Bald</u>	Eye <u>Brown</u>	Shoe Size <u>8</u>	Dominant Hand <u>Right</u>	Disability? <u>N/Of</u>	Place of Birth <u>Chicago, IL</u>	
Scars / Marks - Tattoos <u>V-shaped scar, left hand</u>				Prior Military Experience <u>No</u>				Martial Arts / Combat Experience <u>Wrestling</u>				Do you own a firearm? <u>Yes</u>	
Prior Arrests? <u>No</u>				Prior Felonies <u>No</u>				Outstanding Warrants <u>No</u>				Currently Under Investigation? <u>No</u>	
Employer <u>The Brenner Zoo</u>	Work Phone <u>(773) 555-4926</u>			Employer's Address <u>367 Daniel St, Lansbury, IL</u>				Length of Employment <u>12 Years</u>			Occupation <u>Ornithologist</u>		

IF YOU OWN MORE THAN 3 VEHICLES USE AN ADDITIONAL CARD

Year <u>1963</u>	Make <u>Ford</u>	Model <u>Thunderbird</u>	Color <u>Black</u>	License Plate <u>TRH-429</u>	VIN (if available)
Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	VIN (if available)
Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate	VIN (if available)

Individual Statement

Date of Incident <u>11/23/00</u>	Time of Incident <u>12:01am</u>	Please describe your whereabouts on the date and time of the incident.	
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At midnight on November 23rd, I was fast asleep and probably dreaming about the new Bourke's Parrot we just got in at the zoo.

I have a habit of always dreaming about the zoo's new bird species the night after they arrive.

Also, I haven't been to grandmother's cottage in years.

Individuals who can confirm your whereabouts at the date and time of the incident.

Name —	Relationship	Phone Number	Home Address	Notes
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Signature of Person Receiving <u>Dt. R.D Bradbury</u>	Agency Name & Address <u>Lansbury PD 4 Main St., Lansbury, IL</u>	Agency Telephone Number <u>(773) 555-123</u>
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LANSBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT **PERSON OF INTEREST**



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Last Name Chesterson				First Name Gina						Middle Name Kathleen			
Alias / Maiden Name / Nickname / Prior Names Gina Christoff													
Home Address 9t Brown Rd.							Apartment			City Lansbury		State IL	Zip Code 60397
Home Phone (773) 555-2988				Driver's License/ID Number C-236-2915-6653					State IL	Marital Status Divorced			
Date of Birth 2/22/1966	Age 34	Sex F	Race W	Ethnicity C	Height 5' 8"	Weight 140	Hair Brown	Eye Brown	Shoe Size 7	Dominant Hand Right	Disability? No	Place of Birth Chicago, IL	
Scars - Marks - Tattoos Birthmark on neck				Prior Military Experience No				Martial Arts/Combat Experience No				Do you own a firearm? No	
Prior Arrests? No				Prior Felonies No				Outstanding Warrants No				Currently Under Investigation? No	
Employer Lansbury High School	Work Phone (773) 555-1691	Employer's Address 248 Harper Street, Lansbury, IL						Length of Employment 6 Years			Occupation English Teacher		
IF YOU OWN MORE THAN 3 VEHICLES USE AN ADDITIONAL CARD													
Year 1997	Make GMC	Model Silvers	Color Red	License Plate LMP-322			VIN (if available)						
Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate			VIN (if available)						
Year	Make	Model	Color	License Plate			VIN (if available)						
Individual Statement													
Date of Incident 11/23/00	Time of Incident 12:01am	Please describe your whereabouts on the date and time of the incident.											

At midnight, on the night in question, I was still up correcting my students' papers for my short stories class. Of course they all know who Ms. Chesterson's grandmother was, so they try their best to impress me by writing murder mysteries.

However, most of their stories are so bad they just end up killing their grades instead.

Individuals who can confirm your whereabouts at the date and time of the incident.

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Signature of Person Receiving Det. R.D. Bradbury	Agency Name & Address Lansbury PD 4 Main St., Lansbury, IL	Agency Telephone Number (773) 555-123
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