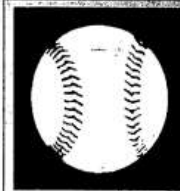




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Psychic asked to solve Keys murder case

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Monroe County sheriff's detectives have turned to the aid of the unknown to help them solve a four-year-old murder case.

They've turned to a psychic, and they've turned to television to help find 20-year-old Lisa Sanders' killer.

"It was a new experience for me," Detective Jay Glover said of the psychic. "But we're not close-minded to anything. We'll do whatever it takes."

The psychic, Noreen Renier, is billed as an expert in helping po-

lice track killers and missing persons. Her work has reportedly earned the backing of law enforcement agencies across the country, including the unofficial support of FBI agents.

According to Detective Glover, he contacted Renier about the same time producers from the Fox Television show "Sightings" called her about doing a segment for them.

Renier suggested featuring her work on the Sanders case, and the producers agreed.

The crew was in the Keys earlier this month and returned this

□ Monroe County sheriff's detectives have turned to a psychic and a television show to help find the killer of Lower Keys' Lisa Sanders.

week to complete their filming for the episode, Glover said.

Sanders was found slain on No Name Key in December 1988. She had been badly beaten and

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The first meeting of the local chapter of Parents of Murdered Children, which the Sanders family helped found, is scheduled for 7 tonight at the Sugarloaf Key Fire station.

Marilyn Sanders said parents of children killed by drunk drivers are certainly included and invited.

raped.

The murder occurred sometime after Sanders disappeared from an outdoor party the night before.

It was at the urging of Sanders' parents, Marilyn and Robert Sanders of Little Torch Key that Glover got in touch with Renier.

"I can't go on with my life until I know someone has been arrested and convicted," Marilyn Sanders said.

Sanders said she learned of Renier's work through friends and for lack of a better word, "nagged" him, she said, until he was able to get permission to use the untraditional method.

Glover said he swallowed skepticism, figuring the psychic approach could only help in the in-

vestigation which has so far dead-ended.

"It's another investigative tool," he said. Glover said he knows of no other detectives in the area who have used a psychic in their cases.

Sanders said she hopes the national exposure from the television show will also help.

"I wish there was some way we could let everybody around the country know about this show. There may be somebody out there who was at the party who

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have left the Keys and might know something about what happened," she said.

In a telephone interview from her Orlando office, Renier explained her procedure.

For the most part, visiting the crime scene is unfruitful, she said.

She works by examining an item taken from the victim's body, preferably something made of metal. She then becomes the killer at the time of the incident, describing details of the crime.

She said her reliability is proven by her growing popularity among law enforcement agencies. They're her only customers, and she only works on such cases only when they ask her, not at the urging of victim's families.

"I would have to blow it once or twice real bad and my career would be over," she said.

Renier's work on the Sanders case was paid for by the Fox Television producers.

Among her advocates is Robert Ressler, formerly with the FBI's behavioral science unit, featured in the film "Silence of the Lambs."

Ressler, who now runs his own private consulting company called Forensic Behavioral Ser-

vices, said he used to bring Renier to the FBI Academy to lecture on psychic phenomena in law enforcement.

Though the federal agency won't officially condone the use of such methods, agents learned to rely on her "behind the scenes," he said.

He said he wasn't a believer until she predicted the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan three months — down to the date — before it occurred during a lecture at the academy.

He didn't report it to the Secret Service, who fumed when they later learned of the advance warning.

As for the Sanders case, Glover said Renier did a remarkable job of describing the crime scene and Sanders' wounds.

"She gave me some things. I won't call them leads, but they're things to look into."

The "Sightings" episode with the Sanders segment is scheduled to air 9 p.m. April 30, after the show "America's Most Wanted." In the Keys, the Fox station is channel 7.

News Editor John Guerra contributed to this story.

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