

I must admit it has been a long time since I have seen such a "dog and pony show" as that which I witnessed last night on the Nancy Grace program.

I know that when they called Jim Rothstein to be on the show, they said "do you think Noreen would still come on the show if we called her." Jim told said "no, she wouldn't." I declined to do this show based on previous shows I had viewed by Nancy Grace, she is a very caustic, angry and bitter woman who attacks most all of her guests for no apparent reason. I have worked too hard for nearly 30 years to jeopardize this case by doing a TV show such as Nancy Grace.

In their attempt to tell Johnny Gosch's story they failed in so many areas and left the viewing audience with half truths or is that half lies?

I find impossible to believe that the West Des Moines Police would have given the "entire case file on Johnny's case" to CNN to read. Yet the show host stated " the police did a lot on this case because I have read the entire file." The West Des Moines Police would have only sent "what they wanted the show to see".

As they talked about Paul Bonacci, discrediting him. They failed to mention that in court in February 1999, Federal Judge Urbom asked Bonacci to tell all the details of the Johnny Gosch kidnapping. Bonacci did so.... at the end of the proceedings, Judge Urbom ruled that "PAUL BONACCI WAS TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE JOHNNY GOSCH KIDNAPPING."

Yet as the show continued the host stated "Police have never been able to confirm that Bonacci was involved in Johnny's kidnapping." THE WEST DES MOINES POLICE DID NOT EVER QUESTION PAUL BONACCI ABOUT THE JOHNNY GOSCH KIDNAPPING, SO HOW COULD THEY PROVE OR DISPROVE ANYTHING. They failed to report that Bonacci had not been questioned.

The phone calls which came to our home, again the show host failed to tell the audience that there was another person at my home and took the calls with me (we had two phones). They also knew Johnny and his voice. Yet the show host delighted in saying that I "imagined it." Good lord I have seen better drama at a high school play.

The show was aimed at one goal to attack and try to discredit me. Jim Rothstein did an amazing job of voicing the facts on the case when they allowed him enough air time to do so. It is very clear that the staff on the show as well as Nancy Grace herself are not well versed in this type of kidnapping. Nor did they take into account that there are two other unsolved kidnappings in Des Moines.... Eugene Martin and Marc Allen.

Now for your panel of so called experts. What a joke. Who was that bird that stated "there are so many runaway's that there is no need to kidnap kids" or words to that effect???? If that were true then why are there so many kidnapped children and why would there be a need for Nancy Grace to be doing shows on this subject? Seems like an "oxy moron" to me .... Heavy on the MORON.

The psychologist appeared to be "in the bag" on the show. Interesting that she seems capable of diagnosing a person whom she has never met. I laughed out loud when I heard her say that "Noreen had suffered depression and wanted to believe all these things happened." I have never suffered from any condition at all. I could see from the beginning how this case was being handled so someone had to do something and it was me. I started the private investigation by hiring a P.I. within a few short weeks after the kidnapping and the rest is history.

When I told the police chief I was going to hire a P.I., he began yelling and screaming telling me I was not allowed to hire anyone. The police chief had a great deal to hide. When the private detectives started on the job the first day. The WDMPD arrested them in an act of protest. Unbelievable the things this police chief did to try and stop my private investigation. However, none of that saw air time last night did it? The former police chief was relieved of his duties several months after Johnny's kidnapping.

The police chief had a history of being drunk on the job and prior to Johnny's kidnapping, 21 of his own staff filed a protest against him. So this was not a smooth operating police department at the time of Johnny's kidnapping. He had been under investigation prior to Sept. 5th, 1982, when Johnny was kidnapped.

During the period of time before the Franklin Scandal was exposed, there were parties involving minors, attended by that police chief. No wonder he was trying to stop Johnny's investigation. Shortly after he left office, he was arrested at Target for shop lifting a number of items. There were big headlines in the newspaper here following that arrest.

As Jim Rothstein stated on the show " he based his statements on experience." However, each time Jim stated the facts that actually happened, they quickly changed to the next subject of attack against me. I doubt that any of the so called panel of experts ever worked on a kidnapping case, except for Mark Klaas, whose daughter was kidnapped and murdered. I wonder if Mark Klaas was the guest on the show if he would have been treated in the same accusatory manner. Johnny's case is very different than most other cases.

When the current police chief took office, he came from the Omaha Police Dept., he called a meeting of all his detectives. He told them "none of you are allowed to help Noreen Gosch resolve Johnny's case.... I don't care if she runs out of resources, moves or dies. And I don't care which comes first.... this case goes no farther." This information was given to me by one of his own men.

Johnny's Mom