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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COLD CASE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

Dear Investigator,

You did it! Somehow you managed to solve two murders and uncover one of the largest unsolved counterfeiting operations in the history of the United States Treasury! And you saved my department!

After you alerted us that both of Veronica's ten dollar bills had identical serial numbers matching Ed Hamilton's anniversary date, we brought his son in for questioning. He provided a complete statement detailing his father's deathbed confessions to counterfeiting and the other horrible acts he and Sheriff Shepherd committed.

Justice for Veronica has been a long time coming. It's hard to imagine what it must have been like for her. Despite the danger, her courage to go after those men is truly inspiring to me. In doing so, Veronica gave her life and the truth would have remained buried with her if you hadn't uncovered it.

Your detective skills have even altered the landscape of the local Robin Falls community.

Back in 1953, Robin Falls Park was renamed Hamilton Park after Edward Hamilton, who had become a notable philanthropist and was voted mayor of Robin Falls in 1949. A statue of his likeness was even erected in the park. I'm happy to say the town council unanimously voted to take down his statue and erect a new one in the likeness of Veronica Falcone. They've even renamed it the Veronica Falcone Memorial Park.

The case made national news and brought a lot of positive publicity to our unit. My superiors eagerly agreed to keep us up and running for several more years and numerous veterans have donated generously to our unit. We're even in talks with a Hollywood production company that wants to make a movie about the case.

At the dedication ceremony for Veronica Falcone Memorial Park, Special Agents Jordan O'Donnell, Taylor Belanger, Casey Woods and I managed to snap a picture in front of Veronica's new statue. I wish you could've joined us, considering our unit wouldn't even exist anymore without you. We're hiring new agents by the way, I think you'd be a shoe-in for the position.

Thank you for bringing justice to the amazing Veronica Falcone and for saving my family's good name. And thank you for redeeming the Connecticut Cold Case Criminal Investigation Unit! Your work today will result in countless other cold case murderers being brought to justice.

Your friend and admirer,

Special Agent Morgan Cantori



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WITNESS STATEMENT FORM

Full Name: Edward Hamilton Jr.

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Address: 47 Jaybird St. Robin Falls, Connecticut

I make the statement below 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 false statements or reports pursuant to a police investigation is a criminal offense under CT 730.411f.

To Whom it May Concern,

What I am about to reveal to you were my father's dying words to me. Once the officers started asking about my father counterfeiting money, I figured I should come forward with everything I knew. I should've done this years ago, but I just couldn't do it to my mother. Maybe you would've done the same in my situation.

On the night of August 26th, 1947, my father shot and killed Veronica Falcone. He and Samuel Shepherd buried her body and threw her motorcycle into Jackson Ravine.

Then they set it up to look like Joey Caruso murdered her and they staged his jailhouse suicide and confession.

My father explained to me that he never intended any harm. A small plan to make a few bucks got out of control and he did what he needed to protect his family. I'm not sure how I feel about it, but this is his story.

My father and Samuel Shepherd were using the printing press at the Observer to counterfeit ten dollar bills.

Of course my mother and I didn't know. We were told the two went fishing one day and reeled a bag out of Daly Pond stuffed with twenty thousand \$10 bills. In retrospect, it was quite odd since they'd never been fishing before or after that one time and we were all instructed to keep it a secret.

In any event, they knew Veronica Falcone was onto their counterfeiting so they left a threatening note in her mailbox. It didn't seem to have any effect so they decided to halt operations after one more night of printing until they could figure a way to drive her out of town. But they were a day late and a dollar short.

It was around 10:30 on the night she went missing. My father and Sam had been printing bills on the presses when my father remembered he needed to set a trap at our house for a raccoon he'd promised my mother he would catch before we came home from Maine the next day.

When my father returned from our house, he spotted Veronica Falcone's motorcycle in front of Fletcher's Family Restaurant. Knowing she must've been snooping around, he parked his car down the street and crept down the road toward the paper. From a distance he could make out her figure crouched down in front of the basement window where the printing presses were. He knew she was on to them.

Signature: Edward Hamilton, Jr.

Officer: Morgan Cantore



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My father never carried a gun but apparently Sam armed him with one when they started counterfeiting. He swore he had no intention of using it that night when he pulled it out of the glovebox. He was only going to threaten her. But as he crept closer and saw she was about to take a picture of their operation, he panicked and the next thing he knew she was dead.

My father and Sheriff Shepherd put the gun, the red note and a few other incriminating items into a bag and buried it with her body behind Fletcher's Family Restaurant.

It was Sam's idea to drop her motorcycle into the ravine. Not sure where he got that idea. They loaded it into the back of Sam's truck and drove it out to Fall View Road where they sent it down over the cliff. They assumed no one would find it for months and could blame the missing body on wildlife in the area by that time.

But they ran into a complication when Veronica's boyfriend, Joey Caruso, started telling everyone Veronica had been investigating something big in town and he'd seen the threatening note they left in her mailbox.

So he and Sam decided to set Caruso up. He reported that he had worked on her brakes just before she went missing, so they climbed down into the ravine late one night and severed the brake cable.

Sheriff Shepherd assured my father that it'd be an open and shut case and the whole problem would go away, but when my father found himself one of the prime suspects in the murder he became more and more afraid of getting caught. My father convinced the Sheriff they had one more dirty deed to perform in order to put it all behind them.

The night Joey Caruso was brought in for murdering Veronica Falcone, Sam knocked him out and together they hung him from the rafters. My father wrote "I KILLED HER!" on the wall of the jail cell, and said he couldn't stomach to write anything again after that night. He went into early retirement from the paper and started donating large sums of money to worthy causes, perhaps out of guilt.

As a final note, Sam had been dead for years when my father confessed all this to me. His family knew nothing of this either. I've been heavily burdened carrying this all around with me for so long, but now at least it's all out in the open. May God grant Sam's children the strength to get through this. They adored him.

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