



JOEY
CARUSO



PERSON OF INTEREST

CASE NUMBER: F8-08261947

ROBIN COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPT.
5 WREN RD.
ROBIN FALLS, CONN.

UNCLASSIFIED

Full Name Joseph Frances Caruso Address 105 Main Street Apt. #1 Robin Falls, Conn
 Telephone RALSTON 684Z Marital Status Widowed Religious Denomination Catholic
 Birth Date Mar 12, 1922 Place of Birth Hartford, Conn Age 25 Sex M Shoe Size 11
 Race White Height 6' Weight 180 Hair Color Black Eye Color Brown Dominant Hand Right
 Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following? (Y/N) Polio N Tuberculosis N Malaria N
 Smallpox N Typhoid Fever N Syphilis N Feeble-Mindedness N Disability None
 Employer Town Center Motors Employer Telephone RALSTON 684Z
 Employer Address 105 Main Street Robin Falls, Conn
 Occupation Manager/Mechanic Length Employed 3 years
 Are you in ownership of firearms? No Prior Arrests? None
 Prior Felonies? None Outstanding Warrants? None
 Hobbies Working on motorcycles, taking care of my daughter
 IF YOU OWN AN AUTOMOBILE, ENTER THE INFORMATION BELOW:
 Year 194Z Make & Model Dodge WD-15 Pickup Truck Color Black

Please describe your whereabouts on 8/26/1947 between the hours of 10PM and Midnight :
 The last time I saw Ronnie was at the shop. That was the night she disappeared. She brought her bike in for a tune-up because she was heading down to New York City that night. That was news to me. Said there was something important she needed to look into but wouldn't tell me what. I knew something was wrong. Then she showed me the red letter. Someone was anonymously threatening to KILL HER!

I begged her to go to the sheriff but she refused. I further begged her to at least let me help and even bring her down to New York myself but she refused that as well.

She said she didn't want to get me involved and said I was being too protective. Ronnie told me she could handle it and had it all arranged. She said she was leaving around 11:00, and would be in New York City by midnight. (More on back of paper)

Individual(s) who can confirm your whereabouts at the date and time of the incident:

Full Name	Relationship	Telephone
Address	Notes	

BY SIGNING BELOW, I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION ABOUT MYSELF AND MY WHEREABOUTS ON THE DATE AND TIME IN QUESTION ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Individual's Signature: Joey Caruso Officer's Signature: Walter Dixon
 Individual's Name: Joey Caruso Officer's Name: WALTER DIXON
 Date Signed: November 11, 1947 Officer's Department: HOMICIDE DEPARTMENT

She had reservations to stay at the Winthrop Arms Hotel that night to make sure she was well rested for her meeting at 10:00 the next morning. Then she'd come home the next day

I didn't like it at all. I drove to Ronnie's shortly after she left. I wanted to persuade her to let the police handle it as well as change her mind about going down to New York City, or at least get her to reconsider my offer to take her down.

Little did she know, I was also planning to ask her to marry me. I would've done it weeks ago, but the engagement ring I got back from Evelyn after we broke up went missing, and I really wanted to give it to Ronnie when I popped the question. It was special because it belonged to my Grandmother. Finally I decided, ring or no ring, I had to ask her. If only I'd done it weeks ago, maybe it would've changed things somehow and Ronnie would still be here.

Anyhow, I waited around till about midnight. I knew something was wrong so I went back home and called the sheriff. All he did was chuckle and told me a rough + tough war hero could more than take care of herself.

I went back to her place and spent the remainder of the night in my truck, parked in her driveway. Soon as the sun came up I looked everywhere for her. Around 7:30 am I called the operator, and was eventually able to get a hold of the hotel she was going to stay at.

They said she never checked in.

I called the sheriff again and got more of the same. If it were any other woman that went missing he'd be all over it. I know he didn't like her but his attitude was ridiculous!

Ever since then, I've spoken to just about every person in Robin Falls and nobody has seen her. Nobody has a clue what she might have been looking into or where she could be until now.



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WITNESS STATEMENT

Case Number: F8-08261947

Full Name: Carl Littlefield Telephone: RALSTON 3135

Birthdate: Apr 17, 1921 Address: 4 Wren Rd. Robin Falls, Connecticut

PLEASE WRITE YOUR STATEMENT ON THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW:

On the night Miss Veronica Falcone went missing, I overheard her and her so-called boyfriend, Joey Caruso, over at Town Center Motors getting into a heated argument. He runs the place and thinks he's all that and a side of fries. But he ain't nothing but a grease monkey with a bad temper. Looks down his nose at me because I didn't serve. I didn't ask for these bone spurs!

So anyway, I was walking past his shop, this must've been almost 10:00 pm—I was headed over to Brewsky's to have a few with some of my buds—and heard Joey yelling at Miss Falcone. Something about him not letting her go off and meet some guy in New York City? Maybe she wised up and got herself another guy. Maybe she was breaking up with him. I couldn't hear everything that was going on because a few cars went by just when the conversation was getting good, so I only heard bits and pieces, but he sounded really mad.

Shortly thereafter I saw her peel out of the shop on her bike and drove out of sight. She gave me a look that said "What are you looking at?"

I know women need to be put in their place from time to time—especially ones like that one. And I also know a man's business is his own business, but after I heard about her bike being found down over the side of the ravine with the brakes being tampered with and him being so angry at her that night, well, it seems pretty obvious to me what happened.

I make the above 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 punishable by law.

Signature: Carl Littlefield Date: Nov. 10, 1947 Officer: Walter Dixon

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DEPARTMENT



SUSPECT INTERVIEW

Case Number: F8-08261947

Interview of: Joey Caruso
Conducted by: Captain Walter Dixon

The following is a transcript of an official police interrogation of JOEY CARUSO related to Case Number F8-08261947. This interview took place at the ROBIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, 5 WREN RD. ROBIN FALLS, CONNECTICUT on NOVEMBER 11, 1947 at 9:42am.

Transcribed by: MABEL MCHENRY

CAPTAIN: Good afternoon. Please speak clearly into the microphone, and can you kindly state your full name for the record?

CARUSO: Yes. My name's Joseph Frances Caruso. But I go by Joey.

CAPTAIN: Joey, can you please describe your relationship with Miss Veronica Falcone, and also how you came to know her?

CARUSO: Ronnie was my girl. We met soon after she moved here in late July. She was beside the road, out on Fall View Road, fixing a flat on her motorcycle. I pulled over to help but she just sorta laughed and said she had it under control. We talked a while and there was really something between us, you know? So I asked if I could buy her a cola. She said no. Then smiled and said she'd buy me a beer instead. We were together ever since. Until she disappeared on August 26th.

CAPTAIN: Tell me about that night. The last time you saw Miss Falcone.

CARUSO: She came by the shop to get her bike tuned up and we talked for a while.

CAPTAIN: Sounds like it was a little more than that. A reliable witness says you and Miss Falcone had quite a fight.

CARUSO: It was just a disagreement, that's all.

CAPTAIN: And what was this disagreement about, Joey?

CARUSO: She told me she was taking her motorcycle down to New York City. There was something suspicious going on and she said she needed to go down there and verify something with someone. A lawyer or a banker, someone like that I think.

CAPTAIN: Do you know what or who this business was about?

CARUSO: She wouldn't say. But it was dangerous. She showed me a threatening note from whoever it was she was investigating. It said to back off or they'd put a 38 caliber bullet in her head.

CAPTAIN: Can you tell me anything else about this note? Any idea who it was from? Where it is?

CARUSO: She had it with her. I don't know who it was from and she refused to say. I can tell you it was written on red paper about half the size of a regular sheet of paper. I begged her to go to the police but she said she could handle it. I told her to let me help but she didn't want to get me mixed up in it.

CAPTAIN: We found a lot of stuff Joey. We found a motorcycle at the bottom of a cliff with a cut brake cable. Inside it we found Veronica's dog tags, her notes, cash, tools, cigar-cutter, a bracelet that I'm pretty sure came from you. We even found an invoice showing that you had just worked on her brakes. But you know what we didn't find?

CARUSO: Yeah. You didn't find her.

CAPTAIN: A red note Joey. There's no red notes anywhere. We searched her house. Everywhere. And you and I both know what would happen to a body left alone down there for three months. But I have a witness who overheard you and Miss Falcone getting into a heated argument at your shop. Right after you worked on her motorcycle. Right before she disappeared.

CARUSO: Your witness misunderstood. I was definitely riled up, for sure. It made me crazy that she thought she was invincible and didn't need anyone to look out for her. But I wasn't jealous or angry. I love her and was afraid of losing her. I wanted to protect her.

CAPTAIN: Sounds like you were the only thing Miss Falcone needed protection from. Tell me, did you tamper with the brakes just to make it impossible for her to ride down to New York and meet that guy? Or did you actually mean to kill her? Show her once and for all that she wasn't invincible.

CARUSO: I loved Ronnie more than life itself! I would never have done anything like that!

CAPTAIN: Uh huh. At the time you met Miss Falcone, you were engaged to be married to someone else. A Miss Evelyn Churchill, is that correct? In fact, wasn't the wedding just a few days away?

CARUSO: Yeah that's right, and I know it's hard to understand. I thought everything was going pretty good with Evelyn and she was fond of my daughter. But I don't know, something was missing. Once I met Ronnie I saw things so clearly. Evelyn wanted to make changes for me and for my daughter that just weren't us, you know? I finally saw how different we were and well, once I met Ronnie I knew she was the one for me. We really got each other, you know? It all happened so fast but I could only see my future with her. So I broke it off with Evelyn.

CAPTAIN: So in other words, if something better comes along then a woman's dispensable? Even if you're practically already walking down the aisle?

CARUSO: What? No. It's nothing like that. I just realized it would never work with Evelyn, and Ronnie was like no one I'd ever met. I had to end it. It wouldn't have been fair to any of us if I hadn't. I had so much respect for Ronnie and what she'd done for our country. She had real substance, you know? I could talk to her about the war because I'd served too. 778th Tank Battalion. Evelyn's biggest concerns were fashion, looking pretty, and reading romance novels.

CAPTAIN: Well, you gotta admit it's a little odd that this work order from Town Center Motors says you just replaced the brake line on her motorcycle and the next thing you know, that same motorcycle's at the bottom of the ravine with the brakes cut. Just enough to snap at the wrong moment.

CARUSO: Look, I already told you what happened, Captain. You're on the wrong trail with me. Seemed like the whole town had it in for Ronnie right from the beginning. Men didn't like how she challenged them and women were jealous of her. All I wanted to do was keep her safe!

CAPTAIN: Keep her safe, huh? Sounds like you just wanted to control her! And when you found you couldn't do that you killed her! Your way of controlling her once and for all!

CARUSO: I'd never hurt Ronnie! I loved her and was going to ask her to marry me! If she'd just listened to me none of this would've happened!

CAPTAIN: You mean if she'd just listened and let you control her, you never would've had to kill her!

CARUSO: No that's not what I meant! You're putting words in my mouth!

CAPTAIN: I think we're done here. For now. I have to talk to a few other suspects so I can wrap up this investigation. You better put the brakes on leaving town, Joey. It doesn't look good for you right now. I'll be in touch.

TOWN CENTER MOTORS

Automobile and Motorcycle Repair Services
105 Main St. Robin Falls, Connecticut

WORK ORDER NUMBER & DATE:	#2047 August 26, 1947
VEHICLE YEAR, MAKE, & MODEL:	1939 BMW R71
MILEAGE:	1867.3

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name:	Veronica Falcone
Address:	101 Spyglass Ln. Robin Falls, Connecticut
Res. Phone:	RALSTON 8590

QUANT.	PART	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1	Acme Chrome Tailpipe 43	Replaced damaged pipe with new one	\$no charge
1	HD Brake Line 382	Replace worn brake cable with new one	\$no charge
1	NA	Performed general tune-up	\$no charge
1	NA	Wash/wax	\$no charge
1	Veedol Prem. Oil	Change oil	\$no charge

TOTAL:

\$no charge

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Removed old tailpipe, replaced with new chrome tailpipe. Replaced worn brake cable with new one. Changed oil, general tune-up, wash and wax. Also gave customer new patch kit. All on the house.

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID: \$0.00

Veronica Falcone
SIGNATURE (CUSTOMER)

Joey Caruso
SIGNATURE (MECHANIC)