

[Transcript] Crime Junkie / MISSING: Allison and Marie-Josée Benitez

Hi, Crime Junkies. I'm your host, Ashley Flowers.
And I'm Britt.
And quick disclaimer today,
we have a story out of France,
and I will tell you that all of our sources,
all the source material are in French that we had to translate.
So you're not going to hear them sighted within the episode,
but as always, we're going to link out to them in the show notes.
Otherwise, I don't think you would even hear the episode.
They're so long and so complicated,
unless we never forget Jacqueses.
Jacqueses, French is not our strong suit, folks.
No, no.
Just come say it now.
But I didn't want that to stop us from telling this story,
because it's an important one that I want you to hear.
It's about secrets, the price we pay to have them
and the price we pay to keep them.
This is the story of Allison and Marie-José Benitez.
It's a summer evening in 2000.
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It's a summer evening in 2013.
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And Cindy Philippiak, an organizer for the regional
French beauty pageant Miss Roussillon,
is a little concerned
when she doesn't see 19-year-old Alison Benitez
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A former winner herself, Cindy,
knows how committed her girls are to the contest,
which is less than a month away now.

And this pageant is a big deal.
The winner will compete for the title of Miss Frantz.
And Alison is one of Cindy's
fiercest competitors,
so Cindy can't help but notice her absence,
especially since Alison
had checked in the day before
to confirm what time they were meeting that day.
As the minutes tick by
and there's still no sign of her,
even the other contestants start to worry.
And I mean, they've all been preparing
for this thing for months,
and yeah, they're competitors,
but they've also become friends.
Alison would not be a no-show,
not to this.
Even if she was just going to be like 5 or 10 minutes late,
she would have reached out.
And she easily could reach out,
because she's a teenager, you know?
I mean, her cell phone is practically attached to her body.
Okay, but she's a teenager.
Cell phone fixation or not?
Teenagers aren't really known
to be the most reliable humans on the planet
or the most punctual.
True, but this is an important day,
like I said. I mean, honestly, at this point,
every day is an important day.
It's already the middle of July,
and the pageant is coming up on August 11th.
And not only that,
but everyone knows that Alison's mom, Marie José,
is nearly as excited for the pageant
as Alison is.
Because, duh, pageant moms are like
an elite class.
And they haven't heard from either of them,
so it's not just Alison, it's her mom, too.
However,
even though this seems like
an important time that they would never ever miss,
not everyone knows

every part of your life, right?
I mean, we see a fraction
of the real day-to-day
that people go through,
often a fraction of who they really are
as a whole.
So everyone there might not have known
that Marie José had taken off
out of the blue before.
In fact, that's actually
what her oldest daughter, Lydia, thinks
is going on at this very moment.
You see, she had gotten a text
from her mom the evening before,
and the Google translation of that quote
says,
I made a difficult decision, but it's better this way.
I'm going to to lose with Alison.
I love you, call dad.
And she met her step-dad, Francisco,
who had been in her life since she was like
eleven, like her dad.
Yeah, so Francisco is Lydia's step-dad
and Alison's
biological father? Right.
Now, this text might be weird to some
and it is definitely a little
vague, but Lydia has seen her mom
just take off before.
Just a few weeks ago, she had taken off for four days
and before that, she'd taken off
for as many as ten days at a time.
But most of this taking off
had been happening since
she and Francisco separated around two years ago.
So Lydia thinks
she does this maybe to keep Francisco
on his toes.
Also, they all still live together.
So I get wanting some
space.
Space at the very least.
I'd ever be home by choice, to be honest.
I know. It's a complicated setup.

She's actually going to be moving out in just a couple of months and Alison is going to go with her because they're super tight and Francisco had even agreed to pay for the new place, which he could afford because he is this, like, he has a super successful job basically in the French foreign legion, which is a branch of the French army. So it makes sense that he'll be helping them out financially. But until then, another last-minute trip doesn't seem all that unexpected.

And everyone knows how close Alison is with her mom, so it makes sense that they'd be together, even maybe with all of this pageant stuff going on. So when she kind of pieced out before had Alison gone with her, would that be pretty common for them to both kind of go away together? So that is a good question and something that I actually wondered, but none of the source material I have says one way or another, like if she had gone before, if this was the first time. But still, whatever the situation was, this time, her going with her didn't seem out of the ordinary. Like I said, the two of them were super close. It's a level I can only hope to attain with Josie. Like, Alison's social media pages are filled with her mom writing these wonderful things for her daughter to, you know, just how much she loves her, how proud she is. And then Alison writes back saying she's proud of her mom. She even calls her Mamounette de More. And I think it roughly translates to Mommy of Love or Mommy My Love, which is now going to be the next word I teach Josie, like F English, it's whole lame. But that still doesn't explain why Alison

wouldn't have mentioned this trip to anyone from the pageant.

That is fair. You're right. It doesn't.

So does Lydia know that they're missing all of this? I kind of feel like we have two groups of people here who are aware that they're missing, but in completely different circumstances.

Well, that's the thing.

Lydia lives in Bezier, which is about an hour north of Perpignan where her family is.

And I mean, she's like a fully grown adult with her own life, you know, so I don't think she, when you say they all know she's missing, I don't think she considers them missing. And she's not super keyed into Alison's day to day pageant schedule.

The whole prep meeting, no show, no call, whatever thing. I don't even think that's on her radar.

So in relation to those locations, where's to lose exactly where they said they were going?

Well, part of these beautiful pictures I endlessly got lost in, it is this gorgeous city a little under three hours away by car.

Oh, that's not a running away forever trip. That's like a hop, skip, and a jump, even a day or a weekend kind of thing. That's me driving to your house.

Yeah, and especially because Europe has amazing public transport. You could, you know, take the train, no big deal. Okay, so it's not too far, beautiful,

all great, but why to lose? Well, they both love that area to the point where they've talked about getting jobs there.

So even though they don't have family or anything there that's like a real solid connection, the more Lydia moles it over, the more kind of makes sense that that's

where they would take off to for some kind of trip or more or whatever. Oh, yeah, jobs there sounds like moving there. So it sounds like maybe Lydia's not thinking this is just a little weekend trip. She's thinking they could have like left left. Well, still not at this point. I don't think so. I think maybe she's thinking they decided to visit before pulling the trigger on a really big move, especially again, if they needed a break. And actually, I say that thinking she knows things came to a head between her mom and her stepdad. So she thinks that this was the outcome of that. Oh, the outcome of what? Well, apparently Allison had found private messages between Francisco and a woman in Barcelona, like romantic messages. Oh, when she confronted him, Francisco tried to reassure her that it was no big deal, but he had confided in Lydia that he was in love big time. I guess I don't get it. What's the big deal then if they've been separated for two years and she and Allison are moving out? Well, I'm kind of spitballing here, but I think it could be a couple of things. I mean, they've been separated for two years, but like I said, they're just now making the move to live apart. So maybe it wasn't all that clean of a break, you know, it's totally possible that the intention was to try and work on things during the separation or maybe they just agreed not to see other people while they were still under the same roof just out of respect for one another. I don't know, but either way Lydia doesn't worry when she gets that text message on July 14th

because she has all this back history
and she doesn't worry on July 15th
or 16th when she doesn't
hear any updates.

But eventually she does try to call
and to text
and these new communications aren't
getting any kind of response
not from her mom or her
sister and the same can be
said for Lydia's other sister, Roxanne.

In fact, she
didn't even know they were
traveling or off the radar
but eventually both sisters check
Allison's social media and they find
that her pages have gone
dark. And like you said earlier
she's a teenager
teenagers don't go dark on
social media at least not by choice.

Right.

And I assume they've reached out to Francisco by now
what's his read on the whole situation
is he worried? Isn't that the question?

I mean

it seems like no because he says
that him and his estranged wife had gotten into
an argument about bills
and she told him the same thing that she had
texted Lydia that she and Allison were going to go to
to lose. They'd even
packed up a suitcase or two on their way out.

But

by July 22nd Francisco's
changing his tune a bit.

By this time he's worried enough
to actually make a visit to the police
department although he doesn't
stay long or accomplish
much. Like he's not even there longer than 10 minutes
and based on what I could gather
police aren't too interested in
taking a report at this time because

I mean both women are adults.
But again how hard did he
really try? He's only there for 10
minutes max? Well yeah
but we also don't know how hard the cops are pushing
back saying they weren't going to file a report
but maybe he kind of saw it as
like I'm never going to get anywhere with this anyway
yeah I'm going to spend my time elsewhere.
Maybe. But trip or no trip
by July 25th
11 full days of no one
hearing a word from
either woman Lydia
drags Francisco to the police
station again.
She makes sure a report gets filed
this time around and like
right off the bat
when police start looking into things
they notice some
inconsistencies.
One of those inconsistencies
was about how worried
Francisco was and when
like Francisco tells them that he
was worried right away basically
from the 15th on
says he even tried to search for them on his
own which I'm pretty
sure is news to Lydia
and then Allison's best friend comes forward
and tells investigators that he'd
stop by their apartment looking
for Allison on either the 16th
or 17th. So again
after he says he's worried and looking for them
and when this friend stops by
Francisco had told him not
to worry because they're in to lose
they turned off their phones everything's probably
fine. So he's all
worried and searching on the 15th but
he's telling this kid the very

next day or so that nothing's wrong
and he knows exactly where they are. Yeah and obviously
both can't be true
right and at the same time
investigators are figuring out
some other concerning things
like not only have neither
of the women use their phones
since the 14th
and there's no sign of them on the internet
or social media but they also
haven't touched their bank accounts
they're traveling
without spending
a single dollar doesn't add up right
and the whole idea of them traveling
actually doesn't make much sense
either because the family car is
with Francisco
and neither woman have licenses
anyway. When investigators
check the CCTV footage at the train station
they're not on it
there isn't any record of them
taking any form of public
transportation to to lose
or anywhere. Ashley
what are you talking about it all makes sense of course
they haven't spent anybody traveling these
two must have freaking walked to to lose
I mean honestly it's the only
option that makes Francisco's story
make sense nothing is adding
up and at the end of July
investigators put out a national broadcast
asking the public for help
finding the women
and right away a few tips do
filter in possible sightings
of both of them I think
but investigators initial hopes are dashed
when they turn out to be false leads
so on August 1st
they finally turn their attention

to the family apartment for
a search. Forensic texts
comb through the place for like
five hours wait wait
wait I've been stuck on this
it took till August
1st to look at the apartment
yes so
they go missing on the 15th
we think and Francisco
is just being in the
apartment hanging out being
worried then suddenly not being worried
being worried again for
over two weeks before investigators
even take a look at the place
yeah you're not yes there is this
huge gap where
they're not taking a look around
at all and
I know it sounds
suspicious or it sounds like
time was lost but I don't know
if it mattered that they waited
because as far as like
evidence of a crime scene goes
when they do this like five hour long search
two weeks later they don't find any evidence
of foul play
okay but to me that's all the more reason
it does matter I mean saying
nothing's there now again 18
freaking days later
does not mean there was always
nothing there yeah and you're right and listen
what they're saying isn't that they're not saying all
all good here nothing happened here
okay really what they're saying is that they
haven't ruled anything in or out
or any one in or out
I mean they're still open to the possibility
of a voluntary disappearance
but they are still
considering some form of foul play

by August
4th Francisco seems like
he is just crumbling
which becomes super clear
when a video of him is posted online
that day and
just an FYI I'm a little
unclear whether Francisco himself posted
this video or whether it was shared with
the media outlet that then posted it
but either way in it
he's speaking directly to the camera
openly weeping
I'm actually going to play a little bit of the clip
for all of you and obviously
most of us won't be able to understand
the words he's saying but I want you
it's more the emotion I want you to get
because he is clearly distressed
and in the video
he is like declaring his unconditional
love for his daughter
and says that he's hoping for the safe return
of both his daughter and his wife
and he also refers
to all of the pressure that he's under
saying that despite his best efforts to hold on
he's on the verge of exploding
falling apart is exactly
the right term to use
and
he never puts himself back together
because on the morning of August 5th
the very next day
his warrant officer where he works
binds Francisco's body
in the barracks
he died by suicide
between the hours of
5 a.m. and 7 a.m. that Monday
and with this
discovery the video
from the day before
starts seeming

like something of a suicide note
yeah especially
like you said with the translation of it being
like on the verge of exploding
trying to hold himself together
saying how much he loves his daughter
it's heavy stuff
and it also introduces some troubling questions
like yeah it seemed like
he was being sincere in his video
and I do I think he was being
sincere but the question becomes
sincere about what?
Sincerely devastated about the disappearance
of his wife and daughter
or sincerely guilt-stricken
by the knowledge of how they disappeared
and this is really
when investigators change their tune
publicly
whatever discretion they've been exercising
up to this point regarding their suspicions
of Francisco
it's pretty quickly set aside
at a press conference that same day
the deputy prosecutor acknowledges
that the women probably aren't alive
and he indicates
that the chances of any sort of
voluntary disappearance on their part
are rapidly diminishing
and he goes even further
acknowledging that it's quote
difficult to accuse a dead person
but he's also doing little to hide
the fact that that's what he's doing
now that Francisco's gone
basically their only real possible witness
to the women's disappearances
investigators decide to seize
cell phone and laptop as well
as to take another look at the family's apartment
while those items are being analyzed
they also establish a national

tip line because they're having a really hard time finding witnesses who can either confirm or dispute elements of Francisco's story and I think that's in part just due to the time of year it is because July and August are the months that a lot of French people go on extended vacation so a lot of people who live in this area are out of town while all of this is going down I got to say Europeans are onto something with the whole month-long vacation thing listen I want to want that so badly and you know this but I'm quite literally allergic to vacation so true I might actually be like taken out by the plague if I was to go out that long yeah that'd be dangerous for you agreed anyway even with France being in its peak season at this point investigators eventually track down some neighbors of the family who confirm overhearing frequent arguments coming from their apartment but which we kind of already knew right I mean we know they were separated Francisco even said that they left after an argument that they'd had right that's true this really isn't new information although it does tend to support the conclusions that investigators are already reaching and the next tip that they get makes them certain that they're on the right track because it turns out this isn't the first time a woman closely associated with Francisco has disappeared under highly suspicious circumstances they get this tip from a man named Claude but really Claude is calling on behalf of his four teenage

kids who he had had
with a woman named Simone de Oliveira
Alves because when
Francisco's face flashed across their
television Claude and Simone's
kids couldn't believe what they were
seeing or rather they couldn't believe
who they were seeing you see
and back in 2004
nearly a decade before
Alison and Marie José went missing
40-something year old Francisco
had been stationed in the French city of
Nîmes and although he was
very much married at the
time and a father to
Alison who was around 10 years old
he insisted to Simone
this 28 year old Brazilian
mother of four that he was
single and childless and
having no reason to disbelieve him
Simone and Francisco began this passionate
affair and things got
kind of serious
serious enough that she introduced him
to her kids and based on what
they tell investigators he hadn't just
met them he practically
acted as a stepfather
to them for months
right up until the day
their mother vanished without a trace
according to Simone's sister
it was when Simone found out
about his whole other family
that she disappeared
and not just that
again according to the sister Simone
might have even been pregnant
and it's not like no one noticed
when she went missing back then I mean she had four
kids so authorities opened an
investigation into her disappearance

but it doesn't seem like it got very far before it went cold all investigators were really able to determine was that Simone and Francisco had gotten into some kind of argument and on the evening of November 29, 2004 she had texted him to say that she was leaving and she wasn't coming back and then poof she was gone so this guy didn't even come up with a new story she texted him I mean it worked pretty well the first time because investigators got nowhere either they thought she really left or maybe they had suspicions that they couldn't prove I don't know basically a couple of years after her disappearance her case had pretty much been abandoned no one was digging into it but now in 2013 another woman connected to Francisco has sent this big text that she's leaving and basically has fallen off the face of the earth then he takes his own life just as police are starting to like squeeze on him so yeah maybe it's time to reopen that 2004 case and they do now it's also around this time that they get results back from Francisco's electronics and right away they're pretty interested in a call he made just prior to ending his life it was to a woman in Spain named Maria Teresa is this the woman he was seeing before the one that Allison had found communications with yes same woman well literally it was about to follow

up on that like I was wondering if they ever tracked her down and talked to her to see if she knew anything I get the impression they didn't know anything about her before they found the records of this call which is kind of weird like again I don't know if they're not talking to Lydia it's a little muddy and again might be getting lost in the translation as well but either way they know about her now they track her down and she tells them that not long after the two women had quote unquote left she had a romantic rendezvous with Francisco at the family apartment how long is not long less than a week I mean I think she was there on July 19 Jesus Christ we keep it classy Francisco if I remember correctly that was before they were even reported missing right right and that is an important point because as far as I can tell Maria Teresa had no reason to think anything was amiss when she was there but there was something that she didn't fully appreciate at the time that now she's thinking might be important she tells investigators that she had noticed something disturbing you see when she was there the apartment had this terrible smell without the necessary context she didn't really question Francisco when he told her that the smell was nothing to worry about just the smell of the neighbor's garbage

wafting in through the bathroom window
the closed
bathroom window
yeah it's totally that
right so hearing all of this
investigators are thinking that the smell
wasn't trashed
and the woman's bodies
aren't in the apartment by now
they know that they looked through the apartment
but could they have been
on July 19th or in the days leading up to it
which we would have known
if they didn't take nearly
20 days to even look at the apartment
well again I mean they weren't reported missing
even at that 19th
time so
no one would have known to even go there
on an official basis but you do wonder
I mean like if the smell
lingered if there was something to be found on
day 11 when he was dragged to report them
missing
maybe they were still there
maybe there was something too fine then
rather than waiting till day 18 or whatever
I don't know
and was Lydia ever in the house during this time
smell anything or think anything was off
this is so frustrating but I don't know
I can only assume
yes since we know she was in town
on the 25th to go to the police
department with Francisco
but I can't say for sure
so if she saw or smelled anything off
in the apartment I don't know
now around this time investigators
expand their search efforts from
the family home to include the facilities
Francisco had access to
while working with a french foreign legion
because it's not like he just had

your run of the mill office job
he had access to living quarters
and stuff and when they start
poking around in those areas
and interviewing colleagues from the barracks
they realize that he had been
doing some bizarre things
in the days after his wife
and daughter disappeared
like for one they track down
a witness who says that he helped
Francisco transport a freezer
from the family's home to the barracks
on July 17th
seemingly out of nowhere Francisco
had decided he wanted to donate this freezer
to the french foreign legion
you know as one suddenly
wants to do when one's family
is missing so he had this colleague
come to the family's apartment to help him
move this thing
and did this guy notice
a smell in the apartment?
actually that's a great question
but something that again the source material
doesn't say anything
about but what they do mention
is something else that he noticed
he noticed while he was there
that a sink was clogged
with this thick
red liquid
and did he ask
why? I don't think so
but keep in mind
this is all happening before
the women were reported missing
so he just made a mental note of it
probably not even super consciously
and then went about helping Francisco
move this freezer
and when they get the freezer out to the barracks
Francisco decided

it needed a deep cleaning
which
the point you made earlier seems like a strange priority
for him to have at the time
especially in retrospect
and if that isn't chilling enough
another soldier comes forward
and tells them he'd encountered Francisco
washing what looked like
bloodstained sheets and a floor mat
at the barracks in the same time frame
and
no I don't know exactly what this floor mat is
possibly a floor rug
but again translation issues
what I do know is this guy did ask
like what the heck is going on
and Francisco's response was
quote I thawed meat
huh?
I mean yeah so again
like no it's just no
that's not an answer
I think some form was there right
you're trying to explain it like blood
on like a rug or a mat
no it doesn't make sense
so obviously when investigators hear this
they know that they need to check out
this freezer see what might
have been left behind in it
and when they go it's still there
and they secure it they run tests
and what they find
are traces of
Allison's blood
deposited within it
his daughter's blood
investigators find additional traces
DNA definitely Allison's
and possibly also Marie
José's
and that was in a washing machine
at the barracks that Francisco was known to use

when another French foreign legion colleague comes forward in early September and tells investigators that he'd see Francisco washing his hands in the bathroom at the barracks and that the sink was stained with red marks but I probably don't need to tell you what everyone assumes he'd been washing off his hands is there any hope about finding the women alive at this point or has this basically become a mission to recover their remains for the investigators remains I mean I don't think they've been super optimistic for a while but once these traces of DNA are discovered they know and actually this is when the case is officially reclassified as a homicide investigation and this is at the beginning of September well what about the remains I mean even with all this evidence does any of it help investigators narrow down to begin to look for it not to mention actually find their remains I mean the freezer and the DNA stuff doesn't but other stuff might because using geolocation on his devices and reconstructing the GPS data on his car they determined that Francisco drove to this specific area a little over 30 minutes away in the days following the women's disappearance it was to this nearby resort town of Lucca and he didn't just drive there once they were like three separate times all between the 14th and the 17th of July so by September 10 they've got search teams out at a couple of the town's water treatment plants

as well as in some nearby pine forest
and foothills
so you said they were thinking it was
like the 14th to the 17th
or between them
honestly with the smell and stuff I kind of thought it would be later
yeah that's what they're thinking and I don't have
like the other data from the car
GPS but maybe it shows that
he didn't really travel anywhere
after that
and I mean we know that his girlfriend was at the apartment
with him by the 19th
so that could be part of it
too because remember she smelled this weird smell
but she didn't see anything
but either way they're pretty
sure the women's remains were dumped
in that chunk of
of time from the 14th to the 17th
okay but then what's the smell on the 19th
I think the insinuation is
maybe just lingering odor
from whatever happened to the women
in that apartment
but you're right like I mean I can't quite
wrap my head around the time frame
like to me the way the dates
it's like not lining up quite right
not perfectly but I think we're probably
missing some pieces
but either way within just days by September 12
the search is put on pause
it seems like there's only one organization
in the country that's got
a limited number of cadaver dogs
there's like eight or so
and the dogs get called to another mission
so it's not until the 24th
that they're back at those water treatment plants
this time with dive teams
and I have to tell you this job
whatever the divers are doing
it sounds intense

because I don't think they're just diving
in water
according to what one outlet reported
an engineer familiar with this project
says that they're diving into aeration basins
or something like quote molasses
at least in texture
and density
that sounds incredibly unpleasant
to say the least
but the same engineer suggests
that the swampiness of the liquid
might actually work
if they find anything to investigators
benefit because it would
likely slow down any kind of decomposition
and yet
investigators don't find
any sign of the women's remains
not in the aeration basins
or in the nearby bodies of water
not in the foothills
or in the pine forests
and by October 30th
the search is officially called off
so where the f**k are they
they don't know
they should have been here
or they thought they should have been here
but clearly a piece of the
puzzle is missing
or maybe it's all there and they're just
actually missing the women because of this molasses
that they're diving in
now there is talk at some point
of revisiting the water treatment plants
the next summer of possibly even having them
drain just to be sure
but from what I can tell
these plans run into some kind of technical issues
and they're just not pursued
and the case goes
pretty cold
and it stays cold until

September of 2016
that's when Marie-José's
brother Eric approaches investigators
with a new lead
he'd been contacted
on social media by a woman
who had been vacationing
on the beach near Lubacara
another coastal town close to Perpignan
where the family lived
and this was back in the summer of 2014
and she was shocked
when her dog dug up what appeared
to be human bones
now to be clear another source
says that he found these bones
in April of 2015 so I'm not
sure what's up with that or why she didn't
report it like then
either way though
investigators descend on this beach
in 2016 and they
excavate the spot where the bones had been
found and shockingly
they do find more bones
and for just a few
hopeful days it seems like
maybe finally
Marie-José and
Allison's remains have been found
but it's a crushing blow
and the analysis of the bones comes back
just a few days later and concludes
that the remains were of an animal
not any human
and that is where things
stand to this day
the secrets Francisco took
to his grave all those years ago
in 2013
remain buried with him
I mean there have been theories over the years
Eric even had one
back in 2015 that

he thought investigators failed to explore
he thought that maybe the women never came
out of that apartment building
dead or alive
because apparently in the apartment building that they lived in
there's this crawl space under
the building's garage that contains
an old septic tank filled with sand
and he thought
that the women's remains could be
in that and it's hard for me to wrap
my mind around it exactly but he was
pretty convinced at the time
I mean so much so that his lawyer filed
a formal request for the area to be searched
although they were all ignored
though I will say if this was the case
maybe this to me
is one of the only things that explains the
like timeline and the smell
right like you would still smell it
but eventually it would stop smelling
I don't know like but it's possible
now like I said they never ended up searching it
apparently it's super difficult to access
and police say that even
Francisco wouldn't have been able to
without leaving some kind of trace behind
but at least for a time
some suspected that with his military
training he just might have found
away now as far as I can
tell nothing ever came of
Simone's reopened investigation
to this day neither
Simone's family nor Marie
Jose and Allison's families
have any idea what happened
to them so now all
anyone can do is wait
and hope hope
that with time and with patience
long-buried secrets will
find their way to the surface once again

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was devastating to this case
because it left a void where justice should be
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