

*Amy Sherlock has been wrestling with two very challenging issues. The death of her husband in December 2015 has been compounded by being kept in the dark. The following is an overview of what Amy has had to contend with.*

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## **AMY SHERLOCK Biker's Death Must Be Investigated**

**In an article with ESPN, you say, "I knew something was incredibly wrong but I never thought suicide."**

This was my genuine reaction. Biker loved life more than anybody. He had so many more things to do. It was a problem of his that he couldn't enjoy the moment that he was having because he was always thinking about the next big wave or the next time he could ride a dirt bike or something.

I was incredibly shocked by his suicide. I did know that he was having a lot of problems at work. But in the beginning, I really didn't believe it was suicide.

I tried to tell the police that he was involved in the cannabis industry, but they ignored all of that, and it wasn't even put into the police report. But when the experts came to me and said he killed himself, I believed them.

**What did Biker do immediately after closing down Dregs Skateboards?**

He spent a couple of months going like, oh my god," What am I going to do?"

He was super dyslexic, so getting a corporate job wouldn't happen. When San Diego came out and said there were medical marijuana licenses, Biker was one of the first people that was in line.

He was telling me a lot about what he was doing. I remember seeing big maps highlighting areas where you could find a building that would fit within the ordinances, and they had real estate agents out there looking.

As things got more complicated with all the San Diego ordinances, they didn't make this easy. There were constant problems with the City. Biker went out and raised money. He bought a building and got all these people involved. A year into it, the City says, "Sorry, you don't have enough parking places." I thought, "Wait a minute. Shouldn't that have been in the first five questions you asked? How do you miss parking? You can't fix that, and it was a constant moving of the goalpost.

### **How were you financially coping with all of this?**

The narrative that Biker and I were broke was utterly false. I had a great job; I had great benefits. Biker's parents also helped us out. We had plenty of money in our savings account. Our three-car garage was full of Biker's toys.

But I think Biker was hitting a bit of the panic button because he wasn't making any money.

### **What can you tell me about Dr. Mark Cooper, the neuropsychologist based in Solana Beach?**

I believe it was maybe two or three days after Biker passed away that I was introduced to Dr. Mark Cooper. He was brought to our house, claiming that he was an expert in Chronic Traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). This is a brain disorder likely caused by repeated head injuries.

Biker had several head injuries over the years, as the ESPN article points out. The entire Sherlock family was there. Mom, dad, sisters, aunts, and uncles - there were 15 people plus me.

Dr. Cooper literally convinced us that Biker had CTE. We asked questions; he answered questions. And talking to a few of the Sherlocks in the last couple of months brought them peace. They thought, "Oh, he was sick." It makes more sense to them because Biker was saying some crazy things to one of his sisters and his uncle.

### **What kind of crazy things?**

He was telling them that he was worried about his kids. But then, when they would ask, "Why? What's wrong with kids? What's wrong with the boys?" He wouldn't answer them, because he couldn't.

### **Do you believe people were threatening your children?**

Absolutely, and he couldn't say that. He acted like he was so worried about something, too, but wouldn't tell me.

### **Have you ever followed up with Dr. Cooper?**

I took some time after 2015 to look for some published work on Dr. Cooper on the subject of CTE. I couldn't find any published papers he wrote or anything to that effect. I wanted to go back and ask him, "You made us believe this, but did you make a thorough diagnosis?" From the research I've read, it is only after someone dies that we can say for certain someone had CTE.

### **So, how was he basing his diagnosis?**

That's an excellent question. Fifteen people in that room were completely shocked and malleable. I mean, I look back on it, and I was completely taken advantage of

my mental state by all of these people trying to convince me of something that had not been tested medically.

### **What happened to Dr. Cooper?**

He lost his licence to practice in July of 2022. You can read about that [here](#). He died in September of 2022. He was 57 years old. I have so many questions because it all started with him.

### **Who else did you contact?**

I did call the medical examiner quite a few times, trying to get Biker's brain donated. I was trying to do the right thing and find out if he did have CTE. He didn't call me back for quite a few days. Finally, when he did, he dismissed me. He was a medical examiner and didn't recognize a freaking pistol whip.

### **Why did he not recognize that?**

I think that's an excellent question for him. I mean, I read the autopsy report and could tell it was a pistol whip, and how a medical examiner, looking at it, can't is inexplicable to me.

### **At the end of the ESPN piece, you're hoping Biker finds peace. You're hoping that this is all connected.**

Well, I did ask a lot of the right questions. When Biker died, I knew he had two Conditional Use Permits. I didn't know that his company owned a building. And I did ask the right questions, but I was lied to.

There are text messages telling me I need to go down to the City to transfer the CUP into my name. And then, by the end of the next day, that person says they need to come by and chat. It just stops. It stopped because I was called and told that Biker had closed his company and tied up everything before he died. This is what made me stop asking questions.

### **There is a building that Biker owned. Who put the \$18,000 deposit on this property?**

Biker was the one who put down the \$18,000 deposit on the building, and that came out of my money. And even when the building was sold, I never got paid back. I got no share of the proceeds when it was eventually sold.

### **What were you told?**

It was stated that everything was done before he died. And it crushed me that he shut down his business, and I didn't even know.

### **Did you believe that Biker had done all this?**

I had no reason not to believe it because if they were lying to me, then that meant that they were going to have to forge my signature, steal from me, steal from my

children, and I didn't believe anybody would do that. So for four years after Biker's death, I thought that he screwed it all up. He shut everything down, and everybody's walking away pissed off at Biker because he f\*\*ked everybody over.

### **Then what happened?**

Through emails given to me by one of the business partners, the City asks this business partner for my marriage certificate, Biker's death certificate and proof that I was executor of his estate. I was never asked for these documents and I'm the only person who has them. All they had to do was copy me on the email.

Everybody had my email address and phone number, but they did this all behind my back. I'm the only one that would have all three of those documents or any of them. I filed a complaint in 2020. You can read it [here](#). And then I filed another complaint. It's very extensive, and you can read it [here](#).

### **When Darryl first contacted you, what was your immediate thought?**

He showed a Facebook post that indicated there may have been foul play in Biker's death. He tells me, "Did you know that with Biker's company, somebody else took over, and they kept going?" I remember bursting into tears, my heart beating, and my blood boiling

### **What was going through your mind?**

I remember being so angry at the time. I didn't care about money. I didn't care about the business. I cared that people made decisions that were mine to make.

I felt so cheated that someone else had made my sacred decisions, as a wife, for the end of my husband's life.

### **The CUP was eventually sold. Did you receive any of the proceeds?**

The CUP was sold for 1.5 million dollars. Why didn't I get half of that? Why wasn't I even considered? There is no way that Biker would have just given away something so valuable.

### **What can you tell me about Leading Edge Real Estate?**

Leading Edge Real Estate was an LLC they set up to hold the ownership of the Balboa building. What should have happened after Biker's death is I should have stepped in, and it should have gone to probate. I should have taken over Biker's whatever percentage of LERE he had. It should have been my decision to either pay the debt or do whatever I felt was necessary.

### **But what happened?**

Instead of being part of probate or any business decision, they forged Biker's signature and dissolved the business. This meant that I wasn't going to get anything

in the mail; I wasn't going to get tax information. It was all gone, and it was a way for them to sweep up the footsteps so I wouldn't know what had happened.

### **What struck you as odd about the dissolution of Leading Edge Real Estate?**

Andrew Flores, now my attorney, sent me a copy of the document. I was at a funeral at the time. I saw the email on my phone and zoomed in on the signature. In a heartbeat, I knew it wasn't his. I didn't even look at the date on it; I knew it wasn't his signature from the get-go. Then, I zoomed in on the date.

### **What was so significant about the date?**

It was stamped on December 21, 2013. Biker died December 2, 2013. How does someone dead sign a document?

### **But Biker may have signed it before that date, and the business partners only brought it to the City a few weeks later.**

I find that highly suspicious. Biker would never give something up like property for no good reason. We had a forensic handwriting expert examine the signature on the document. He said it was forged. There was also another signature that was forged on a document for a company called Full Circle Management. That is also dated December 21.

### **Have you tried to uncover what really happened?**

I have asked for all the documents on Balboa, and I was expecting to get thousands of pages, but the City just neglected me. There are permits in my name without any background check. No one associated with Biker's business can explain why they transferred my name.

If you look at the law, it says that in the event of a licensee's death, incapacity, or insolvency, you have to inform everyone directly related to the license.

There are no documents supporting that I knew the permit was transferred into my name and, importantly, none that I relinquished my ownership, sold it or transferred it to anyone.

### **Can you tell me about ownership of the Ramona Permit?**

Up until 2019, I still believed I was an owner of the Ramona Permit. It now appears they took my name off it years before. I was never told about this, and they never intended to give me a penny of the proceeds of the sale.

I eventually confronted the business partners and said, oh my God, you just took my name off of it? Like, what happened? They told me it was worthless. They told me the CUP's were worthless. That Biker's work for the permit was worthless. So I got nothing.

I kept saying, if it's not making money, how about I come work at the dispensary? They wouldn't let me. They worried that I'd figure out what happened.

I think that Biker tried to do everything the right way. I don't believe he was trying to hide his ownership; he was not trying to hide his name. But once he got the CUPs, people set him up to fail, so they just took it over.

**Would you say Biker had a good relationship with his business partners?**

No. There was one partner that he got into a fight with. It almost got physical. Biker and the other partners didn't want to work with this guy anymore. They said he was a hot head, difficult to work with and unsophisticated. This partner wanted to bring in drug cartels to help run the operation, and Biker refused and tried to end the relationship. Biker had an attorney trying to untie himself from these people. They retaliated by threatening litigation against Biker for breach of contract because he didn't want to work with them anymore.

**What happened next?**

So once I realized that there were two forged signatures (one on the LERE and the other on a Full Circle Management document, I realized I had been lied to. I also didn't know about the permit being in my name. I got a copy of the autopsy, just the written report, not the pictures. I probably spent a day on it.

**What did you find?**

My background is in pharmaceuticals. I know some medical terminology. I know basic anatomy and stuff like that. I probably spent a day looking up trajectories. After reading it all, I thought there was a possibility he was murdered. So I started to get scared. So I picked up and left San Diego.

I hired a guy named Trent James. He did the Armorous report, which I felt was a lot of information. That was good enough.

On December 2, 2022, the seven-year anniversary of Biker's death, I was in San Diego for court. I took that cold case to Sergeant Joel Tien and sat there for three hours. I was there with Joe Hurtado and Darryl Cotton.

We were interviewed about the background and the motive behind Biker's murder. I told him what was in the report and that there was lots of physical evidence.

**Did he get back to you?**

Six months go by, and in April 2023, Tien calls me and says, "There's lots of motivation behind Biker's death, but there's nothing in this report that makes me think that there's any foul play. I said, "Are you kidding? There's so much in there. I argued with him, and he said there was nothing worth investigating. I've also brought the Armorous report to the FBI twice. I didn't know what else to do.

### **How did this Evidence Room forensic video come about?**

Biker's sister is an attorney, and she said, " Sometimes, when we couldn't prove cases, we would get those animation experts to put together a car crash or a murder scene. So, I did my homework and tried to find the best person, bringing me to Scott Roder. He has come back with the assessment that this is 100% a murder case, and it should be reopened.

### **When Biker left on December 2, 2015, he went to the beach. The Evidence Room video suggests that he met with two people. I'd like your comments.**

Someone lured him there. The Biker was in a fight for his life. The evidence shows conclusively he was pistol-whipped. The people who orchestrated and perpetrated this murder need to be brought to justice.

### **What are your thoughts now?**

They got away with it, didn't they? And they would still have, if I didn't keep fighting this in the court for three years, they absolutely would have gotten away with all of this.

### **What would you say Biker's legacy is?**

So many people knew Biker in so many different ways. Even when he was difficult at times, he was still just a person. He was still a dad. Time gives you a distance, But time doesn't give you a distance that he was a person. He wasn't perfect, but he didn't deserve to die.

And he didn't deserve to die with his boys, thinking that he was a loser and a coward. He didn't deserve that, and it's not true. More people liked Biker than didn't.

But he didn't deserve this. I didn't deserve this, and my boys don't. I hope everybody else wants to correct the injustice that hangs over this horrible situation.

### **What will make things right at this stage in the events?**

Correct the history to reflect what actually happened.

Hold those accountable, both civilly and criminally for what they've done. That starts with the convening of a Grand Jury to investigate the wide ranging criminal activity that surrounds the application and ownership process that protects the criminals who do not, but are required by law, to disclose their interests in these cannabis businesses.

Biker's dream would have been to have had one of these licenses without having to do business with the for-profit criminals who ended up taking his life.

Biker's legacy should live on through the truth about his death and what amazing things he accomplished in his life.

I want a memorial plaque placed at the place of death. Perhaps a bench above the beach, overlooking the ocean that pays tribute to his vision and what was lost that night. This will be there to remind generations to come that his story can be found at Justice4Amy.org.

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# **Evidence-Room.net Crime Scene Investigation Raises Doubts About Suicide Ruling in Biker Sherlock's Death**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **The Death of Biker Sherlock - December 2, 2015**

Scott Roder is a forensic crime investigator who has examined over 2,000 cases in his career. Roder believes with 100% certainty that Biker Sherlock's death was a homicide, not a suicide.

There are a number of critical points that point to foul-play:

#### **1. Gunshot Wound Trajectory**

Analysis of the gunshot wound trajectory and the type of bullet used, suggests inconsistencies with a self-inflicted wound. The trajectory and bullet type indicate the wound was not self-inflicted.

#### **2. Gun Position Post-incident**

The position of the gun found at the scene is inconsistent with a self-inflicted gunshot scenario. The gun's position suggests it was placed there and does not support a suicide theory.

### **3. Blood Pattern Analysis**

Examination of blood patterns at the scene suggest injuries from an assault rather than a suicide.

### **4. Physical Condition of Biker Sherlock**

Biker Sherlock's physical condition and injuries indicate struggle or fight prior to his death. It appears he was pistol whipped and there is a wound on his forehead.

### **5. San Diego Police Department's Investigation**

The investigation by the police department is seen as lacking thoroughness. The police did not test for gun residue. They could not find the bullet casing.

Roder is confident in his findings and is willing to testify in court to the scientific certainty of homicide.

## **AN INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT RODER**

*Roder is an internationally recognized evidence specialist. Roder has professional training in crime and shooting scene reconstruction. This makes him a qualified expert witness.*

*Based in Cleveland, Ohio, Roder's company, The Evidence-Room.net employs a team of specialists. They have backgrounds in art, 3D modeling, forensic animation, motion graphics, time based media, biomedical illustration, architectural design, law and crime, and shooting scene reconstruction.*

*Roder's team has worked on a number of high profile cases including George Floyd and Paralympic runner, Oscar Pistorius.*

### **What can you tell me about the appearance of Biker Sherlock at the time of his death?**

When Biker left his house at between 8 and 9 p.m. the night before, his wife said he had no injuries on his body whatsoever. He was wearing clean clothes, he didn't have dirt under his fingernails. He wasn't working on cars. He was in perfect physical condition when he left the house.

If you look at his hands, it looks like he'd been in a fight. It looked like he was punching somebody or that he was trying to catch himself after being knocked down.

He has contusions on the back of his head which could be from being knocked into the ground or knocked into the brick, into the rock wall behind right where he's recovered.

There's a blood spot right at standing level. If you see him from where he was found, there's a blood spot right on the rock wall, right behind it at about five and a half feet above the ground. He could have been knocked into that. So he had a contusion on the back of his head. He had dirt on the front of his sweatshirt. He had dirt on the front of his sweatpants.

To me, he clearly was in a fight.

**What about the actual gun? What do you find suspicious about the gun found on Biker?**

There was only one bullet left in the gun and it was chambered. There were no other bullets left in the magazine.

**How many bullets are in the chamber in that type of gun?**

It's an extended clip so I think it's 15. A normal clip would hold 11. I think that would hold 15 or 17.

**So how would you account for the missing bullets?**

It would appear they were taken.

**What about the one that they didn't take? This was the one that was still in the chamber that wasn't fired.**

Yeah, they forgot about that one. They forgot that there was one in the chamber.

**And you feel pretty strongly that if he went down to the beach to take these guys on, he would have had a full clip? He would have had all the bullets?**

Oh, hell yeah! Nobody walks around with two bullets if it's an extended clip.

I'm a gun owner and I have 17 guns. Not because I'm a gun advocate or anything. I buy guns for cases that I work on.

Every time I have a case and I don't have that gun, I have to buy that gun to use it in an experiment that goes to my gun safe. When you're a gun owner, a gun user, using it for self-defense, you're not walking around with two bullets in an extended clip. I'm sorry, you're just not doing it. Somebody took those bullets.

There needs to be more examination of that gun, of the clip, of the bullet that was found. We need to know if the gun matches the bullet that was recovered from it. Was it a different gun? We don't even know that.

### **When it comes to the trajectory of the gunshot wound, is it consistent with a typical self-inflicted gunshot?**

The first thing that is important to note is that this bullet was a full metal jacket bullet. And what that means is that the bullet does not come apart and flower upon impact.

A hollow tip bullet is the kind of bullet that you would expect to flower and have catastrophic peripheral damage along the flight path of the bullet. When a full metal jacket bullet is fired, it'll typically stay in one piece. It all depends on what the bullet comes into contact with.

### **How does a bullet come apart?**

If the bullet does come apart, it will do so because it hits a rib or some kind of a femur. It must hit something that would cause a dynamic force impact to break the bullet apart.

When you look at the bullet's trajectory here, the bullet goes through his tongue, and then after it enters his tongue, it exits and goes directly into the back of his throat, hitting his spinal cord. This is a flat trajectory of 90 degrees. This means it has zero deviation up or down. There is zero deviation left or right, and that is not where you want to shoot yourself.

### **What does this indicate to you in terms trying to commit suicide?**

If you want to be sure that you're going to kill yourself, you're going to use an intraoral way of shooting yourself for suicide. Let me just say this, 90% of all people that commit suicide plan for it. They think about it. They want it to be successful. You're not going to use a full metal jacket bullet and point the gun directly through your tongue and into your throat.

The spinal cord is only as wide as the bullet is wide, so if you miss the spinal cord a centimeter to the left or a centimeter to the right, guess what, you're still alive.

If you're going to do a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the mouth, you'd want to shoot up through your upper mandible so that you would hit your medulla oblongata or the occipital lobe of your brain.

People have put the gun directly to their temple, shot themselves, and survived because you can live with damage to the frontal lobe of your brain. This is because this part of the brain controls things like emotion, speech, hand-eye coordination. But you cannot live with any damage whatsoever to your occipital lobe which is in the back of your brain.

Right beneath the occipital lobe is your cerebellum is what most people refer to as your lizard brain, or your medulla oblongata. That's the part where, if you hit it, you

die very quickly. If you're going to commit suicide with a full metal jacket, you're going to want to shoot yourself above and behind your ear. And you're gonna want to use your dominant hand.

### **What it is about the way the gun positioned that leads you believe this was not a suicide?**

In Biker's case, this gun was put in his mouth. I believe we can prove beyond a reasonable doubt, and certainly to a degree of scientific certainty, that the gun was in his mouth horizontally, sideways. And that the action of the gun, being the slide of the gun where the bullet was fired, caused damage to his upper teeth. It fractured his upper teeth, and it caused lacerations to his lower lips.

The fractures to his upper teeth and the lacerations to his lower lips, I think confirms that the gun was in his mouth horizontally. And if the gun was in his mouth horizontally, that means it would have to be in with the left side up.

The reason I say that is, the left side of the gun is covered in blood. The right side of the gun does not have blood in it. So that means the top side of the gun was exposed to the blood, which means the gun was in his mouth horizontally. This matches up with the diameter of the barrel of the gun that was put inside his mouth horizontally.

But Biker is not left-handed, he's right-handed.

If you were right handed, you would not use your left hand and put the gun in your mouth horizontally and go directly backward with no upward deviation whatsoever.

If this was a self-inflicted gunshot wound, you would use your right hand and you would put it above your right ear and you wouldn't even put it in your mouth.

Every time you see a self-inflicted gunshot suicide wound that is successful in the mouth, the person used a shotgun or a rifle of some kind, or a high caliber bullet. The person was aware they would be successful in their attempt.

But with a 38 caliber, a nine millimeter, full metal jacket, that's not something you want to put in your throat. There's a very good chance Biker could have survived if that bullet deviated just a little bit to the left or a little bit to the right.

Any person who wants to commit suicide, they will do research. They will want to know what kind of ammunition that is needed. Also, when you attempt to commit suicide, you will want to use your dominant hand. You will use the most effective method possible.

### **What about the gun position?**

The gun was found muzzle up on his left side, at the area of his left elbow.

It's inexplicable that it would be there because it was placed there after the gun was fired.

Think about the arm angle you would have to have with either your left or right arm along with your left or right hand, to be able to put that gun in your mouth deep enough and have a direct back to front bullet trajectory. And then that gun would fall out of your hand and then fall face up by your elbow? No. This type of gun is totally inconsistent with the type of wound that it produced,

So the gun, I would expect, if it was a self-inflicted gunshot wound, it would be in his right hand or on his right side or just laying on his chest. But I would not expect it to have fallen, down by his left elbow and facing upwards. I find that totally inconsistent with the overall crime scene whatsoever.

#### **What about an ejected shell casing?**

The police did not recover an ejected shell casing. In this kind of a situation, we know that that gun ejects shell casings. Depending on how the gun was held in his hand or whoever's hand, you would expect that bullet to be within 3 feet of the body. Because in the nature of the area where he was at, we wouldn't expect the ejected shell case to roll 20 feet away into the water. No. It would be right there within 4 feet of his body. There was no shell casing recovered, which means somebody picked it up.

#### **What explains the large red square on his upper right forehead?**

It looks like he pistol whipped. It looks like someone smashed the butt of the gun into his head.

#### **Do you believe it was his gun that was used on his forehead or do you believe something else?**

I believe it was the gun that was found at the scene, which I believe was his gun. I believe that gun was used to pistol whip him in the upper right forehead. We measured that magazine width and dimensions and it matches perfectly the dimensions with the right angle of that wound on the forehead.

Furthermore, the wound on his forehead is exactly what you would expect if metal hit you with blunt force in the forehead. You would expect that kind of abrasion with that kind of an impression. And in evidence terms, it's called impression evidence, where we can literally take the impression of the magazine butt and match it to the wound on his forehead and it's an exact match. And there's blood on the bottom of the magazine.

**What can you tell me about the blood patterns as it relates to this being a murder versus a suicide?**

Well, the blood pattern that is on his body is consistent with blood coming out of the mouth. You would expect that. However, I haven't been to the scene, so it's difficult to get the exact measurement and the police department didn't give me any measurements. I estimate that the furthest blood away from him is about six feet away. That is too far for blood to come out of his mouth. And I'll tell you why. Because of the image of the blood.

The blood droplets away from his body are what you call gravity droplets, meaning the blood source was directly above the rock when it hit the rock and that's why the blood looks like a circle. If the blood was thrown in that direction from spurting, there would be directionality to the appearance of the blood. It would have a tail on it, just like a comet.

These blood droplets at the crime scene are over six feet away. In my estimation, they are gravity droplets, meaning they were not from the gunshot wound, but from the injury to his forehead, which happened directly before the gunshot wound.

**What are some issues you have with the way the police handled this investigation at the time of Biker's death?**

The police put bags on his hands, which they are supposed to do, but they didn't even test him for gunshot residue. If he shot himself, he would have gunshot residue all over his hands. The police investigators even bagged his hands wrong. They bagged his hands in plastic.

You're supposed to bag the hands in paper, because plastic has electrostatic cling. Gunshot residue is very transient evidence. If you just clap your hands together, you can get rid of the gunshot residue. If you put hands in plastic bags, that plastic is going to pull that gunshot residue to the bag. If you put his hands in paper bags, it doesn't cause any damage, or it doesn't disturb the gunshot residue evidence. But it didn't matter in any case, because they didn't test it.

**What are your thoughts on the motive behind Biker's death?**

The research my team and I have done on this case indicates that the perpetrators of this crime most likely had something to gain from Biker being dead. I also understand that after Biker's death, his wife was the victim of fraud. Biker's signature was forged. Apparently, it was forged by his business partners in order to steal his business interest from the Sherlock family. When you examine who benefitted from Biker's death, it will give you clues as to the motive.

**If you had to put a percentage on whether or not this was a homicide, what would you say?**

I would say 100% this is a homicide. I would testify to that to a degree of scientific certainty, in court, under oath that Biker Sherlock did not commit suicide. If somebody wants to challenge me on my results I am happy to talk with them and defend them.

### **What should happen next?**

It's time for the prosecutor in San Diego to reopen this case and investigate what really happened. Those who are guilty need to be put on trial. If they are found guilty, they need to go to prison.

Amy Sherlock, along with everyone else who believes in the rule of law deserves to know the truth and justice needs to be done.

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# **A QUESTION OF MOTIVE “WHO BENEFITS?” AN INTERVIEW WITH DARRYL COTTON**

The death of Biker Sherlock is surrounded by an enormous amount of questions. If the forensic evidence supports homicide, then the question arises: “Who would want to kill Biker and why?”

The answer to those questions revolved around the extremely lucrative and highly charged world of cannabis retailing in California. When Biker Sherlock closed Dregs, his skateboard business, he moved into the cannabis world. Specifically, he was involved with two business partners in attaining valuable government permits (aka CUP - conditional use permits). These two people were Adam Knopf and Brad Hardcourt.

In June of 2023, Amy Sherlock appeared before the San Diego Council to discuss the matter:

Here is part of her [statement](#):

*I learned that when Biker passed away, he was the owner of not one but TWO CUPs. One at 8863 Balboa Ave and one in the County of San Diego. Biker also had ownership interest in the Balboa Ave. real property.*

*Biker should have been rejoicing with this success, not wrapped in a depression that led to his death. After realizing Biker's estate had been stolen from me, my suspicions around his death compelled me to hire Mr. Trent James, a private investigator who created the Armorous Report.*

*This report contained the PI's conclusions as well as an independent medical examiner and a handwriting expert's report that Biker's signature on a corporate dissolution was a forgery.*

*Upon a thorough review of the evidence, both Mr. James and the independent medical examiner came to the same conclusion that Biker's cause of death should be changed from suicide to undetermined. Their reasons being that SDPD simply failed to take motive into consideration and never bothered to consider any of the physical evidence that pointed to foul play.*

Darryl Cotton who originally contacted Biker's widow in January of 2020. This was four years and one month after Biker's death. Cotton had a suspicion that the same things he had experienced in the cannabis world were the same things Biker had gone through. As you will see, his hunch was right.

Cotton has built an extensive database of legal documents at [www.justice4amy.org](http://www.justice4amy.org)

### **Who are you, and what do you do?**

I'm a 63-year-old businessman and engineer from San Diego. I have a farm. It's called 151 Farms. We do organic urban farming. I've been doing it for many years.

I have a property that would have been available to be licensed for cannabis because of its location in an industrial area I'm a long-time, 30-plus-year cannabis user for medical cannabis.

I insist that I be able to grow my own cannabis because it's free of any kind of pesticides, insecticides, fungicides, nutrients, and any of that.

### **Tell me about this urban farm.**

Here at my property, we house homeless people, we provide jobs, and we help veterans. I fenced my yard off, and this is controlled access for sober living. If you're coming in here, you're not coming in with weapons. You're not coming in here with drug addictions or psychiatric conditions I can't fix.

You're coming in here to learn, to be part of this. I have been doing this for many, many years. We've developed these things here on this farm. For me, it's about coming here and learning.

This urban farm protects me.

### **Why did you become a reluctant activist?**

I was doing just fine until California made cannabis adult-use recreational. This started in 2017, and soon after, I had lawsuits going between a guy who was trying to rip me off and take my property. He used attorneys in the judiciary to do that, with threatening letters and filing a complaint.

### **What was he trying to do to you?**

This guy is a realtor based in San Diego. He runs a financial and tax business that does a lot of shell companies. He has been involved with medical cannabis for some time and I initially understood that he'd been awarded a conditional-use permit.

### **What's that exactly?**

A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) means that you can be involved with cannabis. It's difficult to go through planning commissions and get awarded highly contestable licenses because many people are applying for them. When you have a CUP, you need to work with growers and landlords to sell cannabis. These licenses are extremely lucrative.

### **What did this guy want to do?**

He wanted to buy my property at the time for \$800,000. It's worth many millions now. I told him I wanted to get a bigger property and work together to grow the business.

This was the initial pitch that we all agreed to. But I found out in short order he was full of shit. You know, you do an earnest money exchange in real estate where, you know, something is put up and an agreement is reached. Well, the agreement is conditional upon him having an approved CUP. He would then become the owner of the property.

But he sends this little single-page receipt for the \$10,000 he gives me, not the \$50,000.

I realized this is not any kind of formal contract that we're entering into. I hoped that this joint venture would lead to me getting a bigger property with his obvious connections. It was my dream to do 151 Farms on a larger scale.

You can see our emails [here](#).

**You must have been quite angry and disappointed.**

I was waiting for a contract that never came. His lawyer never sent it. Here is the [lawsuit](#) I filed against him.

### **What happened next?**

This guy asked me to leave my farm and go somewhere remote to work this out, I'm like, no, not a chance. I don't know what you're capable of. And it's not like I'm here armed and ready for any kind of attack, but I do have people here that love what they do, that care about what we're doing, and I'm not going to let somebody come in here and upset them. I told him everything we would do would be written by email so I would have a record of it. And that was the end of my last time seeing him until years later in court.

### **At the time that you were working with these characters, did you ever feel personally that your life was threatened?**

Absolutely. It's in the court records where they threatened me. In other words, it's in your best interest to settle with this, or else. A few years go by, and I get a little bit of a tingly feeling on the back of my neck.

### **Why was that?**

Michael "Biker" Sherlock was also trying to get a cannabis license, and he was successful. He received not just one, but two. And I started looking at the people because, generally, you don't go about this without experience. Biker got two, and I thought, "Congratulations, good for him." Until, you know, four or five months later, he's dead. This is why I got a bad feeling about Biker.

### **What did you think?**

I wondered, "How can somebody with these valuable licenses be so despondent?" Based on what the media and police reports were saying, he had to kill himself because he was depressed. It just didn't add up.

So, I didn't do anything on this for three or four years. But In January 2020, I finally reached out to Amy Sherlock via private message on Facebook,

### **What did your Facebook message say?**

I wrote, "I'm sorry if this offends you and if you don't want to act on it, I understand completely, but I just want you to know I cannot rest unless I let you know the people that had probably written me off were in business with Biker. I don't believe it was a suicide based on what little I know about it and what these people are capable of. If you want to talk more about it, please contact me. I left it at that.

### **Why do you think you were so suspicious of Biker's death?**

It didn't add up, and I connected two very important dots. Biker's lawyers were the same lawyers that I was working with. I was surprised. I was certainly sorry for his family. But I did know that these people would stop at nothing.

### **Amy eventually did contact you. What did you say to her?**

I said, "You're dealing with people trying to establish monopolies, and they will stop at nothing."

### **What is the Armorous report?**

The [Armorous report](#) is another independent, third-party investigative arm that had its own medical examiner come in, and it's linked on Amy's site. It shows the forensics, it shows the medical examiners - the works. Of particular note is the handwriting analysis found on page 108.

### **How exactly did Biker sign a document on December 21, 2015, 19 days after his death?**

The handwriting expert hired believed it was a forgery. It seems rather incredible that a dead person would sign a document that dissolves themselves of any interest in the dispensary property. It's a huge red flag, but the courts seem to ignore it.

### **What did the report conclude?**

I will quote a portion of what Trent James wrote, who compiled the report:

*On the surface, this appears to be a suicide. However, due to the numerous issues, inconsistencies, contradictions, lack of evidence, lack of documentation, lack of investigation and lack of articulation from the PD and ME Reports, I am unable to determine whether or not this is, without a doubt, a suicide. Because of all these issues, any sort of actual scene reconstruction would be almost impossible.*

*Coupled with the amount of time that has gone by, my inability to analyze the scene in person at the time of the incident, as well as conduct any further investigation, or interviews, with potential knowledgeable parties.*

*Also, what we do know about the forgery of the decedent's signature for purposes of his canceling his LLC and loan that he had not paid back, indicates a potential motive for the death.*

*Based upon the totality of the circumstances, my training and experience, it is my opinion that this death should be labeled as "suspicious" or "undetermined" and not ruled, as a matter of fact, suicide.*

### **What do you say to this?**

We don't have to find the killer. From a civil lawsuit, this represents millions of dollars in compensatory and punitive damages. It represents putting a plaque over there on the beach where Biker died. It represents changing the historical record.

### **Who is Philip Zamora?**

At one time, he was the manager of the dispensary that Biker had gotten at the Balboa address. He had only worked for these guys for three or four months when he realized that they were crooks, were incompetent, and they could not be trusted. So he left.

A few years later, it came to him that, you know, everybody knows me. He provided an affidavit that encapsulated everything that happened in and around the time he managed the store. He mentions two people in his affidavit: Salam Razuki and Ninus Milan.

While Biker was going for that license, Zamora knew him. He said Biker was an upbeat guy. He was not one that lent himself to any kind of despondency or suicidal tendencies.

### **Who is Brad Harcourt, and how is he connected to this?**

Harcourt is a wealthy businessman. He was another of Biker's business partners. Amy had no idea about the transfer of the cannabis permit (CUP) to Harcourt. So she sued him. [Here](#) is that document.

When Rizuki and Milan took over the property that was tied to Biker, Harcourt sued them. You can see that document [here](#). Sherlock is mentioned on page 6 of the PDF.

Harcourt won a judgement against Rizuki in December 2023.

But strangely enough, they ignored Amy through this whole thing.

### **Who is Adam Knopf, and how is he tied into this case?**

Like Harcourt, Knopf was involved with Biker in the cannabis business. Tiffany, his ex-wife, found Amy's website and contacted me. Tiffany has been supporting Amy through this ordeal.

### **Who else are Biker, Harcourt and Knopf connected to?**

They are connected to Salam Rizuki, the same person Zamora discussed in his affidavit. Rizuki and his partner Ninus Milan took over Biker's dispensary on Balboa Avenue. But they had never been given the authority to do this. This is where Amy intervened and said, "Hey, I have some interest in this property." But the judge just ignored her. Not once, but twice.

But now I find out that Rizuki told the court in his first filing that he had these oral agreements which were meant to provide him an undisclosed interest, which is a violation of the law.

### **What happened to Rizuki?**

He was sentenced in February 2023 for conspiracy to kidnap his business associate - none other than Ninus Milan. Razuki got 7 years in prison. You can read about it [here](#).

### **What do you think happened to Biker?**

Biker was put up there to represent these people because he had a reputation.

He had a good name. People would have gotten behind him, and they did.

Once he got the license, they said, no, you don't deserve that license. There's no money in it. Give it up, and we're not offering you anything for it.

### **Why do you think he went to the beach in La Jolla on December 2, 2015?**

I think he was lured down there. He wouldn't have met strangers. Maybe he tried to bargain with them? But they probably decided it's cheaper to kill him than to give him any money for the licences.

### **What should happen next?**

I fully support a grand jury to convene here in San Diego to investigate not only Biker's death but the unlawful activities going on in adult-use cannabis licensing, which led to his death.

### **Your final thoughts?**

I want people to question everything. As George Carlin said, "Question everything because you're only being told what they want you to know."

What we know about Biker is he wasn't ready to go, and the physical evidence supports that. So now you have to go into the why, and it's because of cannabis. But it's deeper than that.

It goes to our civil rights and what we can expect from our judiciary to support the law, and that's not happening. Amy is now being hit with a couple hundred thousand dollars in anti-slapp suits by attorneys that won't address the core issue here.

I demand justice for Biker Sherlock, and so should everyone seeking the truth.

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