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***Security Breach: The Murder Of Tod McQuaid* By Janet Bailey McQuaid**

Biography: Janet Bailey McQuaid was a wife, a mother, a grandmother, Travel Consultant and a Sweet Adeline singer. As a young girl, music, dancing, movies, show business filled her thoughts... never dreaming of being an author. The horrific murder of her elder son caused her to look for a release for the anger and the overwhelming grief that came with his death. She also started this book as a way to tell her four and six-year old granddaughters about their father's murder when they were old enough. After 9 years she was an author.

One reader wrote her friends: "I think Security Breach is much more impressive when one thinks that the author used this defining event in her life to actually WRITE A BOOK, which she has done beautifully!"

This is a book about an average family, how they reacted before and after their son's last day, and the ensuing struggle and bittersweet triumph over the murderess. Many Security Breach readers write to Jan that they could not put the book down. ***Security Breach, The Murder of Tod McQuaid*** made Janet Bailey McQuaid not only a writer, but also a champion of the victims in their agony of Victimhood.

Victimhood Number 2: Jan and Rog were shocked in March 2004 when they were told that the murderess found a flaw in the 1991 trial, next she worked the legal system, and then she received a reduced sentence after pleading guilty to First Degree Murder in December 2003. Jan and Rog, as victims, were denied notice to attend that hearing and other victims' rights as listed in existing West Virginia Victims' Rights laws.

More revolting, the McQuaids found error and omission faults by the "State" between 2001 and 2003. The McQuaids subsequently offered error discovery notice and request for reversal to the Prosecuting Attorney. His statements in the newspaper shocked the McQuaids even more. He contradicted the presented facts using say-nothing "I'm relatively certain that ...". Their faults and actions came from State not making a phone call.

Historical Perspective: Government discrimination exists due to restructuring Crime Victims' Rights Amendment into HR5107. That amendment met defeat after an eight year fight in Congress. Its eight rights for victims were perceived as possibly in conflict with the 23 rights for criminals already in the Constitution. So Congress created Justice For All Act in HR5107 signed in 2004 but only helping Federal Crime Victims.

Apparently Congress left state crime victim parallel legislation items, (including but not limited to the following copied from statute HR5107), to be provided by the state legislatures without offering a plan:

"(a)(5) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case."

"(b) Rights Afforded - In any court proceeding involving an offense against a crime victim, the court shall ensure that the crime victim is afforded the rights described in subsection (a). ..."

"(d)(3) Motion for relief and Writ of Mandamus – The rights described in subsection (a) shall be asserted in the district court ... If the district court denies the relief sought, the movant may petition the court of appeals for a writ on mandamus." See www.janmcquaid.com/victimhood-2.htm for more info.

Please contact your state legislators and ask them to use 2004 Federal statute HR5107 as guide for state laws.

Free Book offer: Jan and Rog are financially supporting victims from signed book profits. They offer to give a book to 1000 USA school or public libraries in the name of the first 1000 volunteers who each collect 100 voters' signatures on their petitions. These 100,000 names from community action will permit lobbying for state victims to gain the rights already available to Federal crime victims in Justice For All Act, HR5107.

Legislative Record to printing date: Two state bills started in 2007: PA HB910 and WV HB3268

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'Security Breach' a story of true crime felt by a mother who struggled for nine years writing and rewriting this unforgettable story. Many readers write Jan to say they could not put her book down:

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By Janet Bailey McQuaid; Sterling House Publishers; \$14.95; 200 pages.

Review by KENDALL BELL Special to The Gazette, Beaufort, SC. Printed Easter Sunday 2004. (Copyright 2004 Used with permission)

Jan and Rog McQuaid can easily recall the happiness of watching their oldest son, Tod, develop a successful security and alarm business in West Virginia. But that happiness quickly turned into despair one day when Jan received a telephone call from Tammy Wilson, one of Tod's employees. Tammy informed Jan that Tod was missing and she seemed truly distraught. But something didn't seem quite right.

Tod hired Tammy, who was down on her luck, although he marked her employment application with the word "maybe" in large letters. There was something about her that caused Tod to wonder whether or not he should take a chance on the young woman. But Tod was the type of person to help others in need so he hired her.

Over the next several days, as the phone calls between Jan and Tammy continued, Jan became aware of inconsistencies in Tammy's stories. It soon became apparent to Jan that Tammy knew more than she was willing to admit. So Jan began an investigation of her own. And what she learned in the next few weeks became the basis for her book, "Security Breach: The Murder of Tod McQuaid."

"Security Breach" gives readers an inside look at the pain and frustration of not knowing whether your missing child is alive. And that pain is the same regardless of whether the child is 5 or 35 years old.

Jan tells the story as only a mother who has "been there" can. It is the story of being sadistically manipulated by a trusted employee. And Jan doesn't simply tell readers about the manipulation, she makes readers feel it.

When Tammy called to tell Jan authorities had found Tod's body, Jan noticed that Tammy didn't seem

distraught. Instead, there was an odd coldness and callousness in her voice.

But it wasn't until police told Jan not to release any more information to Tammy that Jan's worst fears were truly confirmed. When Tammy is charged in Tod's death the real questions begin: But why was Tod killed? And how many others were involved? How could this happen? These are only a few of the many questions the McQuaid family asked themselves.

As the story unfolds, Jan gets answers to many of her questions. But many more will go unanswered forever.

Still, Jan recounts the experience of having to listen as lies about Tod were told during court testimony. Somehow she endured the pain and suffering to see that Tod's killer or killers were brought to justice. She walks readers through many of the things she and her family were forced to endure as victims.

"Security Breach" is a compelling read for people who like to read about true crime. It's not a pleasant story. But it's a story that Jan knew she had to tell. Because only by exposing people such as Tammy Wilson can the world become a little bit safer place for everyone.

A touching element near the beginning of the book is a letter that Tod's daughter, Elizabeth, then 11, wrote several years after he died. Near the end of the book is a beautiful poem the then 17-year-old Elizabeth wrote. And this is what makes "Security Breach" different. This isn't just a story about a murder. It's a story about what a family has to endure and how the pain continues beyond the present generation. It's a story about coping and accepting life even when it isn't fair.

"Security Breach" is a story that will keep readers turning the pages. This is a book that readers will remember for a long time.

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