

**Casey and Sandy Parson's Interview with Salisbury Post**  
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**Reporter:** Do you think that was the reason why he went to law enforcement?

**Casey Parsons:** Oh, yes. I know it is, because he was being arrested, actually, when he saw that I called the cops, he ran out the door. They had to pick him up down the road. Um, and they bring him back. And, I was going to press charges on him, but I knew that he wouldn't have a chance. He would probably go to jail for a pretty good long time. He's 20 years old, and I love all my kids, and I wanted to give him a chance to be able to get a job. And, the law- the cops said I could make him stay away, get him to stay away, and if he had a place to go, maybe he could straighten his life out as long as they could make him not stay- come here so we wouldn't be in a threat. So, that was the agreed thing- if he stayed away, he could go live with his uncle and they would help him out. 'Cause, it was either the uncle or the homeless shelter 'cause nobody else on either side of the family was willing, cause they know his problems. They would not take him in. Matter of fact, he had to sit three hours at the Rowan County Library because he wasn't allowed on even his father's property at that point.

**Reporter:** What do you think he was hoping to accomplish by going to law enforcement?

**Casey Parsons:** He wanted me to go to jail, because I've put him in jail every time he's been in jail. I'm the one that did it. And, he's always- every time he would get mad over anything he always bring that up to me. "You put me in jail, you ruined my life, nobody will give me a job because you made me have a record." And, it was always my fault. Always. And he's always told me he was going to get me one day. I never think he would do this to me.

**Reporter:** Where is Jamie now?

**Casey Parsons:** With his, um- brother. His uncle, Scott Parsons, in Harrisburg.

**Reporter:** Have you heard from him since this all started?

**Casey Parsons:** Yep. He is- he come before this started, he come over here, would eat dinner with us and everything. Matter of fact, he was over here the day before, July the 29th and ate supper with us. Scott got him a new truck and everything. New clothes, and all this. It's helped him out and we thought he was really coming along. And, on July the 30th, we knew something was up, we told the people yesterday, cause he called here and he told us that, um- he talked to him, but he told us that he loved us and he wanted us to know he loved us a lot and more or less about what was fixing to go down. We didn't know what he meant by that. And he- he loved us. And then, later on that evening when this started we knew exactly at that point what he meant then, what that phone call was about.

**Reporter:** Why did he think that it would draw the police here and the investigation the way it has?

**Casey Parsons:** He told them that-

**Reporter:** I mean, did you guys have discussions- like we don't know where the heck she is?

**Casey Parsons:** Oh, no. He was here the day that she walked out and went to Nan's. He watched her. All my other kids was too- watched her on- for the three week trip for Christmas, he watched her walk right out the door to go to the McDonald's to meet Nan. He knew Nan. He talked to Erica about the horses that she rode at Nan's all the time. He knew Nan. Erica talked to him about it several times. So, that's why I don't understand the report given to us that night when they come here. James has said that we killed her and buried her in our backyard. And, that's what they was asking. Did we kill her and bury her?

**Reporter:** And your answer?

**Casey Parsons and Sandy Parsons:** No.

**Reporter:** Cause I know, I mean, that's getting kind of to the next thing here- some of the tougher stuff that you guys have been accused of, whether it's from James or whatever the investigators have said, so you tell me. Flat out denying any sort of-

**Casey Parsons:** No, there is- she's at Nan's.

**Reporter:** - some sort of crime, being part of any sort of disappearance or not telling the truth?

**Casey Parsons:** No. She's at Nan's.

**Reporter:** Did you invite them to look at your backyard?

**Casey Parsons:** Oh, yes.

**Sandy Parsons:** Oh, yeah.

**Casey Parsons:** We came and we told- actually we told the detective our door is open and our door has always stayed open actually, that was just a thing before all the reporters started coming, and we told him, our door is always open anytime you want to walk through this door and it still is right this second. Um, and he even said, "Yeah, I know. We've seen it opened."

**Reporter:** Did they accuse you of killing her?

**Casey Parsons:** Yes.

**Sandy Parsons:** Yes.

**Casey Parsons:** Yes. Several times.

**Reporter:** What exactly did they say?

**Casey Parsons:** Homicide investigations wanted to know, did we sell her? He asked us that. He told us that I had a lot of medical bills and said that they know it probably got hard so- what did we do? Sell her? Sell her to people, and, uh- we did not do nothing like that. It was just all these different accusations. That we- it was just getting to hard- we gave her away, or it was just too much stress and everything that we just do away with her. And, it was very horrible stuff that they was- that they would say to us. And, on the day that we got- we called lawyer Sherill was- the man that James is staying with right now actually called us and told us that the detectives had told him that this was a homicide investigation and they really weren't even trying to find Erica. So, that's when we knew we better go call somebody if that was the truth. And, then we confronted the detective in the lobby when we went back about what Scott had called and said to us.

**Reporter:** They asked you or accused you of killing her?

**Casey Parsons:** They- I don't know what you mean, the difference- they asked me did I kill her, and they told us- his exact words about selling was, "You sold her because the medical bills was too high."

**Reporter:** But, you've only spoken to one detective, and there was another officer?

**Casey Parsons:** The second day there was an officer- I did not remember his name, and he was in the room when I was being questioned.

**Reporter:** Did he have a uniform on?

**Casey Parsons:** Yeah, he did. It was a gray shirt and some black pants.

**Reporter:** It was a police uniform-

**Casey Parsons:** Yeah.

**Reporter:** -not a suit?

**Casey Parsons:** Yeah. It was a police uniform. Yes. It was- the detective was wearing, you know, just- a suit, dress clothes. But, this man had a gray shirt on. I'm pretty sure it said "Police". I'm pretty sure it did.

**Reporter:** Or "Sheriff"?

**Sandy Parsons:** Sheriff. I think it was Sheriff.

**Casey Parsons:** It might have said Sheriff. It was a gray shirt and black pants and he was sitting over to the side. He did ask me some questions too. And then, the rest of the people that we talked to was another lady and it was just a DSS worker. That's it.

**Reporter:** Now, regarding DSS and what- I'm just asking, this is what one other person told us, is that since she was adopted, the case is not from Rowan County, it's from the Asheville area or I guess where she came from, whatever county where the adoption was initiated.

**Casey Parsons:** Cabarrus County.

**Reporter:** Cabarrus County? Okay. Do you guys still receive any sort of financial compensation from DSS or the state, are you still receiving that money for Erica-

**Casey Parsons:** She gets-

**Reporter:** -even though she hasn't been here for two years?

**Casey Parsons:** Yes. Because, I actually have the letter that states that you get it if you have legal responsibility of Erica.

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