

Casey and Sandy Parson's Interview with Salisbury Post
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Reporter: There are some people- and they don't want to be identified who say, "There is something they're not saying."

Attorney Sherrill: Those are the people talking to WSOC.

Casey Parsons: That's his family.

Reporter: I'm asking the question now. (Sherrill chuckles) I, I- you know. But- to those people who say, you know what, there's just something that they don't want people to know, there's something that happened and they're not talking about it. And, you say- what?

Casey Parsons: First, let me just explain that family real fast. He's sitting here and I know he don't want to say anything against the family. We don't do that. We just always keep our mouth shut and kept to ourselves. This, to us, was our family that lived here. My kids. We've been shunned by that family since we been married, even before we had kids. I can tell you that his parents and them, I could tell you- count on one hand how many times they laid eyes on Erica in probably ten years, much less the last two to three, what they're saying. That- no. We didn't go to birthday parties. We didn't go to Christmas stuff at their house. We didn't do that. That was- that has been a long family history with that family. And, you gotta also remember, the son that's doing this to us is with that family. So, that's a lot of why they're saying this and doing this.

Reporter: If, say, hypothetically they find Erica.

Casey Parsons: Yes.

Reporter: She's 15 years old. You still technically have legal custody. If she's found, is she coming back here?

Casey Parsons: That's what- no, that's what I was hoping all this would do. I'm hoping that Erica is not scared and will come forward 'cause there is two other little kids involved that she loves very much. And, I don't think she realizes that they have been removed from this house because of this. If she would just call, I understand that she wants to stay with Nan, and that's- I told her before, that's fine. We can work this out, and they just want it legal. I'm willing to do that. If Nan wants to go and do legal stuff, we'll go do legal stuff so all this will be resolved. I won't make Erica still come home. She's welcome to stay there as long as DSS and them are present and says she can stay there. But, she needs to just call. One of them needs to call. So, they can say, "I'm fine. I'm here." Let's just get the legal stuff taken care of, and we can decide then at that point if Nan's, in the laws eyes, 'cause they took my parental rights saying it's safe away, so let's let them say if it's safe for her to stay. 'Cause, to me, it was. I'm more than willing to let her stay there if she just call and tell us. Just come and we'll do- we'll get something where she can still go with that grandmother. We'll just do it on the paper this time the right way. I'm more than willing to do that. But, it could get her little brother and sister back in this house where they're not going through this, and all it would take it just to set up- just minutes, "I'm okay." And, we will do it. I'll pay for the stuff to get signed over if she would just come and let us sign papers. Lets just sign it and do it legal so the law will be okay with this, and they will see where she's at.

Reporter: Do you even know if Nan is alive?

Casey Parsons: She was alive when she got her in December. Um, I would assume she still is. I have been told that she died by Carolyn, and the detectives mentioned that. But, they also told me the girl that was with Strawberry- her daughter died in a car wreck, and that come out that was a lie, and she's alive.

Reporter: And, you said on Facebook she was a different name?

Casey Parsons: That's what Brittany- Brittany said. Do you remember the name that Brittany said she was going under on the Facebook? When she wrote, "Are you okay?" and she wrote back, "I'm okay."? You don't remember that? Have you got that still on your thing?

Female off camera: She just told me about how she just wrote her about a few months back and all she got from Erica was, "I'm fine."

Casey Parsons: Okay. But it was supposed to be a whole other Facebook, it wasn't under Erica Parsons. So, we even been looking for Erica Goodman. And then, now since we found Strawberry's name, Janice Jackson, we was looking for Erica Jackson. We been looking for everything that you could think of.

Reporter: Primarily searching on Facebook?

Casey Parsons: I am, 'cause that's the last- that's the last time that I know that anybody says they've talked to her, was Brittany. So, we started doing all these Facebook things, and trying

to see if maybe she's just under there or something where she'll call.

Reporter: Now, the horse riding, that would tell me that there must be some land up there-

Casey Parsons: Yeah.

Reporter: - is the home in the city of Asheville, or...?

Casey Parsons: No, Nan told me the home- it was fifteen minutes from the Biltmore house and she had a farm, and she had horses. And, Erica told me about the horses that she rode all the time.

Reporter: So, what's the next step for you?

Casey Parsons: We're waiting. We're waiting on that call to come in. We don't know what else to do but to wait for that call. Hoping that maybe she'll see this. She'll see what happened to the other ones and she'll call.

Reporter: Are you going to call investigators back?

Casey Parsons: That- they know, they know where to reach me at. I don't know what to call and tell them. They know I'm here waiting on them. They know I'm open anytime.

Reporter: But you don't want to call-

Casey Parsons: They know our home phone number. They know our cell phone number. They know everything.

Reporter: We've heard rumors that your family will be appearing on Dr. Phil. Is that true at all?

Attorney Sherrill: Monday.

Casey Parsons: Monday.

Reporter: Monday you're on Dr. Phil?

Reporter: Will you be there, as well?

Attorney Sherrill: That's projected. They called yesterday and asked. My secretary is lining it up.

Reporter: What is their subject for the show?

Attorney Sherrill: I have no idea. They just- they just tell me where to go.

Reporter: So, you're planning to go on Dr. Phil, though?

Casey Parsons: Yeah. We're hoping this will flesh her out.

Attorney Sherrill: She could be anywhere in the country and if there is any way to reach her, that's a way to do that.

Reporter: You don't know what the segment is about? They didn't...?

Attorney Sherrill: They called us. They evidently picked it up from somewhere and said they were interested in it. Called us yesterday and wanted an exclusive interview. We told them we're doing the local TV stations. They said, "That's fine." And, uh- last I heard, they wanted us- I think we're supposed to fly out tomorrow.

Casey Parsons: Yeah. That's what she said.

Reporter: Flying up to New York?

Attorney Sherrill: LA.

Casey Parsons: LA.

Reporter: Did they pitch any particular angle or...?

Attorney Sherrill: They just said they picked it up on the internet or from news sources and said that it was very popular and they wanted- their only request was that we do them exclusively.

Reporter: Did they say when that could be aired?

Attorney Sherrill: They're supposed to do it on Monday, I don't know if it's live. I don't even know what network it's on.

Casey Parsons: We're in hopes that she or somebody watches it and maybe she won't be scared to come out and call.

Reporter: Why would she be scared of calling now?

Casey Parsons: Well, there's cops involved. I don't know exactly what she's thinking- going through her head. I mean, my kids that lived here was scared when they got taken away. Even the little ones was scared to death. They was scared to go outside to play with their dogs. Nothing they did, nothing that Erica's done- that's scary for anybody at any age. I'm almost 40, and this is very scary for me. I don't- I've never had people knocking on my door like this. We have people that's hollering at us, threatening to kill us. I mean, we have a lot of stuff going on at this house.

Reporter: Do you have a more recent picture of Erica that we could use?

Casey Parsons: I've got the one from Christmas.

Reporter: That was Christmas of what year?

Casey Parsons: Of 2010.

Reporter: And, do you have a picture of James?

Casey Parsons: I don't have it on me. Where was...?

Sandy Parsons: It's in the files, I think. Do you want me to go get it?

Casey Parsons: Could you get that for us, Rick?

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