

State V. Lori Vallow

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Chandler Police Department 2019-83744

Synopsis

On 07/11/2019 at 0832 hours, the Chandler Police Department was called to the address of ██████ South Four Peaks Place in Chandler reference a shooting. The caller who identified himself as Alex Cox indicated that he had shot his brother-in-law, Charles Vallow in self-defense. As a result, a homicide investigation took place and all pertinent parties to the incident were interviewed. The scene was also processed and analyzed based on these interviews. At the conclusion of the investigation on 07/11/2019, there was concern about a potential bullet strike on the ground near Charles Vallow's body. There was also concern regarding the timeline of events that came to light in the days following the homicide. None of these concerns would immediately provide probable cause for the arrest of anyone present at the time of the murder and more investigation was necessary.

In the weeks following the murder of Charles Vallow, investigators learned that Charles and Lori Vallow were experiencing turmoil in their marriage. As a result, Charles moved Lori into the residence on Four Peaks Place with Lori's daughter Tylee Ryan and their adoptive son JJ Vallow who was diagnosed with ██████. Charles Vallow remained in Texas and came into town to visit on 07/10/2019. When looking into the relationship between Lori and Charles, it was learned that Lori had accused Charles of infidelity which led to their separation. It was also learned that during the uncertainty of their relationship Lori left JJ with Charles and disappeared for over two months. It was also learned that Charles was concerned for Lori's mental health as she had begun to express that she was

selected to prepare 144,000 people for the end of the world. Concerned for her well-being and that of the children, Charles filed a mental health petition asking for a mental health evaluation. In this petition, Charles talked about how Lori had told him that he was possessed by a dark spirit by the name of Ned Schneider. Lori would even refer to Charles in conversation and documentation by the name of Ned. This turmoil in the relationship can be substantiated through police reports, court orders, police body camera footage, cell phone records and witness testimony.

On 10/03/2019, the Chandler Police Department learned of the attempted murder of [REDACTED]. On 10/02/2019, [REDACTED] reported that someone shot at him when he was arriving home while he was exiting his vehicle in front of his Gilbert residence. He indicated that the shot was fired from the back of a Jeep Wrangler parked down the street from his residence. [REDACTED] suspected that the shooter was possibly Alex Cox. [REDACTED] further reported that Lori Vallow was to blame for his impending divorce from his wife [REDACTED], the niece to Lori. [REDACTED] then provided authorities with insight into the extreme religious beliefs of Lori Vallow and Alex Cox. [REDACTED] suspected that these beliefs led him to lose his wife and also led to the murder of Charles Vallow.

While continuing to investigate the murder of Charles Vallow, [REDACTED] (Grandmother of JJ Vallow) contacted Detective Moffat and was concerned about JJ. She indicated that she had not heard from JJ and that Lori was not allowing him to call or video message her and her husband. It was discovered that Lori had relocated to Rexburg, Idaho with Alex Cox. Idaho authorities were asked to conduct a welfare check on JJ Vallow and Tylee Ryan. During this welfare check in November of 2019, Lori indicated that the kids were staying with [REDACTED] in Arizona. Investigators contacted [REDACTED] and determined that this was not the case. Lori also told another witness that JJ and Tylee went to stay with [REDACTED]. This was obviously not the case either. During this time, investigators learned that Lori Vallow had married Chad Daybell who was a resident of Rexburg, Idaho. Strangely, Chad's wife Tammy Daybell died in her sleep on 10/19/2019. Lori and Chad would marry within a month of Tammy's passing.

As a result, investigators from the Chandler Police Department, Gilbert Police Department, Rexburg Police Department, Fremont County Sheriff's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigations began to coordinate efforts to locate JJ and Tylee and also investigate the respective cases within their jurisdiction. This coordinated effort consisted of numerous search warrants on telephone records, social media accounts, bank records, medical records, email accounts, residences and seized electronic devices. As a result of the data recovered, it was believed that none of the mentioned crimes were coincidence or justifiable. Specifically to Chandler, the evidence shows that Charles' death was a planned event and necessary to prevent Charles and others from confronting Lori about her extreme religious beliefs when he came to town on 07/11/2019. The death of Charles Vallow was also necessary in order for Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow to marry and fulfill their religious prophecy.

It was discovered that Lori Vallow believed she was an exalted Goddess and she and Chad were directed to lead 144,000 people in preparing for the end of the world. Through this investigation, many witnesses came forward and provided insight into this belief system. Using these interviews and the data gathered from the above mentioned warrants, several others who shared Lori and Chad's belief system were identified. Those pertinent to the investigation were identified [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was discovered that Lori and Chad believed that they had extraordinary abilities. Some of these abilities included the power to teleport and cause harm to others, the ability to call up natural disasters, the ability to pray away demonic spirits attached to others and also visionary capabilities. Because of these abilities provided to them, they felt that they were qualified to tell whether someone had a "light" or "dark" scale associated with them. This scale would indicate whether or not they had demonic spirits attached to them. Lori and Chad would often refer to these dark spirits by actual name, by a certain level of spirit or by using the term zombies. Lori and Chad also shared a "trust level" in referring to others. In examining the data, these dark scales were attached to [REDACTED], Charles, JJ and Tylee. Many others were also provided with dark and

light scales. Coincidentally, if you shared their belief system, your score was favorable. If you offered any opposition to their belief or their destiny, you were seen as possessed. In reviewing the documents collected by the agencies involved, the following would show that Lori and Alex conspired to murder Charles Vallow on 07/11/2019.

The first evidence to cause harm to Charles Vallow was discovered in text messages between [REDACTED] and Lori Vallow on 11/3/18. [REDACTED] is a friend of Lori Vallows and also the widow of Alex Cox. [REDACTED] cellular phone was seized and data extracted by the Gilbert Police Department after the death of her husband Alex Cox.

On 11/03/2018 at 1440 hours, [REDACTED] tells Lori that she was told by God that she is to protect Lori. In January of 2019, [REDACTED] told Lori that she had a vision that she could create storms and fire and will have the eye of the Lord. On 02/06/2019 at 1606 hours, Lori texted [REDACTED] telling her that Charles was blocking her gifts. From this point forward, there is specific conversation to cause harm to Charles Vallow who has also been referred to as a dark spirit called "Hiplos" or "Ned". [REDACTED]

to obtain a free benefits evaluation. This search is of importance as it would indicate an inquiry as to the benefits that Lori would be entitled to. In a text message that Lori sent to Chad Daybell on 07/18/2019 (one week after Charles was murdered), she indicated the following:

“So I talked to the insurance company. He changed it in March. So it was probably Ned before we got rid of him. They can’t tell me to who of course but it’s done. I’ll still get the 4000 a month from SS”.

Lori would not have known this without completing the online benefit evaluation. Furthermore, The Social Security Administration did not have any contact with Lori until she attended an appointment with them on 08/12/2019 at 1330 hours. This appointment date was located in Lori’s iCloud account. It was at this time that Lori was provided with the actual amount of the benefit which was close to the \$4,000 she reported to Chad in July.

On 06/22/19, Alex Cox entered the conversation regarding “Hiplos” or Charles Vallow.

06/22/19 - Alex started to text [REDACTED] from [REDACTED]. Through a search warrant, this number was identified as belonging to Alex Cox. On 06/22/2019 at 1902 hours, Alex sent [REDACTED] a message, “Hey [REDACTED]. Its Alex”.

06/27/19 @ 1018 hours - [REDACTED] to Lori - Do you think there is a way to change Hiplos to the light?

On 06/29/2019, Charles Vallow discovered a fictitious letter that Lori sent to [REDACTED]. This letter was written as if it was from Charles Vallow asking Chad Daybell to come to Arizona to assist him with writing a book. This discovery would send everything into action. Charles confronted Lori about the fictitious letter accusing her of writing the letter so Chad Daybell could provide a reason to his wife to come to Arizona to visit Lori. Charles asked Lori to come clean about her relationship with Chad Daybell by the end of the day or he would contact Tamara Daybell and inform her of the relationship.

Following the discovery of this letter, Charles Vallow began talking to [REDACTED] (Lori and Alex's brother) about his discovery as well as Lori's radical beliefs. The two then communicated with each other to plan an intervention on or around 07/10/2019. Charles had arranged to come to Arizona and also arranged travel for [REDACTED].

During this time, [REDACTED], Lori and Chad continued to message about Charles (AKA Hiplos).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

There is no obvious communication found between Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell to show that he was directly involved with the planning of Charles Vallow's murder. Lori Vallow found out about [REDACTED] coming to town through her mother and [REDACTED].

Lori found out about the potential intervention on 07/09/2019. She reached out to Alex Cox, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to warn them of the elaborate plan that [REDACTED] and Charles had. [REDACTED] and his son [REDACTED] were picked up at the airport on 07/10/2019 by [REDACTED] mother. [REDACTED] provided Lori with updates regarding [REDACTED] whereabouts and asked Lori if she wanted to run interference. Lori told [REDACTED] that she was trying to figure it out. [REDACTED]

There is no indication who [REDACTED] was talking about killing.

In text messages found on the [REDACTED] iCloud, [REDACTED] asked Lori if she wanted to have their mother do a preemptive strike and confront [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] told their mother no and asked that she just collect information. Based on the text messages that were located, it was apparent that they were trying to keep [REDACTED] away from Alex and come up with a plan of their own.

Lori told her sister that she was headed to Alex's house on 07/10/2019 at 1558 hours. During this time, she continued to message Charles and never once confronted him about her knowing that something was planned. Lori reached out to [REDACTED] and convinced her to cancel a trip to Utah for a wedding telling her, "U can't go at all. We both need to stay here to defend ourselves". Lori added, "It's coming to a head ! This week will change everything". Lori would also tell Alex, "Getting sleepy. So I'm gong to need you to stay close to me the next couple days. [REDACTED] too. She can't go to Utah. They are planking some kind of intervention but want [REDACTED] out of the way so I'm left alone. I need to come get the stuff at your house tomorrow and secure it. Lots to do. Thank you for standing by me. It's all coming to a head this week. I will be like nephi I am told ! And so will you ❤️"

On 07/11/2019 at 0735 hours, Charles Vallow arrived at [REDACTED] South Four Peaks Place to pick up JJ. When he arrived, he texted [REDACTED] telling him that Alex was there. [REDACTED] told Charles that they were planning something and Charles

stated, "Absolutely". [REDACTED] indicated that he was supposed to spend the night with Alex but Lori probably blocked this.

Following the murder of Charles Vallow, Lori took his rental vehicle and cellular phone. The GPS data associated with the phone indicated that the phone left the residence at 0749 hours. Lori then went to Burger King to get food for JJ, Walgreens to get flip flops for her and Tylee and finally returned home at 0848 hours. Alex Cox would not call 911 until 0832 hours to report the shooting. When reporting the incident, Alex indicated that it just happened. He was provided with CPR instructions and he acted as if he was performing life-saving measures on Charles. It was not until emergency personnel began life saving measures that they saw blood coming from Charles' body. This would indicate that Alex performed no emergency aid. Based on this timeline, Charles [REDACTED] would have laid dead or dying for approximately 43 minutes before Alex called 911. During this time, Phone records indicated that Alex called Lori.

Lori, Tylee and Alex told investigators about a physical altercation that was started by Charles. During this altercation, Lori left the residence with Tylee and JJ. As they were leaving, Tylee and Lori reported hearing a gunshot. Based on this investigation, it has been proven how valuable that Alex Cox was to Lori. His mission on this earth was to protect his sister. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The shot into Charles' body as he laid on the floor and the delay in calling 911 would also validate their desire for him to die. In addition, Lori told police that Alex was asked to stay at her house to protect her from Charles when he arrived on 07/11/2020. Alex denied this and stated that he stayed at the house because they were going to go to a waterpark or go shooting on 07/11/2020. [REDACTED]

As part of this investigation, Alex performed a walk-through for investigators. Alex indicated that as Charles was coming at him, he shot him twice in the chest while Charles was standing. Trajectory at autopsy discovered that one of these shots would be consistent with this statement. This shot would have gone through Charles and ended up in the baseboard. However, the second shot entered below Charles' rib cage and exited through his upper left shoulder causing a shored wound and defect in the flooring where Charles was found. This angle would indicate that Charles was already laying on the floor when this second shot was fired.

After the murder of Charles Vallow, additional text messages and emails were located that would indicate the murder was intentional and according to a master plan. One of these was a message sent to Lori from Chad Daybell. The message read, "I got the inspiration to go back to my original death percentages that helped us track Charles, Ned, etc. Tammy is very close. Her percentage has fallen steadily since Hiplos left. It is encouraging! ❤️👉".

Messages on [REDACTED] phone would also show the intentionality of the murder of Charles Vallow:

07/11/19 2331 hours - [REDACTED] to Lori - As I was working on Hiplos today in the temple I was told "he will be taken as he is", idk what that means. Then I was shown to only put light, the brightest light, from the top and the bottom at the same time. Meeting in the middle. So I've been doing that all day.

07/12/19 @ 2236 hours- [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] - Oh ok

Hiplos is gone

It was a Nephi and Laban ending.

I will tell you more when I see you in person or when you see Lori in person.

I'm leaving for Chile on Monday for 2 weeks

07/12/19 - [REDACTED] to Julie - Right?

I`m just happy it`s over

According to Mormon Doctrine, Nephi is a prophet in the Book of Mormon and is commanded by his father Lehi to return to Jerusalem to obtain brass plates that contain genealogy records from Laban. Nephi and his two brothers Laman and Lemuel return to Jerusalem. When Laman attempts to get the plates from Laban, he is chased off in fear of his life as Laban says he will slay him. They later return to Laban with all of their valuables and are chased off again. Nephi later goes to Laban`s house and finds him passed out drunk. Nephi is commanded to slay Laban as he was delivered into Nephi`s hands. Nephi uses Laban`s sword to kill Laban.

The story can be found in the Book of Mormon 1st Nephi chapters 3-4.

Through interviews conducted with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], the belief system regarding dark spirits and zombies was revealed. Both witnesses were in direct communication with Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell and were being provided instructions regarding their missions to prepare for the second coming of Christ. Both indicated that they were told long before 07/11/2019 that Charles had died, and his body was taken over by an evil spirit. Both witnesses gathered with Lori Vallow prior to 07/11/2019 to try and pray the spirits out of his body so Charles` spirit would no longer be in limbo. [REDACTED]

When Lori found out about Charles and [REDACTED] were coming to town, she believed that they were going to kill her for her life insurance money. On 07/09/2019, Lori reached out to [REDACTED] for help. Lori told [REDACTED] in a text message that she needed to speak with her ASAP. [REDACTED] replied and Lori indicated that she was on the phone trying to figure out what to do. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lori then asked for the assistance of [REDACTED] and Alex Cox to stand by her side for protection. This was when Lori made the comment about being told she was going to be like Nephi. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have both included that Lori got her advice and direction from Chad Daybell. When giving instructions, [REDACTED] stated that Lori would always say "I have been told". Messages identified above have indicated that Chad Daybell was aware of the work with zombies and specifically the work that [REDACTED] and Lori were doing on Charles prior to 07/11/2019.

Based on the above synopsis and a myriad of other facts gathered in this case, it is recommended that Lori Vallow [REDACTED] be charged with conspiracy to commit murder for the death of her husband Charles Vallow on 07/11/2019.