

Episode 10



Season 1 : E10 - The One Night Cellie: Bill Moffit

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Episode Description: In 1995, convicted rapist Bill Moffit was serving his lengthy sentence for a most heinous crime. While chatting with his cellmate, he learned of a precious rumor that might help him out. Some guys he knew from the world might have been involved in a robbery, and he recalled bunking with one before. He felt it was just his luck. So Bill Moffit called the cops, asked about the reward, and said that Jamie confessed to the robbery gone bad, and he just needed peace of mind. He had it so bad that he came three times to testify in court. This tenth episode of Snow Files brings new meaning to the walk of shame.

Music Intro: Injustice Anywhere presents Snow Files: The wrongful conviction of Jamie Snow and how they got away with it.

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Jamie Snow: Bill Moffit was my, was my cellie just for one day. I, I mean, less than, less than 12 hours he was my cellmate overnight. I've never, I've never met the dude before. Of course he came to trial and he testified that he had known me for all these years but he'd seen me around town and you know and, and that was one of the

questions that I was trying to get my attorneys to, you know, Frank Picl, I was like, okay, he, he says he's, you know, he'd known me around town, he'd seen me around town. I, I, I wanted Frank to ask him you know, just name one person, just give us the name of one person that we go out and get right now that will come in here and, and tell this jury that they've ever seen you anywhere with Jamie Snow on the street, anywhere. You know, whether it was at a party, walking down the street, in, at a, at a bar, uh, you know, in a grocery store anywhere, just give us the name of one person that will come in here and say that, that they've ever seen the two of you together anywhere. Because the truth is, I had never met Bill Moffitt before in my entire life. He was my cellmate overnight. That's it. I never knew him.

I mean, it's, it's it's hard to protect yourself against witnesses like that. I mean, read his first statement that he gave to the police and he's kind of like Randy Howard, you know, and he's kind of like Steve Scheel. You know they're the ones that contacted the police first, and, and I guess Ed Palumbo too you know, when you, you contact the police to give them your information, and then don't give them all your information. It's, it's, you know, I can understand that they've went to these people may have been like no I didn't tell him because I didn't want to be involved. Bill Moffitt contacted detectives, and supposedly, you know, he knew uh, Bill Little and, and you know, and then in that first police report he gives to the, to the police, you couldn't attribute that information to a homicide case anywhere in the United States of America. It says you know, Clark William Little homicide at the top of the police report, but the information provided by Bill Moffitt was zero. You know then you see how his statements get better and better as, as time goes on and, and, and more and more detail, you know, as he has more and more contact with the, with the detectives, and when the witness whisperer, Dan Katz comes on board, you know.

Hopefully, you'll be able to hear from the tape recorded interview, I mean, you get a perfect picture of how these people's stories came together. I mean, they kept asking him on the, on the tape recording over and over and over and over and over about, "Did he ever say anything to you about a car in the parking lot?" "Did he ever say anything to you about a car in the parking lot?" You know, and uh he finally says, No, you know, I, I wish I could help you but no, I don't remember that.

Now between the time that he said that and the time that he got on the stand, uh, you know, something had to have changed because Teena Griffin knew to ask the question. Did you ever say anything? Uh, maybe he was afraid somebody might have saw him and he went right into the... yeah he said something about a car in the

parking lot, you know, and then, and then Teena Griffin in her closing arguments, you know, she makes, she makes reference that you know, how, how would Bill Moffit have known about the, the car in a parking lot, the defendant didn't tell him that. Well, you know, the detective told him that.

And, you know, one of the things that really pissed me off about Frank and Pat Riley was that, you know, Steve Skelton did a great cross examination of Bill Moffit, you know. And he asked him, you know, why didn't you call someone and tell them, uh, what Jamie just told you? And he said well, because when you were in the receiving center in Joliet, you couldn't use the phone. And he said well then why didn't you write somebody? And he said, you know because if you didn't have any money you couldn't, couldn't mail out any mail. And he said well, why didn't you stop a guard and tell a guard and he was like, well, I never saw one. You know, he was there on a medical furlough. He was there on a medical for, you know, like 60 something days. There, there was one officer that I knew was in, in the receiving center at that time that I, I, I remember his name was, his name was Michael Witkowski. He was a lieutenant. And I had told Frank and Pat, you know, we need to get this guy because he can come in and testify.

Number one, everybody who went to the yard, every single person in the Joliet Correctional Center at the time went to the yard, could use the phone. If you went to the yard, you could use the phone. It was a state law in Illinois at the time that if you didn't have money to mail out mail, everybody in the whole state of Illinois got three free state write outs, passed out every single week. So you could of mailed out mail. Lieutenant Witkowski could have came in and testified that you know about the kennel procedures, they come around and they go to cell to cell every day, three times a day when you go to yard, you're seeing officers, when you're going to chow, you're seeing officers, there's no way you could be in, in, in a, in a prison and not see guards unless you were blind. And uh, that's what I wanted Witkowski to testify to. And in my attorneys told me that they tried to find him and that he no longer worked in, in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

And then, when I got here to Stateville after I've been convicted, one of the first officers I saw was Witkowski. And I asked him if he'd still worked for our DOC or if he'd quit, and he said no, you know, he'd been there the whole time and they, they just lied to him. One of the things that I want to, I want to stress about Bill Moffit and a lot of these people as, as we move forward, and we've covered in the past, you know, what I really want people to know and what I really want people to think about

is this, if someone is lying about anything, and I don't care what it is, if you're lying about your birth date, lying about how much you weigh, if you're lying about your middle name, I don't care what it is, if you're lying about anything and you get on the stand, where you go to the police, you involve yourself in a, in a murder investigation, you're providing information if you lie, if you're lying about anything, then, then how do you accept anything that a liar will tell you?

It, it seems like you know in this case and with these witnesses, you know, there was no, they have no level, no standard of honesty they don't have to have any integrity. Their work doesn't have to mean anything just as long as they say, Jamie, told me he did it. It's all good. Everything else can be a lie. But as long as they get up on the stand and say Jamie told me he did it, the state, the state is all good with that. Bill Moffit lied about whether or not he could get on the phone and call someone, whether or not he can send out a letter, whether or not he ever saw a guard, I mean, it's, it's, it's unbelievable that you could be in a maximum security prison. Let me tell you from experience, that you can be in a maximum security prison and never see a guard. I mean, they come around and they pass out the mail, they come around and they pass out the medication, they come around and do count three times a day. So he just simply lied about that stuff. You know, and uh, I, I just think that people should, should keep that in mind, you know, as you're, as you're evaluating these witnesses and, and the evidence that has me 20 years into, into a life sentence for, for something I didn't do.

I, I think that the jury should have, you know, my attorneys every chance they, they had to, you know, expose these people for lying about something they should of. Randy Howard, that he called me on the phone and, and that I went and picked him up at the bus station. I didn't have a phone. You know, that was a lie. I didn't have a car. That was a lie. You know this is what the state has for all these years hung their, their hat on when they're denying us the ability to do any forensic testing. All these witnesses said that he did it so, you know, forensic testing wouldn't change. It's, It's just uh, it's just ridiculous. You know, and uh, you know, we've, we've got some more witnesses that, that, uh are, are coming down the, the line that are, are the same way. I hope uh, I hope you guys will continue to uh, to stay engaged and tuned in because you know the, the, the truth of, of how they did this to me, it, it's gonna come out and uh, you'll, you'll get a clear picture. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers.

Bruce Fischer: Bill Moffit reached out to police for the first time in 1995 when he was in prison for an aggravated battery charge. At that time, Detective's Crowe and Barkes visited Moffit at Illinois River Correctional Center. Moffit told the detectives he was Jamie's cellie when they were being transferred to receiving in Joliet. They spent one night in the same cell, and Jamie confessed the Clark Oil murder to him.

Moffit asked Snow what was wrong and Snow said he had people after him because of something he did. Snow then said he pulled an armed robbery, and the kid started giving him a hard time and was being mouthy. Snow said he had been smoking a pipe for a few days, and so he offed the kid. Moffit said he thought Snow mentioned the name Billy during their conversation. Moffit stated that he and Snow never discussed this situation again.

It doesn't appear as if lead detective Crowe took Moffit's accounting of events as truth, because there was no mention again, until, you guessed it, Crowe retired and Barkes and Katz took over the case. In 1998, Moffit was once again sitting in prison, this time for three counts of raping his wife. This was when Barkes and Katz reached out to Moffit and his story grew.

(From recording)

Rick Barkes: Easter Sunday... and what I would like for you to do is tell me what you know about that incident.

Bill Moffit: Okay.

Rick Barkes: You just might have to talk up because you're a little distance away and there's a fan going in here.

Bill Moffit: All right. You just want me to go on from here with what I know?

Rick Barkes: Just tell us what you know about it.

Bill Moffit: Well, uh, at Joliet I had a cellie, uh, named Jamie Snow who, I guess the conversation was, when it finally came to a point of like he was bragging, and uh he started telling me about a, a robbery he had done and uh, of course, I was just listening, you know, heck, we were both just going down for time, I was just listening to him, and you know, he started, he bounced back and forth uh, with

bragging and then started to get a little deeper into it and I said, well, he said, he started out and he said that he had uh, robbed the gas station. Well, the first thing that clicked in my mind at first was uh, Billy Little because everybody knew Billy Little. And uh, so I started playing a little further because I wanted to hear just exactly what he did know. And uh, so I kept trying to conversate with him about it, carry on the conversation, uh. As we carried on the conversation uh, Jamie Snow said that he had uh, been the one in the robbery with a gun. And of course at this point, we uh, or I didn't know this was Clark Gas Station. As we were talking on and on about it uh, he started telling me how he went in and it was just supposed to be an easy and clean robbery, but then the guy tried to come at him or something, and he, and he said that he shot him. Well, I was gonna clarify a little more I asked him was this the Clark Gas Station uh, shooting and he said, yeah, it was and I said well, well, uh were you, I asked him if he was the only one and he told me no, there was three of them and uh somebody was driving the car and he said they needed money because they had been smoking crack. And uh they needed some more money. And uh they just happened to stop at that gas station and that guy just happened to be working. Uh, anything further than that I mean, probably any questions, I'm nervous now. He came in that morning uh, and turned himself in because he was supposed to leave on the bus with us. And despite chances, luck would have it we ended up being cellmates at Joilet.

Bruce Fischer: As luck would have it.

Rick Barks: In your conversations with Jamie Snow how many times did Jamie Snow say that he killed Billy Little or BL, whatever he said? I mean did you have one conversation where he said yeah I killed him, I shot him, or did you have two, did you have three?

Bill Moffit: Oh, there uh, there was a couple of cases where he, I mean, it was like by this time, he had talked about it so much it was like bragging. So I'd probably say a couple, maybe three times that he came forward and said that outright.

Bruce Fischer: Recall on Moffitt's 1995 interview, he stated they only had one discussion and then never discussed the situation again.

Bill Moffit: You know, I don't know if I knew in the future this was gonna happen or whatever or makes this reward money happen and, but yeah we talked several times over it.

Bruce Fischer: He sounds almost giddy when he talks about the reward money. He thinks it's \$25,000.

Rick Barkes: When you were talking about the Clark Gas Station armed robbery with Jamie Snow, did he ever tell you what type of a weapon he used?

Bill Moffit: He just said a shot. So I would assume that was it was a pistol or a rifle. He shot him because the guy came after him.

Rick Barkes: Did you ask him what he meant when he said the guy came after him?

Bill Moffit: Yeah he said that there was an enclosure where the guy was at and instead of standing in that enclosure he went to come around it and that's when he shot him.

Rick Barkes: Did Jamie Snow ever say whether he knew this individual or not, before?

Bill Moffit: Yeah he knew him and he didn't think he would come after him. That's why he said it went wrong, cuz when he came after him he had no choice but to shoot him in his mind.

Rick Barkes: So Jamie said that he knew this kid?

Bill Moffit: Yes.

Rick Barkes: Did he know when they went to that gas station that this kid was working there?

Bill Moffit: Yes. That's why he thought the robbery would go smooth. That's why they chose that place. Actually, they pulled in for gas. And, Jamie got the idea to do this. No, we don't need to pay for it, in fact let's get some money and Jamie went in the door first to armed robber the guy with a pistol. And when he went in the door, one guy was pumping gas and the other guy come with him or something. I don't know how they all ended up in the building and whatever, but they did. And uh, Jamie said that, like I said, the guy wants to come around that

partition or whatever it was, and that's when he had to make the choice to shoot him. He said, he knew who he was and everything. And then like I said, that uh, they needed money and he wasn't gonna let it get in the way that he knew the guy.

Rick Barkes: Did he ever tell you the kid's name that he shot?

Bill Moffit: He told me the initials, BL.

Rick Barkes: Did he ever tell you who was with him at the Clark Station that night? Who was in the car?

Bill Moffit: Yes, and I cannot remember for the life of me right now, I'm sorry. I cannot remember that. I'm sorry.

Rick Barkes: If you heard names, would you recognize names?

Bill Moffit: Possibly. Possibly, but I don't want to say that and then pick the wrong one. I don't remember, I honestly don't remember. For some reason that didn't shed as much light on that, that accident or that murder as the other things that he was telling me worse or sometimes blocked it out or something.

Rick Barkes: You didn't really remember those things?

Bill Moffit: No. I know there was three though. I know there was three.

Rick Barkes: And you think they were pumping, you said they pumped some gas?

Bill Moffit: I think, I think. If I remember right, he stopped for gas and when he stopped for gas he made the decision to rob the place.

Bruce Fischer: Wait, I thought they planned it? I thought they were doing drugs and decided they needed more money, which is it?

Bill Moffit: Jamie went in the door first to uh, to armed robber the guy with a pistol.

Bruce Fischer: He said later that Jamie didn't tell him what the weapon was. He assumed it was a pistol or a rifle.

Rick Barks: How many times did Jamie tell you he shot Billy Little?

Bill Moffit: Three.

Rick Barks: And that was during that two-week period in Joliet (inaudible) some other place?

Bill Moffit: Yeah.

Rick Barks: Three different times?

Bill Moffit: No, no your're asking me how many times he shot Billy.

Rick Barks: Oh, I'm sorry, how many times did he shoot him?

Bill Moffit: Three.

(inaudible)

Bill Moffit: Three, if I remember correctly.

Bruce Fischer: Bill Little was shot twice.

Rick Barks: Did he ever talk about seeing a, seeing a car, some, some car pull up?

Bill Moffit: No, not that I can remember, not that I can remember. I'm sorry, I can't help you there.

Rick Barks: Well, it's been a long time.

Bruce Fischer: Again with the car?

Rick Barks: Did he ever talk about his concern that there was maybe another customer that drove by the gas station or a car that went by or?

Bill Moffit: Well, because of that neighborhood, I'm sure you're familiar with it and where it is, and if you did anything on the crime scene you know where that spot

is. Uh, the house, two houses behind the gas station is the Whitmers, which I'm sure you're familiar with Brian Whitmer, uh is the Whitmers and they're, hell, even when we were all in all in high school and we used to hang out we were always up at that gas station 55 or 65 times a day. And uh, so you know, I imagine there was some concern on his part that they, you know somebody might have seen him, but the reason, the way he covered that up was he uh said that there was flyers up around the town and nobody had solved it yet. Ha ha ha, they got a \$25,000 reward for this murder I did. And that's basically in a nutshell, if you want to sum it up, that's exactly how the man talked about it. Ha Ha Ha.

Bruce Fischer: Poor Moffit is just not catching on that they want him to say a car pulled up.

Rick Barks: Is there anybody else that you know of-

Bill Moffit: Yes there is...Go ahead

Rick Barks: Your anxious.

Katz: He can read your mind.

Rick Barks: Yes

Bill Moffit: Anybody else I know of that, that can corroborate the story that I am telling you.

Rick Barks: That's correct.

Bill Moffit: I gave them the name of the guy that was my cellie at Illinois River and if you ask me right now all that I can tell you is (inaudible) Kroger on Main Street armed robbery and he robbed a bank on West Market Street a few days later or a day, a day. And I can't think of the little guy's name for the life of me, he ended up being my cellie at Illinois River.

Rick Barks: If I told you his name, would you recognize it?

Bill Moffit: You bet.

Rick Barks: Ed Hammond.

Bill Moffit: Yes. That'd be the name that I also gave at Illinois River.

Rick Barks: So he was, you told him this story?

Bill Moffit: Yeah, you ain't talked to me if you go talk to him.

Rick Barks: Pardon?

Bill Moffit: You haven't talked to me talk if you're going to talk to him.

Rick Barks: Okay.

Bill Moffit: Um, I just don't, I can't chance that he's one of them (inaudible). He's one of them (inaudible). And uh...

Rick Barks: So he, but you told him the story.

Bill Moffit: No, he told me.

Rick Barks: Oh, he told you the story.

Bill Moffit: Oh yeah, he knows it better than I do.

Rick Barks: What he tell you?

Bill Moffit: He just, he said he knew Jamie Snow had killed the guy and uh, he, he knows a lot more about it, but the best I can tell you is for some reason he sticks in my mind as knowing a hell of a lot better than I do.

Bruce Fischer: He told Moffit the story? Jamie confessed to Moffit? And Hammond knows the story better than he does?

Rick Barks: When you said this that Ed Hammond was your cellmate and he was telling you about this could Ed have possibly been one of the three persons?

Bill Moffit: Yes.

Rick Barks: Possibly or was he definitely one of the three there?

Bill Moffit: He was definitely one of the three there.

Rick Barks: Did, did he tell you that?

Bill Moffit: Yes. More or less, he didn't come out and say that exact words, but um, I would have to think about it, yeah I was thinking, but if, if I remember right he was just bragging.

(End recording)

Bruce Fischer: Ed Hammond was in jail the night of the crime. The following testimony was given by Moffit in 1999, when he was in prison for raping his wife. The following are inconsistencies with Moffit's prior statement:

He knew about the crime because all of the advertisements and he knew Billy Little was killed. Everybody knew Billy.

Snow said the guy dropped a pack of cigarettes or dropped something. That's when he pulled the gun out and shot him. Griffin then asked Moffit if Snow also told him that the reason he did the robbery was because they needed money because they were smoking crack and they needed more money for it. Moffit agrees and says, I forgot to say that.

Moffitt says that Snow never discussed the terms of where the guy was inside. Where Billy was in the gas station. Moffit says earlier Billy was behind the counter.

Griffin: Did he ever express to you any concern about being seen or being identified?

Moffit: There was either a car that pulled up at the stop sign or that drove by or something to that effect. But again, I'm not entirely sure. It was something to that effect.

Griffin: But he was telling you that he was concerned that somebody was going to be able to identify him.

Moffit: Yes, ma'am.

Moffit says again, there was something about that other car that pulled up or drove by or stopped at the gas station or stopped at the stop sign or something. There was something about that other car. He was nervous. There was something else about that.

Moffit said Snow never said anything about the reward money. (At Jamie's trial he said much the same.) He first met Snow at a party at Danny Hendrick's.

Reynard again asked Moffit if Snow indicated what his concerns were. Then asked straight out if Snow was concerned about being seen that night. Moffit says yes. There was some mention for lack of specific but not to the extent of a car having pulled up to the gas station or driven into the lot or something to that extent. Not exactly sure. But there was something about a car that he was afraid that it possibly seen him that night when they were in the parking lot of that gas station.

Moffit says he became aware of the flyers, possibly the earlier part of 1994, but doesn't recall exactly the timeframe saw them taped on the doors inside the Clark Gas Station windows. So he knew about the reward long before he came forward to police.

Aside from the minor details, it's important to point out the three critical new details added for the grand jury and trial phase number one that Moffit knew Jamie prior to prison. Jamie states explicitly that he had never met Moffit.

Jamie Snow: Says that he knew me and that he'd known me from around town, and that, that Denny Hendricks could confirm that me and Bill Moffit used to go to parties together and stuff and that and that Denny could confirm that. See if Denny will deny that because I've never met Bill Moffit. I don't know Bill Moffit, never met him in my life, so if Denny will, if Denny will confirm that...

Tammy Alexander: He said he met you at a kegger, you know, at a party, that was the last thing that he said, I think in his last testimony.

Jamie Snow: Ask Denny about that. I'll bet you, I'll bet you know, I don't know. I, I really don't know. But Denny may have never met Bill Moffit until they ended up in prison together. I don't know. But I can promise you that I never went to no keggers at Denny's house. And I can I can promise you that Denny is not going to say that he ever saw me and, and Bill Moffit together at fucking parties. It's just not gonna happen. I'm positive of it.

Bruce Fischer: And Denny agrees.

Tammy Alexander: So did you know if Jamie knew him?

Denny Hendricks: I don't think Jamie knew him at all. I mean, I don't think so at all because Jamie's circle is way different than him. The only way I met him is uh through some parties or some, but like I said back then Jamie didn't go out or nothing so.

Tammy Alexander: Well, he testified that he met Jamie at a kegger at your house.

Denny Hendricks: At my house?

Tammy Alexander: Yeah.

Denny Hendricks: I know that's a fucking lie.

Bruce Fischer: Number Two: That Jamie was concerned about someone pulling up and seeing him.

(From recording)

Rick Barkes: Jamie Snow we're talking about, did he ever express a concern about being seen by somebody at the gas station?

Bill Moffit: Oh yeah he didn't know if they had gotten away with it. He, you know how he how he started it. He brought up uh, he brought up the fact that there were flyers all over the town with a reward for a murder he had done.

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Bruce Fischer: Number three, why Jamie did it.

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Yeah he knew him and he didn't think he would come after him. That's why he said it went wrong because when he came after him he had no choice but to shoot him in his mind.

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Bruce Fischer: *"Snow said the guy dropped a pack of cigarettes or dropped something. That's when he pulled the gun out and shot him."* It's the little details that were added. That Teena Griffin used in her closing arguments to tie Jamie to the crime using other witnesses who testified falsely to corroborate Moffit's accounting.

Jamie Snow: You know they, you know they lie about details that shouldn't matter but they do matter. I mean if, if you're if you're lying about anything you shouldn't be a witness in a murder case. That's, that's how I feel.

Bruce Fischer: In 2009, Denny Hendricks gave an affidavit stating that Moffit admitted to him when they were in Dixon Correctional Center that he got a time cut exchange for testifying against Jamie. The following is from a recent interview Snow Files conducted with Denny.

Tammy Alexander: How do you know him?

Denny Hendricks: I knew him before he went. And then like I said, I got down to Dixon. And I (inaudible) or maybe later I'm not for sure but when I got down there he was uh, he wouldn't come out for like the first week or two I was there. And then I was on the ball field one day and he came out and talked to me. You know he's trying to say, man, I was like, you know, why'd you do that shit, he said man, you know, just trying, trying to get out trouble. Yeah he straight said that. He lied about it.

Tammy Alexander: So did you know if Jamie knew him?

Denny Hendricks: I don't think Jamie knew him at all.

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Tammy Alexander: He said, I was never, he said ask Denny, and I didn't want to prepare you for this because I wanted to, you know, he said, ask Denny if he's ever seen me and, and, and Moffit in the same room together because he said the same thing.

Denny Hendricks: No, no (inaudible) He might of came to one of my keggers, but never with Jamie there and, and like I said when I went to Dixon I didn't know he was there, you know, and I was out on the yard every day for like two weeks. And then uh he walked up on the ball field one day, he looked totally different than he used to. He was like, man I suppose you wanna whoop my ass. I'm like, you know, and he, then

he got to explain the situation and he said, he straight said that shit just to get out of seg. You know. And then that's fine. Like, that's okay. You know he ain't try to, and I'm like, well, you know, I'm not, you know I'm not gonna go to seg over uh beating his ass or anything so.

Tammy Alexander: Something that's done anyways.

Denny Hendricks: Yeah.

Tammy Alexander: Yeah, I don't blame you.

Denny Hendricks: But you can't take it back. But no I, I know for sure he'd never met Jamie in my keggers, at my keggers.

Tammy Alexander: I don't think it's unfortunate that the attorneys didn't, didn't you know ask, ask you about him I guess they didn't know. They would have known because it was in the trial. I mean, that's what he said that he met Jamie through you.

Denny Hendricks: You know what, and when I was on the stand, they never did ask me that question.

Tammy Alexander: That's crazy that they didn't ask you that.

Denny Hendricks: Yeah they should of, I mean. He just said, you know, brother, I was trying to you know make a deal. But we really wasn't cool after that. I just figured uh, you know I'm gonna let it slide because you know first of all I wouldn't want to go to seg, I was ready to get the hell out.

Tammy Alexander: And you know, did you know that in his interview, he was talking about Ed Hammond, and they had been...

Denny Hendricks: I know Eddie Hammond, yeah.

Tammy Alexander: And they had been cellies. But you knew, you knew you knew Eddie?

Denny Hendricks: Yeah, I grew up with Eddie.

Tammy Alexander: Okay, cuz he was like, when he was uh he was ratting people out, you know, he was like Ed Hammond. You know, he was cellies with Ed Hammond. This is where he heard the rumor. That's where he knew that, that's where he first heard about it, because he didn't say anything until he was transferred out. Because they were asking him, do you know anybody else that would know anything, you know, and they went to Hammond. And um Hammond, and he goes, but don't tell Hammond. Don't tell Hammond I sent you over there, he's one of Denny's boys, you know like he was afraid of you.

Denny Hendricks: Yeah. Who Bill?

Tammy Alexander: Yeah, Bill Moffit said that in his tape-recorded interview.

Denny Hendricks: Yeah, that's what I'm saying, he wouldn't come out for the first two weeks I was there and shit. You know just pretty much you know come on (inaudible). Before I even said anything to him about Jamie he's the one that came to you know me and said hey man bro, I'm sorry, you know, brother (inaudible) do whatever do you know what I mean man (inaudible) pretty much you know I'm sorry, you know what I mean, I don't want any problems and you know. I was like maybe we was on the streets but, you know he said, that's just bullshit. All these people man that did that shit to him you know some things you can't take back unfortunately you know, a rumor that started got Jamie life in prison. So...

Tammy Alexander: That's what's so hard for people to believe that it's a, that it really is based on a rumor and that's it.

Denny Hendricks: That's all it is, a rumor. Somebody started spinning a web and next thing you know, you know what I mean.

Tammy Alexander: Yeah.

Bruce Fischer: We've tried to find Bill Moffit to speak with us, but we didn't have any luck. We invite any witness featured on the Snow Files Podcast to come on the show to give their point of view or to clarify anything that they think might have been misstated. Bill Moffit, if you're listening, please feel free to contact us. We would love to speak with you.

Tam, what was Moffit in jail for at the time he supposedly heard this confession from Jamie?

Tammy Alexander: Well, at the time he was in jail for battery or aggravated battery, it depends on if it was the '93 or the '94 charge. It was 94 when he was convicted of aggravated battery, when he called in the police tip. And then he wasn't, he was released on parole in '96. And then in '98, he was convicted of three counts of rape against his wife. And that's when he testified, during, you know, during this sentence, but his career criminal career started in the late '80s with forgery, harassment, resisting arrest, and then um starting in 1990 he started getting the battery and aggravated battery charges.

Bruce Fischer: What was Moffit's motive? Do we know what he got?

Tammy Alexander: We, we don't know what, what he got. We know that in the 1999 tape he mentioned the reward money, all of those, all of that nervous laughter. He, you know, he said something interesting that he was, uh, as luck would have it, he was housed with Jamie that one night, which is kind of an odd thing to say, so he seemed pretty excited about coming forward.

He testified at Susan's trial that all he got was peace of mind. He said he got no prison time for his um cooperation. At Susan's trials, Skelton did get him to admit he knew of the reward money before his alleged confession. Then at Jamie's trial when he asked uh what does he expect to gain from this, he just said, you know, relief from knowing that I held something in that I should have come forward and told a long time instead of waiting till I was in Illinois River when someone else mentioned it. That's what he gained from that. That's all he gained from that was, was what he said.

Bruce Fischer: There was a tip called in from victim Bill Little's cousin. What was that all about?

Tammy Alexander: Well, the tip was called in, in June of '96. Um, the cousin said that Moffit had told another witness in prison in '95 that Jamie was the trigger man. And then he got back to Bill Little's cousin who was also in prison. So that's when he called in the tip. The cousin said that he didn't want anything in exchange for it, that it was just about, you know, wanting to assist with, you know, finding the killer of Bill Little. So this is kind of where the cold case detectives picked up on Moffit again.

Bruce Fischer: This is the first time we hear that the motive was for drug money. Where did this come from?

Tammy Alexander: Yeah, I, I mean, that was not mentioned in the original '95 prisoner interview as a motive, only slightly. It's, it's kind of confusing. So, he said initially, that initially in '95, in that interview, Moffit said that he was doing armed robbery and the kid was giving him a hard time and got mouthy. Then he goes on to say that Jamie had been smoking a pipe for a few days, so he offed the kid. But in 1999 in the beginning of the interview, Moffit said Jamie told him that he was supposed, it was supposed to be a clean robbery but then that Bill Little tried to come at him and that's when Jamie shot him. Then later on in that '99 interview, he said that they actually just drove up to get gas, then decided at the spur of the moment that they didn't need to pay for it. And then they all went in. And then that Bill Little tried to come around the counter to stop them. And that's when he made the choice to shoot him. And, you know, at that time, Jamie said that there were three of them. And then he went on to say that they had been smoking crack, so he's just kind of all over the place.

Bruce Fischer: Is there any history at all of Jamie using drugs?

Tammy Alexander: None. None. He was uh, you know, he drank beer. He probably, he smoked weed, for sure. But, but that was, that was it.

Bruce Fischer: Nothing that would lead to a murder. Can you elaborate more on why Jamie supposedly saying he saw car was so important. This was mentioned several times at the trials, but it was never concrete. What was the significance of this car suggestion?

Tammy Alexander: Well, in both of the previous interviews with police, Moffit never mentioned the car being involved in fact they tried everything they could to get Moffit to say that Jamie told him that, that someone saw him that, you know, was Jamie concerned about somebody seeing him, you know, and Moffit kept saying no, it was the flyers, it was the flyers all around town. And, you know, finally they asked him that several times, and you know, Moffit would not back off of the flyer thing, and you could hear the pauses in there. Like they were really, really trying to get him, you know, to say that somebody saw him. And then eventually in the interview they're like, well, did, did he say anybody pulled up and he's like, no, no, you know, so

it's concrete, that through all of those interviews he never said that anybody was pulling up.

Now he did in the grand jury and he did in, in the trials because they had to, they wanted to corroborate that Danny Martinez was in the parking lot while the shooting happened. And that's what they needed. And he definitely stepped up, stepped up to the plate because he, you know, does say that he was nervous about what did he say in the grand jury, there was something about another car that pulled up or drove by or stopped at the gas station or stopped at the stop sign or something. So you know, he's, then he talks about being nervous again. Now, of course, he's nervous because he's lying, but they had to have that car there. They tried to do it during the, you know, during the interviews, and he just wasn't biting on it. But now, now we know. So that's what, that's where the car comes in. It's just a corra, another corroboration we've seen throughout this, you know, throughout this case.

Bruce Fischer: Moffit testified three times. He gave testimony to the grand jury. He testified at Jamie's co-defendants trial. And of course he also testified at Jamie's trial. Let's try to go over the snowball effect showing how Moffit's story got worse and worse over time. What happened to the grand jury proceedings?

Lesley Pires: Well, at the grand jury Moffit admitted that he never ran with the same people as Jamie that he only knew him by name, which is important. He also all the sudden introduces the idea of cigarettes into the robbery saying that Bill dropped a pack of cigarettes and that's why he was shot, and that Jamie shot him while he was standing up from grabbing them. So that's the first mention of the cigarettes by Moffit. But you might recall that the cigarettes are mentioned before, by Steve Scheel, saying that Jamie came back to the party with an arm full of cigarettes. And that was also mentioned before uh, during our crime scene episode about missing cigarettes. There were no missing cigarettes at all. So that just is another indication to me that there was coaching going on.

Moffit also said that Jamie was laughing when he told him about the shooting and the robbery. Um, in his 1999 interview he did say that he was saying ha ha about it, but he really elaborates about it to the grand jury to paint a picture of Jamie. Now he says that his cellmate that he had a later time after Jamie said that he was the driver. And he told Moffit that Jamie did it, and that they were smoking crack and they needed more drug money and that's why they did it. He also mentions that a car pulled up or drove by the stop sign. And he says there's something else about it but it

can't remember now, but he'll write it down when he recalls it and let them know. He also said that the composite with the hat was the one that looked like Jamie. And then he said that Jamie was actually in a street gang. And there were two other men and maybe one of their sisters involved. And that was the first mention that he brought this up. Also now he claims they were cellmates for three nights, whereas in his interview, his recorded interview, he always says that they spent one night together. So when asked about why he would be doing this now, he says, I'm sitting in the worst place you can be for 13 years, and I'm risking everything. I'll come back here, if I have to testify again, because he did it. And that's a fact.

So I'm wondering, how is he risking everything by coming there? And how does he get to say that that's a fact that Jamie is the killer. And it just goes to show you that when he is talking to the grand jury, and he's able to speak freely, he's building his own credibility and adding a narrative, saying that he's risking everything to do the right thing and what he says is fact and of course that's good enough to get Jamie indicted.

Tammy Alexander: Those are great points, but remember in his first interview in '94, Moffit said he only spoke with him one time, that one night, when they were cellies, and then he said that they never discussed it again. Now, in his later interview, he's going off like you said earlier, he's talking about how they were there for three nights and how they would walk the yard and they went into how much time all together do you think you spent. On that first police report he made it very clear that they had never discussed it again. So you know, that's another discrepancy that should have been brought out.

Bruce Fischer: Jamie's co-defendant Susan Claycomb had a really good lawyer named Steve Skelton. What did Moffit testify to then and how did Skelton handle him?

Lesley Pires: Well, Skelton got Moffit to say that he met Jamie at a kegger at a friend's house and that's the first time that he brings that up. Remember he said that back in 1995 they did not run with the same people but now all of a sudden he remembers this party. Now he also says that he brought up the shooting in the style and confessed because Jamie was scared of being in gen pop because some people knew what he did. But, I'm wondering why that if he's scared, he would be telling a stranger in his cell. And I thought that he also said that nobody knew it was him because they didn't collect the \$25,000 reward. So how does that even make

sense? How are you afraid of going to gen pop and people hurting you? If nobody knew it was you and then why would you out yourself to your new cellie?

Moffit also says that Jamie had a pistol, when in his 1999 interview, he only said that he assumed the murder weapon was either a pistol or a rifle because Jamie said simply that he shot the victim. But all the sudden now Moffit says he knows it was a pistol because Jamie told him so apparently, and was also known for carrying one, and that was not ever said before. That's clearly a lie. Moffit also said that he tried to change the conversation a couple times in the cell that night but Jamie kept coming back to it. But in his 1999 interview he said that he was the one fishing for more information, and he kept asking him because he wanted to know more. And also all the sudden he says that they were a little closer than all the other guys in the prison and that they walked the yard together. So all the sudden now they're friends. And it, that doesn't make any sense. So later, Skelton got him to say that they were associates before the confession, not friends.

And he went over his grand jury testimony line by line for a long time. And he got him to say he always had access to a phone and the mail when he was transferred, but that he never contacted the police. In this very interesting exchange, Skeleton gets him to consider why would Jamie ever say such a thing to him when they all know cellmates are snitches. His question was, and you're familiar with the fact that occasionally cellmates or acquaintances, either on the street or behind bars are called to testify about what other people told them? Moffit said, sure. And Skelton asks, and Mr. Snow, who was just an acquaintance at that point in time, during the course of his conversation with you, essentially took a rope, tied it into a noose and put it around his own throat? And Moffit says, I don't think that's what he believed he was doing at that point.

So then continuing, uh Skelton, as Tam mentions, gets him to admit that he knew of the reward money in advance, and that he could have been inserting himself into this to get notoriety in the prison to stay safe. On redirect Reynard, the prosecutor tries to get him to clarify the discrepancy with the cigarettes being dropped and the motive to shoot him. And Moffit tries to tie these two together to make sense of that and say the cigarettes falling were the reason he came from behind the counter, and since it was unlikely a kid would come from behind the counter like that, Jamie shot him, and that makes no sense. He's clearly lying and not well, but that's how the prosecution tried to mend that story.

So Skelton re-crosses and is just as confused as we are now. And he asks him like three times, if he's saying Bill got shot over threatening Jamie with cigarettes. It got nowhere but it shows how ridiculous the idea is. Skelton asked, "What I'm asking you is did Snow tell you that William Little was coming at him with a pack of cigarettes at that point in time he shot him?" And Moffit says, no, sir, that's not what he said. So, you know, what is it? Did he point a pack of cigarettes at him and get shot? It's, you know, it's an incredulous lie.

So then Skelton also gets him to admit that it would be a really bad idea for Jamie to be running his mouth like that to everyone he knew. He questioned, now, you know from past experience, and just common sense that if I commit a crime and don't want to get caught about the worst way to go about that is to start running my big mouth to every Tom, Dick and Harry, I run into right? And Moffit answers I would think so. So Skelton asks, because the more information that's out there, that certainly quite potentially it can lead to fingers being pointed at me, or someone who has committed a crime, right? And Moffit says in most instances, yes.

So then after his testimony is almost done, Skelton makes a really bold move and it shows how good of a lawyer he is. And he asks the judge to strike the entire testimony because it's unreliable, it's hearsay and even though the prosecution argues that it's not hearsay, because it's what Jamie said himself and Jamie's there, he's the source, Skelton goes on to argue that the Supreme Court has ruled there must be a relationship between the witness and the defendant, and that the amount of time between the confession and the reporting of it is important. And he says in this case, there's almost zero relationship between the two of them, and there's a three-year gap. He also says that Moffit's prior criminal offenses come into play, and also the common sense fact that no one would ever admit information like this to a stranger. And therefore, his testimony should be deemed, as all hearsay and stricken. But the judge denies that saying that there's a previous ruling almost identical to jailhouse informant testimony in this case. So he will have to prove to him how this situation is different.

So then they argue about if he can ask Moffit about who was driving the car. We all know he told detectives and the grand jury that it was his old cellmate. So Skelton wants him to try and get him to say his name on record and implicate another man in the crime. But the prosecution never asked him about that. So he has to find a way to introduce this himself. So he says he wants to ask Moffit about it in regards to how people brag in jail, like did anyone else brag about this crime? And he reads the

judge Moffit's grand jury testimony where he insinuates that this other guy identified himself as the getaway driver. And he also argues that, that was hearsay when he said it in the first place, that the guy never said explicitly that he did it that Moffitt just put two and two together and made that part of his narrative. So he argues a lot to be able to bring that in. But the judge denies that to saying it was too speculative. So all that happens next is that he's able to ask Moffit if he was able to review his grand jury testimony before he took the stand today, and if that review helped him to change the truth that he told today, and Moffit answered no, and he was excused.

Tammy Alexander: I think it's amazing that the judge ruled that it was speculative, considering the nature of all of the testimony in this trial, because it's completely based on, you know, speculation and nothing matches. That's just incredible to me.

Lesley Pires: Yeah, and I mean, he said it in the transcript. He just testified to that like a year earlier. So why can't you read that part back and Reynard knew what he was doing because he didn't bring that up. He only brought up the parts that he wanted Moffit to say. So the prosecution's questioning is really short compared to the defense. And I just don't even understand how that even makes sense that the defense is only allowed to cross examine on what the prosecutor introduced. I mean, this is the grand jury testimony is evidence. I don't understand why the judge would not allow that in.

Tammy Alexander: I know. It's ridiculous.

Bruce Fischer: When we look at Jamie's trial, how did Jamie's attorney Frank Picl handle Moffit in contrast to Skelton?

Lesley Pires: Well, Moffit always had mentioned that Jamie said he should have hidden at his sister's house in Missouri. But now, Moffit's telling the jury that Jamie invited him to hide at his sister's house too in the future if he ever needed a place to go. So that's absolutely ridiculous. Um, and when Frank Picl gets to examine him, he starts off really strong by copying Skelton. And he wants to get into how Moffit knows that inmates lie in prison to bolster their reputation. And he actually gets into this cunning dynamic where Moffit admits he's a liar. And it goes like this:

Question: Has it been your observation or experience that inmates in prison sometimes talk about crimes they've committed because they wish to acquire or maintain a certain reputation?

Answer: Well, I think that would be speculative on my part.

Question: But you've known people to do that. Haven't you?

Answer: Without having the facts or any crimes they've committed, I wouldn't know if that were true or false.

Question: Have you ever known anybody in prison to lie?

Answer: I imagine that's why some of them are there.

Question: Have you ever lied?

Answer: Sure. Have you?

Question: Would you consider-

Answer: Well, occasionally I do.

Question: Well, would you consider yourself to be uh an honest and truthful person?

Answer: I wouldn't be sitting in Western Correctional Center if I was.

Question: So your answer is no, you're not an honest and truthful person?

Answer: If I was, I wouldn't have hurt my family the way I did.

Lesley Pires: So that was pretty amazing, right? But here we go again, Picl's a jerk. He just couldn't stop there. He got him right where he wanted him. It was beautiful. But then he kept badgering him and he ruined it. He started asking him all about his past crimes, how he broke the law and wasn't truthful, how those crimes hurt his family, how many lies he's told. And then Moffitt gets defensive and you start saying he only lied about breaking the law. And he told his mom and dad lies but that's it. There's nothing on his record that would indicate that he's lying about his testimony ever. So you know, the whole thing got ruined in my opinion.

So next, Picl then does that thing again where he says, well, my client never specifically said he shot Bill Little right? And my Moffit says no, but he said he shot BL, the initials for Bill Little. So then Picl keeps insisting, like it's a technicality or something and he makes him clarify on the stand that according to him, Jamie never explicitly said Bill Little by name. So I don't even know what the point of that was. I mean it seemed pretty petty to me.

Then Picl continues to copy Skelton and he gets Moffit to admit that even if he didn't have writing supplies, he never told a guard or a staff member or anyone of authority about the supposed confession, just another inmate. He gets him to elaborate that after being transferred to a minimum security facility for a year and a half, he still never picked up the phone or wrote to the police to report the murder confession, or told any staff about it. He then gets him to admit that he never contacted the police until he found out about the reward money in 1994. And that was really good because Moffit had said he found out about the reward money from looking at the flyers that Bill Little's family put out there posted around town, but since Moffit's always in jail, they're able to determine pretty quickly what year it was that he was out and able to see those. So they know for sure the only year he could have seen it was in 1994. But then Moffit insists that it had no bearing on why he finally contacted the police.

But Picl gets him to admit that he took Jamie so seriously the night that that supposed confession happened in jail, that he couldn't even sleep, but still held off on contacting the authorities for a year and a half. And later on redirect Picl makes a good point again, and he gets Moffit to admit that in fact, he never considered coming forward to authorities until after he had that conversation in 1995 with his other cellmate. And that's the guy that we were talking about before who said he was the getaway driver. And so it's possible that his reason for coming forward was obviously to get in on what this other guy was going to do. And Picl gets him to kind of allude to that on the stand, but we don't know if the jury picked up on that point.

So then the next thing that he gets questioned about um, to Picl's credit, he's the first one to do this, he gets Moffit to admit that he knew the victim Bill Little personally, that they knew each other from the neighborhood and ate dinner together with friends frequently in high school. And if you recall, a tip was called in that Moffit knew about the murder by Bill Little's own cousin, so there's a connection there. That small town thing is apparent here, and I wonder why this wasn't dug into more. And that was the last interesting part of Moffit's testimony.

Tammy Alexander: And he, he also says in his interview that they used to, I mean they used to go to that store 50 or 60 times a day. I mean that, that is just crazy, you know, that, nobody goes down to a gas station 50 or 60 times a day. I mean, I don't even know if that's possible. But, you know, I mean, you know, it's just this absurd uh testimony and they just let it go. You know, they, they, they just let it go. That's crazy. They just like Leslie was saying they just cherry picked whatever they were going to use, and didn't mention the insane parts.

Bruce Fischer: So what did Picl miss?

Lesley Pires: Well, he didn't get to bring in the other cellmate, who said he was the getaway driver by name. And I think he could have with that last question, where he made Moffit admit that the other cellmate caused him to come forward. Could he not have asked who it was? Could he not have asked what was said? I don't know. Also with that issue, Skelton tried to get Moffit's entire testimony thrown out during Susan's trial, and he was unsuccessful. And the judge said, on record, until someone can prove to me that this situation with the jailhouse informants is different from this other ruling, which is allowed, I will allow it. Okay, well, then what did Frank do to work out that issue? He had five months. He obviously did nothing. There should have been a pre-trial motion to get that thrown out. Just like Skelton had tried to do dramatically with Danny Martinez. And that was a missed opportunity. So even if it didn't work, it could have been strategic because he could have used it as an opportunity to get everything on the record for Jamie's future appeals.

And then also the other thing that wasn't used was Moffit's 1999 interview tape, where he mentions twice that he knew there was reward money, and he actually thought it was for \$25,000 when it was really only \$7,500. So Picl could have played into that, and shown how excited Moffit was about that reward money, but he didn't. He did spend a lot of time asking him about the time frame of when he learned about the money versus when he called in the tip, but he really should have played that audio to further impeach him. I do not think he was as strong as Steve Skelton was at all.

Tammy Alexander: In that, in that audio when he starts talking about the reward money, I mean, the first word I thought of was giddy. I mean, he was giddy about it. And again, he says as luck would have it. I mean, all of those lead to he was getting something in return, you know for what he was saying. There's no other reason for

him to say as luck would have it, we were cellies one night and then when he starts talking about the reward money, he's just giddy. It's absurd.

Lesley Pires: Yeah, I kind of wish there was \$25,000 because then, you know, we might have been able to track so much better who got all this money, but there was only \$7,500 to go around to all these different people. So, I wonder what they got.

Tammy Alexander: Remember last week we were talking about the SNS reward? Wasn't that \$25,000 because Bruce, I was saying that was the highest reward that anybody in Illinois had ever gotten from Crime Stoppers? And the way that they split it up, I think that might be where he got that from. You can see that he's mixing, mixing things up all over the place.

Bruce Fischer: Tam, the last three informants we have discussed in previous podcasts have all given affidavits to recant their statements. Has Moffit done the same?

Tammy Alexander: He has not given an affidavit nor has he discussed, you know the case. He's just um, one of those who, you know, won't talk about it. So, maybe he'll get a conscience and come forward.

Bruce Fischer: Just going back to this uh, we keep comparing the two trials of course with Susan Claycomb and Jamie, but I'm amazed every time we, these new details come up just to show the contrast between the two defense teams. We see a skilled attorney defending Susan Claycomb who was of course acquitted and contrast to, to the uh, to the defense Jamie had.

Lesley Pires: Yeah, what's really amazing is that Jamie's defense had all the records. So literally, he just had to copy him and you can see where some days some witnesses he feels up to copying him and you know, he does okay, but he never can go beyond that. If he can even remember to copy, he you know, he can never take it to the next level. He can never do his homework and go back and fix the losses that the other guy had. Maybe Skelton made it look easy. Maybe Skelton made it look like when you bring somebody a court who did not commit the crime, of course, they're going to get off because the evidence isn't there. And that's how the justice is supposed to work. So maybe he made it look easy and Frank just thought he could copy him and you know it would get done.

Tammy Alexander: But, you know, we can't forget that, that Jamie's attorneys were paid thousands of dollars to sit in on this trial. Now, they not only heard Susan's entire trial and sat in on Susan's entire trial, they have the transcripts and you, you are on the money Lesley, they didn't use anything that Skelton used, you know, to acquit to, to, to that resulted in an, in an acquittal for Susan. And it is maddening because they not only have that, you know, they, they at least had 30 tapes that we know of, now we have 70, but they have critical tapes. As far as we know, Jeff Pelo's dispatch tape, they had Jeff Pelo's interview tape, you know that they didn't use to contrast um, Danny Martinez. They had Moffit's tape. They had all of this information. And I mean, all he had to do was prepare. That's it. Go over the testimony before, you know before he puts somebody on the stand or before, you know, he knows what witnesses are. And that is, that is so ineffective.

Lesley Pires: It's really obvious that he did just what he said he did during his own sentencing for being, you know, a terrible lawyer and how he had to go to jail for robbing an old lady. You know, he says, I went to the bar all day, and then I winged it and everybody thought I was so great that I could just show up in court, and you know, get these witnesses on the stand and get a result. Well, it didn't work. I mean, and I wonder if this was his last criminal trial as big as this, where it failed so terribly before he lost his license.

Tammy Alexander: I think after this because if you look at his, his record, you know, where he was where there, his disciplinary record, there was one and I'm almost positive it was after this trial where he failed. He was hired to follow a post conviction petition for another defendant and he didn't do it timely. And, and, and, uh the Supreme Court is who reviews those, the board and they're the ones that, that said that the guy was right, he failed to file he was paid to file a post, a piece a post conviction petition, and he failed to file it timely. That's part of his disciplinary record. It's I don't know that this was his last hurrah. and you know, I hope, because we don't know everybody that didn't file something against him.

Bruce Fischer: Well, I was just thinking just the fact that Picl had Claycomb's trial, all that information at his disposal. And as you mentioned, Lesley, previously, he tried to follow Skelton during the questioning of these informants, but then he always went off the rails. He just stepped all over himself, and he got the witnesses to say things that he didn't really want them to say. I think it just shows that he was unstable at the time.

Lesley Pires: Yeah, you're spot on because he did. He was bipolar. He did have mania. He didn't take his medicine when he was supposed to take it. So it's almost like he got really hyper, you know, real excited while he's getting Moffit to say that beautiful thing you know, it starts off with, with Moffit arguing with him and telling him I'm not a liar, and I can't attest to why people in jail lie, and then all the sudden he's like, I am a liar and that's why I am in jail. But he, he just gets so hyper and he just can't stop himself can't help himself and that is blatantly ineffective. I, you know, I don't understand why that can't that behavior can't just be shown that dialogue like, why would you do that? Why would you treat a witness like that and just keep going and going and going? So, I mean, it's evident to all of us I don't know why the Court of Appeals can't see that.

In this episode, we showed you how pervasive the rumor mill in McLean County really is. How lies spread by people on the outside, trying to stay on the outside, can transcend concrete walls and rouse jailhouse snitches. Bill Moffit heard there was a big reward for solving this case. And as luck would have it, a year later, he remembered spending just one night bunked with a guy at the center of a rumor. So he called in a tip, told the grand jury he knew Jamie did it for a fact and then made up a lengthy and cruel confession by trial. Later, he told a friend he made it up, but he has yet to officially recant.

If you have any information that may help Jamie, please call the tip line at 888-710-SNOW. There is a \$10,000 reward for any information leading to a new trial or the exoneration of Jamie Snow. The tip line is free and confidential. Bill Moffit first heard this rumor from his cellie, who went on to get himself a federal deal for his cooperation with the prosecution. How did Ed Hammond get away with this? That's next time on Snow Files.

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