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True crime book reveals journalist's persistence in half-century quest to find justice for 'suicide' victim

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA - June 22, 2024 --- "Murder by Suicide; a reporter unravels a true case of rape, betrayal and lies" tells the story of a young woman determined to lead a happy life in 1974, the devious killer who ended her chance to pursue it, and a journalist's quest to right the wrong and deliver vindication.

All nurse's aide Linda Cummings really wanted was to cheer up her elderly patients, take care of her younger siblings and hang curtains in her new apartment when she was drugged, raped, strangled and hung in the nude. Her killer rigged the crime scene at the Aladdin apartments to fool the coroner, who botched his investigation and red-stamped her cause of death as SUICIDE.

Journalist Larry Welborn never forgot the suspicious circumstances surrounding Linda's death that he uncovered as a rookie courthouse reporter for the *Santa Ana Register*. When law enforcement's effort to obtain justice for Linda sputtered to an unsatisfactory conclusion after a 35-year cold case investigation, Welborn continued his pursuit of the truth for the rest of his career... and beyond.

Could a dedicated reporter and good journalism restore Linda's dignity, preserve her legacy, and find redemption?

Find out in *Murder by Suicide: a reporter unravels a true case of rape, betrayal and lies,* available on June 26, 2024 through Amazon KDP.

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"Murder by Suicide is much more than a true crime story. It is a story about one reporter's undying dedication to the truth ... vividly told in prose as clear as a mountain stream and as precise as a sniper's rifle."

--Bruce DeSilva, Edgar Award-winning author of the Mulligan crime novels.

"Exhaustive reporting and gifted writing. ...It's that rare book that's hard to put down except to sleep and eat."

--Chip Scanlan, author of "Writers on Writing"

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