

The most important picture Dlana captured in 2016 journey. The Message is in the Miracles-The only Truth that Matters A Little Girl's Soul at the Foot of the Cross

## **Gina Hall's Death**

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Dlana said, "I shared my experiences of 2016-2017 in The Miraculous Journey: A Day Made In Heaven for one reason - to share the Message in the Miracles —the only truth that really matters.'

Now decades later, Dlana has discovered additional information from Gina Hall's case files, details never known to the public. "Here I am four years later and I have most all of my answers." Because Dlana has not yet released the companion book, "Web of Lies Unveiled: A Day Made in Hell", a recap of the hour by hour factual details, she wanted to go ahead and provide some of the information in a format free to the public so others can also begin to validate the truth for themselves. She has been doing this on Youtube Hall. Dlana said, "Learning the case facts buried in the boxes of paper for four decades helps to confirm what the Hall family and friends always knew. I try to let Gina's advocates know of our progress through social media. And, now, finally, Gina's voice will be heard." When asked about these new findings, Dlana said, "Truth sets the heart free just as does Love and Forgiveness. I know beyond a doubt who is behind our success in bringing closure to Gina's 40 year old case...God...Jeremiah 33:3 Call to me and I will answer you, and show you ... I believe if I continue to follow my heart, we will continue to discover what we are to know and what we find will lead to the bigger why behind all of this. God's Plan. What we have discovered so far is applicable to today, not just 1980. Dlana brought Dr. Arpad Vass, a forensic anthropologist to Virginia to help her. Dlana said, "Dr. Vass has spent a lifetime in research and his resume shows it. He is a good man helping many. His patented instrument will be a world changer when the system comes to realize its capabilities. I believe this instrument will not only help with criminal cases, especially cold cases, but could help prevent crime. Imagine the moment a child is lost or abducted, and an instrument has the ability to find

that child before their life is lost. That is a world we all need."

Dlana explained that to find Gina's remains, she first DNA are amazing." took the doctor to a high point in Pulaski County. From there they followed each positive hit until they zeroed in within feet of each Detection canines in the place. Dlana said, "The possibilities of this instrument is challenged by some, but would simply respond Ι with this thought to ponder. If Epperly buried a small, dismembered "hand" in the vastness of a 1000 acre hunting farm forty years ago, an exact spot I believe he could not even identify today especially considering he might confuse which victim he put where, then how could Dr. Vass and I zero in on a remote, specific place not even understanding at first of the places would never the relevance of that identi- have been found without fied place questioning "why the help of the doctor. And, - The True Story of Gina here?" ... Until we learned some of the other positive "why here?" from an old places, Lt. Andy Wilburn family member and hunting companion that confirmed this specific area was once part of Epperly's favorite hunting grounds. That is the power of this instrument. A tool and a man blessed by God.' Dlana explained there have been eight places found that are a familial match to Gina. Six of these confirmed locations also register for human Caucasian bone in the same, exact place. Dlana said she has only excavated one of the six and human bone was found. She has also kept the surrounding dirt from that excavation that registered positive for Gina's unique organic matter- her DNA always left behind. Dlana added, a location could also register positive simply by a drop of Gina's blood, an animal scatter, shards of bone from dismemberment, or a single knocked out tooth, so it may not be that all eight places are actual Epperly burial sites, but places where something of Gina will be found. We will know the significance once we have excavated all of the locations, sifted the dirt and find exactly what is registering. Dr. Vass and Dlana are working on finding a lab capable of not only detecting "human DNA" in the dirt, which can now be done, but also in identifying the human DNA as "Gina's decomposition". There is a lab in Germany

that is making advancements in this area and being used in other cases. Dlana added, "Advancements in forensic

After each identified location was narrowed down, Dlana brought in the best certified Human Remains country-one dog specifically trained in older cadaver. The HRD dogs helped confirm the exact location to dig in these various places. They have since narrowed in on one more place just a few weeks ago that needs HRD validation and most likely, excavation. There are a few more areas of interest that need follow up. Dlana's knowledge of Gina's case helped her to understand the relevance of these locations that registered positive. Four and Dlana were very close to in 2016. They do not count the lake house where her sister was murdered in the eight locations, even though that area registered as a strong hit from the top of the mountain. She still took Dr. Vass to the community dock at Claytor Lake to scan the lake and land across the lake. As he turned to complete his 360 degree scan as he always does, Dlana described that the instrument responded significantly to the lake house for Gina's DNA (no bone). Dlana elaborated, "Yes, it is a recognizable place and we already know what happened there in that lake house from the multitude of evidence, but of great interest to me was when the doctor identified the exact corner of the lake house that strongly registered positive for Gina. I was there in 1980 and I knew the relevance of his accuracy." Dlana has suggested to the authorities that that utility room would be a great forensic training operation in finding not only Gina's DNA, which will always be there, but also potentially other victims' DNA. Dlana explained the basis of this belief in chapter 18 of "The Miraculous Journey: A Day Made In Heaven." I have also suggested the same forensic exercise would be quite telling for the Epperly home place. Dlana stated

further, "I am hopeful that our work there a few weeks ago will result in valuable evidence and give the authorities something to build upon - if they will act."

Dlana thinks these locations will point to other findings as well. She explained that other familial matches of a second victim have been positive in two of the same vicinities where Gina's organic marker was found and also confirmed by the Human Remains Detection Dogs. One of the three locations was a short distance up-creek from where Epperly was witnessed to have dismembered Gina early Sunday morning. Also an identified place near the remote valley where they excavated for Gina was confirmed by the HRD canines. Interestingly, the dogs not only confirmed the possible location of the second victim's burial place, but also alerted at three other places of interest nearby-Cadaver dogs doing what cadaver dogs do. Detect human remains. The third positive hit on this second victim was in a very incriminating location where both her organic matter and the presence of human bone - both Caucasian and African American -registers. Dlana said, "I want to help other families have the peace I now have just by knowing the truth. I believe Epperly is a serial killer who followed the same ritualistic patterns for at least four years and I hope that we will learn more about his crimes against other victims. And not only his crimes, but also the crimes of others." With these discoveries, Dlana hopes to find other prosecutable crimes so that Epperly might remain imprisoned. She said, "We also cannot minimize Steve Epperly and his true character by continuing to tell that old 1980 composed story. Continuing to do so will one day bring him right back home to the New River Valley." Epperly now gets two parole opportunities for release every one to three years, and geriatric parole is a significant concern especially considering the current environment in Virginia of releasing violent offenders.

Dlana said it is very difficult to excavate some of the known areas and search for fragments of Gina's remains, but she does not mind hard work. What does concern her is the response she received from a recent request. In January, Dlana asked the state for assistance believing it would be beneficial to have a state investigator present the day they brought the HRD dogs in to validate the recent findings, but she was told "No" by Virginia leadership siting "legal reasons". Dlana respectfully responded to the state representative, "The Hall fam- Dlana requested in early ily has not asked for your 2017 for other specific achelp since 1980." Although Gina's Case was assigned to a state investigator because murdered within the same her body was never found, her case sat on the shelf for vicinity as Gina. Dlana also decades. In actuality, a pros- met in Ohio with investigaecution was successful with- tors to discuss the 1980 cold out Gina's body so in this case of Vicki Koch found state representative's opin- murdered near where Epperion, there really was no reason. "But to Gina's family, it is still unfinished." Also, he continued by informing Dlana that resources had recently been used to follow up unsuccessfully on a lead given to them from an unrelated source. Dlana was told that that specific search was a waste of state resources and time to which she responded, "Of course it was...". Learning the details of that search unbeknownst to the Hall family, Dlana surmised the lead could have easily been ruled out by just reviewing the case timeline. "Bringing in divers 40 years later to recheck an area already searched by divers extensively in 1980 does seem like a waste of state resources." Dlana added, "Interestingly, one of my eight places really does warrant divers -a place where only Gina's DNA, no bone registered. A place Epperly posed questions about to a cellmate in a 1980 report. A place relevant because Gina's blood is still there -maybe on a an item used that night and disposed of in this place. That seems a viable lead because not only is Gina's DNA still present there, there may be other unknown victims that could be determined." Dlana never received the help requested

for that day, but she always

knows if something is need-

ed, it will come ... and it did.

No coincidence that a man

came in later that week just to meet "Gina Hall's sister", a case that he had followed since the mid-80's. His daytime job - An investigator for the Va. State Police. He accepted Dlana's invitation to join them unofficially and became a witness to the canines at work.

"There are many amazing advocates of Gina Hall who care about her and her truth. Many caring people just want to help us bring closure to this 40 year nightmare." said Dlana. "We need help from authorities to bring Epperly to further justice." tions to be made in the Gary Romano case -a man also 24 hour period in the same ly was known to have been. And, she provides progress updates to the family of An-case of a 14-year-old missing Roanoke girl. Last year, on the anniversary of Gina's murder, Dlana asked Gina's advocates to join her in being Gina's Voice... "I encouraged evervone to replace sadness with a Celebration of Gina's life by always remembering her goodness, her values, her strength, and her inextinguishable Light." said Dlana. "Now, this year on the 40 year anniversary, many people have sent comforting messages sharing their kind, inspiring, and encouraging words. These advocates for Gina have made an impact on my resolve to finish my quest for truth. And, learning the truth of what really transpired is important because in Knowing truth, we can then all have peace." Gina said to Dlana in her last letter quoting Corinthians 13 - "Love is never glad about injustice, but rejoices when Truth prevails... I hope one day Sis we can both live up to that ... " Dlana stated, "Gina's words are the foundation of my resolve, and my continued quest for truth." So after 40 years, Epperly no longer holds his secrets. And no matter how small, at least something has been brought home and God willing, Dlana will finish it.



The excavation of one of the locations, and in the end, no more empty grave... **To God Be The Glory!-Dlana Bodmer.** 

Completion of this work is unknown as Dlana and her assistance are on their own.