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DEDICATION

I would like to dedicate this dream to Matt.

My Life, My Liberty and My Pursuit of Happiness.

His miles of smiles, aged only four years, never complained during that mile and a half walk, to his train to take him back to his promised land.

Now busting a brew, just us two, both in the ghetto and in this new found, France profound, either *côté* Central Park or *côté* Manhattan is all of the above and still the same.

My Life, This Liberty and That Constant Pursuit of Happiness.....

Just keep on Making *Me Proud* by *Pursuing Your Dreams.....*

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Chapter 1

SAGANASTY NEWS

“Nicola (Nikki) Johnson Found Dead Just Miles From Home. Police Say Last Seen Leaving The Red Elephant Accompanied . . .”

By Bart Sack/*Saginaw News*
July 15, 2005—

Nicola (Nikki) Johnson, who was last seen leaving The Red Elephant bar late Saturday night, has been found dead, police said in a press conference today.

“The search for our Nikki is over,” said Bay City Police Chief, Stephanie Baisemore. “Early today the State medical examiner confirmed that it was in fact, Ms. Johnson. She was found dead with her throat slashed last night just miles from her home. The search is over. This was no prank. Ms. Johnson was murdered.” According to authorities, Ms. Johnson’s body was found savagely stabbed forty-eight times, with a fifty-dollar bill protruding from her vagina.

“It is clear that Ms. Johnson was murdered and, as a result, our investigation has changed from a missing person to a homicide,” said Baisemore. “Mr. H. J. Wicks has not been named as a suspect, despite the fact that he was last seen getting into Ms. Johnson’s car with her. However, I would like to add that Mr. Wicks is definitely a person of interest to the police,” concluded the police chief.

While Johnson's parents and sister were all present at the press conference her twin brother, Reginald, was not.

"We do not believe this was a random act of violence," said Baisemore in reference to the unsolved murder of an elderly homeless man and his dog."

Earlier today, Katie Connasse, interim deputy public information officer for the Bay City, told *Bay City News* journalist Randy J. Pikes that the area in which the body was found is within a five-mile radius of where she lived in the upscale community of Trespoey.

The 2000 census put the city's population at 36,817, with the 2009 census estimate placing the population at 33,780. It is the county seat of Bay County and is the principal city of the Bay City Metropolitan Statistical Area, which is included in the BayCity-Saginaw Township North Combined Statistical Area. The city along with nearby Midland and Saginaw form the Tri-Cities region, which has more recently been called the Great Lakes Bay region.

Bay City is well known in mid-Michigan for its numerous festivals and celebrations which take place during the summer months. On any given weekday you have a variety of choices from the River Roar, St. Stan's Polish Festival, the Independence Day Fireworks Festival, the Pig Gig Rib Roast, and the River of Time, a living history re-enactment. Many of these events take place along one or more banks of the Saginaw River, often in Wenonah Park on the east bank or in the larger Veterans Memorial Park on the west bank.

The Scottish band the Bay City Rollers was named after this city, based on the results of a dart thrown randomly at a map. Madonna was born here and once referred to Bay City as "a stinky little town in Northern Michigan" on national television. Just down the river, Saginaw has its own list of celebrities, from the former world number one tennis champions Venus and Serena Williams to the jazz hall of fame great Sonny Stitt.

Ms. Johnson, 32, was last seen leaving The Red Elephant, a local nightclub, early Sunday morning around 2:00 a.m.

accompanied by Saginaw resident Mr. H. J. Wicks. Friends of Ms. Johnson told reporters that Mr. Wicks and Ms. Johnson were acquaintances. Authorities said that a friend who had planned to meet Ms. Johnson later in the day on Sunday became concerned when she failed to show up.

“Her friend Terri Adam called 911 on Sunday at 2:51 p.m.,” said Connasse and added, “Mr. Wicks is a person of interest but has not been formally named a suspect in the case. However, Mr. H. James Wicks is being actively sought for questioning.”

Mr. Wicks’s identical twin, Mr. H. John Wicks, who is a take-over specialist and senior director for the Detroit office of the Wall Street firm Cul & Couil, spoke to reporters from the *Saginaw News* by phone, just after police finished searching his two BMWs and seizing a Louis Vuitton briefcase. When approached at his home Monday, Mr. Wicks, who had been very cooperative until then, declined to be interviewed on camera by the *Saginaw News* team. *The Bay City News* also failed in an attempt to contact him.

Police say H. J. Wicks is five feet nine inches and is African-American. He weighs about 120 pounds and has black hair. His brown eyes have a peculiar feature. The iris of each eye is enclosed with a blue ring, which he proclaims is a result of his Swedish ancestry. In fact, Mr. Wicks often joked, “I am Swedish, just look at my eyes and my natural blond hair color. This black color is chemically dyed.”

“Are you looking for a possible serial killer?” Mr. Pikes asked the interim deputy public information officer.

Who would have—rather, who could have killed Ms. Johnson? She was everyone’s love doll, Ms. Connasse thought to herself but finally conceded to the reporter, “Mr. Pikes, yes it is possibly a serial killer.”

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