

UNSOLVED WITH STEVE GREGORY, EPISODE 207

TRANSCRIPT

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Steve Gregory

On any given day in Southern California, hundreds of investigators are working more than 10,000 unsolved cases. That's 1000s of friends and families who have lost loved ones, 1000s of people who got away with a crime, and 1000s of murderers who still walk the streets. Killers who may be your neighbor, go to your church, or could be dating a close friend. For the next two hours, we'll highlight cases that have gotten cold, baffled investigators or just needs that one witness to speak out. This is Unsolved with Steve Gregory.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's homicide case number 017-191433-1134 Dash 011 the murders of Andrew Chavez and Clottee Severino Reyes. We're going to revisit this case, because after it originally aired, the mother of Andrew Chavez reached out through our Instagram account @unsolved. She wanted to offer her perspective on the case. So in this first hour, you'll hear from LA County Sheriff's homicide detective Adam Kirstie. He'll give the background of the case then in the second hour, you'll hear from Shawna Donahue, the mother of Andrew Chavez. She'll offer graphic details of her son's death her theories on what happened, why it happened and who's responsible. We begin with detective Kirstie who takes us back to September 30 2017, in the city of Lancaster.

Detective Kirstie

And that's when my partner and I, since retired detective, were called out at about shorter phone rang at about 2:30 in the morning, to respond to Lancaster for a double murder, which had occurred on a street out there on Sixth Street East up in Lancaster. Long drive from where I live got up there started seeing what we had. We had several people who had been detained shortly after the shooting, and a crime scene, obviously with multiple pieces of evidence, obviously, multiple victims. So we had another team out there to assist us with the scene and my partner and I handled the interviews of the folks who had been detained. This was September 30, 2017, almost five years ago now. And the nuts and bolts version of it is our two victims, Andrew Chavez and Clottee Reyes. Were at a party at a house near on Sixth Street, he's there. And by all accounts, the only thing that I know for sure is that the party was kind of a dud. And at about 1:30 He was breaking down, people were milling about in the streets. And Andrew and Clottee were on again off again, boyfriend girlfriend. At the time they were kind of off, and they were arguing out in the street. And their argument out there in the street became the source of for lack of a better term entertainment. A large group of people came from the party and started watching them argue we know this this portion of that is on a little bit of an obstructed bit of surveillance video

large tree blocked the clear view to get a clearer head count of who all was out there or how many people were out there. And at some point, a dark colored vehicle it's one in the morning you don't know it's you know black, dark blue or red drives from the south northbound goes behind the foilage of the tree. And we know that it fires several rounds striking Andrew and Clottee and nobody else. We know that the people scatter, but we also know that at least one person returned fire with his own gun at the car that was fleeing the scene northbound on Sixth Street East. We don't know if that car was ever hit. That suspect vehicle has never been recovered. And everybody then scattered and left the party seeing the streets extreme these responding deputies were able to detain some folks who were there at the party, which is what led to myself and Detective Reynolds, interviewing a bunch of these folks who were at the party and we know, we're right there in the group of people who could have been shot just as easily as Andrew Clottee.

Steve Gregory

Let's go back. How old are these two?

Detective Kirste

They're under 20. They're 20 or younger. They're just kind of starting out on their life.

Steve Gregory

So so were they both in their 20s?

Detective Kirste

Yes. Okay.

Steve Gregory

So very young. I assume in the party was filled with some 20 Somethings.

Detective Kirste

Down to 16-17 year olds, it was a party of youth. It was supposed to be a birthday party for somebody. But you know, very young people. 16. They may have been at the upper end of the age spectrum. They may have been the oldest ones there. They may have been some of the oldest people there. Yeah.

Steve Gregory

We're talking with detective Adam Kirstie with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department about this, this tragic murder of two young people on Saturday, September 30 2017. Detective, so when you got the call of this homicide, this apparent murder, and you get on scene, you're talking about you and your partner interviewing a bunch of the young people at the party. Now, presumably, they're all witnesses. And you showed me some videotape before we started recording. And you showed me that there's clearly a bunch of people who not only watched it with their own eyes, but recorded it on their phones. So you have witnesses out there?

Detective Kirstie

Absolutely. Which is what makes this case far more frustrating than forgive the term but the the run of the mill unsolved, where maybe there aren't witnesses, maybe something happened the middle of the night, and there was nobody around. And somebody heard a gunshot and called, that is absolutely not the case here. There are at least a dozen people in the immediate area who watched the car approach their group that was watching Andrew and Clottee. There was people who walked up to the shooters vehicle and talked to them 20 seconds before they went and did the shooting who were still on the street. There's just no way. Approaching five years this case is still being solved.

Steve Gregory

Looking at this, you know, in you're talking about a party in Lancaster, is this the 43000 block of Sixth Street East? Not familiar with the area. So can you kind of tell us what kind of neighborhood that is?

Detective Kirstie

It's a residential neighborhood, you know, houses on both sides of the street. However, there are a couple of dirt roads that lead up to it. I remember driving up a dirt road to get to the paved road where the scene was, but it's a residential neighborhood. Just out in Lancaster,

Steve Gregory

typical neighborhood?

Detective Kirstie

Yeah, I would call it typical. The houses had bigger lots than some of the other areas I've been to in Lancaster. Like the house with the surveillance video had a really big, wide lot, just standard neighborhood houses on both sides of the street.

Steve Gregory

The area, though, is what's the gang activity sort of for that kind of an area.

Detective Kirste

First things first, I have no information that Andrew or Clottee had anything to do with any gang. And having worked my entire career in the south end of LA County. I'm not very familiar with the gang situation up there. I do know that it is a lot of folks who have moved from down here, who moved up there trying to kind of get away from the gang activity in the south end of LA County, but it kind of follows them up there.

Steve Gregory

So let's go back the short answer is there is gang activity?

Detective Kirste

Yes.

Steve Gregory

Okay. So in this particular neighborhood, though, Sixth Street East. And the reason I was asking about neighborhoods and for you to paint that picture is have you had issues like this before and that neighborhood?

Detective Kirste

Not that I'm aware of, but we are a county wide thing. So I don't always go to Lancaster I don't always know the trends of what's going on in a particular neighborhood.

Steve Gregory

Have you ever been called to that neighborhood before?

Detective Kirste

No.

Steve Gregory

Okay. Now, before we get back to more of detective Kirstie I want to tell you how you can contact the unsolved team. If you're listening on the iHeartRadio app, just simply press the red microphone and record your story idea tip or comment or press #250 on your cell phone and say the key word "unsolved". That's #250 And the key word "unsolved". More on the deaths of Andrew Chavez and Clottee Reyes, but first, this is Unsolved with Steve Gregory on KFI AN640 Time now for a news update.

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Steve Gregory

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Detective Kirste

Initiation I wouldn't necessarily know about but mistaken identity is a possibility. Because the group of people was so large as it relates to people standing on a middle of the street watching to folks argue or talk or discuss the relationship status. Any of these other folks could have been the targets now, or some of them. I mean, obviously, one of these folks had an illegally possessed weapon and fired back at the suspect via which leads you to believe he could have had, we did end up talking to him though. And he was more not as overt. Lee gangster as he denied it, obviously. couldn't really explain why he had a firearm, which we never recovered.

Steve Gregory

So wait, you I saw the video in this young man, I assume young man lifted a firearm and appear to appear to fire back. But when you talk to him, there was no gun.

Detective Kirste

By the time he was detained by the patrol folks. The gun had disappeared, which is not uncommon.

Steve Gregory

Okay. I didn't mean to sound naive. It's just it's just funny that in that amount of time, but he admitted he never admitted having a gun?

Detective Kirste

Correct.

Steve Gregory

Now, were you able to verify his identity on the video with him?

Detective Kirste

We didn't have the video. The morning that we did the interview, it takes a while for our guys to come up and get it and then make it viewable for us. So we didn't have it. At the time we did the interview. But we told them we knew of the camera's existence. So he didn't deny being there. But he did know, denied everything else didn't know who the shooter was. They didn't know what had happened. But he very easily could have been the target as like I said before any of the other 15 people standing around.

Steve Gregory

Okay, so let's go back then I was I interrupted you about when we're talking about the video and the other weapon and and that sort of imply that there might have been some sort of a gang. So let's go back to that. When you saw that, and you saw that there was a person that had a gun fired back, did you immediately go to the gang part of this? Or did you had you not considered that yet?

Detective Kirste

Try to keep an open mind to everything when we're doing these things. Because you just have to if you get tunnel vision on one thing, you know, something's gonna fly past you that you didn't notice. So, you know, we talked to him and he denied being a gang member. He denied doing any shooting, but we felt it was him. He had pretty distinct size and stature. And we were we were pretty sure we're talking to the right individual. And he did not claim to be a gang member. He was just out there on the streets hustling to get money, which is basically the the term that some of these folks use.

Steve Gregory

the term for what? hustling to get money?

Detective Kirste

In my opinion, I've seen that in the past and my patrol and station level experiences that they're committing street level robberies, burglaries of residential homes, things like that.

Steve Gregory

Okay, so and then I was asking you about that. How did you know that this was the man that would later be the one in the video. How did you know he may have been the one that had the weapon?

Detective Kirste

He, like I said he had a pretty distinct stature. He was pretty tall. I don't know, if you noticed it, you know, tall, skinny, tall and tall and skinny. And he was in a car with several other people that was detained leaving the scene. And one thing led to another and we we know he was the guy who had got forget that firearm.

Steve Gregory

Now looking at a little broader than did you consider that there was any kind of gang involvement at all in this is that you say you keep an open mind. But when you already know you had someone that returned fire, someone has already opened fire? Is that where you go first?

Detective Kirste

Well, the party was our first thing and whether that was a gangster party, or whatever the case may have been. We tried to figure out what its deal was and its participants. And these kids weren't gangsters. The majority of these folks who were at this party war, I don't even know what the right word is, you know, what their generation has called because I'm, you know, obviously way older than them. But they just don't understand the value of life and being a decent upstanding citizen. And doing your duty, whether that be you know, telling law enforcement what happened when two people were murdered right in front of you. Because they live in this Snapchat, Instagram story. Everything's funny everything is for a like or a comment or whatever the case may be on social media. And like we had watched the video people came out of you know, from the party towards this argument with their phones.

Steve Gregory

You could see the light you can see on their phones already lighting up the area.

Detective Kirste

They don't care about life. For lack of a better term,

Steve Gregory

Presumably, I guess I'm jumping to that conclusion. Did Andrew and Clottee have friends at that party?

Detective Kirste

Yes. It at least acquaintances. I don't know what their definition of friends are. But you know, people they hung out with Yeah, there were folks there.

Steve Gregory

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Steve Gregory

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Detective Kirste

The short answer to your question is no. Nobody was helpful. At the end of the day, the answer is no. Which is why we're sitting here. As we talked about close acquaintances. Clottee, had an incredibly close relative at the party, who was outside at the time that this happened, and has provided a statement which said, I don't know what happened, I hurt my ankle. So I know for a fact that person that relative was outside at the time of the shooting. I suspect she hurt her ankle in her haste to get away from the shooting, which I understand completely, but I don't understand that telling me about a your relative being shot on the street.

Steve Gregory

Okay. So based on that, in your experience, and you were talking about being in patrol also, when that many people refuse to tell you what happened, or what they saw, what does that tell you?

Detective Kirste

A lot of these folks live in this. Like I said, social media influenced world. And regular movies, TV shows, where witnesses get killed all the time. He was a witness. The snitches get stitches thing. And I've been doing homicide for six years. And I've never had a witness get killed. I've never had a witness get shot. I've had some witnesses be threatened, but nothing has ever come of it. A lot of people talk a big game. But that's where their head is that they're not in the you know, for lack of a better term, I don't think they've been raised properly to respect life to respect the rule of law. And understand that if you're a witness to a murder of all things, we might need to help the police solve this, specially excuse me, especially if this is a friend acquaintance acquaintance or relative of yours.

Steve Gregory

What I was asking to what I'm getting at, also is that do you suppose that there was a feeling or a vibe with these people that this was gang related? And that's why they don't want to talk? Because if you have a relative of Clottee you know that there was right there a close relative, and she's totally tight lipped. Do you think it's more about their generation? Or do you think it's more about they all know who did this?

Detective Kirste

I think there's a confluence of factors and the two major ones being the ones that you just mentioned, I think they they know who did this and for whatever reason, maybe they believe that person to be a gang member and they fall into that snitches get stitches. I don't want my friends knowing that I'm a snitch trap of being unhelpful and I'm not helping anything out.

Steve Gregory

We're talking with detective Adam Kirstie with the LA County Sheriff's department's Homicide Bureau about the murders of Andrew Chavez and Clottee Reyes from 2017 in the town of Lancaster. One of the things I noticed on the video detective is again all the phones we talked about that, how soon after you arrived on scene were you able to look at the video?

Detective Kirste

The video we probably didn't get back viewable to us for a day or two.

Steve Gregory

So when you looked at that video and you sat there just like I did seeing it for the first time and you know I was just absolutely dumbfounded at how many people witnessed it but watching that seeing that there were there are recordings of this. Do you think those recordings still exist? Because I mean, I saw easily five phone ones that were up in recording already, by the time they ran and got to the scene, presumably they recorded all the way up to and including the shooting, probably. So do you think those recordings still exist?

Detective Kirste

I would be surprised if they did, because they know the outcome of, of the shooting, which is, you know, these two folks had been killed. And while they not to me, these folks at the scene may not be interested in helping, they're probably interested in helping themselves and not getting caught up. And they probably deleted their stuff. Once they realized what happened and got maybe whatever likes, they may have gotten off of whatever social media.

Steve Gregory

So were you able to get with your, and I'm sorry, if I'm not saying it correctly, but for lack of a better term, your cyber folks were able to get with your IT or cyber folks and start scouring social media to find out anything about this.

Detective Kirste

We did what we could with what we had at the time. And we weren't able to locate any of the posts. The only video that exists from this incident is the obscure surveillance video that I showed you earlier.

Steve Gregory

Out of all of that, out of all that?

Detective Kirste

Now I don't know maybe they didn't post it because they knew what happened in the you know, in the end, but they were definitely recording. Obviously, we saw it on the on the video, their phones were out at least and in the positions they were we can make the assumption they were recording. But we

weren't ever able to find any posts. You know, we asked some of these folks that we interviewed about it. And no one could point us to an account that had it on there or anything of that nature.

Steve Gregory

That sounds absolutely just unbelievable.

Detective Kirste

Stonewalled from from the beginning

Steve Gregory

Young kids. I mean, they're bad at keeping secrets. Yeah, most of them. So that still amazes me. You had that many people together and no one said something to somebody correct. So no idea about a license plate description of a car or nothing for these kids.

Detective Kirste

They might have told us it was a black car, which I was able to see. But small black cars doesn't really help me with anything.

Steve Gregory

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We're talking with detective Adam Kirstie of the LA County Sheriff's Department's Homicide Bureau about this double murder in Lancaster back in 2017. We got really deep into the social media aspect of this because we have seen the surveillance video and my first impression of it was unbelievable how many witnesses there are to this shooting this double shooting, and yet no one is able to come forward

or is unwilling to come forward. What about the families of these two victims? Were you able to get anything from them? What was their family lives like?

Detective Kirste

Andrew Chavez has one of the nicest mothers that I've ever met. nice person. And I feel terrible for her. Because she was very close with him, as most mothers are with her sons, but a lot of folks over the ensuing years would talk to his mother and tell them something, actually tell her something that, Oh, Billy did it or Billy knows who did it. Or Johnny knows. Somebody who knows it.

Steve Gregory

People were actually telling the mother who did it?

Detective Kirste

Yes. And she would call me she would text me. And I say, Okay, give me the person's name. And tell them I'm gonna call them. No, they don't want to talk to you. Of all the people who came up to Andrews mom's name is Shawna. Of all the people who came up to Shauna, I was able to track down one of them. And when I was able to track him down myself to try to get the information firsthand from a person. I didn't, I don't know anything. That's what I was told by that person. They just stonewalled me. But they give Shawna the mother, the mother, like false hope she gets her hopes up. Every time somebody tells her, Hey, Billy knows who did it. Joey knows who did whatever the case may be. And Billy is never willing to tell me who did it or or whatever the case may be. I mean, the range of emotions that Shawna has gone through, outside of losing her son, since that day, the highs and lows that she's had to endure from people not helping out, giving her half truths, half information, a quarter of information, you know, third hand, fourth hand information. It's, it's devastating. She's, she'll never be the same.

Steve Gregory

Then what about Clottee Reyes' family?

Detective Kirste

The level of participation from Clottee's family has not quite been the same as it has from Andrews family. And I think I've talked to them once or twice over the ensuing four and a half years. And that includes the relative that was there. Who told me nothing. Essentially.

Steve Gregory

What does that tell you? When you've got families that typically are very helpful and cooperative like that, and then you got one family that doesn't want to talk about it.

Detective Kirste

Close to his family. The day or two after that we do too, after the murder when we were at their residence talking to them. The family ended up arguing amongst themselves about another issue. Like, in front of myself and Fred Reynolds, my partner at the time, they're arguing about something completely unrelated to this murder. We had to like kind of like, rest, you know, wrangle them back into trying to talk to us about this homicide. And you know, we never got any good information out of that. It was a bizarre, I mean, fresh looked at each other after we were done. We can't even get them to stay on task about Clottee's murder. In a you know, a 1520 minute interview it was it was bizarre. And I'm not saying they're not devastated by coyotes, murder, but their level of interest in solving this seems to be less than Shawna's .

Steve Gregory

And when's the last time you spoke with him?

Detective Kirste

I don't know.

Steve Gregory

It's been that long?

Detective Kirste

Yeah, it's been at least a year. So do you think people were going to their family saying they know who did it much like they did with Shawna?

Well, if they did, if people told anybody in Clottee's family that they knew who did it, they didn't come and tell me immediately. Shawna always has always did, and will continue. You know, Shawna, and I have, you know, talked about, you know, trying to do other things to generate interest, such as we're doing here, we did a press conference in 2018. Shauna was at that. But, to this day, we're still, we're still sitting here,

Steve Gregory

You know, there is a \$30,000 reward for information on this case, is that still active?

Detective Kirste

Still active, I made sure that it was renewed through the board of supervisors who offer \$20,000. And the city of Lancaster \$10,000 Still is valid. I confirm that with a friend of mine who works up there, and Lancaster, sheriff's station. And that's still a good reward, there's still \$30,000 on the table for information leading to the arrest and conviction of who killed these two kids.

Steve Gregory

You said something earlier, that kind of resonated with me, when you made mentioned that a lot of these young people perhaps aren't getting the proper upbringing, about with respect to, you know, doing the right thing coming forward being a good citizen? What is your message to parents out there who have kids this age in their early 20s, and are going to parties and you know, parents know that once those kids walk out the door, they really don't know what they're up to?

Detective Kirste

Or in this case, they don't know if they're coming back. And you know, I understand I have kids, myself, I have an adult and a juvenile. It's kind of hard to tell your 18-19 20 year old Let me see your phone Who you talking to? Because they don't they don't want us the parents to know. But you got to do everything you can to stay up on top of your kids. But if you're worried about that at 20, when your kids are 20. Maybe it was because you didn't be strict enough with him when they were 7,8,9,10,11,12. In my personal opinion, that stuff starts to wait, you know, a long time before they get to be 20. In their wayward.

Steve Gregory

Well. It's a very superficial generation.

Detective Kirste

It is.

Steve Gregory

Yeah, that's especially if I had not seen the video myself, showing that many people, young people with their phones up and in record mode running toward the scene. away from it, I would tell you were lying to me if I hadn't seen it myself. And then for them to all just be quiet, completely silent about this thing.

Just seems mind boggling to me. It it. Yes, it's mine. But my parents would have smacked the crap out of me if I didn't come forward.

Detective Kirste

Absolutely. I was afraid of my mom more than I was afraid of anybody else in the world. And you know, hopefully, my kids feel the same way about me.

Steve Gregory

Well, listen, we'll do what we can and we appreciate your time. We really do detective so we'll get more information online about this, please. Yes, absolutely. Okay, detective, thank you for your help.

Detective Kirste

Thank you sir.

Steve Gregory

You can see the surveillance video from this case on our website kfiam640.com keyword "unsolved". Coming up. The mother of Andrew Chavez speaks about the death of her son, including her theory of what happened in who might be responsible. But first, this is Unsolved with Steve Gregory on KFI AM 640 Time now for a news update.

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Steve Gregory

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I want to go back to that that evening, September 30, 2017. And tell me what Andrew was up to that night.

Shawna Donahue

Wow. Okay. So he just got off work. I had just got off work. He called me he asked me to pick him up. He was at his friend's house. I went to his house picked him up. And he had owed me \$60. I remember. And he's like "here mom, I just got paid. Here's the money that I owe you". And I have to go pay the cell phone bill go with me. And he was like, oh, okay, so we went we paid the T Mobile bill, but instead of me paying it, he actually paid it. He was like, Mom, I got paid. Like, let me pay the phone bill. Like I've been on your phone plan forever. I'm gonna pay it. And then he even signed up for his own phone plan to see if he can get, you know, approved. And they told me this letter in the mail. We went to Target because he was looking for new work clothes. And then he didn't find anything he liked there. We went to Walmart.

Steve Gregory

Where did he work?

Shawna Donahue

He worked for a construction company. I know that they traveled, okay. But he worked in construction. He worked and he was a land surveyor. So he would get up super early in the morning. So he was so excited that he got paid and that he can go and get his clothes. We went to Walmart, and he found some he just got some new pants and some new shirts were which were like those highlighter shirts. I remember him. begging me. Hey, Mom, let's go to Ulta , go buy your perfume that you wanted. And I was like, No, babe. Like, it's not even Christmas stuff. He's like, but I have the money now. Let's go get it now. And I told them no. Like I kept insisting No. But we were at Walmart and something just came over me. And I had asked them like, hey, why don't you stay home tonight? Instead of going out with your friends? Let's have movie night. I'll buy all the snacks. I'll do whatever you want. Like, let's just stay home with me. And it's crazy because one of my friends happened to be in line too. And she was like, yeah, stay home with your mom. But I just had a really weird feeling like I just I don't know what it was. I just begged him the whole entire night we got home. He bought a new cell phone because he wanted he wanted a better cell phone. I think Clottee had broke his phone right? Clotee had broke his phone. So he wanted a new cell phone. We were trying to put the SIM card into it. It didn't work. So my dad gave him his cell phone. And Andrew gave him my dad the brand new cell phone which my dad still has. And I begged him to stay home that night was crazy because my mom was outside. And my dad was outside and they were sitting in the front yard and Andrew comes outside. He's like, Hey, Mom, can you take me to so and so's house? And I'm like, Yeah, I'll drop you off right now. But can you please stay home? Like, you know, tomorrow we're going to dark harbor. You know, me, you and your brother like and I'll drop you off at the club in LA after like, Everything was planned. Everything was set, but I just had still a really bad feeling. And he was like, I'm going to be okay, I'm just going to so and so's house and we're just going to hang out right there. I'm not leaving anywhere. I said okay. drove home drove drove him to his house. He's like, not even like five minutes away from the house. Like three minutes away from the house. I dropped them off. I go I love you. He's walking to the door. She goes I love you too. Mom. I'll see you early in the morning. He goes early in the morning. I'll see you I said okay, baby, I love you. I turned around and went back home. I went to sleep. And the next thing I know is I started getting phone calls at 4am in the morning. It was 4am in the morning, mind you. All these people there at that house

knew where I lived. They knew where I lived, including Clottee's relative knew where I lived. And all I got was Andrew has been hurt.

Steve Gregory

So who was calling you?

Shawna Donahue

Clottee's relative called me, Clottee's relative and some of other of Andrews friends. They were calling me telling me Andrew's been hurt but that's all they told me is Andrew's been hurt. I jumped up out of bed so quick. I can't even tell you how fast I was from my room to my car and my dad drove me. My stomach was in knots. I can tell you that right there. I knew my child was dead. Knew it.

Steve Gregory

So the detective say that the shooting was approximately 1:35 that morning. So you didn't get the call until three hours later?

Shawna Donahue

three hours later, my phone was off. So something was going on with T Mobile and something was going on with spectrum to where the service was completely off and like it rebooted or something. So I don't know exactly what happened. I know that they did call his dad first because when they were looking up on social media, they have the same. The same last name, I should remind you his dad is nowhere in his life his dad was he was not an active parent in his life. So they called him he was already on the way up. I know that I got the call. Now. They tried to give me the address. I could not find the address. So me and my dad are driving around. My dad is driving because I'm like going crazy in my head. We get to the police station. I walk into the police station. I have all these people outside that were there at that party. And I'm telling you there wasn't like two people. It wasn't three people was like 15 people outside.

Steve Gregory

Did they all know your son?

Shawna Donahue

Everybody knew my son. You can go around and ask about my son out here today and they're gonna tell you about my child. Because he he was a good kid. He wasn't a bad kid. Mind you. He wasn't a perfect

kid. I'm not gonna sit here and paint this perfect picture for you Sure. But I mean, my kid had a good heart. And you can everybody I spoke to, they say nothing but good things to him.

Steve Gregory

Okay, so you have the crowd inside the sheriff's substation, right?

Shawna Donahue

They're outside. There's some people inside. I walk in and you hear whispers? That's Andrews mom. That's Sandra's Mom, look, that's Andrews mom and I go in there and I said, I need to know what's going on with my child. Where's my child that they said he's been hurt? Where's he at? And the detectives like, or the person in the front is like, I can't tell you anything. And I'm sitting right there. I go to the bathroom because my stomach is just in knots. Like, I just want to like start screaming and yelling because nobody's telling me anything. I look across the way. And it's one of Clottee's friends, best friends who was also there with her relative and her mom are there. And they tell my dad. Andrew was alive when we seen him. Andrew was alive. Clottee was not. Andrew was alive. And I'm like, okay, that gives me hope. Like, you know, my child is alive. He's somewhere he's buddy. No one's answering at the hospital. No one's answering nowhere. So finally, I, I go outside and I literally just start walking down the street and I'm yelling, like, Where the hell's my child that what's going on? And then me and my dad, we start walking back to the car. And I get a phone call from his dad. It's 90% chance that it's Andrew. I said, What do you mean? How do you know? He goes, Well, I'm right here and I can see the shoes. My mom was with him. And but they wouldn't tell me where it was. I didn't know until the day of the until the day of the candlelight. Like I didn't know where the actual nobody would take me. Nobody would take me to the morgue. Nobody would take me anywhere.

Steve Gregory

So but when you walked into the sheriff's substation, and the person behind the counter said we can't tell you anything. There was no attempt by a detective or anyone to talk talk to you.

Shawna Donahue

Nothing. Nobody even came out. Nobody even cared mind you there's people there from the party. And nobody all I heard were whispers.

Steve Gregory

Never told you what happened?

Shawna Donahue

Nobody told me anything.

Steve Gregory

So you didn't know what happened until the vigil?

Shawna Donahue

I didn't know what happened until the news cover news. The news is what they said it was a 21 year old man. And then my friend she called me and she told me she goes Shawna go to where he spent the night last night. Go to the house right now mind you. It's nine o'clock in the morning now right? Go Andrew's probably there - they probably have a mishap. Like it's a mistake. It's a mistake. You started seeing it on social media. When did you? Oh, she's seen on. So I go to I go to the house. I dropped him off at me and his brother, mind you his brother looks like a spitting image of him. And so we go and we knock on the door and I'm like, Hey, is Andrew here? No. Like what with high hopes? Hey, is Andrew here. And he looks at me. He's like no. And his mom comes down and he goes, she goes, What do you mean, he's not here? He was here. What do you mean he's not here? And he's like, Mom, he's not in the hinge to keep us down and he starts crying. My son walks into the house goes and gets Andrew's overnight bag and walks out. And then we heard that.

Steve Gregory

If you have a tip about this case or any we feature on this show, please press #50 on your cell phone and say the key word unsolved, or press the red microphone and the iHeartRadio app. More with Shana Donahue. But first this is unsolved with Steve Gregory on KFI AM 640, Time now for a news update.

SEGMENT 6

Steve Gregory

KFI AM 640, heard everywhere live on the iHeartRadio app. I'm Steve Gregory and this is Unsolved. To learn more about the cases we cover, go to KFIAM640.com key word "unsolved". Also, if you've got a tip, a story, idea or comment, press the red microphone button on the iHeartRadio app and leave your message. I've been speaking with Shawna Donahue, her son, Andrew Chavez was killed September 30, 2017, during a party in Lancaster. Before the break Shawna was telling me about that night, she also says her son didn't really want to go to the party on Sixth Street East.

Shawna Donahue

He was tired, he really didn't. He didn't want to run into like, because him and Clottee were on and off, on and off. And mind you, whether they were on and off, he was always gonna go back to her. He loved

that girl. And that's not, you know, that's not even like something to argue with anybody about but he did love that girl. And I know that their intentions were not to go to that party. I know that somebody else came to his friend's house and was like, Hey, I just got into a fight with my girlfriend or his baby mama. I'm trying to get out. I'm trying to get out. What's up? Like, let's find out let's something to do. I guess that was something to do. So they they're like, Come on, let's go. Let's go. Let's go. It was him who drove the car, the guy who came over so it was him and Andrew and the other kid that Andrew spoke spent the night with. And I think impossibly his brother, but I'm not sure. But they all went to the party together. And then Clottee, her relative and her best friend showed up to the party.

Steve Gregory

And you keep saying relative? Do you know if it's a sister or cousin?

Shawna Donahue

It's her sister. Her sister. Okay. It's your sister? Yes. So her sister was there with her. Mind you quotes he had just wrote. I don't know if you've seen it on Facebook. She had wrote a story that Sunday. That Sunday before it all happened, how she was going to die at a house party. It was going to get shot up. She had a dream about it. She had a premonition, she had a premonition, which was even scarier. Mind you. I had the same premonition about letting my child go that night.

Steve Gregory

So a couple of questions. And you've already said that, you know, your son wasn't perfect. And I don't know many 18 year olds who are, me included. So did your son have any connections with any bad influence? People have a bad influence gangbangers? Anything like that?

Shawna Donahue

Do you know of anything about Lancaster? Everything, Everybody's trying to be something out here. Yes, he did. He had friends that were in that. Andrew wasn't the person to judge. Andrew was a person to take you on no matter. I could tell like everybody. Yeah, I could tell you 1000 times, like this person is no good. He's, um, let me find out for myself. I'm gonna find out for myself. And that's the kind of person he was. He was also the kind of person that you know, gave you the benefit of doubt. If you needed his shoes, and he had an extra pair of shoes at home. He would give you his shoes.

Steve Gregory

So he was 18. So is he already out of high school? Or was he a senior?

Shawna Donahue

He dropped out - he was still attending school, but not like full time. Still doing like a credit here and there and stuff.

Steve Gregory

Okay, so when he was still a student, yeah. Okay. And then Clottee, what was her story?

Did they meet at school? Do you know how they met?

Shawna Donahue

Met at a party? I think they met at a party.

Steve Gregory

Okay, so

Shawna Donahue

she lived with us too. Okay. Yeah. So she lived off and on with us. She it's crazy. She was very lovable, very mean horror, both aries you know, like, we kind of bumped heads. Just because that's my child. You know, and I'm, I'm a mama's boy. Like, my, my boys are my boys. And the bond that me and Andrew had was he was my child, but he was also my best friend. That kid knew everything about me. And it's just, that's my baby.

Steve Gregory

When we talk about, you know, these parties and the things that are going on and all this bad influences. I mean, I did see the one video provided by the Sheriff's Department, unfortunately was obstructed by a large tree. But have you seen that video? Did you see that?

Shawna Donahue

I posted it up on my Facebook and I have over 700 views.

Steve Gregory

What did you make of that video?

Shawna Donahue

I see Clottee's body dropping. I see that. The people the way that I see it is the same girl who walked around the car is also the same girl who went and talked to the people who went and did the shooting.

Steve Gregory

Did I see it right that the car went by first and then turned around and came back, right?

Shawna Donahue

That's not what I seen. I seen that there's so there's a car right here. There's another car right here and then there's a car facing this way.

Steve Gregory

Right? Okay.

Shawna Donahue

So I see the girl walk from that car and walk around the car and go back to where the group is. And then that car went in shot. Mind you, my child did not die on impact, Clottee died on impact.

Steve Gregory

She died on scene.

Shawna Donahue

On scene, right away. She died right away. I spoke with the coroner's, I have the coroner report. My son lived for 29 minutes, 29 minutes. My son is the one who made the six minute phone call to the police to get help. He called while he thought he was the one who made the phone call.

Steve Gregory

How many? How many times was he hit?

Shawna Donahue

He was only hit once were in the arm.

Steve Gregory

He died from a wound in his arm.

Let's explain it.

Shawna Donahue

No, no, no, I hit no artery. It went through his arm through his chest and it fell to his stomach hit no arteries. Nothing yet. So what he did is he bled the inside out. Sure. So when the cop got there, and he's holding Clottee, when the cop got there, the cop made him lay down. So therefore he choked on his own blood. But instead of mind you paramedics were already there. So it's only four minutes away. The literally the fire station is right there. And then how were you? How do you know that? It's crazy. I had a dream of how they were laying. Right. And then everybody that was there told me like how they were laying. But I had a dream before I found out how in the night that I went to the candlelight vigil. We had 150 people there. And mind you more than half of the people that were at the party were there at the candlelight.

Steve Gregory

So let's go back. I did not know he was the one that made the 911 call.

Shawna Donahue

Yeah, I tried to get the information but they won't give it to me.

Steve Gregory

Okay, so what do you think happened?

Shawna Donahue

I think that they went there to shoot somebody that shot back. And they were caught in the crossfire.

Steve Gregory

Okay, so the you don't believe in either the two were targets?

Shawna Donahue

I don't believe definitely would not believe that. Coti would be a target. My son. I mean, I would hope that he would not be a target. But I've heard different stories like how many people envied him. People, you know, certain people are jealous of him and stuff like that.

Steve Gregory

This couldn't have been a case where he was dating somebody and it was a revenge thing or anything like that.

Shawna Donahue

Everybody knew that they were together. Yeah. Everybody knew that they were together, so.

Steve Gregory

So the guy that shot because I do see that the person that shoots back when the car takes off. Do you suppose that person was a target?

Shawna Donahue

I believe he was a target. And he's well, no. And he was also the oldest person there. In his late 20's.

Steve Gregory

Do you believe he was? I mean, do you believe he knew who the shooters were?

Shawna Donahue

Yeah, I'm pretty sure I believe it was a bad drug deal.

Steve Gregory

Oh, you think this is a bad drug deal? More with Shawna Donohue. But first this is unsolved with Steve Gregory on KF I am 640 Time now for a news update.

SEGMENT 7

Steve Gregory

KFI AM 640, heard everywhere live on the iHeartRadio app. I'm Steve Gregory and this is Unsolved. If you've got a tip a story, idea or comment, press the red microphone button on the iHeartRadio app and leave your message on September 30, 2017. Andrew Chavez and his girlfriend Clottee Reyes were gunned down in the street during a party in Lancaster. In the last hour. We heard from a detective running the cold case. In this hour, we've been speaking with Shawna Donahue, the mother of Andrew, she contacted us to share her story. And before the break, Shana said she believed the shooting was related to a drug deal gone bad. And neither her son nor her son's girlfriend was connected to it. She says she was told one of the people at the party was the most likely target one of the oldest people at the party who also happened to have a gun. She says she's frustrated, because so many people with the party not only witnessed the murder, but recorded it on their cell phones. A lot of these people that were at the party would call you and reach out to you and say, Listen, I know who did it. I have this information, I have that information. But then every time a detective would call these people, they shut down.

Shawna Donahue

They would or if he would try to see them,

Steve Gregory

So why do you think that is?

Shawna Donahue

So I can get anywhere from I could burn a lot of these kids, like I could really hurt a lot of their, their futures. Just from the information that I was told that if they were so scared, you know, then why are they giving me the information? Mind you, I have it in text messages. You know, I have it on voicemails, and I've given this to the detectives. And yet the detective will come in and be like, Oh, I don't know, I didn't say nothing, including the girl that my son pushed at the party. So she wasn't shot. So my son must have seen the shooter because as he turned, he pushed another girl out of the way. And that was all over social media.

Steve Gregory

So it sounds like you got bits and pieces of what happened from a lot of different people there. So now, let's run it through again, piece it together. So so the way I was told is Clottee and Andrew go out to the street and they're arguing. There's an argument. Yes. Okay. During that argument, others from the party come out. Now the thing that gets me is that I see kids actually with their phones up recording, meaning there has got to be a recording of the shooting.

Shawna Donahue

Oh, there is, there is.

Steve Gregory

And then they come up there and then the car approaches opens fire. What happened next?

Shawna Donahue

From my understanding is Clottee went to the party. She was already drunk. She's seen Andrew, she's seen somebody hug Andrew got mad. And my son didn't like confrontation. You could ask if you ever get to interview any of these kids, they'll tell you that Andrew is not a confrontational person as far as like spraying like yelling, you know, especially at Clottee, he would pull her over to the side and he would talk to her she might have been yelling, but it was never Andrew Gilliam he would just calm her down. And then they would proceed to go back my understand they were already walking back. You see they weren't fighting in the video. They're standing right there in that video. I see. So they're not fighting right there. You know, and if you notice, there's a bunch of kids walking across the street to in that in that area. There's a whole entire group walking across in that area as well. So there's people on both sides. From their mind you there was like 25 to 35 people there at that party. You know, it wasn't just like a little thing, Andrew, from what I understood, never even went into the house. He stayed outside. So I had messages and I have sent them to Detective like where a certain person sent me like everybody who did it in all this. And of course the detective checked out that information, try to go talk to that person. And as soon as he met up with him at the park, he told me Oh, I don't know what you're talking about. Mind you, the detective has all the text messages, you know that he's texting me and that he's telling me. So he knows that I'm not sitting here making it up. And now these kids are in there. 23,24,25 and I go to the bars around here. They're also at the bars around here.

Steve Gregory

You know, how do they treat you?

Shawna Donahue

They treat me fine. I mean, I do I trust them. No, acknowledge you. And yeah, you they acknowledged me as his mother. Mind you the His funeral was again over 150 people and most people didn't even know I was his mom. And he was very protective over me and his little sister and his niece or his cousin. He didn't want people talking to us. He didn't want people you know, like hey, like he didn't want people knowing who I was because he didn't want people to jump into my social my social media or anything like that. And it's crazy because now they all jumped into my social media. And it's like, my son warned you like Don't Don't come at me kind of thing. And you guys still like try to come at me like in a flirtatious way and stuff like that.

Steve Gregory

So, uh After this happened, and I am still wrapping my head around the fact that your son actually called 911 while he was shot.

Shawna Donahue

and I even got confirmation from because I called the actual firehouse, which is not even three minutes from there. And he said, Yeah, it was a man. It was him who called me Oh, and I have it on. I had it on my my T Mobile bill too. It's on my other phone to work because we shared the same T Mobile bill, and it was him on the phone for six minutes and 96 minutes and nine seconds. He was on the call to 911. Mind you, when the cop got there to aisle I also heard and they want to give me dash cam. Because a cop was pulled up right in front that he looked at my son and he said you're going to be okay, buddy. You're going to be okay. My son is still breathing. Mind you when we went there. They said no, he was dead on scene. No, he was not dead on scene that you're supposed to be there within four minutes. The shooting happened at 1:31. My son was not pronounced dead until 2:01 and when I talked to the coroner, he was like your son could have made it. Your son could have been alive today. All they had to do was rushed him to the hospital, or somebody was some kind of bleeding. Yeah, all they had to do is open his stomach to release the blood. So it didn't fill his lungs.

Steve Gregory

no one was able to clarify any of those points after after the fact about the death about the length of time?

Shawna Donahue

that's coming from the actual coroner. I went down to the coroner's office. You know, I really see I got his last belongings. I got the coroner's report. He the coroner herself said here's sunlit for 29 minutes, your son could have been saved. And then when I started getting more and more of the story, and I was like, Wait, nobody drove him there. Mind you, her sister and her best friend took off. As soon as they found closer to the quality in the street. My son stayed by Coty side. You know, so that's a huge difference like me like, I mean, I understand she was 16. And she was probably scared. But that's your

child. I mean that your child, your sister. Kids I raised would have stayed right there. My son obviously stayed right there. You know, and it's like that I don't understand. She was with her sister and her best friend. And they both left her. My son came with his friends and my son's friends left him, my son who he considered family. These people that he trusted left him and they act like I don't have animosity toward them. I do.

Steve Gregory

So now, you've pieced it together based on everyone, everyone telling you and giving you input. So now let's go back to where you officially found out what happened and you said it wasn't until sometime after? Right. How long after the actual shooting before you officially were told by someone in the county? I mean, when we're officially approached by a detective or an investigator.

Shawna Donahue

I was approached that day that that day later in that day, 6pm That day when they were removing his body, his bodies stayed out there until about 4:30pm. In the street. Yeah, I think if they would have known that my son was a donor. I think they would have took him to the hospital. And at least if he was really going to die that they would have saved some of his organs so that he could donate it.

Steve Gregory

So this was to your knowledge was this LA County Fire there paramedics that that arrived?

Shawna Donahue

This is all LA County. Correct.

Steve Gregory

Okay. I just didn't know it was a private ambulance. But But LA County paramedics?

Shawna Donahue

Most likely right, but I think it was AMR I don't honestly, I don't that's okay. But I know that the the fire station was there too.

Steve Gregory

Right. So that's LA County. Right. Okay, got it. Then after you were talked or after you were spoken to by detectives, or, you know, after they came to you, what did they tell you happened?

Shawna Donahue

They didn't tell me anything happened. I was still I think in so much shock that I answered some questions. I couldn't even tell you which questions they asked. They just asked the relationship between Andrew and Clottee. I think at first they thought like it was a murder suicide. When they first got there. That's what I kind of heard. Again, this is four and a half years ago, and I was very distraught. I'm still waiting for my son to walk through that door for more than like, I would say almost a good eight, nine months like I still had hope my child was still going to come home. I had I envisioned like this was a whole entire story. I envisioned that like they needed him for the FBI and this was like a fit. I and I made him different than my child being in the casket. Yeah. Mind you, I didn't get to see him until the day I buried him.

Steve Gregory

Yeah was Shawna Donahue on the death of her son Andrew Chavez. But first this is unsalted with Steve Gregory on KFI AM 640. Time now for a news update.

SEGMENT 8

Steve Gregory

KFI AM 640, heard everywhere live on the iHeartRadio app. I'm Steve Gregory and this is Unsolved. To see more about this case, including the surveillance video from a neighbor's house. Go to KFIAM640.com, keyword "unsolved". What's the thing you miss the most about him?

Shawna Donahue

His laughter. Yeah. His hugs.

Steve Gregory

You have an incredibly detailed memory about all of this sounds like you can't shake it up.

Shawna Donahue

Not at all. I would never. And the sad part is I know, people that know something. And people that have something to do with it, go and visit my child and sit there at his grave. I know this. I've seen pictures of it.

Steve Gregory

To your knowledge, it's the \$30,000 reward still active?

Shawna Donahue

It's still active. So here's the thing -

Steve Gregory

They're gonna ask for more.

Shawna Donahue

I would like that. And I have I've called, you know, the board out here. And and I've even went down there. I was last year going to put up a billboard on 10th Street West because it's an electric one. So therefore, it's less money, right? Not everybody has social media. Right? Not everybody follows an Instagram page or a Facebook page. Not everybody knows that this story is still active. And with that being said, those people on that street are a lot older people. Mind you, I've went and I put those reward pictures up all down that street and someone went and took them all off. I'll also along my street along the high school because he went to Eastside high. You know, I did all of that insulin literally went and took all of those posters off. Why? I don't know, because it's a bad sign for the, for the community, you know, it's bad. So when I was going to pay for the billboard, everything was gonna go through. And then I was told no, because the the case is still under an investigation. Yeah, but even more of them to put it up on a billboard so people can see it. So people can see that it's still live, not everybody follows me. Not everybody follows my my child's you know, Instagram or his Facebook, and even then I don't have access to it, because someone else has access to it. And I and for some reason, Facebook or Instagram won't allow me to have access to it. And it's my child. I've sent them the death certificate, birth certificate like this is my child. You know, yes, we different in different names. But that's my child. But I think a billboard would help. I think a billboard would allow more people to know who did who don't have to wait, this case is still not solved. Wait, I know, son, because now there's \$30,000 out there for Yeah, and there's \$30,000. But on top of that, you would think like, hey, like I'm a little older. Now. I have kids now what if that happened to my kid? And mind you, there's karma.

Steve Gregory

And it's funny, you say that because, you know, more times than not when I talk to detectives, in these cases I cover. A lot of these cases get solved later because of guilt. Eventually, like you said, they get out of the game, or they get out of that style of life. They have their own children. And they start to develop the skills and they they've got to set their mind free or at least they tell somebody and then that person tells. But do you think that because you know people are taking down the flyers, because I see it another

way I've seen it, maybe, maybe someone just wants his case to go away because they don't want to face the reality of it.

Shawna Donahue

Sure that as well, too. Because again, this is within a close community. Everybody knew everybody. If you went to high school here, you knew who it was, you knew or you knew someone who knew them, or you knew somebody who was at that party. So it was constantly talked about, I think this was on social media for how long? Like how long did it actually, like, stay on social media for a long time, right? I mean, it was a long time and mind you again, within pure age, so I have information from her. They might not be on mine, but they aren't. They're on hers. And it's you know, it becomes baffling like to see these kids and see that you were there and you did nothing or you claimed him as a friend, but yet you just watched him die in the street when you could have clearly took them to the hospital, which is seven minutes away. And mind you I've driven this at the exact time that it happened. I've literally went to that street driven to the hospital to see how long it would take me at 80 miles, 90 miles an hour. I've done it. I've done it plenty of times the same thing from the from the fire station, trying to figure out how do you sit there and allow so even if I don't know you and I see that you're bleeding I'm taking you to the hospital. I don't need to know you in order to try and help you. And this is where morals come in.

Steve Gregory

Based on everything we've been talking about now, what are your What are your theories as to what really happened?

Shawna Donahue

I think that I want to believe my son was not a target, I want to believe Clottee was not a target. But even if they were not a target, they're the ones who got shot and yet you guys are sitting out there gloating about it. And that makes it makes it just as bad. Whether it was an accident or not. Like you should have had the balls to say, You know what, I did it I you know, and take responsibility, you know, it would be a little bit more forgiving. Now. Me ever forgiving anybody and whether they care or not like, I wish nothing but death on you and your family. Like it sounds heartless, but I don't care. I had to bury my child. And that, to me is the worst thing ever picking out his last underwear, his socks, you know, having his his little brother night couldn't even go to the casket. Last year was the first time he first time he ever asked me Hey, Mom, can I see my brother, like, what the pictures look like in the casket. He didn't even go up to the casket. I had his other brother break down in front of, you know, hundreds of people, because he asked him for a blanket because his brother was cold. My daughter still has nightmares. I had PTSD and manic depressive. I was never like this. You can ask people who know me now who knew me all my life. They'll tell you I'm not the same person.

Steve Gregory

Well, this changes people. It changes people.

Shawna Donahue

I'm at the cemetery all the time. I'm constantly decorating. I'm constantly, you know, putting new things up. I'm constantly pushing things on my Facebook. Because I know people watch. These people are nosy. They sit there and watch. They know and they watch.

Steve Gregory

What about the parents of these kids? Have you ever spoken to any of them?

Shawna Donahue

What do you mean,

Steve Gregory

The kids that were there that night that one might have witnesses

Shawna Donahue

I might know who they are. But I don't know who they are. Like, again, Andrew kept his friends from me very private, not because he was not because he was hiding anything. Because trust me, I knew everything that kid did just a safety buffer. Yeah, he didn't want people knowing who I was. He didn't want people trying to message me or come at me or anything like that. When it came down to reality. I think one of his friends had made a he had needed a ride because he was at the mall and his friend's car broke down. And I happened to be at the mall with her and my mom and his friends were like, dang, like, your mom is hot. Your mom is this and he was like, he looked dumb. He's like, bro, no, he goes, I'll tell you right now, like, I'll knock you out. Like don't don't even say that. And they even said something about her. He was like, bro, I already told you like, I'm not playing with you. Like I'll leave you here stranded. Like it's not gonna happen. And that's that was like his his biggest, you know, thing. And of course, his little sister was his, his life. He loved his little sister. That was his little magnet. You know, and they were always together. So

Steve Gregory

Well, I'm very sorry for your loss. I'm very sorry that you're dealing with this. It's, it's, I can't imagine what you're going through. And I appreciate your I have more bad days than I do. Good. Well, I promise.

I'm sad for you on that. I feel bad for you. But I I appreciate you telling us your story. I really do. And I wish you all the best and I certainly hope something shakes the trees and you get some answers.

Shawna Donahue

I think it will give me a little bit more peace at night. Not much, but at least a little more. I mean, mind you. Those people are still around here. And they're still here. Do you think they're local? Oh, yeah, definitely. They're definitely local within the Lancaster Palmdale, Quartz Hill area.

Steve Gregory

Shanna, thank you for your time. And that's going to do it Unsolved with Steve Gregory is a production of the KFI news department for iHeartMedia Los Angeles. Robin Bertolucci, program director. Chris Little, news director. The program is produced by Steve Gregory and Jacob Gonzalez. The digital producer is Andro Mammo. The field engineer is Tony Sorrentino. The technical director is David Callaway. Coming up next, it's Coast to Coast but first, this is KFI A640 Time now for a news update.