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Bill McReynolds (Santa Bill)

The "Santa Bill" McReynolds Theory

- **Who is Santa Bill McReynolds?** Bill McReynolds played Santa at several Ramsey holiday parties and knew the family well. McReynolds was named by the Ramseys as one of five people worthy of further investigation (Ramsey and Ramsey 2000). After leaving Boulder with his wife, Bill McReynolds subsequently died.
- **How Could [McReynolds](#) Kill JBR?** A specific theory about how Santa Bill might have killed [JonBenet](#) has been developed by internet blogger [ooSCARBOROUGHoo](#).
 - **Motive.** Posters speculate Santa Bill may have been a pedophile, which motivated both his interest in playing Santa Claus and his particular notice of JBR.
 - **Means.** No one has linked a stun gun to [McReynolds](#); whether he had the physical strength in light of his age and health to deliver the head blow is disputed.
 - **Opportunity.** Because of his prior visit to the Ramsey house for the party on December 23, [McReynolds](#) had the opportunity to borrow the pad used to write the RN and later return it; he also had been given a tour of the house, including basement, by JBR and hence would have been familiar about how to get around. His role as Santa gave him a special relationship with JBR that would have permitted him to arrange a secret visit from Santa after Xmas, facilitating his getting her out of bed without arousing any suspicion on her part. At the time JBR was killed, The [McReynolds](#) lived in Nederland, which was just outside of Boulder.
- Further details at [acandyrose.com](#).
- **On-line Discussion.** See [Webbsleuths.com forum chat](#) for further discussion.

Incriminating Evidence Against Santa Bill

- **Timeline. Evening2** has posted a timeline related to the Bill and Janet [McReynolds](#): [[Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)].
- **Reasons [McReynolds](#) is Suspected.**
 - **Private Investigator Suspicions.** A private investigator further elaborated on suspicions about [McReynolds](#) in a 1999 [press conference](#).
 - **Internet Poster Suspicions.** Internet poster [mBm](#) has developed a list of 24 reasons the [McReynolds](#) should be suspects. Other reasons he came under suspicion are explained at [The Santa](#).
- **Apparent Obsession with JBR.** Bill [McReynolds](#) called [JonBenet](#) his special friend and seemed obsessed with her, according to Internet poster [Bob](#). [According](#) to Rolling Stone, [McReynolds](#) had chosen [JonBenet](#) to be his "special friend," going so far as to bring a vial of glitter gifted to him by the six-year-old with him into heart surgery. Even stranger, he asked his wife to mix the gold glitter in with his ashes were he to die. This particular story generated buzz in the [Denver Post](#).
- **Santa Bill Note to JBR Found in Trash.** [McReynolds](#) "had written a card to [JonBenet](#) that was found in her trash can after the murder. (SMF P 283; PSMF P 283.)" (Carnes 2003:37).
- **Other Child Victim?** Another little boy who was a special friend of Bill [McReynolds](#) was murdered 7 years before [JonBenet](#), according to Internet poster [Bob](#).

Exculpatory Evidence Favoring Santa Bill

- **No Known Hair Evidence From Beard Found.** [McReynolds](#) had a full beard and it is difficult to believe he could have taken JBR from her bed, assaulted her and killed her without leaving hair evidence that to date has never been reported.
- **Weak Heart.** [McReynolds](#) had well-known heart problems, so it is difficult to imagine him having the strength for the head-blow to JBR which reportedly could have felled a 250-lb. man. Even apart from the strength required, the emotional stress of sneaking into the house of a family and killing a child would have been enormous.
- **The [McReynolds](#)' Story.** The [McReynolds](#)' story was reported in great detail by [Denver Post](#) in March 1997.
- **BPD Investigation.** [Bill McReynolds provided hair and handwriting samples to police, but was never formally linked to the murder.](#)

Janet McReynolds

The Janet McReynolds Theory

Incriminating Evidence Against Janet McReynolds

- Janet McReynolds, wife of "Santa" Bill, had a daughter who "had been kidnapped and sexually assaulted twenty-two years to the day before [JonBenet](#)'s death" (SMF P 283; PSMF P 283.) (Carnes 2003:36).
- **Hey Rube Parallels.**
 - **Suspicious Similarities.** Janet had written a play ("Hey Rube") 20 years before JBR's death in which a child is abused and tortured in a basement (although the child subsequently died in a hospital, not the basement). [The play was based on the real-life murder of an Indianapolis 16-year-old, who was molested and tortured before her body was left in a basement.](#)
 - **Play Taken as Evidence.** There were enough parallels to the facts of the JBR case that BPD took the play as evidence.
 - **Contents of Play.** The full play is not on-line, but [Webbsleuths](#) has discussion boards on each of the play's 16 scenes:
 - [Scene 1](#) [Scene 2](#) [Scene 3](#) [Scene 4](#) [Scene 5](#) [Scene 6](#) [Scene 7](#) [Scene 8](#)
 - [Scene 9](#) [Scene 10](#) [Scenes 11/12](#) [Scene 13](#) [Scene 14](#) [Scene 15](#) [Scene 16](#)
- **Janet Was Film Buff.** The ransom note is made up primarily of movie quotes. Janet is a movie critic, according to Internet poster [Bob](#).
- **Weak Alibi?** Bill and Janet were alibis for each other, but Bill took narcotic sedatives to help him sleep, so Janet could have left and returned hours later, without being noticed, according to Internet poster [Bob](#).
- Janet's own statements to police put her near the spiral staircase two days before [JonBenet](#) died, this location was also where Patsy's notebook was last seen by Patsy. Janet could have taken the notebook or paper from it to write the note, according to Internet poster [Bob](#).
- **Explanation for SBTC?** SBTC could stand for Santa Bill & The Critic....., according to Internet poster [Bob](#).
- **Son Convicted of Kidnapping.** The [McReynolds](#)' son has a prior conviction for kidnapping and NO ALIBI for [JonBenet](#)'s murder according to Internet poster [Bob](#).

Exculpatory Evidence Favoring Janet McReynolds

- **Hey Rube Inspired by Actual 1965 Murder.** The play "Hey Rube" was inspired by the actual torture and murder of 16-year old Sylvia Likens in 1965 [full story](#); thus any similarities to the JBR killing are purely coincidental.
- **BPD Investigation.** [Janet McReynolds provided hair and handwriting samples to police, but was never formally linked to the murder.](#)

Susan Stine

The Susan Stine Theory

Suspicion focused on Stine based principally on her [behavior](#) following the death of JBR.

- **Motive:** Resentment at not being part of the Ramsey "inner circle".
- **Means:** May have had a key. Lived within six blocks of Ramseys (see [Google map](#) posted by Internet poster Why_Nut). Knew the house.
- **Opportunity:** Was the last person to see the Ramseys as a complete family unit before the murder. Knew they were going home.

Incriminating Evidence Against Susan Stine

- **Turned Police Away After Mysterious 911 Call.** At the Ramsey's party on 23rd December, there was a hangup 911 call. When police investigated, it was Susan Stine who answered the door telling them through the speaker that everything was fine. They went away (Thomas & Davis, 2000, p93)
- **Patsy's "Pit Bull."** After the murder, Susan Stine became known as "[Patsy's pit bull](#)". The Ramseys stayed with the Stines for many months and when the Ramseys moved to Atlanta, the Stines [followed](#) them.
- **Internet Tracking.** Susan Stine was known to have followed the case closely on the Internet (Death of Innocence).
- **Impersonated BPD Chief Beckner.** In 2003, Stine was [discovered](#) to have been e-mailing numerous people, including Ramsey case journalist Charlie Brennan pretending to be Chief Beckner. More discussion of this incident is <http://www.forumsforjustice.org/forums/showthread.php?s=673d14ca687a9c8daebcbe0a39820f4&t=7071> [here].

Exculpatory Evidence Favoring Susan Stine

- There is no known forensic evidence which links Susan Stine to the murder.
- Is there any evidence to link her son to the murder

[Fleet White Jr](#)

Priscilla White

- See [Webbsleuths.com forum chat](#) and [Mame's research](#) for further discussion.
- See [Questions for Fleet and Priscilla White.](#)