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Registered physiotherapist focused on providing home and community rehabilitation, individual and group exercise programs. Specializing in adult rehab, goal setting and student supervision. Interested in community, mobile home, outpatient and private work as well, in various settings including aged care facilities.

Registered fitness leader focused on providing group exercise classes, including freestyle, Les Mills programs, and Zumba Fitness programs. Other work includes instructor training presentations and workshops, as well as mentoring new instructors. Interested in working at leisure centres, gymnasiums, community settings and private halls.

Full responsibility for the management of all clinical sample bioanalysis for pharmacokinetic assessment for all therapeutics Phase I thru Phase IV. This includes logistic planning, clinical operations management, project management support and managerial oversight to laboratory operations. Clinical Team representative for all Asia Pacific Studies, responsibilities include protocol writing and review, contract review, informed consent review, manage the laboratory specific clinical operations. Core team member of the Outsourcing Management Team and the Implementation Leadership Team for the Critical Chain Methodology supporting project management. Conduct various types of data input, data audit, data transfer, manipulation and summarization relevant to clinical trials for submission into clinical study reports. Preparation and review of bioanalytical reports, technical reports, validation reports, summarization of data, SOPs, etc. Managerial responsibilities for a group of 5 bioanalysts. Responsibilities include identifying and prioritizing

objectives, identifying and maintaining timelines relevant to clinical trials. Responsible for presenting current clinical-related projects and results to departmental personnel

Assumed management of pharmacokinetic sample analysis for clinical and non-clinical studies. Management of external Oncology Investigator Initiated Studies. This includes protocol design, timepoint evaluation and all decision processes for the protocol as well as performing sample analysis. Additional responsibilities include: supervision of a bioanalysts and summer interns, Immune Cell Isolation and proliferation methods.

Performed bioanalysis of clinical samples for immune response assessment. During this timeframe, also assumed responsibility for the management of immune response analysis. Conduct various types of data input, data audit, data transfer, manipulation and summarization relevant to clinical trials for submission into clinical study reports Additional responsibilities include: supervision of summer intern and bioanalysts. validation and operation of TECAN.

Reno, 1980. At around 47 degrees, it's a warm Thursday in November. It's 2:57 in the afternoon. This isn't just any Thursday; it's Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. People are milling along casino row. Perhaps because of the mild weather, there are more tourists than usual here during the tail end of a national recession. Ronald Reagan was elected president weeks prior. There are 54 American hostages held in Iran.

Does a feeling of portent arise? This scene is moments away from inscription onto the pages of Reno history. A heinous act will occur on this spot in a matter of moments—an act that, while suspended in that bygone second in time, will live on more than two decades later. The person who will perpetrate the act, while undoubtedly in possession of a diseased mind, will be prosecuted to the gates of—but possibly evade—the ultimate punishment of death. The issues raised by the murders, trial and appeals will be evoked every time a name like David Berkowitz, John Hinckley Jr. or Andrea Yates arises in the national consciousness.

In this quarter-century old landscape, Reno is a different town. Fewer towering buildings decorate the skyline. The slate crosswalks downtown aren't yet conceived, nor are the purple flower boxes and trash cans that will give Virginia Street an effervescent character. A time traveler would likely hear the sounds of Kenny Rogers' saccharine "Lady" or Blondie's "Call Me" from a passing car radio.

Competing with street sounds are the mechanical jingling, clinking and ringing slot machines. The noises from the slot machines are from metal striking metal, not the electronic keening that will come with advances in technology. The smell of the Club Cal-Neva's Thanksgiving special—roast turkey or baked ham with vegetables, roll and butter, \$3.95—wafts in the air. Those planning Christmas shopping are more likely to come downtown or to Park Lane Mall than to J.C. Penney at Meadowood Mall, which has yet to become the area's shopping mecca.

Standing at the Virginia Street corner of the Club Cal-Neva on East Second Street and looking north, a time traveler sees a First National Bank across the street. Down the block, a man in sandwich boards advertises a local strip club. Harrah's much less ostentatious casino neighbors the bank to the north; then stands the Nevada Club, then Harold's Club, then Douglas Alley. The Reno Arch is the version with two pylons suspending a frowning arc that holds four octagons each with a letter spelling out R-E-N-O. Below is a smiling arc that proclaims "THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD."

Sixty seconds pass. The sandwich board man ambles a bit farther toward the university. Three o'clock must signal a change in shift for some of these casinos, as the demeanor of the crowd changes momentarily, and a smattering of black-and-whites joins the usual street-corner drunks, who clutch free-drink tokes, and older tourists shaking plastic change cups, some brimming, some without enough coins to make a noise.

To the south, past the Truckee River and hidden by a curve and the hill that rises to Liberty Street, a 6-year-old, blue Lincoln Continental heads north on Virginia Street. Death is behind the wheel. In this incarnation, Death takes the form of one Priscilla Joyce Ford. She wears a black cape. She turned 51 nine months earlier on Feb. 10. Even though she's a little buzzed, she's made it all the way from her home near Meadowood Mall. She doesn't think she's Death, though. She thinks she's Jesus Christ or Eve's husband, Adam, or a 19th-century Seventh-day Adventist prophetess. Or the Holy Spirit who is, in her belief system, the feminine aspect of the Trinity.

Ford is a 5-feet-4-inches-tall black woman. She weighs 125 pounds and has brown eyes and shoulder-length hair combed back. She had crackers and Emerald Dry Wine before leaving on her errand. Her blood-alcohol ratio is .162. That's too drunk to be driving legally, but many a barfly has made it home with higher.

It takes another minute for the Lincoln to make its way to 100 feet south of the southeast corner of Second and Virginia streets. At 2:59 p.m., the Lincoln jumps the curb and careens down the sidewalk. It hits the curb at about 20 miles an hour, a speed not likely to blow the tires. The car rapidly accelerates to as high as 40 miles an hour, driving 100 feet down the sidewalk, witnesses will later say. It crosses the Second Street crosswalk and continues another 322 feet down the sidewalk in front of the bank, in front of Harrah's, Nevada Club and Harold's Club. Then it's back on Virginia Street, crossing to the southbound lane and stopping two blocks later behind traffic at the Fifth Street traffic light. The light is red.

Destruction follows the car's path like an indictment. Five people are killed immediately, and 24 are injured. Fourteen people will be sent to Washoe Medical Center; the remaining 10 to St. Mary's. Street signs, body parts, clothing and the wounded and dead lie on the sidewalk and in the gutter like victims of a natural disaster. But this is an entirely unnatural disaster.

"I was dispatched down to a hit and run," he says. "I thought they were kidding me; it's Thanksgiving. I got downtown, and it was a fucking war zone. There were bodies and shit everywhere. It was carnage. People were crying, and ambulances were responding. It was a cluster-fuck."

"She looked at me point-blank and said, 'How many people did I kill?' I said, 'Five or six.' She said, 'Good.' She was very placid. Like just another day. Very matter of fact. Very matronly, motherly. She was acting self-righteous, like she was justified in what she did. We couldn't figure out why at the time.

"What's the first defense of anybody who creates this kind of carnage? 'Only a crazy person would do something like that.' I got down to RPD before she was brought into booking, and I had them set up the video. [Video technology was new in Reno.] So we could see on tape exactly how lucid she was. She knew who she was and where she was; that tape was worth its weight in gold."

The trial began on Nov. 12, 1981, and would last nearly five months—making it, at that time, the longest and most expensive in Reno history. There was little doubt as to whether Ford drove the murder car. There were dozens upon dozens of witnesses to the act. The community's heart poured out to the injured and killed. There was no lack of voices calling for blood or vengeance.

All that was missing was a motive—one that the community could understand. Of the several motives offered, it seemed each one was crazier than the last, or at least just as unfounded in reality. As details about the woman's life became clearer, the primary issue in the murder trial—Ford's ability to recognize the difference between right and wrong—became murkier.

The characters in the courtroom drama were almost clichés. At one table, the community's voice of retribution, District Attorney Cal Dunlap. He declared early on that he wanted to see

Ford's end in Nevada's gas chamber. (The 1983 Nevada Legislature would change the method of execution to lethal injection.) At the other, Public Defender Lew Carnahan. The combatants were seconded by police, doctors, witnesses to the act and eventually by Ford's family and acquaintances.

The accused had a few associations with fame, although they were also related to Ford's mental deficiencies. She had an unusual fixation on Barbara Walters and thought Walters was a beast. She wrote to Dear Abby. In 1978, she unsuccessfully sued the leadership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for a half a billion dollars. She called herself "America's only authorized divinity," which would be funny if she hadn't been deadly serious.

Ford's story evolved from almost the first moments after the crime. She claimed to a psychiatrist that Reno child welfare officials had stolen her 11-year-old daughter, Wynter Scott, seven years before, and so she committed the murders to get attention so that she could get some help finding her daughter.

It was true that officials had taken her daughter after Ford had been arrested for trespassing and assault, but they'd been trying to contact the drifter, Ford, to tell her the child's whereabouts for years. Still, vengeance for the loss of a daughter was a motive people could understand. The problem is that other testimony showed she'd known her daughter's location, in Los Angeles with relatives, for some time. Later, she claimed the car had suffered some kind of mechanical malfunction. It seems a person would have to be crazy to change stories with the knowledge that the earlier stories had been widely reported in court and in the newspapers.

Throughout the months leading up to the trial, and interspersed in the trial, were the testimonies of expert medical witnesses who said Ford was suffering from a variety of mental illnesses—including paranoid schizophrenia with religious delusions and paranoid psychosis. According to newspaper reports, she'd been diagnosed as mentally unstable since as early as 1973, when she was diagnosed as having a passive-aggressive personality with hysterical episodes. (Perhaps the fact that she shot her second husband and then herself in 1957 might have given medical officials pause. No charges were filed in the self-defense shooting.) The only opinion experts didn't express was that Ford was faking it.

At various times in the trial, Ford was ruled competent and then incompetent to stand trial, understand the charges against her or to assist her lawyers in her own defense. The prosecution argued that medication made her competent, and the court agreed. Of course, it seemed once she was competent for trial, she was also competent to decide whether she wanted to be medicated, but that argument was quickly squashed with a new motion from prosecutor Dunlap.

The competency issue was in part muddled by the fact that a person doesn't necessarily have to be sane to be competent enough to stand trial. And the Nevada insanity standard, known as the M'Naughten Rule, doesn't say that competence to stand trial proves sanity or insanity at the moment the crime was committed.

The only person whose non-credentialed testimony seemed to have as much impact was the testimony of Wynter Scott, the daughter Ford claimed had been abducted by child welfare officials. Scott told of her youth with Ford. Among other things, Ford taught her daughter how to smoke marijuana at the age of 9. At various times, Ford had discussed her belief in her own divinity and had suggested plans to have Scott artificially inseminated in order to bring another messiah, through virgin birth, into the world.

The seven-woman, five-man jury only took 13 hours of deliberation to find Ford guilty of murdering six people and attempting to murder 23 others. All that was left for the jury to decide was whether she would be put to death in the gas chamber or receive life with or without the possibility of parole. http://eduln.org/1095.pdf

