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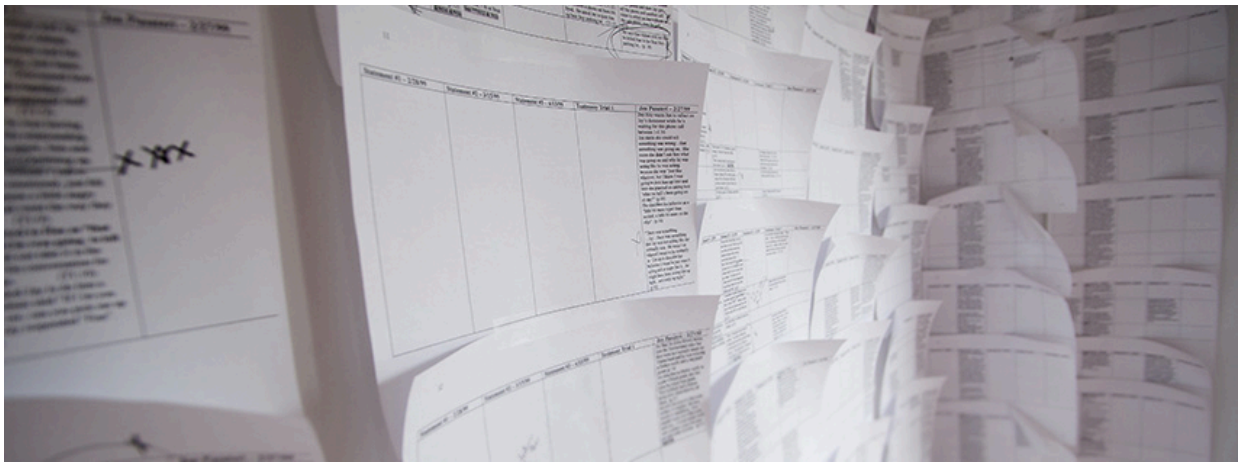
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**Disclosure:** Many of these answers are "Unknown". This FAQ is not a definitive guide with all of the answers, but more of a summary of **commonly discussed points from the subreddit.** We will try to provide a neutral and objective perspective, and will cite sources when possible. The purpose of this FAQ is to crowdsource a short and sweet 101 for new or casual users.

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## Quick Links

### Links to Episodes & Transcripts:

#### Episode 1, "The Alibi"

[ Listen | Read ]

A potential alibi surfaces … and then disappears again, at the worst possible time for Adnan's case.

#### Episode 2, "The Breakup"

[ Listen | Read ]

Friends say Adnan was sad when Hae dumped him, but not crazy sad - normal sad. The prosecutors say he was rage-filled and vengeful. Which is it?

#### Episode 3, "Leakin Park"

[ Listen | Read ]

Three weeks after Hae goes missing, a man discovers her body in the middle of a city forest. But his story is strange and his past is even stranger. Did he really just stumble on her by accident?

### Episode 4, “Inconsistencies”

[ Listen | Read ]

The detectives get a lead that opens the case up for them. They bring Jay in for questioning and he tells them the story of January 13th. But then, a few weeks later, his story changes.

### Episode 5, “Route Talk”

[ Listen | Read ]

Adnan once issued a challenge to Sarah: Recreate the state’s timeline of the murder by driving from Woodlawn High School to Best Buy in 21 minutes. It can’t be done, he said. So, we tried.

### Episode 6, “The Case Against Adnan Syed”

[ Listen | Read ]

Sarah weighs all the other circumstantial evidence prosecutors had against Adnan, including curious behavior, a dramatic note, and an unexplained mid-afternoon phone call.

### Episode 7, “The Opposite of Prosecution”

[ Listen | Read ]

Sarah learned about another case with striking similarities to Adnan’s: a key witness, cell records, young people, drugs. So she called up the defense attorney on that case looking for insight, and got much more than she bargained for.

### Episode 8, “The Deal with Jay”

[ Listen | Read ]

The state’s case hinged on Jay’s credibility; he was their star witness and also their chief liability. So how did the jury make sense of Jay? How do we make sense of Jay?

### Episode 9 , “To Be Suspected”

[ Listen | Read ]

New information is coming in about what maybe didn’t happen on January 13th, 1999.

### Episode 10 , “The Best Defense is a Good Defense”

[ Listen| Read ]

Adnan’s trial lawyer was a renowned defense attorney in Maryland – tough and savvy and smart. Exactly the kind of person you’d want defending you. But Adnan was convicted and she was disbarred. What happened?

### Episode 11, “Rumors”

[ Listen | Read ]

**Official Court Documents:** *(Considered “Spoilers” by some)*

- Appeal Doc from 2002 PDF (“Brief of Appellant”)

- Appeal Doc from 2002 PDF ("Brief of Appellee")
    - New key evidence in appeal briefs (Summary thread)

**/r/SerialPodcast Sidebar**

- Photos, Articles, etc, related to the case
- Link Library
- Timeline of Events
- Timeline of Events 2
- Map Collection!

**Other Sources**

- Rabia's Blog
- Saad's "Ask Me Anything" on Reddit

**Favorite Reddit Threads**

- **Top Ten Signs Your Theory of the Case is Wrong** ***REQUIRED READING***
- Saad's "Ask Me Anything" on Reddit
- NippleGrip's Masterpiece.. ***Are you ready for this feel trip?***
- The Prisoner's Dilemma and Jay vs. Adnan
- Thoughts on Adnan: The struggle of determining guilt/innocence
- Islamophobia, and how it was different in 1999
- "Adnan is a psychopath" a.k.a. The Trainwreck™ ***DRAMA***
    - A sane person summarizes The Trainwreck™

## The People

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| **Hae Min Lee** | |
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|  | - 18 years old at TOD (Born 1980)<br>- Murder victim (COD: Strangulation)<br>- Senior at Woodlawn High School<br>  - Magnet Program Student, Honor Roll<br>  - Member of Lacrosse, Field Hockey, French Club, Ecology Club, SADD<br>  - Manager of the Wrestling Team<br>- Daughter of Korean immigrants, had 1 younger brother (Young) According to Baltimore Sun, Hae Min Lee did not move to the U.S. until she was a pre-teen.<br>- Was last seen by Inez at the concession stand after 2:15pm<br>- Was supposed to pick her cousin up at 3:15pm<br>- Worked at LensCrafters<br>- "Aspired to be an optician" [Source: Baltimore Sun]<br>- Her boyfriend at the TOD was Don, a co-worker at LensCrafters<br>- Owned a pager, but no cell phone |

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| | - **Drove a [Grey] 1998 Nissan Sentra**<br>- "Christian" |

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1. **Who killed Hae Min Lee?**
   That's the million dollar question, isn't it? Adnan Syed was found guilty by a jury of murdering Hae, and is currently serving a life sentence for her murder. But if you've actually listened to the podcast, you'd know that things may not be as they appear. If it were a simple black and white answer, we wouldn't be here.

2. **Could Hae have died accidentally?**
   There are theories that range from a heated fight to autoerotic asphyxiation, but it's improbable that she was strangled to death on accident. Whether or not the murder was premeditated vs. a crime of passion is questionable.

2. **Why didn't Hae fight back or honk the horn?**
   It's unknown either way whether she did fight back or honk the horn. Hae was 5'8 and an athlete. She may have suffered from head trauma before being strangled, which would make her disoriented. She may have been surprised from behind if someone was in her back seat. Hae's turn signal was broken off [Source: Appellate PDFs], possibly by being kicked off. She may have been trying to fight back or honk the horn.

3. **Did they check Hae's pager logs?**
   Unknown. We have heard nothing about her pager or any pager logs. The pager may have been thrown out with other evidence from the car, but this piece of the puzzle is still MIA. Pagers do not ping to towers like cell phones do, so if there are logs, they would most likely only have limited contact info such as the numbers or short codes that were sent to the pager.

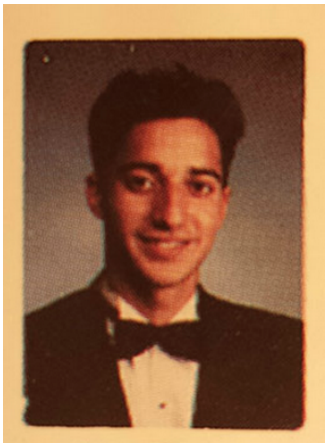
4. **Why were Hae's lips blue?**
   It happens before death, when oxygen is restricted. [Source: Blue Lips]

5. **Was Hae pregnant?**
   No. Hae was not pregnant at the TOD. There are theories on the subreddit that she may have been pregnant months before, but this is only speculation based on the note passed back and forth in class between Adnan and Aisha.

   - "The 'I'm Going to Kill' Note" Discussion (with a photo of the note, and some transcriptions in the comments)

6. **Was Hae sexually assaulted?**
   There is no evidence to suggest that she was sexually assaulted that day.
   - "A Question about Condoms" Discussion

7. **Did Hae have an accent?**
   No. Saad says "[Hae] spoke English fluently." [Source: AMA]

| **Adnan Syed** | |
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|  | - DOB: 05/21/1981 (17 years old on 1/13/99) [Source: Rabia. Other sources are wrong when they say 1980, Adnan was NOT held back in school]<br>- Convicted of murdering Hae Min Lee, sentenced to Life + 30<br>- Ex-boyfriend of victim<br>- Muslim, son of Pakistani immigrants<br>- Job: EMT<br>- Senior at Woodlawn High School<br>  - Student in the Magnet Program<br>  - Member of the track team, football team.<br>  - "Homecoming Prince" (Terminology?)<br>- Smoked pot daily ('like most kids at Woodlawn' - Saad) |

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1. **Why can't Adnan remember that day better?** *memory*
   - "How does Adnan not remember?" Discussion
   - "The Day, Questions" Discussion

2. **When was Adnan first questioned by police?**
   ***"[Adnan] was questioned by police on January 25, 1999*** *about Hae's disappearance. He told the police that he and Hae used to date. He said that on January 13, 1999, a Wednesday,* ***he had class with Hae from 12:50 to 2:15 p.m****. [Adnan] said he went to track practice that afternoon. He did not see Hae the next two days at school, Thursday and Friday, because the school was closed for inclement weather. (1/31/00-25)"* [Source: Brief of Appellant]

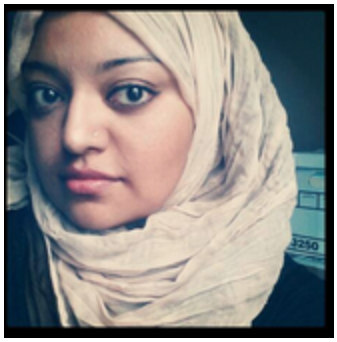
   *"****On February 26, 1999, after speaking with Jennifer, MacGillivary went to Appellant's home and Appellant gave a statement****. Appellant said he had a relationship with Hae, and had been in her car before, but not on January 13, 1999. (2/17/00-264) Appellant said he did not remember what happened on January 13, 1999. (2/17/00-271)* ***A police report of this statement was not written until September 14, 1999. On February 27, 1999, Appellant was questioned at school*** *and at the police station and gave statements denying his involvement."* [Source: Brief of Appellant]

3. **Did they check Adnan's email account?**
   Unknown. The police did check Hae's email account during the trial, but as far as anyone knows, not Adnan's. Someone/Adnan(?) tried to log into his email account

(Note: Hotmail) years later but by that time, the account had been deactivated (Source: /u/rabiaanwar). There has been no word on anyone subpoenaing or contacting Microsoft to see if they can retrieve the account information.

- "Did anyone check Adnan's email?" Discussion, with input from Rabia
- "Police go through Hae's email" Discussion

4. **How can I contact Adnan?**

| Saad Chaudry | Rabia Chaudry |
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| - **/u/Sdotchaudry on Reddit**<br>- Younger brother to Rabia and is/was Adnan's best friend<br>- Pakistani-American<br>- Mortgage Broker<br>- **Character witness for Adnan during both trials** | - **/u/Rabiaanwar on Reddit**<br>- Twitter @rabiasquared<br>- was in the courtroom for the trial<br>- **Referred case to Sarah K.**, because Sarah had reported on Adnan's disbarred and deceased layer for Baltimore paper<br>- Immigration attorney<br>- Pakistani-American<br>- National Security Fellow with the New America Foundation and the President of www.safenationcollaborative.com |

1. **How do they know Adnan?** Saad is one of Adnan's best friends. He did not go to Woodlawn HS, but they hung out on weekends. Rabia is Saad's older sister, and the one who brought the case to SK's attention in 2013.

| Jay | |
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- Chief Prosecution Witness [Source: Brief of Appellant]
- Had graduated high school the year before
- “Black male”, “Tall”
- Lived with his Grandparents & Mom [Source: Ep 8]
- Stephanie’s boyfriend at the time
- Describes himself as the “Criminal Element of Woodlawn”
- Started working at the adult video store at the end of January ‘99
- Liked “white people music” according to Adnan (Note: lol)

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1. **Where is Jay!? Why don't we know Jay's full name?** Jay is alive, free, and now lives in another state with his family. Jay's name has not been included in the podcast for unknown reasons, and is not allowed on this subreddit because of privacy concerns. *(I added "alive" because many people seem to think he is dead?)*

2. **Is he in prison? How long was Jay in jail?** While he was charged as an *accessory to murder after the fact [Source: coming]*, Jay did not spend any time in jail. [Source: Rabia]

3. **Why doesn't Jay have a car or cell phone since he's a drug dealer?** Cell phones were incredibly expensive at this point compared to beepers. Cars were also expensive. We don't know Jay's financial situation, or how often he got rides/borrowed other people's cars.

## Jenn(ifer) Pusateri



- Close Friend of Jay’s, Not Adnan. Best friends with “Cathy”.
- Was called 6 times on 1/13/1999 by Adnan’s phone
- Has a younger brother

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Click here for all discussions about “Jen” [sic] >

1. **Why was Jenn never charged? Tampering with evidence, accessory after the fact, etc. She transported Jay after the burial and helped him hide his clothes.**

**Excellent answer from Reddit:** "If you charge Jen then you lose her testimony at trial - she'd invoke the fifth amendment (which she could have done anyway, but she definitely would invoke if she was charged). Prosecutors have to do a cost benefit analysis: *Do I charge everyone I can, or do I want their testimony at trial against the primary defendant?*" - /u/Velvet_Snickers

2. **Where is Jenn now?**
   Jenn is living her life?

| **Stephanie** | |
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|  | - 1/13 was her birthday<br>- Senior at Woodlawn High School<br>  - Played Basketball<br>  - 'Homecoming Princess' (Terminology?)<br>  - Student in the Magnet Program<br>- Was dating Jay at the time of Hae's death<br>- Close friends with Adnan<br>- Described as 'very beautiful', light-skinned black/mixed girl<br>- Received a stuffed reindeer for her birthday from Adnan<br>- Received a bracelet for her birthday from Jay |

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1. **Where was Stephanie on the day of the murder?**
   The day of Hae's murder was her birthday, and was in school. After school, she had basketball practice [Source: /u/whtworks]

2. **Where is Stephanie now? Will she be on the podcast?**
   Unknown. According to unverified comments [Source: /u/whtworks] Stephanie has moved on with her life, wants nothing to do with the case, and will not be on the podcast. SK says that Stepanie declined to talk to her [Source: Ep. 8]

3. **Where was Stephanie during the trial?**
   *"...funny thing is, for her and Adnan being "best friends"* ***she was MIA during the trial and was not really investigated.*** *I would actually love to hear her side of the story, she dropped Adnan like a bad habit when he got locked up."* - Saad [Source: AMA]

| **Asia McClain** | |
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- Student at Woodlawn High School
- Alibi Witness (or.. would have been): See "Asia's Letters" via Official Blog

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| **Mr. S** | |
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|  | - Found Hae's body in Leakin Park<br>- Maintenance worker at local school<br>- Convicted "Streaker" ('94, '96, '98) |

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"**Hae's body was found in Leakin Park on February 9, 1999 by a man named ["Mr. S."].** (1/31/00'-27) He testified that he saw the body in Leakin Park when he went to find a private spot to urinate. Unbeknownst to the jury, ["Mr. S."] had been previously convicted of indecent exposure. ["Mr. S."] testified that he left his house and was driving to work when he had to pull his car over to urinate in the park. The park was only a few blocks away from his house. (2/23/00-9) **The body was 127 feet from the road and was difficult to see.** (1/31/00-101) The body was not even visible to Dr. Rodriguez, a member of the recovery team who went to exhume the body. (1/28/00-182) Dr. Rodriguez testified that the body was well hidden, and the average person would not be able to see it. (1/28/00-182)" - [Source: Brief of Appellant]

1. **If Mr. S is a streaker why does he need privacy to pee?** Opinion: Streaking and going to the bathroom aren't related. Unverified: He may have been on probation, and didn't want to take any chances.

2. **Was Mr. S the only one to get a polygraph?**
3. **Did he know where the body was beforehand?**

| Nisha | |
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|  | - A girl from Silver Springs, MD<br>- Dated Adnan |

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| Don | |
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|  | - 20 years old at the time of Hae’s murder<br>- Hae’s boyfriend at the time<br>- Worked at LensCrafters<br>- Described as “white male” (blonde, blue eyes) |

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1. **Where was Don on the day of the murder?**
   Don’s alibi was that he was at work during the 2:15-3:15 timeframe that Hae disappeared.

2. **Where is Don now? Will he be on the podcast?**
   Unknown. [Source Needed] but I believe he declined to be interviewed by SK [Ep1?]

| “Cathy” | |
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- Pseudonym for girl whose house Jay hangs at while Adnan is at track practice
- Best friends with Jenn Pusateri

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“[Cathy] testified as follows. On January 13, 1999, at 5:00-5:15 p.m., she arrived home, and her boyfriend Jeff was there. **[Jay] and [Adnan] arrived later, and were acting "shady."** (2/16/00-217) **She had never met [Adnan] before.** They all watched television at about 6:00 p.m. [Adnan] was lying on some pillows on her floor when he asked, "How do you get rid of a high?" (2/16/00-210) [Adnan] got a call on his cell phone and said, "they're going to come and talk to me, what should I say, what should I do?" (2/16/00-213) Then [Adnan] and [Jay] left. (2/16/00-214) [Jay] returned hours later with Jennifer, but [Adnan] was not with them.“ [Source: Brief of Appellant]

| **Yasser Ali** | |
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|  | - Pakistani-American<br>- Friends with Adnan<br>- Went to Centennial High School<br>- Some suspect he was the anonymous caller to the police |

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Click here for all discussions about “Yasser” >
Click here for all discussions about “Yaser” [sic] >

1. **What do we know about Yasser Ali?**

- Feb 12, 1999 - Two anonymous calls with an "Asian" accent were made to police that lead them to interview Yasser Ali
- Feb 15, 1999 - Police speak to Yasser Ali
- Feb 16, 1999 - Police subpoena Adnan's cellphone records

**From the podcast:** *". . . The caller remembered about a year ago, the suspect [Adnan] informed a friend of his (Basir [sic] Ali, Asian male, 17) if he ever hurt his girlfriend, he would drive her car into a lake."*

*" Yasser Ali is a part of the Pakistani community and he was friends with Adnan. I don't think Yasser and Jay knew each other but I don't know for sure. I am not friends with Yasser Ali, he went to a different high school then Adnan and I had went to."* - Saad, [Source: AMA]

| “Neighbor Boy” (“NB”) | |
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|  | - Described as “black male”<br>- Father was in jail for homicide at the time (Source: Laura’s police report)<br>- Childhood friend of Jay’s |

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## The Relationships

1. **Why did Adnan give Jay his phone and let him borrow his car?**

   **Adnan’s Story:** On that specific day, Adnan says he lent Jay his phone and car so that Jay could buy his girlfriend, Stephanie, a birthday gift. Adnan did not need the car because he was in school that day. *[Source: Serial, Ep 1 or 2]*

   - Discussion about Adnan reminding Jay to buy her a gift

   **Jay’s Story:** According to the 1999 tapes, Jay says that Adnan lent him the car so that Jay could pick him up later after Adnan killed Hae. *[Source: Serial, Ep 1 or 2]*

   **Opinion from teens in 1999:** As far as "Why would you lend someone your cell phone/car" in the general sense, Adnan often lent his car, and his phone, out to friends. This was not strange amongst teenagers of that generation:

   > *I was also in high school and driving in 1999. I had a cell phone as well, but it was only for driving (in case I got in an accident or needed to call AAA). My school had an explicit ban on all electronics on campus (I got detention for listening to my discman during my free period, jerks!). This was before Columbine (which, remember, was April 1999), which is when the debates about whether schools should allow cellphones on campus really started.*
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   > *Adnan likely had no use for the phone during the school day, and, without his car, had no where to stash it during the day. Plus, Jay may not have had a phone and Adnan might have thought it necessary to use to track Jay down after school..Just my two cents, but I think we need to remember that in 1999 we were no where near as attached to our phones as we are now and they were no where near as ubiquitous. Heck, my cell phone was off most of the time.*
   >
   > *Source: /u/SerialCeralRead, "Why Jay had Adnan's Cell Phone"[3]*

2. **Why won't Adnan accuse Jay of killing Hae or why isn't he more angry with Jay? Why haven’t we heard Adnan say “I’m Innocent” yet?**

First off, we don't know for a fact what Adnan's theories are about what happened. Adnan's priority is not to find out who killed Hae, but to prove his innocence. (1) What point is there in blaming Jay when Adnan says he doesn't know what happened to her that day? It only makes Adnan look bad to throw stones without proof. As far as being angry, **we don't know how he felt then or now, 15 years later.** We have only heard a very small percentage of his phone calls with SK.

Saad said that Adnan doesn't want to point fingers, and that Adnan's family safety might also be a concern. [Source: /u/Sdotchaudry, Saad's "AMA" ]

- Thoughts on Adnan: The struggle of determining guilt/innocence

**3. If it was Stephanie's birthday, why didn't Jay/Adnan call/hang out with her that day?**

Jen and Jay said that Jay (and maybe Jen?) did see Stephanie later that night (below), but what they did has not been explored. Adnan wouldn't necessarily need to call Stephanie, he already gave his gift to her when he saw her that morning [Source: Episode 1 or 2]. As stated earlier, Stephanie was in school all day and [unverified] had basketball practice after school. We don't know if Stephanie had a cell phone or pager, or what she says about that day.

- **From Episode 4:**

*Sarah Koenig: Jenn tells them she drives Jay back to Westview Mall to the dumpsters back there so that Jay can retrieve the shovels and wipe the handles clean in case of fingerprints.*

*Jennifer Pusateri: After that, Jay came back, got in my car, and he was really shooken up. He was completely shooken up. He was like you have to take me to go see my girlfriend now.*

- **From the appeal document:**

*"Jennifer testified [Jay] told her he wanted to go check on Stephanie to make sure she was okay.* ***They went to Stephanie's house between 8:30-9:00 p.m****."*

- "Did Jay End Up Seeing Steph on Jan 13th?" Discussion
- "Why no calls to Stephanie?" Discussion

**4. Were Jay and Jenn secretly sleeping together?**

Unknown. There are rumors that they were more than just friends. Hae was [allegedly] going to confront Jay about cheating on Stephanie. [Source: Saad/Rabia comments on reddit, link coming].

**5. Whose dad is the detective in another county?**

"Cathy", Jenn's friend. (Source: EP04 @ 25:00) "The next time he tells it, he says that when that call comes, they're at a friend's apartment – a friend whose father happens to be a homicide detective in another county. Jay tells the cops he'd actually been to her house three different times that day, but he didn't want to get her in trouble." This must be "Cathy" from

EP06. "Cathy" is Jenn's friend. (Source: EP06 @ 13:12)

6. **What was the relationship between Hae & Jay? Was Jay Hae's drug dealer?**
- It is unknown whether or not Hae got her drugs from Jay.
- *"Hae didn't "trust" or really like Jay but she was cordial with him bc he was Steph's BF"* - Saad [Source: AMA]

7. **Were Jay and Adnan friends after the murder until Jay talked to the police?**

Yes, or at least, they were still hanging out. Adnan puts Jay on the phone to say 'Hi' to Nisha in the weeks after the murder. Jay was working at the video store during that call, a job he didn't have until late January [Source: Serial, Ep 06].

8. **Was Jay jealous of Adnan and Stephanie's close friendship?**

**According to Jay, No: "***Even though Appellant was the prom king [sic] and Stephanie was the prom queen [sic], [Jay] said he was not jealous of Appellant's relationship with Stephanie. (2/14/00-66)***"** [Source: Brief of Appellant]

9. **Jay and Jenn are still friends on Facebook! Isn't that suspicious!?**
Lets be real here - A friend who will help you wipe fingerprints and dump evidence for a murder they weren't involved in is a friend for life.

10. **Why didn't Adnan try to contact Hae?**
[Answer]

9. **Were Jay and Adnan really friends?**
[Coming]

**From** Brief of Appellant:
- "[Jay] said Appellant was an acquaintance of his, and he gave [Jay] a ride in his car one time."

10. **Was Adnan heartbroken? Was he really over Hae?**
This is a very debatable point. Adnan **was** actively dating/sleeping with many other girls (e.g. Nisha, Anjali, another girl at Woodlawn, etc) during the time of Hae's disappearance. Hae and Adnan had been on-and-off again (multiple break-ups), as recently as the Fall of their Senior Year. Adnan even helped Hae fix her car when it broke down at Lenscrafters, and showed no hostility towards Don when he met him:

*"Don [redacted] testified that he dated Hae after she and Appellant broke up, from January 1, 1999 until her disappearance on January 13, 1999. (2/1/00-71) On one occasion between January 1 and 13, he saw Appellant at the Lens Crafter store where both Don and Hae worked. Appellant came out to the store to inspect Hae's car because it was not running properly. Both Don and Appellant concluded that the car was not safe for Hae to drive home.* ***Don said that Appellant, who knew Hae and Don were dating, was not hostile to him.*** *Appellant drove Hae home that*

*night."* [Source: Brief of Appellant]

Hae's diary and letters to Adnan give the impression that he was still trying to win her back, but all of this is very he-said-she-said, and we all know how teenagers can be. [Source coming with Hae's diary]

**According to Adnan:** No, Adnan was not heartbroken, he had moved on and had no bad feelings for Hae. [Source: Podcast Interviews, Adnan's friends]

**According to Saad, who knew Adnan was sleeping and dating with other girls:** *"We will be hearing about Adnans attorney during that time, but I had offered her proof that Adnan wasn't devastated by Hae dating another guy, I actually gave his attorney names and numbers of girls Adnan had started dating and sleeping with. She did not follow up with any of those girls, she brushed it under the rug and said "they have no evidence, the burdon of proof is on them"* - Saad [Source: AMA]

**From** Brief of Appellant**:** *"Friends testified that both Hae and Appellant were sad about the breakup, but not bitter or angry. (1/28/00-224)"*

**From Inez [Source:** Brief of Appellant**]:** *"Inez Butler Hendricks testified that after Hae's body was found, Appellant told her that his last memories of Hae were not good, that they had a fight about Hae going to the prom with Appellant. (2/4/00-26)"*

**From Yaser [Source:** Brief of Appellant**]: "***Yaser All, Appellant's best friend, testified that Appellant told him that the relationship was over because it was too hard to hide it from his family, and that the breakup was a mutual decision. (2/3/00-88) Ali also testified that Appellant wanted to remain friends with Hae after the break up, and that Appellant had interests in other girls as of December, 1998. (2/3/00-117-123)"*

**From Hae's friend Debbie Warren [Source:** Brief of Appellant**]: "***Debbie Warren testified as follows. She was a close friend of Hae's.* ***[Adnan] and Hae were boyfriend and girlfriend, but broke up and got back together two or three times****. She said that the last time they broke up because Hae felt that [Adnan] was being* ***overprotective*** *of her. Hae began to date "Donnie" and [Adnan] knew about it. [Adnan] told Debbie he thought Hae and Donnie were having sex while [Adnan] and Hae were still dating, but Debbie told [Adnan] that it was not true. (2/16/00-298-302)*

*The last time Debbie saw Hae on January 13 was in gym class, and Hae was happy and rushing to go somewhere at 3:00 p.m. Debbie could not remember where Hae was going, but she told police on January 28, 1999 that Hae said she was going to the mall with Don. (2/16/00-306, 2/17/00-70)*

*On cross-examination, Debbie stated that she was friends with Stephanie, and S****tephanie confided to Debbie that she was interested in Appellant.*** *At the prom in 1998, when [Adnan] was voted prom king [sic] and Stephanie was prom queen [sic], they danced. [Adnan], however, left Stephanie during the dance and went to get Hae to finish the dance with him. (2/17/00-30_34)*

*Hae broke up with [Adnan] two or three times because she did not want [Adnan] to have to*

*choose between her and his religion, and Hae's parents did not want her to date [Adnan] either. (2/17/00-48)*

*[Adnan] was not mad when Hae broke up with him on these occasions. In fact, even after the final breakup in December 1998, Hae and [Adnan] exchanged holiday gifts. (2/17/00-57) When [Adnan] found out Hae was dating Don, he said he accepted it and would try to move on. (2/17/00-59)"*

**From Rebecca Walker, a friend of Adnan and Hae [Source:** Brief of Appellant**]: "***[Adnan] called Rebecca Walker, a close friend of both [Adnan] and Hae, who testified that even after [Adnan] and Hae broke up, they still cared for each other and were still friends. (2/23/00-142) She also testified that [Adnan] was not possessive about Hae, and he was extremely upset by her disappearance. (2/23/00-160, 175)"*

**According to the prosecution:**

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## The Story

| **Medical / Forensics Evidence** | |
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1. **How did Hae die? When was she killed?** *Autopsy*
   **"***The Medical Examiner testified that* ***Hae had been strangled****, but was unable to testify as to when she had been killed. (2/2/00-66)"* [Source: Brief of Appellant]

2. **What fibers/stains/dna/hair/etc evidence was found on Hae? Was it tested?**
   **From** Brief of Appellant**:**
   **-** Hairs found on Hae's body were compared to [Adnan] and did not match [Adnan]'s hair. (2/1/00-116)
   - Those hairs were not compared to anyone else. (2/1/00-116)
   - Fibers found on Hae's body were compared to fibers from [Adnan]'s clothing, and no match was made. (2/1/O0-123)
   - Likewise, [Adnan]'s clothing was examined and compared to fibers from Hae's clothing, and no match was found. (2/1/00-123 )
   - [Adnan]'s coat was examined and nothing of evidentiary value was found. (2/1/00-165)
   - Soil from [Adnan]'s boots which were seized from his house were compared to soil samples from the burial site and no match was found. (2/1/00-165)

3. **What was found in Hae's car, or at the burial spot?** *Crime scene DNA Evidence*
   **From** Brief of Appellant**:**
   - [Adnan] was ruled out from having been the source of a **stain on a shirt in Hae's car**. (2/2/00-28)

- **[Adnan]'s fingerprints** were found in Hae's car after she disappeared. [Adnan] admitted he had been in Hae's car before on numerous occasions. (2/1/00-39)
- "[Jay] testified that Appellant told him that he thought Hae was trying to say something like apologize to him and that **she kicked off the turn signal in the car."**

4. **What happened to the shovel(s), Jay's clothes, etc?**
   **From** Brief of Appellant**:**
   - "[Jay] said they went to Value City and **threw away some of Hae's belongings** and some **other evidence in a dumpster**. [Jay] paged Jen again. [Adnan] allegedly drove [Jay] home and [Jay] changed his clothes and put them in a bag. Jen came to pick up [Jay] at his home and took him to Super Fresh **where he threw the shovels and his bag of clothes away** in a dumpster. (2/4/00-158) [Jay] told Jen that he wanted her "'to be the one person to know that I didn't kill Hae." (2/4/00-158)"

| **The Pay Phone** | Click here for all discussions about the "Pay Phone" > |
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1. **Was there a Phone booth for public use at or outside of Best Buy on January 13th, 1999?**

   Possibly. Redditors found that there was once a payphone at that address registered to the Ramada Inn that was torn down before Best Buy was built. It is very unlikely that the pay phone registered the the Ramada Inn would have survived the demo.

   - The Mysterious Missing Pay Phone Discussion
   - The Pay Phone Project Blog Post

| **Cell Phone Towers** | Click here for all discussions about "Cell Phone Towers" > <br> Click here for all discussions about "Ping" > |
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1. **Question**

| **Call Log / Adnan's Phone** | Click here for all discussions about the "Call Log" > <br> Click here for all discussions about the "Nisha Call" > |
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1. **Why is The Nisha Call important? Why does SK call it 'the smoking gun'?**
2. **Do the cell phone log times count from when the call is made, or when it's answered?**

| Best Buy | Click here for all discussions about "Best Buy" > |
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1. **Did the murder happen at Best Buy?**

| The Mosque | |
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1. **Where was Adnan's Mosque located?**
   Masjid Al-Rahmah, 6631 Johnnycake Road, Baltimore, MD 21244 [Source: Saad]

| Woodlawn High School | |
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1. **Where is Woodlawn High School?**
2. **How long would it take to get out of the parking lot?**

| Timeline | |
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1. **When was Hae last seen alive? By whom?**
   "***Hae was last seen alive on January 13, 1999 at school around 2:30 p.m.*** *Her family filed a missing persons report when she failed to pick up her cousin at school as she regularly did. (1/13/00-5)* ***She was supposed to pick up her 6 year-old cousin at 3:00 or 3:15 p.m. that day.*** *(1/28/00-25)*

   *Inez Butler Hendricks, a teacher and athletic trainer at Woodlawn High School and Hae's friend, testified that she saw Hae at 2:15-2:30 p.m. on January 13. Hae told her she was in a hurry to pick up her cousin from school, but that it was not far and she would be back soon.*

   *Hendricks told her to hurry because Hae had to be back by 5:00 p.m.to ride the wrestling team bus to an away match for which Hae was to keep score. (2/4/00-9-20) When Hae did not return by 5:00 p.m., Hendricks took Hae's place as scorer. (2/4/00-21)* " [Source: Brief of Appellant]

2. **What about the charge on Hae's credit card on the day she went missing?**
   Hae's bank statements show that there was a charge of $1.71 made on 1/13/1999. Without a timestamp, this charge could range from earlier around midnight after leaving Don's house, or any time after school.

   **[Source:** Brief of Appellant**]: "***Andrew Davis, Appellant's investigator, testified that Hae's bank records showed that on January 13, 1999, she made a purchase of $1.71 at Crown gas station at Harford Road and Northern Parkway, which is far from Woodlawn. (2/24/00-106)"*

| He Said She Said | |
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1. **Did Adnan ask Hae for a ride?**

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## Professionals Weigh In

Some lawyers (defence and prosecution) have weighed in on the Reddit, as well as people who have worked in the psychiatric sphere with sociopaths and psychopaths. These professionals have some interesting insights.

1. **Should the case have gone to trial? Should Adnan have testified?**

   Many prosecutors said it was a close case but they probably would have gone to trial based on the evidence. [Link:

   http://www.reddit.com/r/serialpodcast/comments/2lld82/question_for_prosecutors_would_you_have_brought/ ]

   Most of the law professional types seemed to think it was better that Adnan did not testify on his own behalf. [Link: http://www.reddit.com/r/serialpodcast/comments/2lkxps/adnan_did_not_testify_on_his_own_behalf_at_trial/]

   Another lawyer post: http://www.reddit.com/r/serialpodcast/comments/2livit/a_few_thoughts_on_deirdres_comments_regarding/

2. **What is the likelihood of Adnan being a sociopath/psychopath?**

   Pretty unlikely. Good insights from /u/Czanne:

   *In 6 years of clinical practice and 9 years of research practice, I've had around 2-3% sociopaths/Anti-social Personality Disorder dx. (My six years were all public mental health, 90% court ordered as a term of probation/parole.) Charming ones? Three or four. Most are, to use the vernacular term of art, assholes. (And six or seven who were convinced they were charming, but weren't. Dunning Kreuger is alive and well.)*

   *Charmers are narcissists. They're more prevalent -- 3-5% -- but less likely to be violent, and critically, a lot of teenagers, just as a function of that specific developmental stage, are somewhere on the low end of the narcissistic scale. (Most grow out of it by 20 or so.)*

[Answer: discussion from people who worked in prison populations, no history makes him pretty unlikely to be sociopath or psychopath]

3. **What about those people calling out Adnan as a psychopath from his community?**

   Seems like there were some personal vendettas, but also pretty mild stuff like drinking, having sex and petty theft as grounds for the accusations. Summary of the discussion

4. **How could Adnan be innocent if a jury found him guilty?**

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## Theories

Summary of other top who-done-it theories. [Link: Daily Dot: Serial Podcast Theories]

**1. Roy Davis**

*"An 18 year old girl from Woodlawn was killed in May 1998, just 6 months before Hae went missing. The same method of strangulation was used and also the body was taken to a local park by a stream, as per Hae's murder."*

- Serial Killer Discussion Thread

**2. Jay / Jay & Jen**

[Answer]

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## The Podcast / Meta

1. **Do you think we'll get a definitive answer in the end?**

   There is no guarantee of how this will end. SK and the Serial team have said so many times during interviews.

- Click here to read a great discussion about "The Final Episode of Serial"

2. **How did Sarah get access to police files and audio of witness statements?**

   *From **/u/jcamson:*** Most likely from Adnan's lawyers' files which it seems she got from Rabia and/or Adnan's family. Almost all of the information should be disclosed through the discovery process. She sometimes refers to police "notes" so I'm not sure if these are handwritten notes or notes made in official reports. Handwritten notes probably would have been memorialized in police reports and handed over, but the original notes likely would not have.

3. **Does Sarah think Adnan did it?** *SK, Sarah Koenig*

   SK has been clear about not taking definitive sides. As a journalist it's her job to stay neutral and objective. Opinion: It's obvious that she enjoys talking to Adnan, but during the times she talks about her feelings, she is very honest that she (and the other people working on Serial) go back and forth often.

4. **Why can't that girl pronounce "MailChimp"?** *MailKimp, Mail Kimp*

   She's 13 years old. [Source: Rabia]

5. **How many episodes will there be?**

   SK and the team have said they guess "around 12", but they are producing the show 'as they go', and have said they will make as many as they need to tell the story. [Source: SK Interviews]

6. **Is this show disrespectful to Hae and her family? Something something ethics?**

   **/u/Cabritadorada:** "Her murder was the subject of a public trial. The most personal details of her private life were entered into evidence to make the state's case. It's not unethical to discuss the case or her life. I think it would be unethical journalism/investigation to examine the case while leaving that out."

   **/u/Barnacledoor:** "There are two sides to this story. There is Hae's side and there is Adnan's side. The show is mostly about Adnan's side, but Hae's side is so intertwined that it has to be told as well. When it comes to the fact that an innocent man might be in prison, that trumps the privacy of the victim because that means he is a second victim who is currently suffering."

   - The Victim's Right to Privacy Versus the Public's Right to Know Article/Essay
   - Should we respect the privacy of Hae? Discussion
   - The Morality of Serial Discussion

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## The Other

Need some other forms of entertainment while you wait for Serial to come out? Here is a list of podcasts, books and movies/tv shows that are similar to Serial, or other fans have enjoyed.

| Reddit | |
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- /r/SerialPodcast
- /r/MetaSerial
- /r/UnresolvedMysteries

| This American Life | TAL Thread One ><br>TAL Thread Two > |
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From the creators of Serial, **This American Life** is an American weekly hour-long radio program produced by WBEZ and hosted by Ira Glass.

| Episode | Summary |
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| "Pro Se" | It's tempting to act as your own lawyer, to argue your own cause. Who better to defend your position than you? This week, stories of pro se defenses: Some brilliant, some disastrous. |
| "Dr. Gilmer and Mr. Hyde" | Dr. Benjamin Gilmer (left) gets a job at a rural clinic. He finds out he's replaced someone — also named Dr. Gilmer (picture) — who went to prison after killing his own father. But the more Benjamin's patients talk about the other Dr. Gilmer, the more confused he becomes. Everyone loved the old Dr. Gilmer. So Benjamin starts digging around, trying to understand how a good man can seemingly turn bad. |
| "Harper High School" | We spent five months at Harper High School in Chicago, where last year alone 29 current and recent students were shot. 29. We went to get a sense of what it means to live in the midst of all this gun violence, how teens and adults navigate a world of funerals and Homecoming dances. We found so many incredible and surprising stories, this show is a two-parter; you can listen to **Part Two here**. |
| "Petty Tyrant" | In Schenectady, NY, a school maintenance man named Steve Raucci works his way up the ranks for 30 years, until finally he's in charge of the maintenance department. That's when he starts messing with his employees. Teasing them at meetings. Punishing them with crummy work assignments. Or worse things, like secretly slashing their tires in the middle of the night. |
| "The Ghost of Bobby Dunbar" | In 1912 a four year-old boy named Bobby Dunbar went missing in a swamp in Louisiana. Eight months later, he was found in the hands of a wandering handyman in Mississippi (the picture at left was taken just days later). Reporter Tal McThenia co-authored a book about the Bobby Dunbar story called ***A Case For Solomon***. |
| "Switched at Birth" | On a summer day in 1951, two baby girls were born in a hospital in small-town Wisconsin. The infants were accidentally switched, and went home with the wrong families. |
| "House on Loon Lake" | Our entire show this week is one long story, sort of a real-life Hardy Boys mystery. More than most of our shows, this one lends itself to a Hollywood-style tagline. Perhaps: "You Might Break In...But You'll Never Forget." Or "Dead Letters Tell No Tales." |

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| "The Convert" | In 2006, a new convert showed up at a mosque in Orange County, California, eager to study the Koran and make new friends. But when he started acting odd and saying strange things, those friends got suspicious. To them, he was Farouk al-Aziz. But his real name was Craig Monteilh, and he was working undercover for the FBI. (Read the update to this story here.) |
| "Dead Men Tell No Tales" | Last May, a weird story made the news: the FBI killed a guy in Florida who was loosely linked to the Boston Marathon bombings. He was shot seven times in his living room by a federal agent. What really happened? Why was the FBI even in that room with him? A reporter spent six months looking into it, and she found that the FBI was doing a bunch of things that never made the news. Her *Boston Magazine* story. |
| "What Happened at Dos Erres" | In 1982, the Guatemalan military massacred the villagers of Dos Erres, killing more than 200 people. Thirty years later, a Guatemalan living in the US got a phone call from a woman who told him that two boys had been abducted during the massacre — and he was one of them. ProPublica's print version: Finding Oscar. |

**I'm tired, if you want more, browse the linked discussions above ^**

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| **Other Podcasts** | Click here for a link to all discussions about podcasts > |
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| **Name** | **Description** |
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| Criminal | Stories of people who've done wrong, been wronged, or gotten caught somewhere in the middle. |
| 99% Invisible | 99% Invisible is a tiny radio show about design, architecture & the 99% invisible activity that shapes our world. |
| Death, Sex and Money from WNYC | A podcast about the big questions and hard choices that are often left out of polite conversation. |
| RadioLab | Radiolab is a show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and human experience.<br><br>Listen to: "Goat on a Cow" |
| Freakonomics | |
| How Stuff Works Series (Stuff You Should Know, Stuff You Missed in History Class, etc) | |
| The Moth | |
| Snap Judgement | |
| Cracked | |

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## TV

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| **The Wire** (2002-2008) | Netflix | Baltimore drug scene, seen through the eyes of drug dealers, and law enforcement. One of the highest rated shows of all time. |
| **True Detective** (2014) | HBO GO | The lives of two detectives, Rust Cohle and Martin Hart, become entangled during a 17-year hunt for a serial killer in Louisiana. |
| **How to Get Away With Murder** (2014) | Streaming on ABC | A group of ambitious law students and their brilliant criminal defense professor become involved in a twisted murder plot that promises to change the course of their lives. |
| **Lost** (2004-2010) | Netflix | The survivors of a plane crash are forced to work together in order to survive on a seemingly deserted tropical island. |
| **Orange is the New Black** | Netflix | |
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## Movies/Docs

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| **The Staircase** (2004) | Free on Youtube | French television miniseries by Jean-Xavier de Lestrade documenting the trial of Michael Peterson, accused of murdering his wife. |
| **The Thin Blue Line** (1988) | Netflix | American documentary film by Errol Morris, depicting the story of Randall Dale Adams, a man convicted and sentenced to life in prison for a murder he did not commit. |
| **Side Effects** (2013) | Netflix | Emily copes with her depression by taking antidepressant medication. But when her dire state apparently spirals out of control due to her husband's prison release, she turns to a new medication that alters her life forever. |
| **Zodiac** (2007) | Netflix | A San Francisco cartoonist becomes an amateur detective obsessed with tracking down the Zodiac killer. |

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| **Capturing the Friedmans** (2003) | Hulu Plus | A documentary about a family accused of child pornography; similar to Serial in the way it makes you go back and forth about the characters' guilt |
| **West Memphis 3** | | |
| **What's Wrong with Aunt Diane** | | |
| **Dear Zachary** | | |
| **The Imposter** | | |
| **Tabloid** | | |
| **Indelible: The Case Against Jeffrey Womack** | Free on Vimeo | |

| **Books** | "Books that scratch the same itch as Serial" > |
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| **Homicide: A Year On The Killing Streets**<br>by David Simon | *Describes the life of Baltimore Homicide Detectives in the early 1990s, inspired the TV shows Homicide: Life on the Street and The Wire (both also recommended)* \| Amazon |
| **The Psychopath Test**<br>by Jon Ronson | *They say one out of every hundred people is a psychopath. You probably passed one on the street today. These are people who have no empathy, who are manipulative, deceitful, charming, seductive, and delusional. The Psychopath Test is the New York Times bestselling exploration of their world and the madness industry.* \| Amazon |
| **Fatal Vision**<br>by Joe McGinniss | *Fatal Vision is the electrifying true story of Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald, the handsome, Princeton-educated physician convicted of savagely slaying his young pregnant wife and two small children, murders he vehemently denies committing.* \| Amazon |
| **May God Have Mercy**<br>by John. C. Tucker | *(True Story) Tucker investigates the 1992 execution of Roger Coleman, convicted of murder despite shaky evidence.* \| Reddit Discussion \| Amazon |
| **No One Would Listen** | \| Audiobook |
| **Devil in the White City** | |
| **A Wilderness of Error: The** | |

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| **Trials of Jeffrey MacDonald** | |
| **If I Did It: Confessions of the Killer: O.J. Simpson** | |
| **Helter Skelter** | |
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