

Murder at the Hotel Belvedere

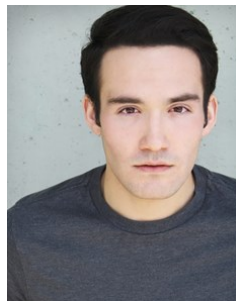
Developed by T.S Forsyth, Producer/Director/Playwright



Matthew Heyer. Graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where he received his BFA in Theatre, Matthew won the Irene Ryan award for his ensemble work in 2018 and for his performance as Elliot in *Completeness* in 2019. His favorite mainstage productions include Stanley in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Charles in *As You Like It*, Thomas Putnam in *The Crucible*, and Shakespeare in *The Bard on Broadway*. Matt studied IPA and performs duties as a Dialect Coach for Placer Repertory Theater productions. As an actor, for Placer Rep in 2021, Matthew has played the characters George and Milo in *From the Mind of Scott Charles*, and the title role in "An Evening with Sherlock Holmes" featuring a new play based on *The Sign of the Four* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.



Anne Merino. Anne Merino began her career dancing for notable companies such as American Ballet Theatre and the London Festival Ballet. A prolific choreographer, she won the Vanguard Award for Choreography. Anne's traditional theatrical training was received at Chicago's Goodman Theatre, Second City with Del Close and Jim Belushi and later trained under Alan Rickman at the British American Drama Academy. Anne performed with The Groundlings and Tim Robbins' *The Actors' Gang*, and is a former member of SAG/AFTRA/AEA. Currently, she is a member of the theatre department faculty at William Jessup University. As a writer, she recently won film festival awards for her screenplay, "The Season of the Wolf," and received critical acclaim for her novel, *Hawkesmoor*.



Kevin Foster. Kevin Foster trained in acting at UC Davis while earning his B.A. in Musical Performance. After graduation, he performed at Davis Musical Theater Company in the Elly Award winning production of *Chicago*. Other credits include *The Importance of Being Earnest* at Chautauqua Playhouse and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at Sacramento Theatre Company, where he taught youth theater classes. Currently, he teaches for Rockstar Music Academy in Lincoln and is working on his solo show, commissioned by Placer Rep for a 2022 world premiere. Most recently, Kevin played Dr. Watson in Placer Rep's *An Evening with Sherlock Holmes* and stars as Dr. Watson in the Placer Rep "Domestic Mysteries" YouTube series.



Robert Bruce. A graduate of SF Comedy College, Robert is a stand-up comedian, known as *Funny Robert*, who performed professional stand-up comedy in the San Francisco and Monterey Bar areas prior to selecting Rocklin CA as his adopted home town. A few of his favorite credits as a comedian include performing at the San Jose Improv, Rooster T Feathers in Sunnyvale, Planet Gemini in Monterey, Castignola's on the Wharf in SF, various clubs in Las Vegas and Reno, Garrett Morris' Club in L.A., and emceed for The Blue Lagoon and The Crow's Nest in Santa Cruz. He was also seen as an auditioner on season four of *Last Comic Standing* at Cobb's in SF.

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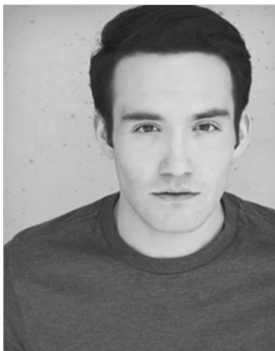
Detective MITCHELL SANG

National Chapter Unsolved Cases Club Investigator-in-Chief. Det. Sang is a decorated detective who has solved over 30 "unsolvable" cases including the March 1964 famous "Kitty Genovese" case in New York.



Psychologist FELICITY KENDAL

Consultant for the National Chapter of the Unsolved Cases Club, she is able to assist with insights and motives regarding the psychology of the missing person and any suspects.



Reporter ARTHUR S. WAINWRIGHT

This local Roseville reporter received his first news by-line when he wrote the article about the missing railroad executive, published Friday, May 22, 1964.



Officer BARNEY MAYBERRY

This local Roseville police officer took the original missing persons report from Dolores Manring and canvassed the area to perform initial inquiries into the case in 1964.

CASE SUMMARY



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CJIS 8568
(Rev. 01/1964)

MISSING PERSON REPORT Pursuant to Calif. Penal Code 14212

Missing Person's Name (Last, First, Middle)	M/F	DOB/Age	Report Number
WRIGHT, WAYNE CHARLES	M	5-16-1930, age 34	64 - 1000318
Date Last Seen: Friday, May 15, 1964	Last Known Location: Lincoln St.		
Date Reported Missing: Wednesday, May 20 1964	Reported missing by: Dolores Manring		

Narrative:

Friday afternoon on May 15, Wayne Charles Wright, an executive with the Southern Pacific Railroad, checked into the Hotel Belvedere. He signed the register as being from Chicago, Illinois. The desk clerk was Pearl Moore Manring, mother of Dolores Manring. According to Pearl Manring, Mr. Wright went up to his room for approximately 30 minutes. About 5:30 he came down the stairs, asked for a restaurant recommendation and the location of the nearest postal box. Pearl Manring recommended the China Café. Wayne Charles Wright then left the Hotel Belvedere.

According to Pearl Manring, he did not return to the hotel that night. The next day, Saturday, May 16, Dolores Manring arrived from San Francisco to have a birthday dinner with Mr. Wright, but he never returned. Mr. Wright was to check out on Tuesday Morning, May 19, but was not seen. However, his belongings remained in his room, untouched. After waiting 24 hours beyond his checkout time, Dolores Manring entered the police department on Wednesday, May 20 to file a missing person report.

Dolores Manring acknowledged that in addition to celebrating his birthday with her, he mentioned both railroad business and some personal business that would occupy him during his visit with her in a prior letter. Dolores did not bring the letter to the police station, but has the letter at home should we need a copy for evidence.

When asked about the nature of the relationship, Dolores stated that she and Mr. Wright are dating. They met approximately 9 months prior when Mr. Wright stayed at the Hotel Belvedere while on business in the area. She stated that Mr. Wright is single, an executive with the Southern Pacific Railroad whose duties include oversight of the Overland Route, and his current city of residence is Chicago, Illinois. However, he has discussed a promotion, and relocating to California to be closer to Dolores Manring to further develop the relationship.

According to Dolores Manring, Mr. Wright has no financial or personal issues that might cause him to flee his present life or commit suicide. She sees him as a man who is not only happy with his current life, but excited about his future prospects, both personally and professionally. She added that he has always been a good communicator, and previously wrote or called if ever his plans were altered.

Report Taken by	Report Date
Officer: Barney Marion Mayberry	Date: Wednesday, May 20, 1964, 10:04 A.M.

Investigative Report



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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INVESTIGATIVE REPORT Summary of Field Information

Case	Original Report Number	Addendum Control #
Missing Person: WRIGHT, WAYNE CHARLES	64-100318	64-100318-A
Reporting Officer: Barney M. Mayberry		

After taking the missing person's report from Dolores Manring, I was ordered to canvas the area for information. At the Hotel Belvedere, I confirmed Wayne Charles Wright's signature in the hotel registry. Mrs. Pearl Manring was questioned and said he left around 5:30 PM to mail a letter to his wife, but had no further information. However, she did provide a letter from Mr. Wright to her daughter, Dolores, which I collected as evidence.

I followed Mr. Wright's known route to the postal box on the corner of Lincoln and Church. Enquiring at local businesses, Frank Vincent, owner of the Owl Club, located at 109 Church Street, saw Mr. Wright post a letter, then Mr. Wright was followed and confronted by a medium height male in his early 30s. Mr. Vincent heard Mr. Wright call the man something "Schreiber," he thinks the first letter of the first name is A (Aaron or Anson). They were arguing about some land in Rocklin that "Schreiber" accused Mr. Wright of stealing out from under him. Mr. Wright ended the conversation saying he had to get to dinner and a meeting, and Wright then continued SW toward Washington Blvd. as A. Schreiber stormed off.

The next sighting I could find was Mayor George Beljan, who was walking his dog along Park Drive. He saw Mr. Wright glancing at a newspaper as he walked toward the Veteran's Hall around 6:45 PM.

At 7PM on Friday, May 15 there was a meeting of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. I spoke to Chris Garcia, a custodian for Roseville High School who performing custodian duties that evening at the Veteran's Hall. Garcia said it was a very contentious meeting. It seemed like everyone was yelling at Mr. Wright. Garcia got the impression Mr. Wright had no love for unions. As Mr. Wright left the meeting, he was accosted outside by Casey Jones. Mr. Wright threatened Jones' job and a "sound beating." Mr. Wright then sauntered away down Park Drive back toward Lincoln & Oak Street.

The last sighting I found was by a man who refused to give his name. But on Friday, May 15, around 9:45 PM, he was standing outside the Owl Club, smoking, waiting on a friend's arrival, when Mr. Wright exited The Owl Club followed by a tall, well dressed man, over six feet tall, dark hair and glasses. The tall man yelled, "They'll see through your lies, your attempt to sabotage me. I'll get that promotion, or I'll get YOU!" Mr. Wright rolled his eyes and walked to the corner, while the tall man stormed back into the bar. Wright stood on the corner of Church and Lincoln looking about and waiting. Almost immediately a cab pulled up, and Wright said "Rocklin" as he got in. I checked and there is a phone in the bar.

I called Mr. Wright's work in Chicago. He is married and apparently everyone thinks he is faithful to his wife, and the tall, dark haired man is identified as a colleague named Ervin Wilson. They don't know anything about a land deal. I contacted his wife and asked her to send the Roseville Police Department Mr. Wright's letter to her that was mailed on Friday, May 15, 1964.

Report by	Report Date
Officer: Barney Marion Mayberry	Date: Thursday, May 21, 1964, 5:04 P.M.

Suspect Profiles -1-



Railroad Executive WAYNE CHARLES WRIGHT

May have orchestrated his own disappearance or committed suicide.

Motive: Financial issues, relationship issues, depression.



The Girlfriend, DOLORES MANRING & Family

Dolores Manring, or her mother, Mrs. Pearl Moore Manring.

Motive: Wayne Wright is a married man, Dolores has been deceived.



The Wife, MARY WRIGHT & her family

Wright's wife, Mary McCormick Wright, or her brother, Patrick McCormick (or murder for hire)?

Motive: Wayne Wright was cheating on his wife.

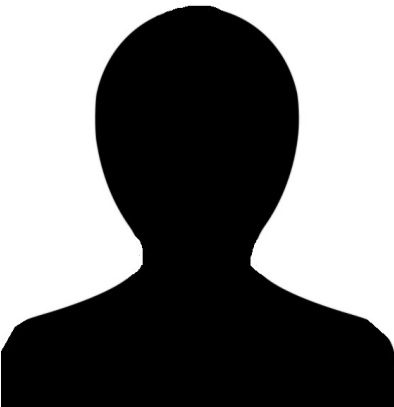
Suspect Profiles -2-



Land Speculator, A. SCHREIBER

A man Wayne Wright argued with regarding land speculation in Rocklin, California.

Motive: land/financial dispute.



Railroad Union Member, CASEY JONES

B.L.F.E. member. Arrest records for assault (bar room brawls).

Motive: His job was threatened by Wayne Wright, and Wright threatened to assault Jones.



Railroad Executive, ERVIN WILSON

Southern Pacific Railroad colleague.

Motive: Rival for a promotion and relocation to Northern California. Mr. Wright was defaming Mr. Wilson, harming his reputation.

Evidence Reports -1-

Bus Ticket Receipt

Proves Dolores did not arrive until Saturday.

SPEDSET
MOORE
BUSINESS
FORMS
INC.
24 3-63

NOT GOOD
FOR TRANS-
PORTATION

WEST COAST LINE
GREYHOUND
Berkeley CA

5 16 64

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FORM 2

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Letter to Dolores

Wayne Charles Wright represents himself as single, invites her to dinner May 16. Anticipating promotion and a move to California.



May 1, 1964
My DARLING DOLORES,

I SAW THIS CARD AND THOUGHT OF YOU AND YOUR LOVE FOR ROSES. I RECEIVED YOUR APRIL LETTER, AND YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN THESE GROWING FEELINGS OVER THE LAST 9 MONTHS. I TOO AM FINDING OUR TIME APART MORE AND MORE TORTUROUS AS THE MONTHS PASS. TO THAT END, I HAVE SOME NEWS.

ALL THE STARS ARE ALIGNED, AND BELIEVE ME I HAVE NUDGED AND DIRECTED THEM AS MUCH AS I AM ABLE, AND IT APPEARS MY EFFORTS WILL BEAR FRUIT. I AM CONFIDENT I WILL RECEIVE THAT PROMOTION WE DISCUSSED, AND THAT I WILL BE MOVING TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. OH, TO BE IN PROXIMITY TO YOU, SUCH THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP MAY DEVELOP FURTHER AND TAKE ITS NATURAL COURSE TO THE INEVITABLE UNION OF OUR LIVES.

I WILL BE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ON BUSINESS FRIDAY, MAY 15 THROUGH TUESDAY, MAY 19, AND WILL STAY AT OUR COZY HOTEL BELVEDERE. MY BIRTHDAY IS ON SATURDAY THE 16TH, AND I ASK THAT YOU HONOR ME BY COMING TO ROSEVILLE AND BEING MY DINNER GUEST IN CELEBRATION. I'LL MAKE INQUIRY AND RESERVE US A TABLE AT THE BEST RESTAURANT AND SWANKEST AFTER DINNER CLUB SACRAMENTO HAS TO OFFER.

SEE YOU THEN, MY DARLING,

WAYNE

Evidence Reports -2-

Letter to Mary Wright

Wayne Charles Wright is excited for the future.

MARY,
Looks like I'll be offered that promotion. Get ready
to move to sunny California.

Surprise! I also made an investment today. Put money
down on a piece of property here for which I'm already
cultivating developers to buy it for more than five times
what I'm getting it for. You just have to know how to
play people. Nice old lady never saw me coming. We
got her land for a song. She has no idea how much
it's really worth. We will be set for life.

Picked up some souvenirs for the kids and a little surprise
for you.

Will be home by Thursday, May 21. Pick me up at the station at 7PM.

Wayne

Expenses		Expenses	
Feb 19 Sea View		Nov 3 Sea View	25
" 20 Altona Bay	1.00	" 4 Sea View	85
" 22 Potters	5.0	" 12 Sea View	267
" 22 Doctor	5.0	" 12 Sea View	131
" 22 Sea View	50.00	" 12 Sea View	111
" 22 Sea View	38.75	" 12 Sea View	75
" 22 Sea View	3.40	" 12 Sea View	137
" 22 Sea View	3.15	" 12 Sea View	16
" 22 Sea View	77.5	" 12 Sea View	372
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" 22 Sea View	1.6	" 12 Sea View	132
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" 22 Sea View	337	" 12 Sea View	120
" 22 Sea View	1.00	" 12 Sea View	3.31
" 22 Sea View	298		

SUMMARY OF WITNESSES

PEARL MOORE MANRING, HOTEL BELVEDERE OWNER

- Witnessed Mr. Wright signing in at the Hotel Belvedere on Friday, May 15, 1964 about 5 PM.
- Recommended the China Café for dinner.
- Upon leaving the hotel at 5:30, Wayne Charles Wright never returned.

FRANK VINCENT, The OWL CLUB OWNER

- Saw Mr. Wright walk to a postal box on Lincoln & Church, and mail a letter.
- Followed by a man, "A. Schreiber", Mr. Wright and the man argued about a land investment in Rocklin, CA

MAYOR GEORGE BELJAN

- Saw Mr. Wright walking along Park Drive with a newspaper, toward the Veteran's Hall at about 6:46 PM.

CHRIS GARCIA, CUSTODIAN

- Custodian on duty for the 7 PM B.L.F.E. meeting at the Roseville Veteran's Hall.
- Witnessed heated meeting, and post-meeting confrontation outside the Veteran's Hall.
- Casey Jones threatened Wayne Wright; Wright threatened Jones' job, and threatened Jones with physical harm.

ANONYMOUS MALE, OUTSIDE The OWL CLUB

- About 9:45 PM, anonymous man saw Mr. Wright exit the Owl Club, followed by a tall, dark-haired man with glasses, who was yelling at Mr. Wright.
- The argument was regarding a contested promotion, and Mr. Wright sullyng the tall man's reputation for unfair advantage.
- Wayne Wright was seen getting into a cab for "Rocklin."