

Fox TV King assassination 25th anniversary special

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Phil Lerman, producer whose idea the special is, just left after more than 3 1/2 hours here. Several weeks ago his researcher, Michelle Hord, was here, we talked, she copied my Stehpens file that I recall and perhaps some others, she was to have returned before now but developed a problem with a hip. Lerman said she'll be back in a few days.

The Stehpens file killed what they originally had in mind, centering it around the nonsense Mark Lane invented ^{about} around her.

I believe that from what Michelle told him, what he read in Frame-Up and what we discussed here he will propose an entirely different kind of show.

It will use the nitty-gritty of the alleged evidence and show it would not have convicted Ray. The use of this evidence will at the least raise substantial questions about the character of the so-called investigation and about official honesty.

He left with a copy of the voir dire or what I referred to as "the mintrial" and with notes on other records I am willing to make available to them. This includes the records on the FBI's testing of the rifle and other rifles as well as what it did not do, like a swab test; of the windowsill and related matters of alleged evidence, the extradition affidavits; the autopsy; the testing of King's clothing, etc.

He liked some of the suggestions I made for locating pictures he could use and as replacements for them. He liked my suggestion for how it should begin and how it should end (the latter distinguishing between actual guilt and whether or not there was a proof of it by a criminal lawyer who ^{would} assess what is to be shown of the evidence) and the records I can provide that he can use.

I suggested what he could use Herb McDonnell for and he liked that. Ditto for Cesar instead of me. And although I'd told him I'd probably not appear if he goes this way, as I also indicated, I possibly would.

I am certain that he no longer plans a conspiracy-theory penny-dreadful.

