

# 48 HOURS MYSTERY

Shannan Gilbert was last seen in Oak Beach, New York. Shannan's family claims Dr. Peter Hackett, a resident of Oak Beach, called them to say he had seen Shannan and taken her into his home the morning she vanished. Dr. Hackett wrote two letters to "48 Hours" denying that he had seen or treated Shannan, and explaining why he telephoned her family. The letters are attached.

C. Peter Hackett

[REDACTED]  
Oak Beach, New York 11702

May 29, 2011

48 HOURS CBS News

524 West 57 Street

New York, NY 10019

Dear Ms. Moriarity,

Any important story is worth getting right. In response to your letter I will share only the facts I am aware of.

When I heard the name of a person named Shannan Gilbert she was already missing.

I never met her. I never "treated" her and I never spoke with her. She was never in my home.

I greeted the people looking for her by chance. I recall the first people were Mike and Alex. I provided them with my calling card, should I be able to help and encouraged them to follow up with the police. I returned a call as requested. Since I had never met Shannon it obviously did not have anything to do with permission to treat her. It was supportive and that was all. That call was last May and perhaps that is why it is being reported inaccurately. I also met some of her family when they came to our neighborhood on Mother's Day May 9, 2010 to post signs and go door to door asking questions. When months went by and nothing was heard, we assumed Shannon must have returned home. I am sorry that was not the case.

I had nothing to do with anything that occurred the night Shannan went missing. I was home, sleeping with my wife.

The police continue their investigation. I, along with many neighbors in this community, have cooperated with them.

I will not be granting an interview.

Being a parent I cannot imagine Mrs. Gilbert's pain. My wife and I keep her family in our prayers. One can only hope that the current media attention will assist in some new information that will lead to closure for the Gilbert family.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
C. Peter Hackett, D.O.

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June 28, 2011

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New York, NY 10019

Dear Ms. Moriarity,

I hope this letter answers some of the questions you raised when we spoke last Friday.

I had met Shannon's boyfriend Alex and driver Mike when they came to my community to look for Shannon in the days following her disappearance. I gave them my contact information should I be able to help in anyway. During my conversations with them they asked that I call the family. My wife and I checked our long distance phone bills. There is only one bill which has calls documented to Kingston, New York. It shows that I spoke with Alex on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 @ 7:20pm and at 7:25pm I called, [REDACTED] at his request and spoke with Mrs. Gilbert. We spoke for 4 minutes. On May 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 12:06pm I called [REDACTED] and I think that was a sister's number. That call also was 4 minutes. These calls were over a year ago now and exact content is difficult to remember, but, at no time, during any of my conversations with Shannon's friends or family did I suggest I had ever met her or render medical care of any sort to her.

As previously mentioned I met with Mrs. Gilbert, her sisters, and friends in the presence of my guests and family on Mother's Day, May 9, 2010, when they were distributing Missing Persons Posters. We answered questions for them to the best of our ability. At no point where we dismissive however we emphasized the need to follow up with the police departments involved we parted on friendly terms.

I am perplexed as to why, almost a year later; I became a person of interest to the family and media. I did not even know who Joseph Brewer was until after this incident. In May my wife and I were preparing for both a high school and college graduation. I drove cross country with my eldest daughter to her new job. Since we had heard no news about the missing woman we



thought she may have gone home. In December when the news reported a body found we realized otherwise.

You asked me why I didn't take a polygraph test. I was willing, but learned that certain health issues that I am being treated for would negate its results and therefore interpretation. Frankly since I am not a suspect, it would be a waste of time and resources. I am allergic to dogs but welcomed the cadaver dogs to come through our home and property. They found no evidence.

Once again, I emphasize my fervent hopes that Shannon is found alive, and if there was foul play, that justice can take its course.

Sincerely,



C. Peter Hackett, D.O.