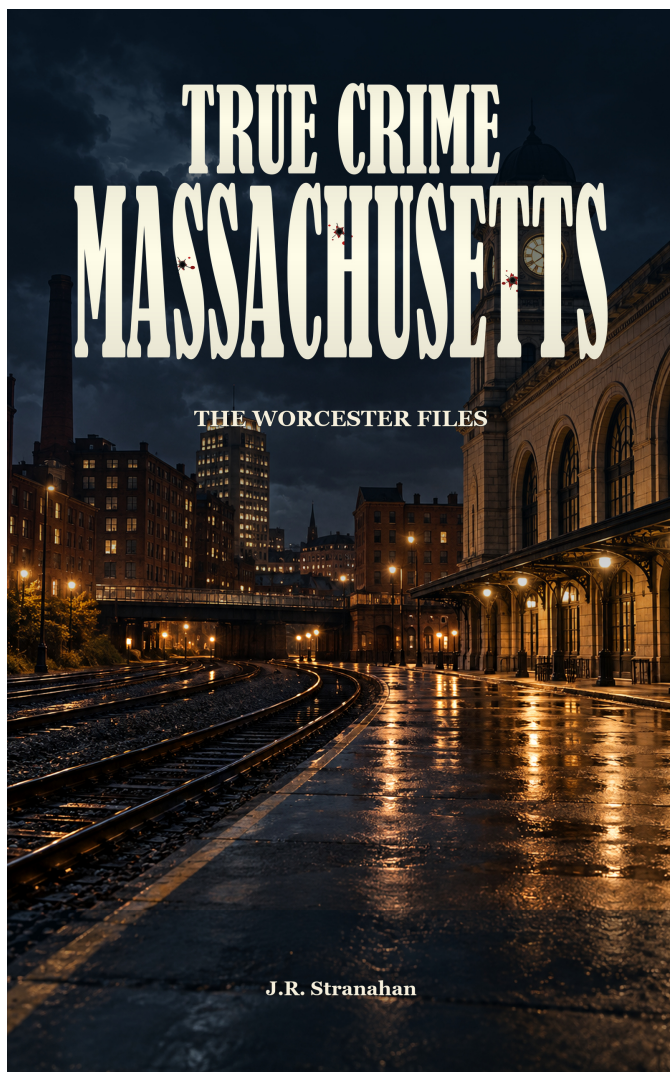


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File 1: The Disappearance and Murder of Molly Bish

Place and period: Warren and Palmer, 2000-present

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The public record speaks most reliably when attribution travels with the claim. Here is the supported proposition: An extensive search followed across woods, waterways, roads, and nearby communities. The source may recount an allegation, summarize trial proof, or state a judgment, and the language must match that function. Sentencing, resentencing, parole, dismissal, or an open investigation can change the legal status without changing the human loss. That practice protects the accuracy of the case and the dignity of Molly Bish and her family at the same time.

At this stage of the file, absence is also information. The available materials establish this much: Her remains were found in Palmer in 2003. They do not establish every rumor that accumulated during 2000-present. Sentencing, resentencing, parole, dismissal, or an open investigation can change the legal status without changing the human loss. Refusing to bridge those gaps with speculation keeps the unresolved portions visible instead of disguising them as narrative momentum.

Status at manuscript lock

The controlling status for this account is: Molly Bish's killing remains unsolved and the investigation remains active; no person is described here as convicted of her murder. That sentence is deliberately narrower than a television summary. It does not merge co-defendants, convert accusations into findings, or imply that an appeal erased a human death. Later proceedings may change the legal posture, but they should not be projected backward onto the record described here.

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