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Welcome to Rosebud, the Victoria Rose Miller story. My name is Maxx-Anne Miller, the host for this podcast. This podcast is presented by the Boynton Beach Police Department. The topic of this podcast is the life and untimely death of Victoria Rose Miller.

Last episode, we talked about Vicky's early hardships that made it difficult to live a normal life. Between being taken out of her home and the struggles with her mental health, Vicky's life was turned upside down. While hopping from different foster homes, on the streets, and everywhere in between, Vicky met a lot of people from different walks of life. While some of those people cared about her well-being and loved her, there were also those who didn't. Vicky often found herself dating older men at a young age who took advantage of her.

We have to keep in mind the emotional vulnerability that Vicky faced, often alone and trying to stay afloat. Older men preying on Vicky's trauma had consequences on her life. She dropped out of Wellington High School which was providing her stability to her chaotic lifestyle. Her family had worked so hard to help her get the support she needed and provide for her, but Vicky wasn't necessarily in the right mindset to clearly make good decisions.

With her past haunting her, and her mental health turbulent, Vicky was persuaded by people who had all the wrong intentions. Vicky had found out she was pregnant with her first child shortly after turning 16. Her family's involvement helped support Vicky throughout her entire pregnancy and after her daughter's birth. With late nights, loud cries, and changing diapers, Vicky's family helped prepare her through this monumental change. Vicky gave birth to her first daughter, Priscilla Rose Miller, on March 22, 1994 in West Palm Beach FL, at the age of 16. The father was somewhat involved in the beginning but also struggled to make ends meet, like Vicky. Vicky moved on from that relationship into another that would change her life forever. Vicky began a violent, toxic relationship that lasted a few years (which was way too long). This relationship would introduce many things into her life, like dancing, drugs, alcohol, and abuse, along with everything else that Vicky took to her grave. This older man took advantage of her age, predicament, and her past to manipulate and control her. Vicky's dad hated this man, who violated his daughter and put his granddaughter at risk.

At the age of 16, Vicky was introduced to topless dancing by her boyfriend to make money and provide for her daughter. While many would think this was illegal for her to be dancing underage, there was a loophole that allowed for it to occur according to a Palm Beach Post article from August 3, 1996. Not only was that distributing, but there was also a demand for it. This hiccup made it near impossible for police to enforce, because part of Florida's beverage laws

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allowed for 17-year-olds to be professional entertainers as long as they don't touch alcoholic beverages according to a Palm Beach Post article from August 7, 1996. Palm Beach County's ordinances banned anyone under 18 from working at those places, which caused confusion amongst police officers. Legislation finally caught up, which protected many children and teens. It's difficult to think how if the loophole was closed long before, that Vicky may still be alive. Her father would sometimes try to find her and remove her from the clubs, with little to no success. Vicky worked mainly in Palm Beach County at several different bars and clubs to help support her daughter. Vicky's old boyfriend did drugs and abused alcohol and often used up their money, which was difficult for Vicky to watch and also take care of her daughter. Due to her boyfriend's heavy influence, Vicky began abusing drugs and alcohol too. Money kept getting tighter and tighter, which meant more work to provide her boyfriend's habits and her daughter. We know that Vicky danced at the Peek a Boo lounge, Delucca's Gold Club, Tiffany's, Showtime, and Fantasy's along with others for a short time. Vicky was also arrested during this time in Palm Beach Gardens, but because she was a juvenile, it is unknown what she was charged with. Vicky took her daughter to her friends and family's if she had to work and wanted to make sure her daughter was safe (and more importantly NOT with her boyfriend). Between the drugs and alcohol, Vicky's boyfriend began getting extremely violent with her. Vicky was a fighter, and in the past, people had showed her ways of how to defend herself, but her boyfriend was much stronger. About a year and a half of dating, he was eventually arrested for domestic abuse against Vicky in September of 1995. After that incident, Vicky finally broke things off with him, for her safety, and her daughters. Sometime during this period of her life, Vicky gave birth to another daughter at age 17. The lack of details about her second child is because Victoria gave her up for adoption. I can't imagine what Vicky went through and how she not only coped with everything happening to her but also making tough decisions. She wanted to give both of her daughters an amazing, loving life and did everything she could to fulfill that promise. Vicky didn't want her baby girl in that hostile and violent environment with her boyfriend and managed to deal with giving birth and losing her daughter to give her a better life at the young age of 17. She didn't tell anyone who the father of her baby was out of fear of physical violence that may have taken place. This means that Vicky had to make the decision to give her up for adoption all on her own. Of course, she had support from her family of course, but the decision was hers ultimately. Vicky tried to do better for herself after ditching her abusive boyfriend to the curb. The difficult thing was that he continued to pursue her. It took a while for him to finally leave her alone. Her ex finally got the message and stopped harassing her in the beginning of 1996. Vicky was forced to grow up fast, to provide for her daughter. She had to make tough decisions in her teens. To drop out of Wellington High school, work to make money, providing for her daughter, giving up her daughter for adoption, and most amazingly breaking the cycle of violence and became a domestic violence survivor, only to be brutally bludgeoned to death. In the beginning of 1996, Vicky moved out and away from her ex-boyfriend to have a fresh start. At the time, Vicky was 18, but still struggling with alcohol and drugs. Vicky continued working

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at different gentleman's clubs and bars to make ends meet for her and her daughter. She kept bouncing from place to place and found herself in short relationships with men. Maybe Vicky had a hard time dealing with the abuse she endured and would cut off a relationship to prevent her from getting hurt again.

Maybe it was for different reasons, but we will never know because someone took that opportunity for her to tell us by murdering her. Vicky would sometimes live with her family off and on (and she could because she was 18). Sometimes she would live with boyfriends and even had her own apartment at one point. She worked a lot to support herself and her daughter at an early age, and I'm sure that wasn't easy for her. With her lack of stability from an early age coming from her past into her future, it was challenging for her to cope with this fast-paced life and painful trauma.

But Vicky was working through her hardships to make something of herself. She never got the chance to fully blossom into her full potential because someone didn't want to see what she could become. Other acquaintances and friends were given the opportunity to get sober, have healthy, loving relationships, have a family, grow through their immense trauma, and show what they're capable of, but Vicky was never given that chance. From childbirth, adoption, abuse, and addictions, Vicky had a tremendous amount of pain she went through. She will never see her daughters all grown up, never be there to support her sisters and other family, all because someone's agenda was more important (in their eyes) than her life. 18 short, trying years on this planet and still no justice after 24 years.

Next episode we'll talk about Vicky's last day alive, so you won't want to miss it. Vicky was a blonde hair, blue-eyed 18-year old who weighed approximately 125 pounds and was 5'7 at the time of her death. If you have any information about Vicky's homicide, you can anonymously report a tip at Palm Beach County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS (8477) or reach the Boynton Beach Police Department at GleicherJ@BBFL.US.

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