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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.

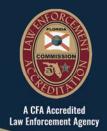
So last episode, we talked about Vicky's pregnancy, past relationship, and many of the hardships she faced before her death. Vicky was dancing to try and make ends meet for herself and her daughter while also struggling with substances. We've pretty much discussed what we know of her life leading up till the time she was murdered. A few months before she died, she got into an altercation with a bouncers girlfriend where she worked at. Besides that incident, she wasn't involved in much trouble before her death.

Vicky was working hard for her own apartment and was living in the basement that an acquaintance rented out to her. Due to a personality conflict with the owner, she was kicked out. On April 3, 1996, Vicky dropped her daughter off at an old classmate's house for what was supposed to be a week. The baby sitter received a phone call from Vicky three days later saying she "didn't want the baby anymore." Maybe because Vicky was kicked out and her living situation was up in the air, she didn't want to bring her daughter into an unsafe environment. She called Roy and Joann Miller, who worked out a way to take care of Priscilla while trying to get in touch with Vicky. Roy and Joann Miller paid Vicky's friend to babysit occasionally while they were at work and would care for Priscilla after work and on the weekends. Vicky's parents tried to find Vicky during this time because she wasn't usually gone no longer than a month, and wouldn't go without seeing her daughter for more than one day, so this was all very unusual for the Miller family.

Things in Vicky's life were drastically different from her typical lifestyle before her death. She was seeing different men, no steady relationships, didn't see her family and daughter, and was kicked out and sleeping wherever she could. Nothing about this was typical for Vicky. After going over a month without seeing Vicky, her family grew sick and scared for the well-being and safety for her. Joann Miller reported her daughter missing on May 10, 1996, which happened to be the same exact day she was killed, according to the medical examiner. Obviously, it's a very strange and sad coincidence that took place. Maybe Joann Miller had a gut feeling that something was terribly wrong. Moms usually do. It wasn't until police were able to identify Vicky using her fingerprints from her juvenile arrest a few days after she was killed that the Miller family had their world spun upside down.

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To protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation into Vicky's murder, the names of the people in this episode who saw her on her last day have been changed.

Now to fully understand how Vicky's last day went, we're going to start a week before she was murdered. In beginning of May of 1996, Vicky befriended a man who allowed her to stay at his house. They became very good friends, but his wife was very upset with him and led to his wife leaving him. Vicky's friend was distraught and heartbroken, and she comforted her friend through this difficult time. The wife claimed that Vicky was the main reason for the split but, her husband's actions played a large role in it as well.

We're going to start with Vicky's whereabouts on May 9, 1996. She was still living with her friend in Lake Worth. During the day, at her friend's house, he was arrested for violating parole, by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Vicky was extremely distraught at this point. She was totally alone in her friend's house, watching him get arrested.

At this point, she called a cab to take her to another male friend's apartment, we'll call him Mike, in Lake Worth near Bryant Park. Vicky had no money, no place to stay, and was trying to keep her composure, but it's difficult in a situation like that. Vicky arrived at Mike's place sometime between 7 and 8 o'clock in Lake Worth FL.

When she got to Mike's place, she didn't have money on hand for the cab, so she told the driver if he wanted, he could go to where she works one day and she'll get him the money. Vicky was hysterical at this point, and the cab just dropped her off without being paid. Mike's girlfriend, we'll call her Jennifer, answered the door and wouldn't let Vicky come in. Jennifer and Vicky never got along at all. I mean, Vicky had caused problems in the past for other people's relationships, but that was never fully Vicky's fault. All Vicky wanted is to be consoled after that situation, and Jennifer just escalated it.

At this point, Vicky was frustrated, extremely upset, and now angry. She wasn't going to take no for an answer. Vicky wasn't allowed inside by Jennifer, so she decided to go to the Gulf Stream Hotel in Lake Worth FL, where Mike worked. It was only a block away, so Vicky walked to the hotel to see if Mike was working. He was working, which helped Vicky out. She waited for him to get off work and started to calm down. Vicky had to wait til 9:30 for Mike to get off work and walk her back to his apartment. Vicky and Mike got back to his apartment and he let her in. I have no clue if Mike and Jennifer fought, if Vicky and Jennifer fought, or if everyone was okay or calmed down after the fact.

I just think things had to be somewhat awkward for the three of them. Mike invited people over and they all partied together at the apartment In Lake Worth FL. Things were especially awkward for Vicky because there were a few men that came that she dated briefly, plus the growing tension between her and Jennifer. Vicky and Mike headed to a payphone by the Gulf Stream Hotel at 10:11 PM. She had paged a drug dealer shortly before that and gave him a call. She wanted drugs but didn't have the money. She told him she was good for it, but he wouldn't sell her drugs unless he got something in return. Vicky declines her drug dealer's offer and her and Mike head back to the apartment. They arrive at Mike's apartment around 10:30 and continue to have fun at the party.

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At around 11:29 PM, she pages her drug dealer again. Vicky walks to the payphone with Mike. Now, they both waited by the same payphone for a while. Her drug dealer never called and so Vicky and Mike head back to the apartment and arrive around 1 a.m. on May 10, 1996. They were gone for an hour and a half which is a pretty long time considering the last trip to the payphone took about 20 minutes give or take. But a whole hour and a half? Did Mike's girlfriend grow suspicious? Did anyone harbor ill feelings towards Vicky? I don't know. Everyone at the party except for one or two people were either high, or drunk, or both; therefore, everyone's memory from that night is fuzzy. Allegedly, Vicky leaves at an unknown time. No one knew where she was going, what her game plan was, or if she even left. Vicky was never seen alive again.

Stay tuned for the next episode, where we talk more about Vicky's brutal murder, theories, and other details about the case. 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. This has been a production of the Boynton Beach Police Department. For transcripts of this podcast, photos, videos, and additional content, please visit our department website, BBPD.org, and follow us on Instagram at rosebud podcast. Thank you for listening