



# Report: Witness Prepared to Identify Two Killers of Seth Rich- U.S. Dept of Energy Involved



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**Disclaimer:** This shocking information was given to The Gateway Pundit this weekend. We decided to report this news and will post an update following Tuesday's press conference.



The Washington, D.C. lobbyist who has been on the hunt for Seth Rich's killer found a "credible" witness who will identify the two men he believes murdered the DNC staffer.

Jack Burkman, a Washington-based attorney and lobbyist who has worked with a private investigative team to solve the Seth Rich murder mystery, told *The Gateway Pundit* that the witness has conclusive evidence that will bring Rich's killers to justice within a month.

"We believe that we have reached the beginning of the end of the Seth Rich murder investigation," Burkman told *The Gateway Pundit* in an exclusive interview Sunday. "After two long hard years of work, we have a witness who is prepared to identify the two killers of Seth Rich. One is reportedly a current DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) agent, the other is reportedly a current ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives) agent"

The witness, who "fears for his life," will be accompanied by armed guards and disguise his identity as he details how two employees of the United States government killed Seth in a press conference slated for Tuesday.

*All press should attend my press conference TUESDAY at 1:00PM at the HOLIDAY INN Rosslyn Key Bridge. We will present a witness who brings us close to resolution in the Seth Rich case. #SethRich*

— Jack Burkman (@Jack\_Burkman) **July 8, 2018**

Frank Whalen, a retired NYPD Detective Sergeant NYPD who served as the head of NYPD Homicide for 23 years, found the witness, Burkman explained.

"We found him through working with a retired New York City detective, who found him and brought him to us. We have thoroughly vetted this witness and we believe in this witness," he said. "He has evidence that substantiates his claims but it will be revealed slowly. This witness is in great fear of his life – that's why we are going with disguising him, disguising his voice and everything about him."

Burkman, who has viewed surveillance footage from the night Rich was killed, says the witness' testimony confirms two men involved in the shooting.

“What the witness says matches what the police say and matches what we know from the surveillance videos,” he said. “The police let me see the video. The police said the video clearly identifies the pant legs of two men. So, there were two men involved in the killing that night. I now believe that in the next 3 to 4 weeks the entire matter will be resolved. It’s the beginning of the end.”



Jack Burkman

Rich, 27, was a DNC voter expansion data director for two years and had accepted a position with Hillary Clinton’s campaign. He was murdered in Washington, D.C., on July 10, 2016, near his apartment in an affluent neighborhood. Rich was **shot twice in the back with a handgun**, and his wallet, credit cards, watch and phone were left in his possession. The Metropolitan Police Department has described it as a “botched robbery.”

Private investigators have claimed there is evidence Rich was the source who provided WikiLeaks with thousands of bombshell emails that rocked the Democratic National Committee in the summer of 2016 just ahead of its convention and the 2016 election. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has also **insinuated** Rich was the source WikiLeaks used to obtain the emails.



The emails indicated the Democrat Party was manipulating the primary race in favor of Hillary Clinton and sabotaged the Bernie Sanders campaign, led to the resignation of then-DNC chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. On July 22, just 12 days after Rich's death and days before the Democratic Party Convention in Philadelphia, WikiLeaks released 20,000 emails from DNC officials.

**As Gateway Pundit reported,** Burkman was shot at and run over by the former U.S. Marine Kevin Doherty on March 13 who he hired to help him get to the bottom of the case. Doherty – **who claims he worked as a special agent and criminal investigator in the intelligence community** – was subsequently arrested by Arlington County police on charges of malicious wounding and use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

*There has been an arrest made in the attacks on me.*

*Thank... <https://t.co/ooii7WWL5K>*

*— Jack Burkman (@Jack\_Burkman) **March 20, 2018***

The witness informed Burkman that Doherty was well acquainted with the two government employees that killed Rich, but he was unaware Doherty worked as Burkman's lead investigator and tried to kill him earlier in the year.

"The witness himself didn't know that I had been shot by Kevin Doherty. Before we even told him that, he told us that Doherty was friends and palled around with the ATF agent and the DEA agent who shot Seth. That's why we think the witness is credible," he said. "There wasn't much coverage of my

shooting. The witness didn't see the coverage and didn't know. We didn't tell him, he told us before we told him."



Kevin Doherty (Courtesy: Arlington Co. Police Department)

"We believe that Kevin Doherty may have been a plant in my organization, to kill me and stop my investigation," he added. "He was carefully playing the role."

Despite nearly getting killed while investigating the Rich case, Burkman says he doesn't "live in fear" and neither should the witness.

"I now have armed guards all the time. And we will have even more armed guards at the press conference the place will be surrounded with private armed security," he said. "But once we start living in fear we might as well have Adolph Hitler in power. Once you live in fear, there's no reason to have won World War II."

Following the press conference, Burkman will hold a candlelight march to the spot where Rich was killed.

“I promised the Rich family that I would find their son’s murderer. Their son was a great patriot and a great young man and it is for that reason that I want to solve this murder,” Burkman said. “His heart was in the right place and I want to honor him. We are one big political fraternity. This could have happened to any of the young people who work for me, Republican or Democrat, I employ both. This could happen to anyone of those young people.”

Burkman has created, paid for and erected billboards in the neighborhood where Rich lived and died; built the website [WhoKilledSeth.com](http://WhoKilledSeth.com) and canvassed the neighborhood with Seth Rich’s parents. Last year, he **sued the Democratic National Committee** for the release of the hacked DNC server he claimed will reveal key information in solving the murder of DNC staffer Seth Rich.

The DC-based attorney has also offered a \$130,000 reward of his personal money for information leading to the arrest of Rich’s killer. WikiLeaks is offering \$20,000, One America News Network \$100,000, the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department \$25,000 and Businessman and investor Martin Shkreli \$100,000.

The DNC has yet to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest of the murderer of its own young staffer. The DNC honored its murdered employee by dedicating a bike rack outside its headquarters to Rich’s memory.



The press conference will be held at the Key Bridge Holiday Inn in Arlington, Virginia at 1:00PM.

A former Marine, who claims to have worked as a special agent with the Department of Energy, has been charged with shooting and running over Republican lobbyist Jack Burkman, who conducted a controversial investigation of former DNC staffer Seth Rich's murder.

Kevin Doherty, 46, was charged Monday with Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony and two counts of Malicious Wounding, according to [a press release](#) from the Arlington, Va, Co. police department.



Kevin Doherty (Courtesy: Arlington Co. police department)

The Washington Post **provided** more details about the attack, which was the second to befall Burkman over the past several months. An unidentified **assailant attacked** Burkman with pepper spray at his home in January.

Burkman was shot and run over March 13 at a Rosslyn Marriott hotel's parking garage. Burkman was there to retrieve what he thought were documents from an FBI whistleblower.

Doherty worked for Burkman on the Rich investigation until July 2017. Rich, a data analyst at the DNC, was murdered in Washington, D.C., on July 10, 2016, under mysterious circumstances. Doherty was an investigator on Burkman's Profiling Project, the group he formed to solve the Rich case.

Rich's death was initially described as a robbery gone wrong, but conspiracy theorists speculated he was killed due to involvement in stealing DNC emails eventually released through WikiLeaks. There is no evidence Rich was involved in handling DNC emails.

Burkman began working pro bono for Rich's family in late 2016. He has come under heavy criticism for circulating unfounded theories about Rich's death, including the Russian government was behind the killing. Burkman later claimed evidence suggested a serial killer murdered Rich.

Rich's family members have since distanced themselves from Burkman.

Burkman fired Doherty and sent him a cease and desist letter, he told The Post.

"He became somewhat angry because he thought the Profiling Project belonged to him," Burkman explained to The Post.

"I just figured the matter was closed," Burkman added. "But what happened is, I guess, he was simmering and simmering and simmering."

Doherty's LinkedIn page **lists him** as a former Marine and former special agent with the Department of Energy's Office of Special Operations. Until recently, he operated Virginia-based maritime security company Nexus Consulting. Numerous press articles quoted him as an expert in the field. Burkman's group **touted** Doherty's credentials in press releases about its Rich investigation.

Burkman moved away from the Rich investigation in recent months. His latest project involved a \$25,000 reward for information from FBI whistleblowers about bureau officials' handling of the Clinton email and Russia investigations.

It was for that project Burkman was visiting the Virginia parking garage. He believed he would be retrieving a Justice Department inspector general's report on former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, who was fired last Friday.

Burkman was told the papers were hidden under a cone in the garage, he said. But as The Post reports:

*Instead, when Burkman bent over to pull the papers out from under the cone, he was shot in the buttocks and thigh. As he ran out of the garage with his dachshund in his arms, he was hit by an SUV.*

The driver backed up and tried to hit him again, Burkman said to The Post.

“It looked like he was coming to kill me,” he told The Post.

Burkman did not learn Doherty was involved until he was in the hospital, when police identified his attacker.

Doherty is being held without bond.

The Department of Energy did not return a request for more information about Doherty’s work for the agency. The Arlington police department referred The Daily Caller News Foundation to the press release of Doherty’s arrest.

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