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Even Killers Need Love

Three days after Hurricane Ike rolled across our county, a woman's body was found in a field near Texas state Highway 35. But the body wasn't an Ike victim - she'd been dead about ten days. An autopsy found that the woman had been strangled. She didn't fit the profile of anyone reported missing in the hurricane. But she did fit the description of Jana Moffatt. .

When 19 year-old Erin Moffatt reported her mother Jana missing on September 7th of 2008, she told League City police that Jana Moffatt had left their trailer without her car, wallet, purse or medicine. Five days later, Ike made landfall. Investigators had been looking actively for the elder Moffatt, when they got a tip that she had died and that her daughter Erin had left the area and gone to Louisiana shortly after reporting her mother missing. Jana Moffatt's body was finally identified through dental records almost a month after her death.

A search of the Moffatt home turned up something, although police are still keeping the evidence under wraps. After the search, a warrant was issued for Erin Moffatt both in League City and in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, where Erin was arrested along with her boyfriend Michael Corey Lewis during the end of September, 2008.

Lewis' involvement in Jana Moffatt's death is uncertain, but at this point he is still being held without bond, charged with Evidence Tampering with a Human Corpse. Erin's bond on Murder and Evidence Tampering charges is over \$350,000. She has been sitting in the Galveston County Jail for 14 months.

While she's waiting to be tried for strangling her mother, Erin is looking for love. You can find her on the "Jailbabes" website (www.cowtowninfo.com) with a profile that reads in part: "My name is Erin Ashlyn Moffatt and I'm 20 years old. I'm a Gemini. Italian and Irish with brown hair and hazel green eyes! I'm very milky complected. People say that I have a beautiful face. I'm 5'2, 145 lbs. - petite - I was a dancer for 3 years before I became incarcerated, so I haven't put on too much weight while I've been here. I've already been here a year, awaiting trial ~ I'm not sure what's going to come from trial but whoever is the lucky man to snag me will be sure to know about it! I could be facing a few years, so I'm looking for someone who may want to have a long term relationship. I'm fun and spunky, loving, kind and giving! I'm also a great mother! I have a 3 1/2 year old little boy and he's my heart. While I'm here, he's with his father and I get to see him once a month! I'm single and available, wanting a friendship or more." (9-30-09)

Before being arrested, Erin had a different sort of web site at cpixel.com, with explicit photos and comments like this: "Whats up to all my niggas from the H that keep it real and dont hate.....but all you faget ass bitches need to move around cuz your breathin all the good air ya feel me?????? well if you dont know then now you do, my name is Ashlyn and you'll find me right out of the south west of Houston just stayin on my grind and always makin that money...respect the game and you'll get along way." (2-20-08)

Some lucky man is going to win the heart of this eligible young lady with the beautiful face accused of choking her mom to death and then mutilating the corpse. Good luck with that.



Lovelorn accused killer Erin Moffatt's booking photo and one from her profile at cpixel.com

Best & Worst Christmas Gifts for 2009

Christmas is a season of gift-giving and also of sweet revenge. It is the only time of year when we can give gifts to people as acts of vengeance or as simple pranks and get away with it.

For example, our editor, Mr. Hoyland, is an accomplished fisherman. Nothing would annoy him more than a copy of the book "Fishing For Dummies" available at Barnes & Noble. If you know someone who is a bear-hugging vegan, anything made of leather is sure to be a hit. For the racist on your list, nothing can compare to an Obama Yes We Can coffee mug, while bleeding heart liberals who are on your sh*t list will probably never recover from receiving a Bill O'Reilly Bobblehead doll. For the boss? Think Anger management tapes; Nose hair trimmer; Tube socks; Flip flops.

Nothing says "I don't give a damn" like an old fruitcake does, but there are other contenders for the lousiest Christmas gift. This year, many of us are going to get Snuggles. It's a gigantic Klan Klok worn backwards without the

pointy hood. How do you get the last laugh on someone who gives you a Snuggie? It turns out that Snuggles are made out of the same material that Sham Wows are. You can cut the Snuggie up into pieces and use them to wash the car!

Cheap chisellers will give out free one month memberships to the gym (they get them free) and Gideon Bibles. It's just wrong on so many levels to steal a Gideon Bible from a motel or hospital, then wrap it up and present it as a gift. When someone gives me a gift like that, I name a star after them, the gift that truly says "F.U."

Maybe the most ominous gift you can give or receive is a wreath. This is a floral arrangement that most often signifies grief and death. Thanks for giving me that.

Since Christmas is now over, I can pack it up with the rest of the holiday junk until next year. Unless I die, in which case they can use it on my casket! If somebody gives you a wreath, they are subconsciously expressing their wish to see you dead. You, however, should be less subtle. Give them a pair of wine glasses and a bottle of Prestone Antifreeze.

And just because you have a job with a Fortune 500 company, please resist the urge to give everyone gift cards from the place where you work. Nobody wants gift certificates from Mickey D's or Jack in the Box. Gift cards can be a great revenge gift however. For the devil-worshiper on your list, buy a gift card from one of those Bible bookstores. For the snob, a gift card from Dollar General will suffice. You might also get a low-value gift card for a very high-priced place. Imagine going to Neiman-Marcus with a \$10 gift card. There is exactly one item available for \$10 at Nieman-Marcus. It is a trial-size 4 oz. package of dog crap. Giving a gift card is automatically a slap in the face to the recipient, because you could have just given cash, which could be redeemed for valuable liquor or other essential items. You're effectively telling the recipient, "If I give you cash, you're probably going to buy dope with it, so here's a gift card from a place where you never shop, filled with items you probably don't want."

When you're at the checkout lane in the department store, you might notice packages containing a dozen lighters for two bucks. "What a deal! Eddie's a smoker, I bet he'd like that!" Wrong, unless Eddie is a crackhead and uses a new lighter every day. Even then, you should get him something he can pawn, unless you don't like Eddie, in which case you should buy him a trick-wallet that squirts water, something all of us need.

If you have a relative who sells Amway, Avon, or any of the other sell-at-home schemes, you will probably be getting what is left over of their unsold products disguised as holiday gifts. This may encompass anything from vitamins that cleanse your colon to gaudy costume jewelry a drag queen wouldn't wear on Halloween. Best payback for these folks? Most of them have positive mental attitudes. Bring 'em down a notch with a DVD of the most depressing film ever made, Beaches with Bette Midler. The movie a nine hour conversation between two women, one of whom is dying.

I have noticed that the past couple of years there are huge displays of bath gift baskets in all of the major department stores. These contain foaming bath fizzles, bath powder, shower gel, face remover, and other items in matching containers. For a little kid, preferably female, this is probably okay, but not for your wife or significant floozie. She won't use it anyway. The products are all crappy. Avoid these, unless you hate your wife, in which case you should buy her some Miss Piggy Bubble Bath, a pair of yellow sweat pants, or a big package of clothespins.

Another gift that I highly recommend for someone you hate is the Rubik's Cube. No matter what age they are or what sex, you will rob them of hours of their valuable time and ultimately acquaint them with the agony of failure. There can only be one short elusive moment of joy with a Rubik's Cube. But there is always a protracted span of despair and frustration. A painful gift to receive, and usually about 5 bucks, such a deal!

If you're buying a gift for a man in San Leon or anywhere south of the Mason-Dickinson Line, alcohol, tobacco and firearms are all considered acceptable. The menfolks in this part of the country do not want or need man-perfume, neckties, gourmet cheeses, chess sets, socks, underwear, or anything that comes with instructions.

When it comes to gift ideas for women, I consulted our resident expert, Dear Steve. He recommends giving vacuum cleaner bags, cleaning products, inexpensive imitation perfumes, a new scaling knife to clean fish with, and of course sexy lingerie to wear while cleaning the fish. Also if you really love her and have a big yard, a new push mower. Steve says jet mops are also quite popular this year, and recommends buying the cheap kind so you will have more money left over to buy bait with...

Merry Christmas and Happy Gifting.... GATOR & STEVE



Bayside Lions presented the Carson & Barnes Circus last month at the Spillway Park. The giant circus put on their greatest show ever to a capacity crowd. Young and old marveled at the elephants, trapeeze artists, clowns & more.

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