

# CHASE

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Miller testified that in the weeks after Adam was reported missing, he and Adam's family started to suspect foul play. That led him to show up unannounced at the Mott Road home on July 28, 2012, when he asked Rose if he could look in the trunk of Adam's car and she consented.

"I wanted to see if Adam was in there ... but he was not," Miller said.

Miller said when he asked Chase if he could look inside the home, she started to tremble.

"She said I could go inside the house, but not the basement. She told me it was flooded because of a broken sump pump," Miller said. "I told her 'Rose, we've had a dry summer. It shouldn't be flooded' ... but she wouldn't let me go through it."

However, Miller said after looking through other areas of the home, he asked Chase if he could look down the steps of the basement and she eventually consented to him going down there. He said an odor was noticeable after he took about three steps down.

"I could smell death. My nose ran and I could smell death," Miller said. "It smelled like something dead was down there. She said a lot of dead animals were down there."

Miller testified that acting on a tip from a member of Adam's family, he looked

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— RODNEY MILLER

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR TESTIFYING AT THE ROSE CHASE TRIAL

inside a freezer in the basement and found nothing. He did not search the rest of the basement.

Under questioning by District Attorney R. Michael Tantillo, Miller testified that the case broke open Dec. 13, when he conspired with a woman — Sandy Armison — who took care of the Chases' 4-year-old son, Trysten. At the time, Miller said he was convinced Adam died in his home and Chase hid the body in their basement.

"I called Sandy asking if she would play a game with Rose," Miller said.

Under the plan, Miller said Armison told Chase — who had gone to Armison's home to pick up her son — there was breaking news in the case and police were expecting to make an arrest soon. Miller admitted it was a ruse.

"I was running out of options," he said. "That was the last one I had."

Armison, who also testified Wednesday, said Chase's demeanor changed suddenly when she was told the "news."

"She walked through the door very happy ... but she went from being happy to white as a ghost," Armison testified. "She said 'Oh my

God. Sh--.' She was trembling like a leaf."

Armison said she called Miller after Chase left.

"I told him to get over to Rose's house. She's unraveling," Armison said.

Miller said when he got to the Chase home, Rose was sitting on the porch steps with her head in her hands, and he continued what he admitted was a bluff.

"I told her I had some news about her that she wasn't gonna like," he said. "I told her I had enough evidence for a [murder] indictment."

Miller said he continued to talk to her and she eventually confessed.

"I told her 'I've had enough. This is killing me and it's killing [you]. You are never going to have peace,'" he testified. "I asked where [Adam] was buried, and she said 'I didn't bury him.' She said 'I took him to my mother's and burned Adam.' She told me she took him piece by piece."

Miller testified that his first call after the confession went to Adam's mother, Silvia. He then called the sheriff's department.

"I called Silvia first. I kept my promise," Miller

testified while choking back tears. "I promised the Chases that when I found Adam, I would call them first."

Miller said sheriff's office deputies and investigators went to Mott Road after he called them. Police later took Chase to her mother's home in Potter, where they found Adam's charred remains.

In a three-hour interview at the sheriff's office after the remains were found, Chase admitted Adam fell down the stairs and she made up the story about him leaving home on his own. A video of that interview, in which Chase describes Adam's death as an accident, will be played for the jury.

Also testifying Wednesday was Mark Broadhurst, who said he had an affair with Chase that started in April 2012. Police said the argument that led to Adam's death started because of a cellphone photograph of Broadhurst kissing Chase in Canandaigua several days before; the photo was taken by a friend of Adam's sister.

Broadhurst testified that until Chase was arrested, he assumed Adam was still missing. He said he moved into the Mott Road home in August 2012 and was told not to go into the basement.

"Until I found out on the 13th of December, I didn't know Adam was dead," Broadhurst said. "Rose told me she was responsible for Adam's death, but it was an accident."

Miller, however, said he

was in the home when Chase broke the news to Broadhurst, but didn't tell him it was an accident.

"She never said it was an accident in front of me," Miller testified.

Under cross-examination from Chase's attorney, Public Defender Leanne Lapp, Miller admitted he was fired as a deputy in 1986, after six years with the department. Miller said he was accused of incompetence and insubordination, as well as other charges.

"You name it, they threw it at me," he said.

Miller pulled no punches when Lapp asked him about the investigation by the sheriff's office, noting Adam's family was also critical of the police work.

"I know a lot of mistakes were made in this investigation ... if there was any

[investigation] at all," he said.

Miller testified that he twice went to the home of Sheriff Phil Povero and spoke with him about the case, and at one point was rebuffed by the lead investigator in the case, Lee Martin.

"He more or less told me to mind my own business," Miller said. "I think anyone who knows me knows I have no love for the sheriff's department."

Chase, 31, faces charges of second-degree murder, tampering with physical evidence and endangering the welfare of a child. The latter charge alleges Chase had her son in her car while she took the body parts to Potter.

Chase is in the county jail in lieu of \$100,000 bail or \$200,000 bond.

# VFW

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has devoted many hours to the investigation.

However, police cannot proceed until the VFW completes a forensic audit, he said.

Until that happens, "They have no idea how much is missing," said Det. Brian Choffin, who is handling the investigation. "We've asked for that time and time again. We've been assured it will be done."

The post is looking for an accountant to do the audit, Fox said.

Meanwhile, he said, the post cannot recover the money from its bonding company because the company was not notified about the missing funds in time. That deadline had passed by the time he returned to the Geneva post.

The money disappeared at a bad time for the post. Like many veterans organizations, the Geneva VFW has been coping with membership issues.

"We have an aging membership," Fox said. "At least 60 to 70 percent is World War II, Korea."

The VFW building, which the post bought in 1947, is aging, too.

At the bare minimum, Fox said the 120-year-old building needs a new coat of paint, which would cost at least \$14,000.

"While we're looking for a new building, we still have to keep this building maintained and up to code," he said.

Two years ago, the VFW received a purchase offer on the building, Fox said. However, the post had to turn it down because it had nowhere else to go.

The same issue will arise if the post decides to try selling the building again. Fox said the veterans might look for a smaller existing building, or, if their finances permit, build one.

Whatever happens, Fox said, "We're not going to go bye-bye."

Moving might have practical as well as financial advantages, he said. The current post is located in a residential area, making noise an issue at late-night events. To thrive, however, the post needs to attract new members, and that means holding events they will enjoy, Fox said.

The post also wants to raise enough money to return to its charitable

roots. Before 2010, the post donated to many local causes, including the Salvation Army, the Special Olympics and other fire departments. Its color guard still serves at veterans' funerals.

"It's more than just a bar," Fox said. "You don't sit in here and tell war stories."


## VFW fundraiser

GENEVA — The VFW will hold a country-and-western jamboree fundraiser from 1 to 7 p.m. Oct. 20 at its North Street lodge.

The event will include a \$10-per-person chicken barbecue from 1 to 3 p.m. and performances by five or six bands. Just Us will be the host band.

Veterans will be admitted free, and there will be a \$5 cover charge for everyone else. Free hamburgers and hot dogs will be served from 3 to 7 p.m.

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