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DAVE O'MALLEY:

shortly into it, it popped straight to the methamphetamine thing.
20/20 NARRATOR. Nov. 26, 2004 — This is 20/20.

The story of Matthew Shepard garnered national attention when the attack was characterized as a hate crime. But Shepard's killers, in their first interview since their convictions, tell 20/20 that money and drugs motivated their actions that night, not hatred of gays.

While McKinney and Henderson admit to killing Shepard, both men now say the real story is not what it seemed.

JAN LUNDHURST. It was very shocking to me to see that.

NARRATOR. Laramie resident Jan Lundhurst.

JAN LUNDHURST. They were interviewing the murderers after they'd been in prison for many years, and I thought, well, yeah, you can change your story however you want to now. They completely changed what they had said in their confessions.

DAVE O'MALLEY. It angered me more than anything the things they DIDN'T say — the things they left out. I mean how do you come in and a), lie to me, but b), put a piece together that's based solely on meth-heads from the Buckhorn Bar and two convicted murderers. And I'm just goin', "Holy Crap!" (*Holding up the email.*) After they left I found a hard copy of an email from Glenn Silber to Elizabeth Vargas, and I can give you a copy of it, it said:

GLENN SILBER. "Although Dave is a highly skilled investigator and was the key to solving the crime quickly, he fell into the hate crimes motivation early and our piece will ultimately discredit that flawed theory."

DAVE O'MALLEY. And I read that and I went these assho — excuse me ... I — get a little angry. These guys sit in my house ... and lie to me. And Silber drives all the way back to Colorado and our phone rings and he says:

~~GLENN SILBER~~ "Uhh ... Did we leave anything there?"

DAVE O'MALLEY. And I said, "Yeah and my wife has already scanned it and sent it to Judy Shepard, and she sent it to her attorney in D.C. and you can come back and get it if you want to." And he drove all the way back from Denver and — I — I — I'm not a violent individual but I really did want to choke him. (*Beat.*) And we used to watch 20/20 every week ...

JIM OSBORNE. Some folks here in Laramie want to find any excuse as to why this happened.

NARRATOR. Jim Osborne, friend of Matthew Shepard.

JIM OSBORNE. They want to write this murder off. And a big

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