

## Kurt Cobain-Murder or Suicide?

On the morning of April 8, 1994 at 9:37am, the phone rang in the studio of Seattle's KXXR radio. The DJ, Marty Reimer, picked up the phone and was greeted by the words, "You're going to owe me some pretty good Pink Floyd tickets for this one."

It was the dispatcher for a local security firm with the information that an employee, Gary Smith, had just had a glimpse of the body of Kurt Cobain sprawled out on the floor in a room at his Lake Washington estate. The dispatcher phoned the radio station before notifying the police and within an hour the world heard the devastating news. The voice of a generation was dead. For millions April 8, 1994 became a day as important as November 22, 1963, August 16, 1977 and December 8, 1980- the days that JFK, Elvis and John Lennon died.

Kurt Donald Cobain was born on February 20, 1967 to Donald Cobain and Wendy Fradenburg, in the dreary town of Hoquiam. His mother was a cocktail waitress and his father an auto mechanic. The family soon moved to the nearby depressed and dying logging town of Aberdeen. Kurt lived there with his parents and younger sister, Kim.

His aunt introduced him to music at a young age. At the age of seven Kurt's life took a drastic turn. His parents divorced and he was forced to look at the world in a different light.

As the home situation got worse, Kurt was ferried between houses staying with different family and friends. He even spent a night sleeping under a bridge. Kurt had, by this time, become very alienated from other people and life; he was very detached and emotionally inward he had few friends at school as people thought he was either weird or gay.

Kurt knew that Punk rock was going to be his escape. A way out of the life he hated with despair. By the time Kurt was fifteen he had already learned to play the guitar so forming a band with the help of his close friend Krist Novoselic was a natural progression.

Nirvana was born.

Kurt's band Nirvana began to reach a local audience and as it's cult following grew across America and the world Kurt started to feel more and more isolated. He very rarely got to spend time with the people who had come to mean so much to him as he grew up through those troubled early years.

Kurt hated the fame. He was a humble person and felt that the lifestyle he was being forced to lead went against everything he believed in and stood for.

Kurt spent most of his life in depression, with the exception of a few years in the early 90's. This was reflected in his music.

All the touring and pressure got to Kurt in the end and he became ill. His mother had suffered from stomach pains in her early twenties and Kurt began to suffer from the same illness. He was sick of feeling ill all the time and took the only thing that would stop the pain. Kurt fell victim to heroin.

Then Kurt met Courtney. Courtney Love became a huge part of Kurt's life in a relatively short space of time. Kurt's life took a sudden extreme change.

They got a place together, got married and had a child, Frances Bean Cobain. The relationship looked perfect from the outside, but most of the people who knew them said that Courtney was using Kurt, playing on his sensitivity.

She had had an appalling upbringing with heroin use going back to when she was fifteen. She was an extremely violent person, ruthless and crazy in some of her

actions towards other people. Kurt and fame gave her power and the stepping stone she needed to get to the top.

When Nirvana were doing their world tour 1993, the last tour they would ever do, Kurt was interviewed backstage by Guitar World magazine. Kurt didn't know it then but this would become one of the most famous interviews in music history. Later hailed as the 'lost interview' it was only published in 1998, four years after Kurt's death. The interview showed a different side of Kurt to what people expected, he was in high spirits and content with life. He is quoted as saying he hadn't been this happy since he was seven, before the family break-up. He spoke wisely about his 'past' battle with heroin addiction and how he viewed life differently once in love.

Kurt was in Rome for his birthday (he was celebrating his birthday late on March 4th) with Courtney and Frances. One minute the happy family were in their hotel room, the next they were in hospital after Kurt washed down fifty Rohypnol tablets with two bottles of champagne. The weird thing was that Kurt didn't drink alcohol.

Kurt Cobain left a drug rehab centre in Marina Del Ray, California on April 1st 1994 and was later reported missing. He was found dead just seven days later. The police concluded that it was a suicide, that Kurt had shot himself after getting high on heroin, but a few things didn't add up.

1. Courtney Love was facing a divorce. Kurt was in the process of leaving Courtney and leaving Seattle when he was found dead.

Courtney knew that Kurt wanted out of the marriage. Just weeks before his death, she asked one of her attorneys to get her the "meanest, most vicious divorce lawyer she could find."

2. Somebody was using Kurt's credit card. One of Kurt's credit cards was missing when his body was discovered. Someone was attempting to use the missing card after Cobain died but attempts stopped once the body was discovered. That card has never been found.

3. Kurt was in fear of his life. The shotgun found at the scene was purchased before Kurt left for rehab in Los Angeles, not after he fled the rehab as reported by misinformed media sources.

The shotgun was fully loaded with three shells. It was purchased and loaded for protection, not suicide. The police claim that there were no legible fingerprints on the shotgun. The truth is, the shotgun was not even checked for fingerprints until May 6th; nearly one month after Cobain's body was found.

4. There was no "suicide" note. The note found at the scene by the police was immediately labelled as a suicide note. The police report states Cobain apparently wrote it to his wife and daughter explaining why he killed himself. But this note was not addressed to Kurt's wife and daughter and it says nothing about killing himself. This note was clearly to Kurt's fans telling them he was quitting the music business. There was only a short footnote to Courtney and Frances and several handwriting experts have questioned the handwriting in those lines.

5. Courtney had another note she kept in secret. Courtney Love was in possession of another note after Kurt's body was found. She didn't tell anyone about this second note until several months later when information about it slipped out in an interview with 'Rolling Stone' magazine. The second note, the one that Courtney kept secret, clearly defies the first one, which was found at the scene of Kurt's death. The second note clearly states that Kurt was leaving Seattle and leaving Courtney, not leaving the planet.

6. Cobain was injected with three times the lethal heroin dose. Kurt's heroin, (morphine), blood level was 1.52mgs per litre. This would require a minimum injection of 225mgs of heroin; three times a lethal dose, even for a hardcore heroin addict. The drug diazepam was also found in Cobain's blood system.

Of course all this information makes you ask questions. Such as, if Cobain injected himself with a deliberate heroin overdose, why would he also shoot himself in the head with a shotgun, leaving his baby daughter- the love of his life- with horrific visual images to remember him by? Why not just 'go to sleep' on the overdose and never wake up?

Based on the heroin (morphine) blood levels found in Cobain's body, preliminary research indicates Kurt Cobain would have been immediately incapacitated. He could not have picked up that shotgun. He could not have pulled that trigger.

Many people do not know Kurt Cobain, even if they have heard his name on the radio or in a bar, they would never know the real person, his real story. I feel unhappy when I hear people say his name and relate to an image of death, depression and self-hatred. Nothing can be further from the truth. This is what Courtney has done and for that she will go to Hell.

Kurt Donald Cobain was a truly sensitive, emotional person. The people who knew him say that he was a caring father and never shouted, raised his fist or hurt a thing. He was considerate of people's feelings to a point where he lost control of his own. He felt incredible guilt for being famous. While Courtney wanted a mansion Kurt wanted a shelter, Courtney wanted a big expensive car and Kurt wanted a walk. They had different priorities in life.

Kurt's story was not meant to end when it did. I feel his life was cut short and the world lost one of the greatest talents it has ever had. Kurt Cobain tried to change the world; he had a vision of a perfect, pure society and felt extraordinary guilt about the fact that he couldn't change things. People were ruthless and he couldn't handle that. It makes me unhappy to think that most people don't know his story. A story of life, love, courage and tragedy. I believe that one-day justice will be done. I think that everybody can learn something from the story of Kurt Donald Cobain and maybe even relate to it in some way. I just wanted to give people the chance to know the real man behind such a sad existence.

Kurt's death left a child without a father.

A father to cautiously watch her leave on her first day of school.

A father to rave about her first love to.

A father to hold her when her heart is broken.

A father who feels cast aside because his little girl is growing up and going to the prom.

A father who beams with pride when her date arrives because he realises his little girl is now a young lady.

A father who shows pride and cautious optimism when his daughter graduates and starts her new life.

Countless seconds of love that last an eternity.

Frances Bean Cobain will never know this love from a man who should never have been taken from her.

I was only five years old when Kurt Cobain died yet since discovering Nirvana around three years ago. I have begun to realise just how much Kurt and Nirvana redefined music in America, England and the world. The story of Kurt Cobain is one of sorrow and undeniable happiness. A rough childhood made Kurt the icon he is today and goes to show how much he is missed. I can't begin to imagine the pain his daughter feels knowing she will never again get to hear his voice or look into those piercing blue eyes.

Kurt inspired millions of people. Without him, music today would not be half as good. Whether you like Nirvana or not you cannot disagree with Kurt Cobain being one of the world's biggest rock stars.

Hardly anyone knows what happened on the day that Kurt died. One of the few people who do know is keeping her mouth firmly shut. But Courtney needs to speak out. For the sake of herself, Kurt's army of loyal fans and for the sake of an eleven year old girl named Frances Bean who will one day hear some ugly rumours about how her daddy died and she deserves to know the truth.

Kurt Cobain's death sparked sixty-eight copycat suicides across the world.

Courtney owes the truth to the families of those sixty-eight lost souls.

Kurt created music. Music that will be around forever in our hearts.

Kurt Cobain will never die.

Kurt did change the world.

Ten years on from Kurt's death the world is still in mourning. Thousands of young teenagers are still discovering Nirvana and the legacy Kurt Cobain left behind. There's still people wanting to fight for justice about Kurt's untimely death. One of these people is California State licensed private investigator, Tom Grant, one of the most influential people investigating this case. As long as more people are discovering the genius of Kurt Cobain then the closer we get to the truth.

One day that eleven-year-old girl named Frances Bean, who is the spitting image of her father, will learn what happened on April 5th, 1994.

There is no doubt that Kurt was murdered. Whether he was murdered at the hands of a society he could not deal with or murdered by a person is another thing.

But Kurt Cobain was murdered. And one-day justice will be done.

I don't want to see that little girl grow up in denial about her father's death.

Courtney Love now has several drug charges to her name and Frances now has to live with Kurt's mother, Wendy. Wendy was the one person Kurt never wanted Frances to go to and I believe Kurt would rather Frances be dead then living with Wendy or Courtney who are unable to give her a stable, supportive and loving home.

Is this the sort of life you'd want for your eleven-year-old girl?

Would you want your son to die and the case never to be investigated properly because the Seattle police thought they'd be wasting their time?

Would you want to grow up not knowing what happened to your own father?

Would you want Frances to know the truth?

Kurt Cobain deserves justice!