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Rosendo Rodriguez Takes Lie Detector Test

Confessed killer Rosendo Rodriguez was strapped down on Tuesday for a polygraph test. The 26-year-old, who has admitted to killing 29-year-old Summer Baldwin, recently confessed to murdering 16-year-old Joanna Rogers.

Investigators were hoping to shed some light on whether Rodriguez confessed to the crime to avoid the death penalty or if he really committed the crime.

After six hours of trying to find the truth from Rodriguez, the tester and investigators emerged from the Lubbock County Sheriffs Office. They would not comment on the case.

More than a month ago, Rodriguez confessed via videotape to killing Rogers, stuffing her body in a suitcase, with her clothes in another, and dumping them in separate dumpsters.

The admission of guilt, however, still has Rogers' parents, Joe Bill and Kathy, skeptical.

"Rosendo never told me (he did it)," he says. "What I see I believe, what I know I believe, not because somebody tells me something."

Kathy is concerned Rosendo's revelation was to reach a deal.

"I don't know that life in prison is a good deal, but he might not be telling us everything that happened, but if it brings Summer and Joanna closer to justice, then yes," she says.

Justice could also be served if Joanna's body is found. Rosendo says it's in the landfill. The Rogers have some reservations.

"If I knew my daughter was there, I would be searching it with a teaspoon," says Joanna's dad.

"If they would be willing to dig, what a greater gift," says Kathy.

So far, there has been no advancement into searching the landfill, and that is okay with the Rogers.

"I'm certainly not against it, but it is dangerous," says Joe Bill. "It's like finding a needle in a haystack. If people in the community want it, I'm with the community on that."

With closure seeming to be closer, the Rogers say they're ready.

"If he was responsible for her disappearance, then her getting justice he deserves. If he's doing it to avoid death for life in prison, I still have the option of her being alive. So either way, I'm not losing much on the deal," says Kathy.

These new details come just a day before the two-year anniversary of the

disappearance of Jennifer Wilkerson. She would be 28. Still, there are no suspect and limited leads in her disappearance.

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