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# THE AMERICAN TRAGEDY



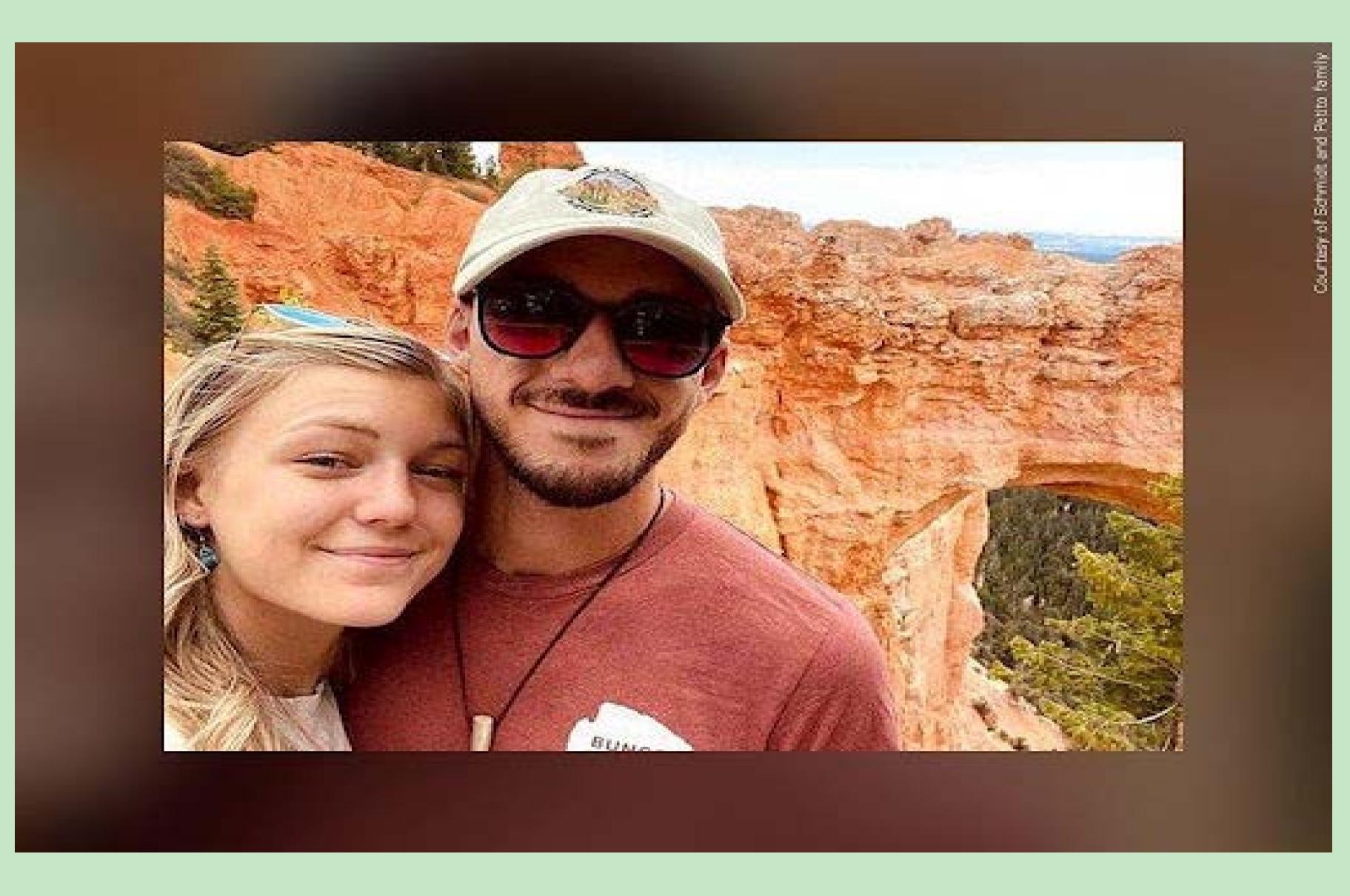
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It is a mystery case of Gabrielle Venora Petito (March 19, 1999 – late August 2021), an American woman who along with her fiancé, Brian Laundrie, planned for a four-month cross-country road trip in their van. They started their journey in early July 2021. This case captured the great attention of the whole world as Gabby was a travel influencer, who was active around all sorts of social media (Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, etc). This case is also known as the American Tragedy. Almost after two months of travel, Brian Laundrie came back to his native. It's been so strange that this case remains unsolved.

- Gabby and Brian began their journey on July 4th, 2021.
- On August 12, an unknown man called 911 to Moab, Utah Police, and reported about the dispute between the influencer and her fiancé which he had witnessed. Later police reached the spot and interrogated them; all that footage was recorded by a body camera.
- Gabby was crying; she was uncomfortable as well and she explained her struggles with mental health.
- Brian was also questioned about those visible scratches over his face and arm for which he told that those were made by Gabby with her

### phone.

From the interrogation, police simply concluded that it was not a case of domestic violence, it was just because of mental and emotional stress.
Police insisted Brian stay in a hotel that night and Gabby went back to their van.



- Till 25th August she posted pictures and videos about the trip but later no more posts.
- On September 1st Brian returned to North Port, FL in their van without her and later he went for a hike in a wildlife reserve in Florida.
- Ten days later Gabby's parents reported her missing
- On September 15th Brian's attorney stated that neither Brian's family nor he would speak on any matters regarding this case.
  But on September 17th police went to Brian's house to question his parents, but it was of no use because they were worried about their son's missing.
  Later on September 19th after a long search over Bridgerton National Forest in Wyoming police found human remains. The report shows that the person died 3 -4 weeks before.

According to Teton County Coroner's Officer – Dr. Brent Blue, the manner of death is homicide (1st-degree murder) and the cause of death is strangulation. Laundrie's remains were found on a Florida nature preserve one month after Petito's body was found. His reports show a clearcut suicide (he shot himself).

## CONCLUSION

This case would not have happened as such if the police would not have made those unintentional mistakes during the interrogations. As well as even if Brian's family had informed the police about any clues that they knew about Gabby's missing. If such had happened it could be a turning point for the case.

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