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**A RUNAWAY CASE OR FOUL PLAY? '20/20' EXPLORES THE MYSTERIOUS
DISAPPEARANCE OF ALISSA TURNEY**

**Two-Hour Program Features Interview With Michael Turney After Recent Acquittal on Charge
He Murdered Alissa Turney, Building on Original ABC News Coverage of the Case**

**Program Also Includes Exclusive Interviews With the Lead Detectives on the Case, Son of
Michael Turney, and Attorneys Who Worked on Prosecution and Defense**

'20/20' Airls on Friday, July 18 (9:01-11:00 p.m. EDT), on ABC, Next Day on Hulu

When 17-year-old Alissa Turney disappeared on the last day of her junior year, it initially looked like a classic runaway case — there was even a goodbye note. But over time, authorities grew suspicious that something more sinister had happened. “20/20” explores the twists and turns of the case, including a false confession from a serial killer, the discovery of pipe bombs, and a murder trial acquittal, building on original ABC News reporting from when Alissa disappeared in 2001.

The two-hour program features an interview with Alissa’s stepfather, Michael Turney — recently acquitted of murdering Alissa — whose 2009 interview with ABC News authorities played a key role in the investigation and his trial. As authorities continue to look for answers over two decades after her disappearance, the program also includes exclusive interviews with Stuart Somershoe and William Anderson, the lead detectives on the case; James Turney, son of Michael Turney; true crime podcaster Ottavia McHenry, who covered the case; and attorneys who worked on the prosecution and defense. “20/20” airs on **Friday, July 18 (9:01-11:00 p.m. EDT)**, on ABC, next day on [Hulu](#). (Rebroadcast. OAD: 9/15/23)

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