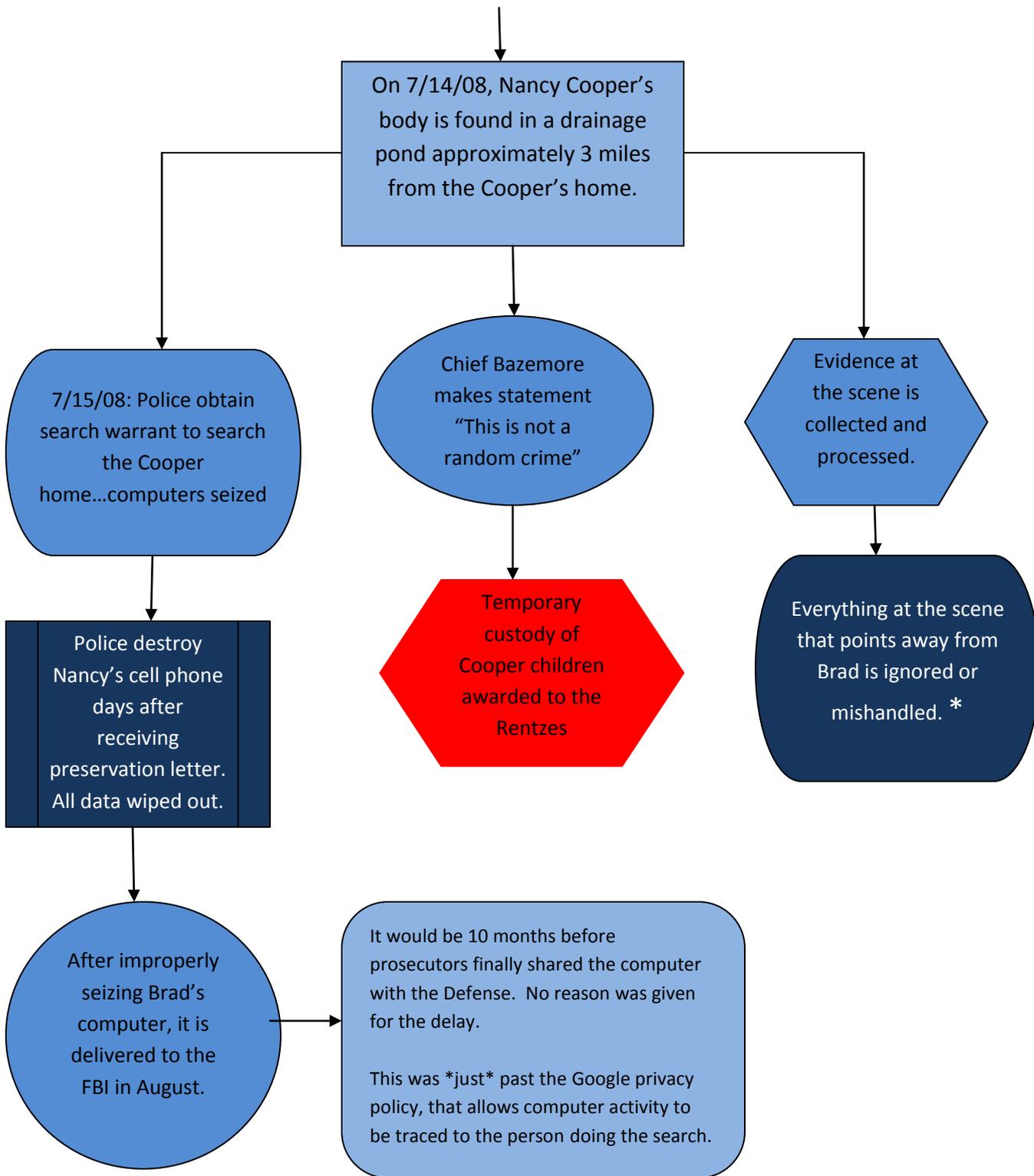


*In the early days, Nancy's friends filled out affidavits painting Brad as a bad husband and father. The goal of Nancy's divorce attorney was to remove the children from Brad and award temporary custody to Nancy's family. Even though there is no evidence that Brad ever harmed Nancy or the children and no claim that Nancy was ever afraid of Brad, Judge Sasser awarded custody to Nancy's family. Losing the children would give everyone the impression that they must suspect him of the murder. There was nothing indicating that to be true. There still isn't any evidence linking him to the murder.



*** The freshest tire tracks led right up to the body – they were never cast in an attempt to identify the type of vehicle.**

Footprints right near Nancy's head were not cast. It is known that the tire tracks and footprints did not match Brad's. They never pursued the evidence for that reason (imo).

Entomology specimens were improperly stored in a locker for 2 weeks and very few survived. Had more survived, the time of death could have been much more precise and possibly even eliminated Brad as a possible suspect.

Cigarette butts and wires found at the scene were collected, but not tested until 2 years later.

October, 2008: Brad Cooper is arrested and remains in custody as police continue investigating. Trial does not begin until February 2011.

State's case

Brad's affair
Lots of hearsay about financial control
Lots of fabricated evidence and unfounded "coincidences"
Allegation of a spoofed phone call
Alleged Google search of Fielding Drive (location where Nancy's body was found)

NONE of the state's theory was proven. Not the spoofed call and not even the Google search.

Key highlights and rulings

Judge refused to allow defense experts to testify about computer tampering findings.
Judge refused to order State to provide discovery on computer related evidence.
Judge allowed the State to present hearsay from dozens of witnesses.
Judge allowed prejudicial information about BC – entire deposition, old love letters not related to the case, and more.
Judge displayed bias throughout the trial that was clear to all, and likely influenced the jury.

Verdict: Guilty

Defense case

16 witnesses believed they may have seen NC that morning.
An obvious alternate suspect was never investigated.
Police destroyed evidence and ignored any leads pointing away from BC
Experts had evidence computer "search" was planted.

While the initial jury vote was 2G, 2 NG, 10 undecided. somehow the outcome was 12G. The jury foreman stated it was largely based on the Google search.

- The most important evidence, the only evidence linking Brad to the murder was the Google search files. None of the investigators did anything to verify that Brad was the one who did the search, even though they knew the proper procedures to procure this. They could have verified it through Google by sending them a subpoena OR they could have verified it through the Cisco routers since it would have been on their server.
- Not only was there no Google cookie found for that date....there was not even a deleted cookie, which should have appeared on the MFT had someone deleted it.
- Search results for museums and power washing were found the following date, July 12th and investigators state that “that was done to show everything was normal, that he was going about his day business as usual.” If this is true and he’s conscious of his computer activity...WHY would he search for the location to dump a body one day prior? He wouldn’t.
- All of the circumstantial “evidence” and “coincidences” were nothing more than misleading fabrications. There was no substance to any of it. For example, the State was unable to prove that that Brad spoofed a call that morning. If Nancy called Brad at 7AM, their theory falls apart. They HAD to convince the jury that the call was fake. They failed to do so. We should not be convicting people on “could haves”, but that’s what happened in this case.