

Andrea Yates

Postpartum depression/psychosis & a failed mental health system

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2000-
Pregnant
with Mary

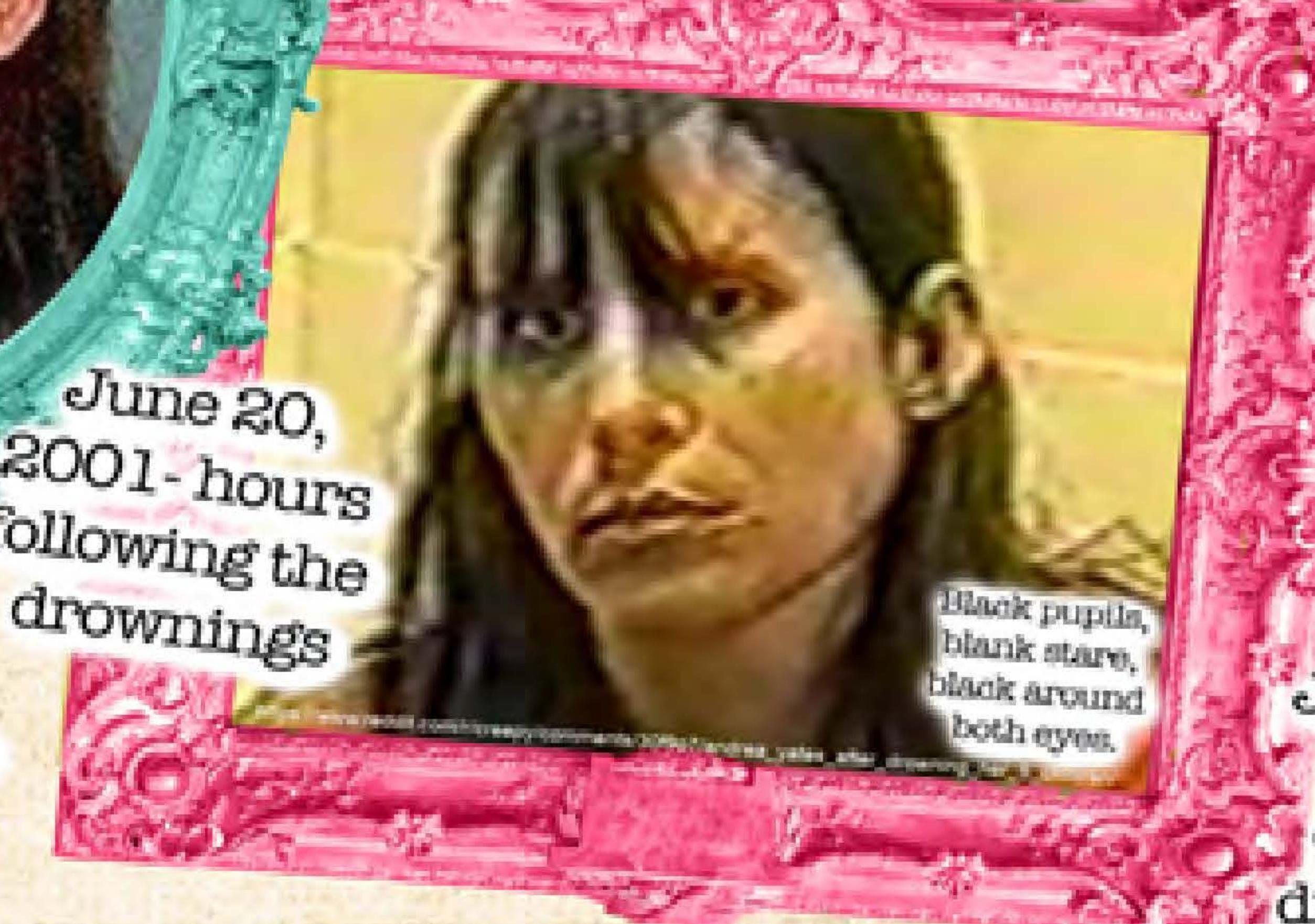
Andrea was literally pumped full of medications to bring her to a level of competency to withstand trial for what she committed while insane.

The State of Texas spent over 1 Million dollars to prosecute Andrea.

April 2, 2001, Andrea's doctor, Dr. Mohammad Saeed, requested her court ordered commitment to Austin State Hospital. Rather than having Andrea committed to a state hospital, Rusty convinced her to voluntarily sign herself into Devereux. Had Andrea been placed in the state hospital, her stay would not have been limited to health plan maximums. After 12 days at Devereux, she was again discharged into her family's care.

a few facts I discovered in my research

June 20,
2001 - hours
following the
drownings



1986-1994 Andrea worked as a Registered Nurse at Houston's famous MD Anderson Cancer Center

June 4, 2001- Dr. Saeed ordered Andrea to discontinue haladol and did not prescribe another antipsychotic medication. She was also taking 450 mg of Effexor and it is not to be reduced but by 75 mg every 3-4 days. Dr Saeed reduced her dosage by 150 mg in one day. Two days later, her children were dead.

Andrea resides at Kerrville State Hospital in Kerrville, Texas

After days of observing Andrea, talking to her family, and examining more than 2,000 pages of records from doctors, nurses, therapists and social workers, the answers become clearer. The fact that the murders of Noah, John, Paul, Luke and Mary Yates might have been prevented if even one thing had gone right.

