THE SCOTT ROGERS CASE

a timeline of events



1995 1996 2000 2014

SUFFOLK COUNTY, ENGLAND – Accusations emerge that Scott Rogers (then Richard Scott Rogers) molested a 13–year–old pupil 2 years prior. Rogers was running a dance school at the time

DALLAS, TEXAS — Rogers is acquitted by a jury in England on molestation charges, moves to the U.S., and takes up residence for a 4 to 5 year period.

BATON ROUGE — Scott Rogers and two of his former pupils move to Louisiana. He begins hosting the "About Town" TV program and becomes active in the community. He also begins to operate a film studio in the Cortana Mall.

Rogers also became a pastor and started his own church, located in the same shopping mall.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27 — Deputies arrive at Rogers' home in St. Gabriel to find Rogers shot dead and former pupil/lover Mathew Hodgkinson wounded, but alive, from a gunshot. The case is classified as a murder—suicide. It is believed Hodgkinson shot Rogers and then tried to kill himself.

It is revealed later that day that Rogers was under federal investigation for accusations made in the 90s and that his adopted child and foster child were taken by federal agents two weeks prior.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 29 – More info comes to light about Rogers' life. He is compared to a cult leader who brainwashed children to satisfy his sexual desires.

A note is released, found with blood spots on it inside the home, that reads: "They broke our happy loving home...They do not get to take Scott too." State Police confirm it was written by Hodgkinson.

Authorities obtain search warrants for cell phones and computers in the house. Sources say that Rogers is being investigated for wire fraud, mail fraud and immigration fraud.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2 — Court documents uncovered by WBRZ show Rogers secured a second mortgage on his home for more than \$300,000 2 weeks prior to the shooting.

Archived footage from the BBC reveals Rogers' mid–90s legal trouble to Baton Rouge.

Hodgkinson, still in critical condition in an area hospital, shows signs of life. Deputies say they are confident of brain activity.

Prosecutors may not pursue charges against Hodgkinson if he survives because they feel he is a victim.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5 – Authorities said Hodgkinson in the hospital after nine days of being kept alive by machines.

An autopsy will be performed on Hodgkinson Monday. Pending no dramatic change in assumption, the case involving the two deaths will likely be closed. Investigators also said they believe there is a marriage license between Hodgkinson and Rogers' daughter Las Vegas, prior to this they had been unable to locate such a license.

MONDAY, SEPT. 8 – Hodgkinson is taken off of life support by Rogers' daughter after a valid marriage license from Vegas was used to prove the marriage.

Roger's daughter, Kimmie, did not return WBRZ's calls on this day.