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## New Theory Suggests Balcony Clue May Explain Amy Bradley's Disappearance

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Nearly three decades after 23-year-old Amy Bradley vanished during a Caribbean cruise, a new theory from an investigative author points to a small but potentially significant detail that may explain what happened.

Amy disappeared on March 21, 1998, while traveling with her family aboard Royal Caribbean's *Rhapsody of the Seas*. Despite an extensive investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and renewed public interest following the Netflix docuseries *Amy Bradley Is Missing*, her case remains unsolved.

Author James Renner, who has spent years researching the incident, told *The US Sun* that the popular Netflix series omitted a critical detail. He believes the condition of the

cabin's balcony door could be the key to understanding Amy's final moments.

Renner explained that cruise ship cabins have safety instructions warning passengers not to open the cabin door to the hallway while the balcony door is open, due to pressurization. If both are open, the air pressure can create a wind tunnel effect that causes the cabin door to slam shut loudly. In his view, this makes it unlikely that Amy could have quietly left the room without waking her family if the balcony door had been open.

Instead, Renner's research points to activity on the balcony itself. According to evidence gathered during the investigation, Amy's palm prints were found on the balcony railing, and her footprints were on the glass door. He believes this suggests she had been sitting on the balcony with her feet against the glass and may have accidentally pushed herself backward.

Renner theorizes that this could have been a case of *l'appel du vide*, a French term meaning "the call of the void," which refers to the sudden, inexplicable urge to jump from a high place. He noted that Amy had been drinking the night before and may have been under emotional strain over personal matters. "I think she's sitting on that balcony thinking, 'What if?' And by pushing off, she causes action," Renner said.

Once overboard, survival chances are low. Renner estimated only about a 20 percent likelihood of being rescued in open sea conditions.

This theory stands in contrast to the widely circulated belief that Amy was abducted and trafficked, a narrative that has persisted for years and even drawn attention from high-profile figures. Renner disputes the trafficking claim, stating there is no verified case of a Caucasian woman being abducted and trafficked in the Caribbean, and that such an act would pose unnecessary risks for traffickers.

Renner's forthcoming book, *A Cruise to Nowhere*, will explore his findings in detail. He maintains that the most likely explanation is that Amy never left the balcony alive.

Amy Bradley's remains have never been found, and her official status remains missing. The Bradley family has not commented on Renner's theory. Netflix has not responded to requests for comment.