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A TRUE CRIME STORY

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I met her online at Match.com and she was beautiful. A real blond hair blue eyed beauty. Her name was Kerri Sutherland and we hit it off right away. She had twin daughters named Martha and Chelsea who were ten years old. It was the end of 2001.

They lived in Nevada City, CA., about 20 miles from Lake Tahoe. Kerri skied, rode horses, and loved the outdoors. And so did I. My name is Mike Harris and I lived in Bishop, CA., about 200 miles south of Kerri's 4 acre spread, on the eastern slopes of the High Sierra. I was a computer wiz and had created the website [www.395.com](http://www.395.com) which showcased the Eastern Sierra corridor of Highway 395, a route that travels from Southern California all the way to Canada.

I skied a lot and did a weekly video ski report featuring Mammoth Mountain, CA. which was seen by thousands on the internet. Kerri was impressed. I rode horses but only at a walk up trails. Kerri was vastly more experienced. She rode dressage, did equestrian jumping, had packing experience, raised her own horses and she was awesome. I wanted to learn how to ride like she could.

Kerri did all this with a vision