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## FOREWORD

Jukka Lahti was murdered at his home in the town of Ulvila in Finland on the night of 1 December 2006. Two years after the murder, the police had still not been able to determine who had murdered Lahti, and for this reason, the investigation returned to the beginning and to Lahti's wife, Anneli Auer, who was verifiably present at the time of the murder. The police had two distinct objectives in their investigation: to prove that only the members of the family were present at the time of the killing and to make Auer confess. That way Auer's guilt would be proven and no other evidence would be required against her. In reality, there was no other evidence.

The police built their investigation on the recording of the emergency call because by far its best characteristic was its ambiguity. As implied by the title, this book recounts the emergency call of the Ulvila murder and explains how and why it became the most important piece of evidence relating to it.

The book is based on the public material of the pre-trial investigation and of the trial itself, the courtroom recordings and the sentences passed in the case. I have also had the opportunity to familiarise myself with the classified material related to the case. The purpose of the book is to reflect on what is known about the Ulvila murder on the basis of the emergency call, on how the emergency call can be used to assist the criminal investigation and on what can be proven with it. I have studied

expert statements issued about the emergency call and considered their trustworthiness and weight as evidence. I have sought to evaluate what can and cannot be reliably said of the case. The emergency call recording that is part of the trial material has been available on the internet for years for anyone to listen to, meaning that everyone has the opportunity to investigate the matter if they wish to do so.

The emergency call recording has been used as a piece of evidence to prove both the guilt and innocence of the mother who made the emergency call, but can it be used to reliably arrive at either conclusion? Is it possible to use the emergency call recording to prove that there were no outsiders present, or is the murderer's voice audible in the background? Can you trust the expert statements? Is the soundscape of the emergency call real or can you hear pre-recorded sounds in it? Is the emergency call recording identical to the original emergency call made to the emergency response centre?

What is the truth behind the Ulvila murder emergency call? All will be revealed on the pages of this book.

The Ulvila Murder: The Truth Behind the Emergency Call takes its readers to the dark side of the most unusual murder investigation in the crime history of Finland. The book recounts the emergency call of the Ulvila murder and relates how and why it became the most important piece of evidence in the murder. The news reported of the emergency call have baffled the public and raised many questions. Can the murder be solved by listening to the emergency call? Can the murderer's voice be heard in it? Is the call real or fake? Has it been manipulated? This book seeks answers to these questions and also provides them.

Niina Berg has researched the mysteries related to the criminal investigation of the Ulvila murder for several years. She has familiarised herself with the material of the pre-trial investigation and trials, as well as with the judgements passed.

Berg has also listened to courtroom, emergency call and reconstruction recordings and has also conducted her own investigations in order to form the best possible overall picture of the subject. This book reveals that the truth is not always as people want it to appear.

