RISLY "crime scene photographs" taken during the investigation of actress Natalie Wood's death hold bombshell evidence that could prove she was brutally murdered — by her husband Robert Wagner!

Now legal expert Sam Perroni has gone to court to obtain police files on the Hollywood legend's death and back up his shocking claim that Natalie's Nov. 29, 1981 "drowning" off California's Catalina island was no accident.

In a blockbuster exclusive interview, the former Lit-

tle Rock, Ark., federal prosecutor tells GLOBE the gruesome photos "could reveal Natalie Wood's death was a murder and whether Robert Wagner did it."

The key pictures are "autopsy photos

of any abrasions, scrapes, bruises or scratches on the body" which would reveal if she was attacked before going over the side of her yacht, Splendour, he says.

The crime scene images would reveal "the location of her bruises" and if "they were consistent with defensive wounds that people get trying to defend themselves from an assault."

Perroni also charges that California authorities have been protecting 85-year-old Wagner with a cover-up and his own investigation has been "stonewalled" by a "conspiracy of silence."

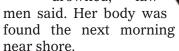
"Wagner has gotten a pass from them for nearly 35 years," he says. "It's time for them — and Wagner — to be held accountable."

Perroni believes lawmen could be "waiting for Robert Wagner to die" to avoid releasing the truth about what happened to Natalie the night she died after a boozefueled fight with her hubby.

Wagner and his wife were enter-Natalie's "Brainstorm" costar Christopher Walken before the tragedy. The yacht's captain was also aboard that fatal night.

The original investigation concluded Natalie tried to

leave the 60-foot yacht late at night by climbing into a rubber dinghy. The "West Side Story" beauty, who couldn't swim and feared the water, slipped, fell into the ocean and drowned. law-



At the time, authorities ruled out foul play, but Splendour skipper Capt. Dennis Davern revealed a blitzed Wagner flew into a jealous rage over Walken and fought with Natalie



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