"I think Lockett should get it. She's the one who started this thing. If she died before she talked, what would happen to us?" he said. "She got enough guts to go to the police. I think she should get it."

Oberle acknowledged she played a "vital role" in bringing about the arrests in a 2002 Daily Herald interview, but she said she wasn't "entitled" to any reward money.

At the time, however, she did say perhaps she would accept "maybe a small percentage" if it were offered, but she added that she would probably give some of it to an organization such as Crime Stoppers.

"I think Anne should get it. Anne did a lot of, you know, she did work. I didn't do any work. She did a sting, you know, got Jim on the phone," she said during the 2002 interview.

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