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Psychic under fire for wrongly predicting Ohio abductee's death

...predictions: Psychic Sylvia Browne is getting heat for wrongly predicting the death of Ohio abductee Amanda Berry.

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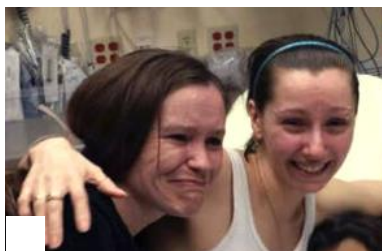
This is not the first time self-proclaimed psychic Sylvia Browne has got a prediction wrong, and this time her critics have united on social media to demand an apology.

America's most controversial psychic is in trouble.

Sylvia Browne — known for her botched-up predictions about missing children — is getting a lot of heat once again for falsely predicting the death of Cleveland kidnapping victim Amanda Berry on TV in 2004.

Browne told Berry's mother Louwana Miller on a Nov. 17, 2004, episode of the Montel Williams Show that her daughter was dead, when in fact her daughter was very much alive.

"She's — see, I hate this when they're in water. I just hate this. She's not alive, honey," Browne told Miller on the show, adding that she will see Amanda "on the other side, in heaven."



Miller died of heart failure in 2006 — her family said Browne's prediction caused her to die from a "broken heart." She had turned to Browne in hopes of an answer after becoming tired of unanswered questions about her missing daughter from police, but returned "devastated from the show," the Cleveland Plain Dealer reported in 2004.

"I lost it," she said.

Berry disappeared on April 21, 2003, a day before her 17th birthday, as she left work at Burger King, about a 10-minute walk from where she lived.

She was found Monday, along with two other kidnapped women, after nearly a decade inside a Cleveland house, after a neighbor helped her escape and called 911. Police have hailed her as a hero for initiating the escape, which has led to the arrest of three brothers who are being accused of holding the three women hostage. Police also found a 6-year-old child inside the house, which they say is Berry's.

The social media world erupted with attacks on Browne after the discovery, with angry users calling her everything from a "grief vampire" to a "hunch-backed harpy" and demanding an apology.

"I remember you on Montel Williams telling the family of Amanda Berry she was dead," wrote Facebook commenter Lisa Lupas on Browne's Facebook page. "What do you have to say for yourself? You are a fraud! What a horrible horrible thing to say to a family holding on to nothing but hope and faith. Shame on you!"

A few chided others for believing in psychics.

"Aren't you a bit old to believe this woman has magical powers?" Facebook user Tim Guay asked another user.



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Others attacked psychics in general.

"This Sylvia Browne debacle is just reason #973 why psychics are some of the most monstrous people in society," tweeted Aaron Diaz.

Browne has not responded publicly so far.

A 2007 profile on "predatory psychics" in The Guardian reported that Browne has wrongly predicted the life or death of many missing children to their distressed parents.

Browne told Shawn Hornbeck's parents that their son was buried between two boulders after he went missing in 2002 at age 11. Shawn was found alive four years later.

Commenting on the incident, Browne's publicist told CNN:

"She cannot possibly be 100% correct in each and every one of her predictions. She has, during a career of over 50 years, helped literally tens of thousands of people."

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