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**0:00:00.0 S2:** This episode may contain content of a graphic nature, including descriptions of physical and sexual violence against adults, children and animals. Less noise, crashing is advised.

**0:00:12.7 S1:** Hi everyone, I'm Talia and I'm Tonya. And together we are crimes and consequences, a true crime podcast e.

**0:00:37.0 S2:** Welcome back, everybody, to this week's exciting True Crime episode from crimes of consequences. I'm sitting here with my lovely host, Tonya

**0:00:45.0 S1:** Hey Talia, how are you doing? I'm fabulous today. Well, I've got a really good story for you guys today, I spent a lot of time researching this probably way too long, but it's really interesting, and it's got a twist, I love twists, so you gotta stay with me on it. Before I start, I would wanna ask everybody to just hit the subscribe follow button, it really, really, really helps us. And after saying that, I'm ready to do it.

**0:01:10.7 S2:** So let's do it. This or begins on Monday, September 12, 1977 in Winton, Georgia. Now, Winton is a small village of Columbus, Georgia. It's like your quintessential American neighborhood. Most of the houses are modified, but they all have the manicured lawns with the big old trees that you would expect in Georgia, where

**0:01:36.0 S1:** The sales grow and in black-eyed Susan, they're all very proud of their property, and Winton was described as a small village at times and then other times it was just described as a neighborhood, so it's not big. Okay, okay. During this particular fall, might someone smoke into the home of 64-year-old Gertrude Miller, she was attacked by a man who had her repeatedly in the head with the board, and then he brutally and violently raped her, he ran at her dresser drawers and he pulled out a pair of her nylon stockings, he tied them in, not because she just left the house before stealing anything from her, Kerrville was lucky, she survived this attack, but four days later, 58-year-old Mary for Jackson, who lived just down the road, wasn't so lucky and when I say, just on the road, I'm talking two blocks away.

**0:02:33.0 S2:** Mary went by burn, she worked as the Director of Public Health in the Education Department in Columbus for over 26 years. But on Friday, September 16, she didn't show up to raise in the morning like she was supposed to, after failing to reach her for hours, her co-workers called the police and asked them to do a welfare check on burn in her Winton house. Officer Jesse thirty, he was the first police officer to respond, he arrived at Fred's house, and when he got there, no one answered the door, he didn't see anything off, like any signs of forced entry or anything... Everything looked fine on the outside of the house, he was able to obtain permission to enter ferns house, and after opening the front door, he began to walk down the hallway calling out to burn, but all he heard in return was silence. His God told him something was dangerously off of the situation, there were papers and other random items scattered all over the hallway floor, there was a pillow Knox to an open suitcase on the ground there, also in the hallway was a small dresser. It was one of those that are more decorative than functional, and items were hanging outside the doors of this little dresser, officer Thornton made his way towards the door that was at the end of the hallway, and he wasn't taking any chances as he was walking down that hallway, he pulled out his gun, and as he approached the room, which happen to be ferns bedroom, he hesitated, and then he slowly turned the door knob and opened the door, as he peaked inside, he was able to see this shape of what looked like a body, laying on the bed, under a blanket, he walked over to the bed and he

looked it up, the blanket, that's when he saw the dead body of furnace, she was naked.

**0:04:31.1 S2:** And there was this ligature wrapped around her neck. The ligature was comprised of a pair of her nylon stockings and the stockings were tied to her bathroom sash, together, they formed a single literature, the

**0:04:45.1 S1:** The robe and nylons were wrapped tightly around her neck three times and then tied, they were so tightly around her neck and even after they were removed deep crevices were all over her neck.

**0:04:59.6 S2:** Beaten and strangled, the white of her left, I was almost obliterated by bleeding, it was red instead of white. The corner said that was a result of a massive blow to the head, now the white of her right eye was a massive tiny pinpoint hemorrhages, and of course, that's a common sign in strangulation. Her Bresson had been fractured, and in order to fracture her Bresson, that would have required a tremendous amount of force to accomplish, in addition, her genitalia was bloody bruised and torn from the violent rape. Further investigation reveal traces of seminal fluid on her bed sheets, fins murder was a real mystery to investigators because there was no obvious motive for killing, nothing was stolen from her house.

**0:05:51.9 S1:** Her house was ransacked, but jewelry and other valuables... They were just left there now. On the same day, a firm's murder only a few miles away, 24-year-old Karen hitman. She was an Army private, she was found dead near the woman's barracks at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia, for vain is a large army base, so you have Winton, which is an area or a village in Columbus, and you have a fort butting army base like

**0:06:24.3 S2:** Fern Karen was found non-and her body was mutilated from a severe beating, however, it wasn't the beating that killder, her killer had propped up her, I'm assuming unconscious body against a tree and rammed his car into it repeatedly

**0:06:44.1 S1:** At crushing her. Oh my God, she wasn't crushed it at and then after she was killed, her body was moved to the location where it was found, or the woman's barracks.

**0:06:54.8 S2:** A... An investigation into her background didn't result in any leads or clues as to who would have brutalized her in such a horrific fashion, detectives to discover that she dated exclusively only African-American men, and she socialized in what was considered black clubs, now has a Georgia . So we're in the South in the US in the mid-70s and racial tension is really high, so Police questioned if maybe she wasn't killed as a result of her taste in men.

**0:07:29.9 S2:** A few days later, an anonymous man called the police and gave them the location where Karen's bloody clothes could be found, they never found out who called them about it. That's creepy. I know finding her clothes brought them no closer to catching her killer, and for the most part, they had no idea who killed Karen. It was only eight days after Karen's murder that the Columbus Police found themselves investigating the third murder of a woman in their jurisdiction in less than two weeks.

**0:08:03.3 S1:** 71-year-old Jeanine was a widow and she owned a small department store that she also worked at.

**0:08:10.7 S2:** She lived by herself in the Winton area in a brick style ranch, only three blocks from Fern on the night of September 24, a killer under Gene's house through her garage. And this is really weird, once he got into our grad, he removed the hinges of the door that led from the garage to the kitchen... That's a weird thing to do. I've never heard of breaking into someone's house by removing their door from their hinges, that's how he got in the house, that's just her. After he was inside, he walked quietly through her house and into the bedroom where she was sleeping, very beater raped her and he strangled her to death with her nylon stocking that he found in her dresser, the killer covered her body with a sheet and pillow before he left, by this time, it was clear to everyone in the Columbus area that a serial killer was at large and the community was in this huge panic, there was just this uproar of fear, the media dub the killer of the stocking strangler and also the grand Keller, the granny Kalani killer geez, as more and more women began turning up dead private, Karen Hagman murders went on the back burner, so to speak, because although she was Caucasian and all the other victims were Caucasian to...

**0:09:32.7 S2:** She didn't match the profile of the stocking strangler and the fact that she was an elderly instead she was 24, she wasn't found in her home and she wasn't singles believe that Karen's murder was just an unrelated incident. They developed a taskforce to catching the stocking strangler, and there just wasn't enough resources to devote to thoroughly investigate Karen killer Ketchum. Two weeks later, please believe the killer try to claim his next victim but wasn't successful, a man broke into the home of two elderly sisters called kale East, she was 75 and all Sanderson who was 78. They both lived in Winton, but the one-be killer was surprised when he broke into the house and discovered that Kelly's son, Henry was there visiting his mom, the perpetrator left, managed to steal nelles gone on his way out, and this becomes a key point to the story. It

**0:10:30.9 S1:** Was less than two weeks later when the stocking Strangler struck again, this time... This is so sad, floored ship. She was 10 day shy of turning 90. Oh no, she was almost blind and used a walker to get around.

**0:10:47.5 S2:** She turned out that she was a widow who lived alone in a small house in the winter neighborhood, her son and wife went to check on her 'cause he did frequently, and she's 90 almost blind with a walker, it was a morning of October 21st, and that's when they discovered her light flows, battered body on our bed in the house, she been berated strangled and her killer had tied a pair of her nylon in a not around or not, and watched her slowly strangled to death, just like the other elderly women who had been murdered, Florence body was covered with a bang sheet by the killer place, were able to find one thumb print on the door frame leading to Florence bedroom, but they weren't able to match that print with anybody in their system.

**0:11:36.2 S1:** Four

**0:11:36.5 S2:** Days after Florence was home, did the killer crept into the house of 69-year-old Martha Thurmond, she was a retired teacher living in the Winton area, and again, I can't express you guys... I have a map of the Winton area, and it's gonna be on our website. This is a small area. I would be freaking out if I was in Winehouse under through a gas bedroom window in the rear of the house, once inside, he quietly crept down her hallway and into her bedroom where she was sleeping, very attacked her and he beat her repeatedly. This was a very biota, he forced her clothes off of her, any Raper, then he took out a nylon stocking from her dresser was like you did with everybody else, and he tied it around her neck in a knot and waited for her to die once she was Dad

and we placed a pillow case and a bed sheet over her face and he left at

**0:12:27.3 S1:** That consent, please are able to find a pubic care... That pubic re was analyzed and it was determined to be from an African-American man.

**0:12:36.5 S2:** So all these women that are dead are Caucasian, and the killer is African-American. The killer went on a brief hiatus as far as we know them, but probably not, but there were further break-ins in the Winton area in the time frame where there weren't any murders, then the killing spree started up again on December 28 on that night. The killer removed the back window screen of the house of 74-year-old, her name is Karen Woodruff, she was the widow of the University of Georgia's former football coach, George wood roof, if you were into football, which I'm at, he climbed through her window and he crept in our band, he raped her and then he murdered her by time instead of nylon a University of Georgia varsity football scarf around her neck, Prince from his pinky finger and his palm or found on an aluminum frame of the screen, but again, there were no matches for it that fingerprints anywhere. As you can imagine, Columbus is on edge. They know they have a very active serial killer prowling around a very small area at that time, if you were an elderly woman that lived alone and was concerned for her safety, you could call the police and they would send a guard out to guard your house at night

**0:13:57.5 S1:** Really. That's how... That's serious.

**0:14:01.8 S2:** At the time, there was, again, a lot of racial tension, I mean, we have the South in the 1970s, this tension was inflamed by the fact that an African-American serial killer was on the loose, killing exclusively white elderly women about six weeks later on February 11th in 1978 police responded to the bedside emergency button that was next to Ruth Schwab bed in our home in Winton. Ruth was the widow of a textile in and she was trained in Judah.

**0:14:34.7 S1:** What she really hates.

**0:14:36.3 S2:** Trained in a while being attacked by the stocking Strangler, she managed to push her bedside alarm button when the police arrived in the house, they found her on the edge of her bed with a stacking tied around her neck, she Bemba and strangled, but she was alive and investigating the scene, the police determined that her attacker had entered the house by standing on the air conditioning unit on the ground, propping himself up into the window and then going through the window, they found separate on the air conditioning unit.

**0:15:06.8 S1:** Ruth described her attacker as an African-American man in his mid-20s, despite two women surviving the serial killer, the police were no closer to finding this monster than they were six months ago. The killer didn't even wait 24 hours before he struck again, after being interrupted by the panic alarm button set up by Ruth, he actually just ran out the back door down the hallway, and then Dad out two blocks away at the home of 78-year-old Mildred bromeliad

**0:15:36.2 S2:** Was found the next morning lying in the hallway over home, she was on her back and she's been raped strangled, this time though there wasn't a nylon stocking or a varsity scar, it was the nation blind cord, her face had been covered by her shirt and again, there were just no clues as to who was doing this, but this is when the story takes a turn from strange to... Absolutely bizarre. I don't wanna take a break. We'll be right back.

**0:16:17.0 S1:** As if the police weren't frazzled enough in Columbus on Friday, March 3rd, 1978, Chief Curtis E. M. Long of the Columbus Police Department, he received a letter in the mail addressed to him, and this is just so on, it's a hand-written letter claiming to be from a group of white vigilantes who called themselves the forces of evil. What the hell is this? Get so strange in the letter, the forces of ye will express the deep or over elderly white women being murdered by a black man, they specifically demanded that no more Grandis be killed. The

**0:17:03.6 S2:** Letter stated further, and I'll just quote it for you.

**0:17:06.8 S1:** Since the corner says that the stocking Strangler is black, we have decided to come here to Columbus and catch... Or put more pressure on you. From now on, one Black woman in Columbus, Georgia will be disappearing every month if the strangler is in... Caught a quote, are you shooting? I am not shitting it, they're gonna murder a black lady... Yes, if the strangler doesn't get caught as complete son, oh my god, 'cause the police really don't wanna catch him or anything, Jesus... It gets weirder good. In the letter, they indicated that an organization within the forces of evils organization had already kidnapped a black woman named gal Jackson and we're holding her hostage.

**0:17:54.8 S2:** They threatened to kill Gale Jackson if the stocking Strangler was not caught by June 1st. In addition, they demanded that the police chief communicate with them by public radio, no later than Sunday, which was two days after he received a letter, Dear forces Viva.

**0:18:13.6 S1:** Radio is so stupid. We're gonna interrupt your disco right now with a message to the forces of evil, the letter was written on military stationary, but being that for banning military base was in Columbus, the stationary from that base wasn't hard to get by non-military personnel. So they didn't know if that was to throw them off or if he was in the army and become stupid if you were in the army.

**0:18:41.4 S2:** Telstar, but as we know, there's a lot of domes murder is a one out there, the salutation was signed by the Chairman of the forces of evil, and right at the top. So it's got a chairman.

**0:18:57.4 S1:** The police immediately began trying to figure out Who Alcock was, they had no missing person reports for anyone with that name, and they'd never heard of the organization or group with the name forces of evil. There was a woman named Brenda gal Faison who disappeared from the Sand Hill Bar, which is near Fort Benning on February 28. Brennan was a sex worker and she was Lassen at the SAN Hella. Her car was found left at the parking lot, but she couldn't be located, but she had that sort of transient lifestyle, so there really wasn't any connection, please thought to her. The next four weeks, four more letters were sent to the Columbus Police Chief and one to the newspaper from the forces of evil, the second of these letters once again, demanded that the stocking Strangler be caught and you're gonna really like this part tonic or in the alternative the forces of evil be given... 10000 ransome. For what? For a... For Gale, for her safe release, you're gonna be ransom from the police, you have to catch a serial or give us money, or we're going to murder people who was this genius, you enact...

**0:20:10.2 S1:** Wait, you'll find out, I don't think genius is the appropriate word for home, I also say that two more black women would be murdered by September 1st if the stocking Strangler was still at large. Now, the police didn't respond on public radio to the first letter, and they did not respond to

this letter either, a week after the second letter was sent, a third letter was received by Chief Milan. In

**0:20:33.8 S2:** The third letter, the forces of evil indicated that they were a small group of seven white men from Chicago, in retaliation, the police failure to capture the stocking strangler or pay them 10000, they were preparing to kill Gale Jackson. The latter stated that one of galactose, all those would be dislocated, she would die from a sharp blow to our head and her body would be found dumped in the Sand Hill area of Columbus. It further stated that the police could expect to receive a call indicating the exact location of Gail chassis remains in a few days, equally disturbing in the letter, the forces of evil wrote that they'd already kidnapped another African-American woman needed are... Irene would be murdered like Yale before June 1st if the stocking Strangler wasn't caught or in the alternative, they weren't given 10000 Trotter were three days later, a man claiming to be the Chairman for the forces of evil telephone for Benning Military Police and the Columbus Police Department separately, within minutes of each other, the chairman told investigators the exact location of Gale Jackson's remains, stating that her body would be found 100 meters from the sand hill bar, the military police and the police receptionist who received the calls, they both believed the caller sounded like a black man, following the information provided them, had the chairman in this call, investigators went to this wooded area, not far from the Sand Hill Bar.

**0:22:13.1 S2:** Now remember, the santal bar is very close to Fort Benning. When they got there, that's when they discovered a female's body in a very shallow grave, there were some twigs and leaves on it, but it was exactly where the chairman said It would be... This is gross, and I should have mentioned that this gets very gruesome, the victim's entire face and the front portion of her skull were annihilated parts of her job on bone chips and teeth were scattered around her, some were nine feet away, the victim's brain tissue was literally beaten from her skull, the force of the killers attack was so great that it produced a depression in the ground behind the victims had... Oh my God, he was angry and strong. The cause of death was multiple compound fractures of the Holland face and emulsion, aka removal of the victim's brain. According to the medical examiner, the woman most likely was beaten with a tire iron or a jack handle, and just as a Chairman had described, the victims elbow had been dislocated, located near the body was an Army cap. The woman was a leader I did as a 21-year-old African-American rendel, bison, the sex worker, the missing for over a month, Brenna had used the alias Gale Jackson when she was working.

**0:23:42.5 S2:** And

**0:23:42.6 S1:** At this point, the for Columbus Police, they had their hands full and they requested the help of the FBI to catch the forces of evil. And I think the GI was involved too. This is where profile or Robert wrestler comes into the picture. And you know, I love the Robert wrestler, and I'm also aware I called them Robert Kessler the last time I talked about them. So please, nobody, let me know that 'cause I would do, I know

**0:24:06.7 S2:** Profile or Robert wrestler read the letters that were sent by the forces of evil, and he also listened to the recording of the chairman's voice on the two phone calls, one to the police and one to the military police, based on his analysis, he said the forces of evil was in a group of white radicals, but a single black man roster created this profile in the killer, he believed he was a service man in his late 20s, and this was evidenced by the fact that he used meters instead of yards, 'cause you and I would have said six yards away or something like that.

**0:24:43.3 S1:** Feat, based on the writing style letters, rule believe he wasn't a college graduate and was probably either a military police or artillery. Robert

**0:24:54.2 S2:** Also said that the letters were merely a diversion to throw investigators off the trail for murders that had already been committed, the medical examiners results supported this theory because Brenda Gale bisson had died over a month earlier prior to even the first letter having been written, Robert wrestler believed the key to catching the killer would be to examine the life of the victims.

**0:25:21.3 S1:** Of course, brand's life was a little bit different the most... She was a sex worker, and the only thing they could discover that was somewhat stood out was that she exclusively... Only had African-American clients. The next day, the Chief of Police received another letter from the forces of evil, this letter indicated that the hostage named Irene was gonna be killed soon and that investigators could expect to receive a call detailing the location of her remains

**0:25:53.8 S2:** Once again, true to their word. The chairman of the forces of people called the Fort Benning desk sergeant on April 3rd, he gave the sergeant directions to the location of Iran's remains, she'd been dumped in the semis-clued area, not far from an access road, really close to the four betting face. And this is gonna get Rowen, they got to the exact location specified by the caller, they found the Hamlet body of a woman hidden under some logs near a rifle range on the Fort Benning base, she was now... The reason why she was had, because her head had been beaten so severely that there was just nothing left... Are you hitting me? I wasn't cut off, it was just beaten to nothing, there were marks on the ground indicating that the killer had dragged her from the road to her final resting spot, and I just wanna reiterate, there was nothing for a head there, the body was later identified by the mental examiner to be 32-year-old Irene iron. Irene was lasting on March 15th, so this is two and a half weeks before her body was found in investigating her murder, they discovered that sheep and seemed talking to a soldier at a place called the Vice Mitchell's Tavern, two witnesses came forward and told investigators that based on Army private leave, the tavern, Irene, and they recognized him.

**0:27:22.2 S2:** He was a 26-year-old soldier named William Henry pants, tape recordings of the phone calls by the Chairman of the forces of people they were played to William Hanes Company Commander and for surgeon, and both of those men said That boy sounded just like Williams. The previous year had been a hard one for William, his wife left him, and he had a lot of debt, in addition, his envoy motherhood burglaries house and beaten and raped her, and this guy never got caught, she ended up a guy as a result of the assault, investigators

**0:28:01.9 S1:** Confronted William about being the last person seen with Irene and he agreed to be taken to the headquarters for a formal interview, the interview started at 1 PM and it didn't end until 1020 some... Nine hours later, during that time, William confessed to writing letters, he said, yeah, I wrote the layers and I made the phone calls, but the forces of evil made me do it. The next morning, he was interviewed again and he taped all the bullshit about being forced to participate by forces of evil, he admitted that there was no forces Bebe, he was the forces of evil.

**0:28:38.2 S2:** And he gave detailed accounts of Brenda and Iran's murder, it hasn't... All he confessed to.

**0:28:44.0 S1:** Here's what happened, Brenda.

**0:28:46.5 S2:** On Monday for 27th, William went to the Sand Hill Bar and Grill, which is not far from the for budding base, and you wanted to unwind to have a couple drinks. Randa approached William and saturate and told him her name was Gail Jackson. After some small talk, she propositions him Persephone for 20, he agreed, and she suggested they'd get in his car and drive to the secluded area where she often have her on Davos. It wasn't very far down the road. It was about Actually 200 yards. While he was driving onto started taking off a broad shirt, that's when William said something in him snapped. He just became enraged. For no other reason, then Brenda was a prostitute in his car, he suddenly grab Ronda and he started beating her, she opened the door and try to escape, but he struck her with a karate chop across the head and she became unconscious, she fell across the door and her head was bleeding in a poly... Has to be some serious karate job, right? Bissell IAM grabbed her from under her arms and he dragged her about 30 yards into the woods while he was dragging her, he heard this popping sound, and it was the sound of her elbow dislocating.

**0:30:06.2 S1:** According to William, he thought runaways day, that's when he got the jack handle from his trunk to finish era.

**0:30:13.4 S2:** He returned to where Brenda was in the woods and he noticed she was still breathing, she was alive. That's when he beater with a tire, Jack was such force and such saber that her face from the top of the eyes down was completely missing, parts of her jaw with teeth still attached along with hundreds of pieces of her school were scattered nine feet from her body, William had found an army cap with a different insignia than his units, and he played that cap near Brendan's body in order to avert suspicion or

**0:30:50.0 S1:** That'll throw off. Next, William professed to Iran's murder two weeks after we can run.

**0:30:55.7 S2:** He went alone device Mitchell's bar to get some drinks where Irene was there are was a sex worker too, and she began making conversation with him, she asked him if he wouldn't mind giving a ride to the SAN tilbrook. And again, this is according to him, while they were driving, I read asked him if he'd be interested in having sex with her for some cash, you originally agreed to do it, but

**0:31:21.8 S1:** Then as she started removing her clothes.

**0:31:24.5 S2:** Once again, he said he lost all sense of control and his quote, mine had flip, he grabbed a higher iron from the back seat and began beating Marin William, eventually, a lot of the investigators to the location of the murder weapons and also Irene and Brenda clothes, 'cause some of their clothes were missing the... Also provided handwriting samples and those samples, surprise surprise, matched the forces of evil letters, and then on one of the letters there was a fingerprint which match... Willing. So he did okay. While he was in police custody, William admitted to murdering army-private Karen Hickman, which was prior to the murders of Brandon are unlike Brendan Irene. Karen wasn't his exporter and she wasn't African-American. He didn't provide any justification for her killing, but he did admit to beating her and propping her up against the tree and ramming his car repeatedly into her body with a confession of the three murders, police were hoping that they could link William to the stocking Strangler killings however, there was no connection, but they did discover that prior to CARE, Herman's murder on the for betting base in

1977, another woman had been murdered at the Fort Benjamin Harrison base in Lawrence Township, Indiana.

**0:32:49.8 S2:** Coincidentally, William was stationed there. Really, I don't have a lot of details on it, but it was earlier in 1977, the same year that Karen was killed, and a year before the other two were, a young black woman was found beaten and murdered in a similar fashion to Williams, other victims to the states considered a suspect in the murder, but they can't prove he did, so that would be a total of four killings while William was in custody only two weeks, another elderly woman in Columbus was murdered on April 19th. 61-year-old elementary school teacher, Janet covers body was found lying in her bed and it was found with a linen and a pillow covering her face, she had deep bite marks around her nipple of her left pressed and she veneratly strangled with a nylon stocking... No, Janet cohort didn't reside in Winton, but on the night she was murdered, she had quire practice in Winton and she only lived one and a half miles away, as quickly as the Columbus stocking Strangler began his killing spree, murders stopped. Janes was the last... They remain unsold for six years until 1984 when the police finally got the break they needed to capture this guy, and when they call, they discovered that his murderous killing rampage didn't start and did end in Columbus, Georgia, in

**0:34:22.7 S1:** Case you... The serial killer, all of a sudden, just changes like the

**0:34:26.2 S2:** Bottom in 1984, police were able to locate the gun that was stolen from the two sisters home in Winton in the midst of the stocking Stranglers killing, spray the gum was in possession. Actually, Detroit, they found the gun, the gun was in possession of a man named Jim Gary, who was from Alabama, when authorities confronted Jim, he told authorities that he purchased the gun from his nephew, whose name was Carlton. Gary Carlton Gary was no stranger to the law, an investigation into his background revealed he was connected to similar murders of elderly women in New York, but he never got charged with any of them, in

**0:35:08.9 S1:** Fact, he testified as a witness for the prosecution in the murder trial of one of his own victims...

**0:35:15.7 S2:** Are you shitting me? This guy's good. Let me tell you a little bit about Carlton. Carlton was born in 1950 in Columbus, Georgia. He continued to live there until he was 16, and then he moved with his mom to Fort Myers, Florida

**0:35:28.8 S1:** Before he was even 18 years old, he was convicted of assaulting a police officer and arson, so we spent some time in the juvenile home... When do you get out? He moved at Albany, New York

**0:35:40.9 S2:** When he was 20 years old on April 14th and 19th, 1970. This is seven years before the stocking Strangler emerged in Columbus, the body of 85-year-old Nellie farmer was found in the room of a Wellington hotel, that was where she lived, it was a long stay hotel in Albany, New York, like stocking Strangler victims. She'd been raped, strain, and her body was covered with a sheet after she was murdered, her killer walked over to the bathroom scene and he stood on the bath mat and He washed his hands, so there were shoe impressions left on the mat. In addition, please found one fingerprint at the crime scene, and this story, I could go on for hours about it, there's so many details I'm gonna leave out because now we need to hear all that. I'll just get more confusing, but in the end, they were able to link the fingerprint to 20-year-old Carlton Gary and the arrested for

Nellis murder, but when he was confronted with the audience, he admitted that he was at crime set, but it was only there to burglars and be a look out, you try to work out a deal with the prosecutors.

**0:36:48.1 S2:** And he said that he would testify against his accomplice, whose name was John Lee Mitchell in order to have reduced charges, he was so convincing that John le Vidal was tried for the murder of Nelly and Carlton testified against him. Luckily for John, the jury equitation of the murder, because it was all shit, it was Carlton clearly. Now, in retrospect.

**0:37:11.3 S1:** However, Colton was convicted of burglary and as part of the plea deal for testifying, he got sentenced to 10 years, if you think about it, he basically with this confession, and then I do felony murder, so we got 10 years for it, but I really have a survive 'cause in 9975, I inhale 100 years means to... But that isn't the only heinous crime linked to Carlton in New York, another elderly woman had been raped, beaten and strangled right before Ali's Murder, She survived her attack, but her Tiger was never caught, so Carleton did five years in prison and he got out in 1975. June

**0:37:47.6 S2:** 27, 1975 school teacher Mary and professor, she was 40. She disappeared while leaving the bar in Syracuse, New York, her body was found the next day on the side of the road, chose outside with Syracuse. And of course, like everybody else, I'm talking about, she's been raped and strangled, and now this is interesting, in 2007, a call case unit process semen found on Maria's body for DNA. 'cause in 1975, we couldn't process DNA, and harkes went on sale for 32 years when they ran that DNA through otas... Who do you think... And it ended up being from Carlton?

**0:38:24.1 S1:** Yes, yes, no, I only surprised DNA last that long. They did. They were able to preserve it. However, back in 1975, again, please had no idea who killed Marion.

**0:38:35.8 S2:** Even though Carlton was out of prison, as you can probably imagine, he didn't stay out of trouble for very long, he was arrested again for salt and violating parole, and then he ended up going back to prison in 1970. So in Carlton, escape from the New York prison by jumping out the third story window in time...

**0:38:52.4 S1:** Bundy do that, yes.

**0:38:53.5 S2:** I think it was the third story window immediately after escape, 55-year-old gene cross was beaten, raped and murdered during further of her home in Syracuse, New York. One of the items taken during the burglary was a watch...

**0:39:09.1 S1:** I didn't take long for the police to capture Carlton as Mariah only took two days when they found him, he had the stole and watch in his pocket, and now this is where it just gets stupid. Carlton confessed. Yeah, I was there when all that happened, Jen, but I was just a look out for my friend duly Harris, who he blamed for the raven murder, and he is in the wrong place at the wrong Nikolai, and that's not for the last time where there... By the way.

**0:39:39.4 S2:** In the end, no one ended up being convicted for her murder, later that your Carlton was released from prison, even though he just escaped, they let him out. Of course they did. And he had it out to his home town in Columbus, Georgia, and it was only within two weeks that Gertrude was attacked... Carlton stated in Columbus until April of the following year, and then he left. And coincidentally, that's when the murders stopped.

**0:40:07.3 S1:** He then moved to South Carolina where he became known as... Ye, ready for this? The stake house band it. He got the nickname, the stake house, man it... Because He Rob restaurants at gun point, right before closing time, he eventually got caught because during one of his robberies of a stake house, one of the waitresses there that he had held in the back with everybody else that just ran the restaurant realized his gun didn't have bullets in it, and I'm not sure how, but she yelled out, you don't even have any bullets and you're done, and then he took off running and he was caught a couple hours later in a swamp, so we got sent back to prison. However, after five years, he escaped again.

**0:40:52.8 S2:** I can't make this up, he was actually on the run from that escape when the police caught up with him for the murders of the stocking Strangler in a hotel in Georgia in 1994. Now, Carlton was different than William hands in a lot of ways. And one of the things I didn't mention before, but I'm gonna say now, is William hands tried to argue that he was mentally retarded, but he had a... An IQ test of 91, he had another one of 76, and neither one of them are mentally retarded.

**0:41:20.9 S1:** Carlton was different. He had a high IQ, he was characterized as having, quote a superstar quality about him, he was a talented musician, and he loved to wear the most top notch suits, sport coats, and even a both Lord, he was considered handsome and charming, and she always had beautiful girl friends, his friends and family were shocked by his arrest, he just couldn't wrap their mind around him raping elderly women when he could have the most beautiful girlfriend, hope win to night clubs. He was very social, he played music at night clubs, and people really liked him

**0:42:04.4 S2:** After his arrest, Charlton admitted to the police to be present at the scene of seven of the Winton crimes.

**0:42:10.6 S1:** But he blamed his friend Melvin Crittenden for the attack... I didn't do it, I was there for every single one. He blamed Melvin for the attack and Gertrude, and then then the other incidences, he said He just coincidentally burglaries those houses right before the ladies were murdered. Yes, he was hoping to work out a deal, but the police were not falling for it this time, he told the police that when he would burglaries the homes, he would wait in the bushes for hours, sometimes he would even be in the bushes. He said, You just sat in the bushes and he just waited for the most perfect moment to break in, he went on trial in 1986. At the trial, Gertrud testified that Carlton was her attacker. Now she's the one that survived the first attack, Ben, in an all fairness to Carlton, she also identified three other African-American men as being her attacker prior to him Be...

**0:43:08.4 S2:** Melvin Melvin actually testified for the prosecutor on August 26 and 19, 86 after only one hour of deliberation, the jury of nine Caucasians and African-Americans came back with a guilty Britt, but only for the murders of Florence, Martha and Kathleen, the next day he was condemned to death by the Carlton maintained his innocence. Was not me. Wasn't me. And in 2012, Dana analysis came back, it had been conducted on some of the evidence.

**0:43:41.0 S1:** And this is interesting, the DNA found on Gertrude didn't match. Carlson

**0:43:45.9 S2:** Really did not Alain, she identified three people before him, however, it was match for Gene, Florence, Martha and male's murders.

**0:43:55.6 S1:** So that's where we are with Carlton Gary. William hands, forces of evil. He was found... I was much more complicated. There was a military court and then there was a civilian court, but in the end, long story short, he was found guilty of the three murders of Karen A and Irene, he was

**0:44:19.0 S2:** Sentenced to death, and Brendan's family actually asked that he not be put it up, they asked that he get life, but the prosecutor went ahead and we... For the death penal team, got it on. Martial refers to 1984. At 10-10 PM, 43-year-old William Henry hands was put to death. And George's electric chair.

**0:44:41.7 S1:** Before his death, he gave a seven-minute final statement in which one of his lines was, Why are you executing an innocent man, why Yuen-ed it to the end, even though he admitted it to me as so that is the story of when the stocking Strangler met the forces of

**0:45:04.0 S2:** Evil. Forces a stupid

**0:45:08.8 S1:** Go. Wow to Leah. That's a lot on particulars. Who's fascinating though. A think. Thank you for that. Thank you everybody for taking some time out of your life to live in to us, if you haven't done so already, we would really appreciate you subscribing or hitting that file button, it's on the app you're listening to right now. You can also go to our website, T and T crimes. We've got a lot of cool things there. You can listen to our episodes there, you can also get some on released episodes, we have like 40 there, but if you really wanna help us and you really like us, you can write... You can write us a nice review or become a member, we have really cool things on a membership, you can go to our website to and T crimes to learn more, or patreon dot com at crimes. When you become a member, you get access to the 40 full episodes and all the monies that we have and bonus stuff, so we got social media, we are on Instagram on Facebook. Yeah, T and T-crimes podcast, and we've got tiktok True Crime podcast. What are you just for shits and giggles.

**0:46:12.6 S1:** Go to take back and support us to... Lee will tell you how to get out of a speeding ticket.

**0:46:17.4 S2:** Is on tiktok one one thing before we go that's really important I gotta give credit work credits to you I got my pro from not only the court cases but also murdered ledger Enquirer dot com a New York Times article and W T V So credit to were thank you guys for helping me research this case

**0:46:39.2 S1:** Thank you all thank you everybody until next week stay safe and don't kill each other by