



The Deadliest Moment

Editor's Note: As a wife and the mother of three young daughters, reading Gloria G. Lee's book was both an eye-opening and harrowing experience. Women of the United States like to imagine that we are safe on a city bus, safe while jogging, and especially safe in our own homes. However, as we see from the case studies of so many women who have gone before us, this is not always the case. It is a mistake to become too complacent. But it is also a mistake to become pessimistic or downhearted, though it is easy to let this happen. Gloria G. Lee also offers hope: that with a change in perspective, a change in attitude, and just a little extra caution, we can "take the stick out of the men's hands" and regain the freedom that we, as American women and women of the world, deserve.

Valerie Cumming, editor

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We request that you do not read this book if you have been a victim of violence or have a male or female relative or child that has been a victim of violence. There is no way to escape the pain this book will produce. This information was difficult to research, to retrieve and extremely difficult to discuss in writing. The information is overwhelming and it is not possible to read this book without enduring excruciating pain. Pain is not our objective nor is sensationalism. Our objective is to bring about a permanent change in the status of the American woman and the women of the world. To meet this objective, we provide penetrating information. All too often, information regarding the death of an American female is taken as an isolated event, thereby making her death digestible and easy for the women of this country to accept. Although the murders are important, over time, the murders become inconsequential because many women think the murders have nothing to do with one's everyday life. Therefore, the full impact of the number of women murdered in this country is not appreciated. Collectively, the murder of over 200,000 American women is important when one can sit and read the cases of 20,000 women from this group. The information in this book is not being offered to sensationalize or exploit the death of these women. The information is being provided to bring recognition to their existence and their untimely deaths. We believe the women who paid the ultimate price for freedom should be immortalized. These women should never be forgotten.

This book was written in deference to the millions of women in the world who have lost their lives merely because they were women. Think of the girls in India who are raped so males can remain in control. If you have read the news out of Nigeria, you will understand males are fighting all over the world to remain in control. More than 300 school girls were taken from their families merely because they were females trying to learn to read. No one knows if these children will ever be returned home again. Women must wake to the fight for sovereignty.

Extreme care was taken in discussing the deaths of more than 20,000 American women. It was our wish to grant the victims as much dignity as humanly possible yet alert the women of this country of the horrors of their deaths. But how much dignity does a victim have when it is known she was stabbed more than 153 times? Again, we feel that you should not read this book if you have been a victim of violence or have a male or female relative or child who has been a victim of violence. If you choose to proceed we ask you to be brave, strength will come. There is much to learn. You will not put this book down without gaining knowledge. The Career Rapist especially will be hard reading, but as women we must stand together and face the monsters in life so we can live better lives and secure a future for our children. Although *Do This in Remembrance of Me* discusses the murder of 20,000 American women, the books are about life not death.

As you read the following information, please remain cognizant that you are reading case histories of crimes committed all over the United States. No one state has the same definition or punishment for any degree of murder, manslaughter or rape. The proof and qualification for an

insanity defense is different in most states, as are the requirements for the death penalty. The definitions of mitigating and aggravating circumstances are defined differently by state, as is the right of a judge to override the jury during sentencing in death penalty cases. Also, the requirement for probation is different per state, as is the punishment for juveniles and individuals who are mentally handicapped and commit capital offenses. When you read Volume Three: *The Career Rapist* and Volume Four: *The Recidivist*, you will then appreciate this difference.

You must also remember American law is not static. Our laws have been made to yield to technology that has allowed for the release of men from prison. With respect to all the data in the four volumes of *Do This in Remembrance of Me*, the persons listed as murderers or rapists or in the category "Murderer Status: " were individuals who at the time were apprehended, arrested, charged, tried, convicted, or suspected or alleged by the police in the murder of the women mentioned. During the course of time, some of these individuals may have been exonerated and the information was not available or recorded in the source documents used during the development of the books *Do This in Remembrance of Me*. We took extreme care to list as many convictions and as many exonerations and overturned judgments that we could find in the source documents used. The two categories, "murdered by stranger" and "murdered by unknown," are not clearly defined as the categories when used by the United States Justice Department. Our "stranger" category is only used when the murderer is known but the relationship was not clear in the source document. The category "murderer unknown" was used when there was no information in the source document regarding the relationship of the murderer and victim, the murderer had not been apprehended, or the victim was unidentified at the time. In some situations, some of the cases listed under "unknown" may now have been solved.

We did not intrude upon the lives of the survivors as mentioned in the foreword. It is not our intention to sensationalize or to make murderers celebrities. You may recognize several women who were murdered by men now made famous by the newspapers. We did not use the slogan names of these men. We saw no need to further the agenda of newspapers.

When the last name of a person is in brackets, this means that we were not certain of the spelling of the last name or that we used the last name of the parent because we only knew the first name of the victim. The word "mother" across from the victim's name means in most cases that the woman left behind young children when she died. The word "see" references similar cases or women who were murdered together or murdered by the same person. Again we caution you: please do not read this book if you have been a victim of violence or have a male or female relative or child who has been a victim of violence. There is no way to escape the pain reading the following passages will cause. This information is upsetting, but we must have courage. If you choose to proceed, we ask you to be brave; strength will come. This section will be hard reading, but as women we must stand together and face the monsters in life so that we can secure a future for our children and bring peace to our nation. There is no peace when there is violence.

To the men reading our books: you must become more aware of the possibilities of danger that your daughters will experience when they date, become engaged, or marry. You cannot help the women of this nation if you do not understand their problems.

From The Author of The Career Rapist and Women of Courage

The series, Do This In Remembrance of Me, is a must read for every woman living in America regardless of status. Doctors, lawyers, engineers, waitresses, housewives, everyone needs to read this series because only then will you have the tools to save your life. You need to know how other women **have been** murdered in this country in order to protect yourself. Do not sit there thinking you are safe because the very woman who smugly thinks she is safe because of her status in life is the first woman murdered. January 19, 2009 Mrs. Elaine Anderson, the wife of a prominent Lubbock, Texas orthodontist, was shot to death in her home. Her mother, Alice Johnson, was found shot to death in her home next door. Dr. Christopher Anderson left a suicide note. May 29, 2009 Mrs. Isabel Hall, 49, of Harrodsburg, Kentucky was seen physically fighting her husband, Dr. Steven Hall, aboard their pontoon boat. Hours later her body was found in the water. She had been run over by their boat. The propeller cut her deeply on the left side of the head, her left forearm and upper arm. Her husband was charged and later convicted of manslaughter. September 21, 2009 Mrs. Diane Ward died in the master bedroom of her \$5.2 million mansion in the tony Isleworth subdivision near Orlando, Florida from a gunshot wound to the face. Her husband, Bob, phoned 911 and told the dispatcher that he had shot his wife. He was convicted.

Nothing exempts you from being murdered; not money, not station and surely not religion. Jennifer Blagg of Grand Junction, Colorado, probably thought she was safe in her marriage. She attended church regularly and tried to live a decent life. Her husband would not commit murder after she discussed his indulgence in pornography over the Internet. She was not safe. She turned her back on her husband and lost her life. Her husband, Michael, shot her to death November 12, 2001 while she was sleeping. Mrs. Blagg had argued with her husband about his Internet use of pornography. After the argument she went to sleep. While she was sleeping he killed her. She never had the chance to try and fight for her life. One favorite maneuver of men is killing their wives while they sleep. That is what some men do they ambush their wives or girlfriends. Men are practiced in the art of warfare from childhood. Mr. Blagg not only shot his wife to death while she was sleeping, he killed their daughter, Abby Blagg, age six. Mrs. Blagg's body was found in a landfill. Abby Blagg's body was never found. Mrs. Blagg's husband preferred to kill his wife and his daughter rather than deal with a divorce and have everyone know the divorce was due to his conduct. During his trial the prosecutor said Mrs. Blagg was seeking a divorce. She was still living at home, a fatal mistake.

Women are being murdered in this country because they do not know they are in danger. Many women live their lives wearing blinders. Lives could be saved if women are not only told danger signs and warnings but women pay attention to this information. So many women ignore information on domestic violence, sexual assaults and date rape because they believed this information does not apply to them because of where they live

or how much money they have in the bank or their social status. "I don't want to know." "It's too awful." "I'd rather eat my lunch and think of more pleasant things." "I live in the suburbs. I do things right. I am not like those people." None of this matter when it comes to having the tools to save your life. Do not ignore any information as it relates to violence. Read this information. Rehearse this information and discuss this information with others. Murder is not a spontaneous combustion. Murder is a brew that percolates in a man's mind for year.

My research showed that women talk too much and women make too many assumptions and that is why men are able to murder them. Women assume they can return home to get their clothes after a separation. They are wrong. Men use possessions to lure women to their deaths. Forget about your possessions. You can buy new clothes. You can make new pictures. You cannot make any assumption when it comes to violence. Once you have the argument and you carelessly say you want to leave your life is in danger. Shut up during an argument. I don't care what you want to say. Shut Up. Make your plans and leave telling no one and never return. Leave the state. And do not think after the divorce that you are safe. Thousands of ex-wives are murdered every year. The men ambush them when they come home from work. They murder the women while at work or they enter their homes at night and kill their ex-wives. Men also hire hit men to kill their ex-wives. So do not think you are safe after a divorce. Leave the state.

Women invite murderers into their lives and into their homes. These are not flattering characteristics, but nevertheless true of many women. Understanding these facts can lead to the solutions of some murders and the prevention of others. The key lies in why women talk so much and how they make assumptions. I want women to know if women change the way they think they can reduce the possibilities that they will become a victim thus saving their life and the lives of their children.

Black women, you must learn to retreat during arguments. You walk around every day with your fists balled up because you are constantly facing disrespect and you are tired of it. You are angry at the abuse. Many of you rather fight than back down. Granted, as girls you have had to fight males to get respect, but you must realize as an adult you are facing a different animal when you are arguing. Retreat, if not for yourself retreat for your children. Stop making arguing a matter of pride. Retreat and live. Once he throws the first punch you must decide to leave. Keep your mouth shut, make your plans then leave. And keep your loud mouth girlfriend out of your business. She will not be the one to die if the man you are arguing with decides to kill. Black children are being destroyed in foster care. The most wretched human being is a motherless child. Retreat and live so that you can take care of your children and not leave them to languish in foster care. There is a child living in foster care in Oak Park, Michigan. He is not allowed to come home after school until night fall, consequently he walks the street and visits friends until he is allowed to come home. He gambles in the bathroom for spending money. If his mother was alive this would not be so.

Retreat during an argument and stay alive to raise your children. Also before you work and put your husband through school have a prenuptial agreement drawn up and signed where he is responsible for your support if he decides to graduate from college and divorce you. This money shall be in addition to the child support he has to pay. When you put your husband through school, you made a financial investment in him. You should realize a return on your investment. That's just business. Also have your wishes recorded as to who you want to raise your children in the event of your demise.

I conducted this research and wrote this series because I was sick and tired of reading about women being murdered in this country, women being burned alive in India, and women being castigated in Africa. Women from foreign shores come to this country and when they try to assimilate and become American women they are killed. This is not right and it must be stopped. The first time an immigrant hits his wife he should be deported. His wife and children should be given the option of remaining in this country. Hitting your wife is not the "American Way." It should be made perfectly clear to all male immigrants that their old habits of beating their wives, subjugating them to humiliation will not be tolerated in this country. Women living in America are not beast of burden. America women are free to work for themselves and to follow their dreams. More than a million men and women have died for this country so its citizens can be free of duress. These lives will not be disrespected by their conduct

My research showed me violence is not our number one problem. Our number one problem for women is women do not have a general consensus as what we should do about violence in our country. And we do not have a general consensus because women remain divided. We remain divided because we keep thinking we are different from one another. Women refuse to work together. We are trying to play the man's game. We persist in being driven by the need to feel superior; the need to be the prettiest, the need to be the sexiest. As if being superior, pretty and sexy is all there is to life. We remain separated by our breast and buttock size. We continue to allow men to divide us. We continue to seek to be led. We continue to allow men to think for us; men who do not necessarily have our best interest at heart. You may disagree with this statement but I can support this assertion with reams of documentation.

All of us need to work together to rid our nation of violence making our streets safe again. The first decision all of us need to make is that we are all going to get involved and do whatever we can do in any capacity to end violence in our nation. Ending violence begins with everyone. It begins with our changing and making up our minds that we are going to confront this issues with all of our resources until we see a drastic change in the statistics being reported on the number of murders and rapes being committed in this country and the number of juveniles crimes being committed in this country.

Women need to have open discussions with their sons regarding sex and the treatment of women over and over again. Women need to pay attention to their sons who exhibit low self-esteem and lack of confidence. If you do not constantly discuss your son's behavior with him he may end up in prison. Mothers must train their sons not to be

followers; that rape is wrong. Males go off to college joining fraternities need this lesson. These subjects must be openly discussed in the home over and over again. Bullies are stupid, not smart. Do you want to sit in a court room listening to a prosecutor tell the world your son is a rapist because he follow the crowd and abused a young woman in a dorm room? **Surely not**, so talk to your son about the treatment of women over and over again.

I began my research because I wanted to know why men were killing women. I wanted to accumulate enough information that I could use to save lives. I believe I accomplished my goal. I not only think my books will save lives, my books will also be used to educate future generation about the genesis of violence. As I continued to write something was missing. One day in 2004 I was sitting at the computer and I kept asking myself, why after so much published research were women still being murdered? Reams of information were available to the public. The violence Against Women Act was enacted into law yet women were still being murdered. I finally saw the problem. I saw there was a lack of morals and lack of empathy and social responsibility when it came to the assailant. I saw a lack of God. There were no social constraints. This is when I decided that I needed to do more than just explain the violence I had to work toward getting rid of violence in the lives of women and children. To serve this purpose I wrote the nine books below. The books discuss the murders of approximately 4,500 women.

The Wall

You Are The Prophet of Your Life
It is Time To Start Walking With God
Be Not Defeated in Hard Times
The Devil's Whispers
Women of Courage
Prison
God's Encouraging Words To Heal Your Mind Soul and Body

The Devil's Cauldron

Hands Across America
A Christian is Never Desperate
Know Your Enemy
The Trial of The Mind
If You Believe In God You Do Not Belong In Prison

Do not apprehensive by my discussion of religion. I am neither a zealot nor a member of the America Taliban believing religious dogma should be forced down the throats of others. I am no such monster. Religion is an excellent tool to use to change behavior. One read of The Devil's Cauldron and If You Believe In God You Don't Belong In Prison will demonstrate I have much more on my mind than religious conversion. I am not a do gooder trying to save souls. I am a do gooder trying to save the lives of thousands of women and children. Money and the lack of self-esteem and self-respect play a role in violence. These subjects are covered in some of my books.

Eight of my books have been introduced in five Michigan prisons. I began a prison ministry in 2004 with the help of Pastor Melvin Redwine. He helped me reach inmates who wanted another source of reading material. Many of the prisoners wrote me about my books. I published some of their letters on the website, **The Wall Project** <http://www.touchedbythelight.us/the-wall-project/> We believe society should never stop

trying to rehabilitate its' prisoners. I started the prison ministry because I felt we need to attack the problem of violence against women three ways:

Try and re-educate prisoners to affect a change in their behavior in thought and action,
To educate young and older female regarding violence, and
Try to change society at large through our reading program

I started the research at the age of 54. I am now 72 years old. The research took me more than 14 years to complete. All in all I am quite proud of the work I have done. I am satisfied that I have made a contribution to society. I did my best. I worked 14 to 16 hours every day for 12 years straight. I did not take a day off. Some days I had only a 25 cent bag of potato chips to eat and the only voice I heard was William Shatner of Star Trek coming from my 9" black and white television. I read thousands and thousands of newspaper articles, finding information on the women that were murdered, then formulating this information into book formed to change behavior. I actually got my answer as to why men murder women while writing Volume Four Part Two. I sat for hours trying to find this answer. After reading Volume Four over and over again I finally saw it. The answer lies in the question, "What motivates men?" The work that I have done is extremely important to Black women. I learned that Black women are the most at risk of all populations when it comes to sexual and domestic violence, the most at risk for social diseases and the most at risk to die from breast cancer. This risk now covers all ages. Our two year olds are now at risk for sexual violence. I learned there is a direct connection between the death of a black woman and the violence being experienced in our communities. This is information I want to get into the hands of Black women to motivate a change. Black women are extremely vulnerable to sexual violence yet they do not know the signs to alert them to impending violence. Many Black women do not know the number of African American women being killed in this country every year.

Finally to all women, you need to constantly check your husband's outdoor activity. Do not sit at home and allow him to amass a fortune and put that money in his girlfriend's name. Do not let him sell your home out from under you. Do not allow him to give you a bunch of papers and tell you to sign them. Tell him to put the papers down you will read them later. If he becomes irritated, you know something is wrong. He is hiding something. Do not sign your income tax forms and allow your husband to mail them off. Those forms can be modified on the way to the mail box. IRS will mail you a copy of the all income tax forms you file. If you order the forms keep it to yourself. Do not have the forms sent to your home. Do not allow your husband to put his raises in company stocks. He may tell you he has not gotten a raise in years since you see his pay check every week, when actually he told his employer he wanted to purchase company stock with his raise which he plans to sell as soon as he divorces you and leave the country for South America where he can live cheaply for the rest of his life. When a man hides his assets from his wife, this is economic violence. Be friendly with other company wives you will be surprised what you will learn about company policies just by listening.

Keep up with your husband's bank accounts, safe deposit boxes, retirement packets and earning statement from social security. Do not wait until you are 65 years old and be shocked when you apply for social security and learn your husband has another child receiving social security under his name. Life is not Alice n Wonderland. Every now and then hire a private detective. He will help you see all around you. Remember we only have peripheral vision. With a private detective you will see in 360 degrees, what is going on behind your back! You must be assertive you will get more respect from your husband. Remember Women Must Always, Look, Listen and Pry. It is only good manners,

Gloria G. Lee, Author, 67

Author's Notes

I thank you for reading *The Deadliest Moment*. I sincerely hope you believe I did a good job and honored my purpose for this book. This book was not a labor of love. This book was a labor of the will and of the spirit. What kept me motivated was that I felt I was writing something important for the world to see and that my work would make a difference in the lives of those women that will follow me. I believe this work will save lives because it increases our knowledge of what is occurring around us. During the research for this book, I was overcome with a great sense of agony and pain. Reading the information regarding the murders I investigated was a challenge of a lifetime. My life changed with each death I investigated. I felt a deep sense of obligation to bring the story of these women to the attention of the American public. Their deaths deserve much more recognition than just a news blip on our television screens. Yes, there are some murders that affected me more than others. And yes, there were some murders that angered me beyond imagination. I felt that the men who were convicted of these murders were an abomination and I could not believe that we could produce people like this in our country. It is indeed extremely difficult to keep one's sanity and a logical perspective when dealing with so many murders. But we must learn from our human experience, and the women who were murdered in this country deserve to have their lives recognized. No one should die and not be remembered.

The discussion of the murder of women and children is not a pleasant subject, nor is it a subject most people want to talk about because murder is a dark, ugly thing and we all would prefer to ignore it. Many of us would prefer to believe, for the most part, that the victim contributed to his or her death or that their deaths have nothing to do with us. But this is not so. These murders do involve us because the men who commit these murders are related to someone. These men did not live in a vacuum. These men are someone's husband, someone's brother, someone's father, and someone's son. Sometime, in order to murder, these men have to be away from home. And sometimes, in order to murder, these men use their home as the murder site. The only reason why more family members are not caught as murderers is because their relatives are unsuspecting. Hundreds of wives and girlfriends never suspect that they are sleeping with a murderer or that their home was the site of numerous murders. The way we conduct our lives and the laws we enact or fail to enact in this country directly impact the number of women being murdered. When you read *Murder in The Family* and *The Career Rapist*, you will realize that we cannot escape nor absolve ourselves from the conduct of our fellow citizens. Yes, we had something to do with the parolee that murdered Shakeima Richardson, 2, and the parolee that murdered Sabrina Dalzell, 12, in Michigan. We are all responsible for the conduct of our respective state governments. Citizenship brings about responsibility: a responsibility that cannot be negated. Citizenship demands that we remain informed and control the people we elect to run our government.

Please do not be misled into thinking that the number of women being murdered in this country is on the decline. The last murders the Institute recorded were the April 2009 death of Sandra Cantu, 9, in California; the April 2009 death of Florence McCollum, 73, of Illinois; and the April 2009 deaths of Francie Billotti-Wood, 33, and her three young children: Chandler, 5, Gavin, 4, and Fiona, 2. *The Deadliest Moment* was written between 1997 and 1999 and edited in 2003. The book *Murdered Voices* presents a look into the murders committed against women during the years 1999 to 2003. In 2003, Annie R. Jones, 62, and her daughter, Waukeena K. Jones, 40, were reported murdered in Alabama; Jovanna Tyrica Jefferson, 17, was reported murdered in Florida; Carrie Lynn Yoder, 26, was reported murdered in Louisiana; Mrs. Macheckia Robinson and her daughters, Rockell Robinson and Taria Robinson, 8, were murdered in Michigan; Shakeima Richardson, 2, and a 21-year-old woman working at a gas station, also of Michigan, were murdered in 2003; Catherine Alexandrowicz, 47, vacationing in Nevada, was murdered in 2003. These cases will be decided in a court of law in 2004. The list goes on and on. There are still many more names that can be added to this list of women murdered in America in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009. The only way to stop the number of names being added to this list is to become determined to make a difference in someone's life. We must be determined to stop the violence. In other words: we must change. We must change the way we think, we must change the way we treat one another, and we must change the way we love. If we do these three things, the lives of people living around us will also change, and then maybe man will find another solution to his problem rather than resulting to murder. I pray that my writings will inspire you to act.

Do This In Remembrance of Me has now been written at your instruction:

“ . . . And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, ‘Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, Let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word . . . ’ ”

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In Memory of

Nikitah Alim, 9, and Jasmin North, 7

"Those two children loved and trusted Arthur Warren. They went along with someone they trusted, and he brutally beat them. I saw their broken bones. I saw what he did. In all my years as a prosecutor, I have never seen, and hope I never will see, anything like what Arthur Warren did to those children."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Katherine Winfree, 1997

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Children are so often the pawn of both men and women: the woman when she wants to hurt the father for some perceived betrayal, for example, or the boyfriend when he wants to hurt his girlfriend for her rejection. Each year children die day after day because of the bad behavior of adults. Ten years earlier, on December 31, 1987, Kelly Richards, age 9, and her sister, Holly Richards, age 4, were strangled to death in their home by Walter Green, 43. He was their mother's ex-boyfriend.

When will this violence stop?

Chapter 12

Easy Pickings Elder Homicides - Rape, Robbery and Murder - Elder Homicides (638)

"He probably went in there looking for cash. The opportunity presented itself for the sexual assault."
Lt. Charles Hunt, Toledo Police Department, 1999

"Few of these people (who commit home invasion crimes) are professional criminals. Most are opportunists. What I tell people is just try to take care of yourself and your property. Lock your doors. Even if you're just running out back to the garden to pick a couple tomatoes. Lock that door. If you recognize an intruder in your home, they might try faking senility, such as addressing the intruder by a name at random."

Mitch Carroll, Anderson Indiana Police spokesman

The greatest insult to a nation is the maltreatment of the young, the old, and the infirm, and America has quite a record even with all of its generosity abroad and nonprofit organizations. The desperate acts against these populations are shameful and wasteful. We must stop certain members of our communities from killing off our past and future. America must establish a moreway, an inviolable cultural standard for generations to come, ardent in its execution that the elderly and young shall not be molested. We must reaffirm that the elderly are our national treasure, not to be treated as waste.

The elderly, both male and female, are the most preyed upon persons in our society, second are children third are women. With the proliferation of drug use the number of elderly victims have grown. Drug addicts look to the elderly as a source of money to support their habit and juveniles look to the elderly as easy prey. It is as if some of the youth in this country has found a unending supply of fun money. Juveniles look at the elderly as easy marks for intimidation. Many of these juvenile intimidators have no problems murdering their victims. The advent of juveniles into the criminal arena has cause thousands of legal battles to be fought as to their ability to reason and make competent decisions. The age 18 has become the standard when a juvenile can be subject to the death penalty for the conviction of a capital offense.

The following is a statement made by the United States Supreme Court regarding juveniles who commit heinous crimes. "Eighteen is the dividing line that society has generally drawn, the point at which it is thought reasonable to assume that persons have an ability to make, and a duty to bear responsibility for their judgments. Insofar as age 18 is a necessarily arbitrary social choice as a point at which to acknowledge a person's maturity and responsibility, given the different developmental rates of individuals, it is in fact a conservative estimate of the dividing line between adolescence and adulthood."

In re Stanford, 537 U.S. 968, 970-71 (2002) (Justices Stevens, Souter, Ginsberg, and Breyer, dissenting) (quoting Stanford v. Kentucky, 492 U.S. 361, 394-96 (1989) (Brennan, J., dissenting))

Please make certain that you read the PDF file, Foster Trust Privacy, by Frances H. Foster, <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/research/cornell-law-review> This is an extremely important article. It will broaden your understanding of the abuse suffered by the elderly in this country. If you have plans on getting older, you should read this article. The article will give you some idea on how to protect yourself. Imagine a man stole \$675,000 from his mother, over a period of years after locking her in her home until she died. Another article I want you to read is Post-Standard, The (Syracuse, NY) - January 17, 2001 EXTORTION PLOT TARGETS MAN, 85, POLICE SAY THEY SAY FOUR PEOPLE TRIED TO FORCE VICTIM TO TURN OVER \$4,000. THREE WERE ARRESTED. Several people learned that a 85 year old man had thousands of dollars in his savings account and they decided they wanted the money. So these people went about plotting an idea that would force the 85 year old man to give them his money. The extortionists were three 19 year olds. Apparently the 19 year olds believed it was easier to frighten an elderly man out of his money rather than work at McDonald's. Let us hope the court had something to say about their conduct. We need legislation all over this country to fill in the cracks in our laws to prevent elder abuse and elder murders. When Congress and state governments began to encourage the elderly to direct deposit their social security check and income tax checks, our friendly neighborhood criminals were

forced to increase the number of attacks against the elderly in their homes. Here is the key to some home invasions. If you have a friend using drugs or a relative using drugs make certain they do not know where your elderly relative lives. There is not such thing as a drug addict not harming a relative or a friend if they need money to purchase drugs. Husbands have killed wives for money to buy drugs. Sons have murdered their mothers and fathers for money to purchase drugs. Grandchildren have murdered grandparents for money to purchase drugs. A drug addict and an elderly person is a volatile combination.

The murders of Rose Hickey, 87; Oscar Manning, 67; Roy A. Coward, 65; Mary E. Hanson, 93; and Steve J. Sazy, 86, in 1999 are an example of the murders of elderly that are taking place all over our country. Both male and female senior citizens are attacked; they are considered to be easy prey. To the juvenile offender, the elderly are the perfect prey. The elderly offer little if any resistance. To the drug users and the recently paroled, the elderly are the perfect prey. Many of the assailants of the elderly believe that there is little if any chance of their being caught, so why not exploit the vulnerability of the aged? The elderly are too perfect a prey to pass up, especially when one can set fire to the victim's home and destroy all evidence. At first, the elderly were abused the first of the month when they received their retirement checks. Once the government and private business began direct deposits, elder crimes moved exclusively into the home. The police call these offenses home invasions. The criminals no longer hit the little old lady in the head for her purse. Now fifty percent of crimes of violence against the elderly occur in the victims' homes, where the offender takes time to eat or watch television after the deed is done. The police suggest using barking dogs, strong exterior doors, dead-bolt locks, outside lighting, neighborhood cooperation, metal bars over windows left open for ventilation, and hedges too small for someone to hide behind. Part of the problem is the elderly feel vulnerable. They know they are seen as easy pickings. The following are characteristics of elder slayings:

Many of the victims are widows, women who have spent their lives raising children, teaching children, or educating children, as contributing members of society. Many of the victims are found by relatives, their lives forever changed. The pain is excruciating. Many victims are awakened from their sleep and killed in their beds. Most victims suffer multiple injuries (beaten, stabbed, shot, and strangled) because the offender uses whatever weapon is available. Rarely is a gun used against the elderly.

The assailants cry in court because they are afraid of their punishment; they tell the judge and jury they made a terrible mistake, they did not mean it, they beg for forgiveness, for betraying the family's trust; it is not like they are entering prisons as bank robbers.

The fact that the home is occupied is not enough to scare the intruders away. These criminals do not care if someone is home or not. They believe the night cloaks their activity even into the next day, barring their capture. Some kill the homeowner and return the next day for more loot. The criminals stereotype the elderly. They immediately assume the elderly are hoarding money, that there are riches under their mattresses, that there is jewelry and silver that will interest the pawnshop. Many times when the intruder leaves the home, the home is engulfed in flames. All of the occupants' treasured memories are burned along with their bodies.

One problem involving the robbery and assault of the elderly can be seen in the deaths of Violet Alvarez, 55 (mother of three boys), and Mr. Marion Wall, 74 (father of two), of Yakima County, Washington.

"Two people are dead. Numerous grandkids will never know their grandparents. What he's done is irreplaceable." Andrew Wall, Marion Wall's son

"He'll be living when he's 80, and my dad won't be." Denise Gonzales, Wall's daughter

Violet Alvarez was accosted in her home on November 13, 2002. She died of a brain aneurysm on December 5, 2001. Mr. Walls was robbed and shot in his home on November 14, 2002, and he died on November 15, 2002. His death was ruled a heart attack. Duane Koslowski, 31, was the assailant in both cases. Since the prosecuting attorney could not prove that the robbery and assault exacerbated Violet Alvarez's and Mr. Marion Walls's conditions, leading to their deaths, Duane Koslowski was only charged with robbery. Mr. Walls picked him out of a lineup before he died. On February 13, 2003, a jury found Mr.

Koslowski guilty of multiple counts of first-degree robbery and burglary, first-degree assault, and illegally possessing a firearm. Yakima County Superior Court Judge Michael Leavitt sentenced Duane Koslowski to sixty years in prison. Mr. Koslowski had several accomplices. They preyed upon the elderly. The victims' deaths were ruled to be coincidental and not related to the robberies. Imagine being accosted in your home, having your possessions stolen, then dying after the assault, and your assailant is only charged with robbery. Family members blamed Koslowski for their deaths. In St. Petersburg, Florida, Loraine Harper, 76, died of a heart attack during her assault and Agnes Fafrowicz of Minneapolis, Minnesota died of a heart attack during her assault. Their assailants were charged with murder even though these two women had an underlying medical condition. The Florida prosecutor asserted that her assailant caused the heart attack. The elderly are easily burglarized because of hearing or sight disabilities. The perpetrators believe the elderly have valuable possessions such as jewelry, coins or guns. The perpetrators also believe the elderly keep money into their homes. They know the elderly are trusting and will let friends of family members into their homes because of the much wanted companionship. Now let the women who have gone before you tell you their stories. These women were singled out because they lived alone or because the women were physically frail and could not defend themselves. Read what these predators did to their victims. We need more than just legislation we need a social change in consciousness.

Adeline Dannenberg lived in San Juan, **Texas** with her husband, Lorenz, and her grandson, Robert Andrew Lookingbill. December 5, 1989 Adeline Dannenberg was beaten with a metal bar in her home during a robbery. She died 10 days later. Her husband was also beaten. He survived but was left paralyzed. He died the next year. **Murderer Status:** Her grandson, Robert Lookingbill, a parolee, and a drug addict, was charged with assault, attempted murder and capital murder. He stole money from their social security income. He was convicted in 1990 and sentenced to death. Mr. Lookingbill, 37, was executed for the murder of his grandmother January 22, 2003.

Agnes Fafrowic, 69 (Mother) assailant: stranger

"The biggest crime and the biggest sin in the world is taking another person's life. I believe he has taken my mother's life and has gotten away with it." Virginia Golden, daughter

"I would hear people talk about their grandparents. What did I have to say? Mine was raped and murdered." John Filipczak Jr., 3

Agnes Fafrowicz lived in Minneapolis, **Minnesota**. She was murdered in her home on May 20, 1984. She suffered a heart attack during the assault. Her murder remained unsolved until 2001. **Murderer Status:** Billy Daymond Bailey, 45 (then 29), was charged with rape and first-degree murder while serving twenty years in an Oklahoma federal prison. Mr. Bailey was always a suspect. He was arrested when DNA evidence linked him to the crime scene. On February 28, 2002, Billy Bailey was found guilty. He was sentenced to serve thirty years in prison. He will begin his sentence after he completes the sentence in Oklahoma. Agnes Fafrowicz's daughter moved from Corcoran, Minnesota to Minneapolis, Minnesota two weeks before her mother was assaulted. She wanted to spend more time with her mother. Virginia Golden was responsible for keeping her mother's case alive until it was solved.

Agnes Grote was murdered in Olivette, Missouri in 1977. Murderer Status: Gerald D. Garrett, 30, was charged with murder in 1980. He was found guilty. A new trial was ordered. He was later retried on April 6, 1988 and acquitted.

Mrs. Agnes Schmidt, 92 assailant: relationship unknown found by: daughter

Agnes Schmidt lived in Highland Township, **Michigan**. She lived alone for twelve years in her apartment after a long and useful life. She was known by her neighbors and was well liked. Like many elderly women,

when she needed help around her house, she had some of her male neighbors to help her. On June 1, 2004, her daughter found Agnes Schmidt's body in her bed. She was stabbed to death. There was no sign of forced entry, but the state police found DNA evidence causing them to seek an arrest warrant for Mr. David G. Ream, 50. **Murderer Status:** David Ream was charged with first-degree murder. He was arrested In North Carolina. His bond was set at \$750,000. He was convicted of all charges and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Alba Pellegrini, 77 assailant: home health care worker

Alba Pellegrini lived in Dorchester, Massachusetts with her 25 year old handicapped grandson. The family was using a home health care agency to help them with their daily chores. September 10, 1991 Alba Pellegrini and her grandson were murdered in their home they were beaten, stabbed and Ms. Pellegrini's throat was slit. Murderer Status: March 7, 1984 Mr. Jesse L. Rogers, 33, pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murder. He was angry that Ms. Pellegrini had complained about his reliability causing him to lose his job in 1991. Mr. Rogers was a convicted felon. His employer did not check his criminal background. He is eligible for parole.

Alberta Gaines and her adopted godson, Kevin Barnett, 25, were stabbed to death in their Memphis, Tennessee home July 6, 1995. Ms. Gaines was known in the community as a teacher and for her years of charity work. **Murderer Status:** Keith Brown, 31, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder. Mr. Brown murdered two people just to rob them. He took the stolen articles and pawned them. The police offered a reward for his apprehension. We do not see a Keith Brown in prison. Disposition unknown

"Doing what he did to my mother - a person of that age, he deserves the (electric) chair. To me, he's human garbage and doesn't deserve to live anymore."
Henry Berdat, son

Alice Berdat lived in Pinellas Park Florida in an adult community. She had a daily routine with her neighbors where they shared the morning newspaper. Alice Berdat was attacked in her home in **Florida** on August 17, 1989. Alice Berdat was beaten, her glasses were broken, her hearing aid was knocked out, her false teeth were ripped out, fourteen of her ribs were broken, she was raped, and was finally strangled to death. Her watch was stolen and sold for five dollars. Her neighbors became concerned when Alice Berdat did not follow her normal routine. The neighbors entered her house and found her body August 17, 1989. She died of strangulation and blunt force trauma. Mrs. Berdat was in the habit of leaving her windows open at night. She did not like air conditioning. **Murderer Status:** April 16, 1990 Anthony Washington (on work release) was charged with first-degree murder, rape and robbery. He came to the police attention after raping another woman August 25, 1989. This rape occurred across the street from the work release center. Mr. Washington was on work release serving time for burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. Mr. Washington was tried for the rape case first. After being convicted he was sentenced to 15 years in prison, this allowed time for DNA testing of the semen taken from Alice Berdat's home. He was convicted in 1992 and sentenced to death. The jury recommended life in prison, but the trial judge wanted him to die for his crime, so she sentenced him to death over the wishes of the jury. In 1995 and 2002, the Florida Supreme court affirmed the judge's right to sentence him to death. Mr. Washington also beat and raped a hotel worker. Her identification led to his capture. He sold Alice Berdat's watch to a coworker for \$5. Mrs. Berdat was in good health she cooked, cleaned and managed her home.

Alice Buffkin, 63 assailant: daughter suspect

Alice Buffkin lived in Missouri. She was visiting her daughter in Lewisburg, **Oregon** when she was stabbed to death July 4, 1995 in front of one or two of her grandchildren. Murderer Status: Her daughter, Monica

Buffkin Drost, 38, was charged with murder. She pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity disposition unknown.

Alice C. Hufnagle Lauman, 67 (mother) assailant: coworker

Alice Lauman lived in East Norriton, **Pennsylvania**. She was raped and strangled to death in her home November 2002. **Murderer Status:** Her coworker, Jeffrey I. Vample, 25, was charged with rape and murder. He was charged with first- and second-degree murder, rape, burglary, robbery and related charges. Apparently, Mr. Vample thought, why not rob the people you know? Mr. Vample was a stupid man. He attempted to rape Alice Lauman while wearing a Halloween mask, November 2002. He told the court when the mask came off he felt compelled to kill her because she could identify him. Was he not stupid? Please note woman are always under observation. Men are always looking for victims. This is why whenever you look into the face of a man you are have a 50-50 chance of looking into the face of a murderer. The district attorney asked for the death penalty. July 25, 2004 Jeffrey I. Vample, 25 pleaded guilty to first-degree murder. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Alice Carcieri, 73 assailant: handyman

Alice Carcieri lived in alone in her home in Providence, **Rhode Island**. She was a double amputee. There was a handyman who often did chores around the house. December 25, 1987 she was attacked and raped in her home. The next morning her relatives found her dead in the bed. She was raped and her wrists were tied to the bed. She died of a heart attack. **Murderer Status:** Handyman, Jeffrey S. Washington, was charged with burglary, rape and felony murder. He was convicted of felony murder May 8, 1989 and sentenced to life in prison without parole. He was arrested in New York when he was spotted pistol-whipping a pedestrian he was trying to rob. In 2010 he appealed his conviction.

Alice Keyho, 85 assailant: sister

Alice Keyho lived in Hampton, **New Hampshire**. She was beaten to death on March 23, 2004. She shared the home with her sister, Helen Garland, 74. **Murderer Status:** Her sister, Helen Garland, was charged with second-degree murder. On September 24, 2005, it was determined that Helen Garland was not competent to stand trial. She suffered from a mild cognitive disorder in abstract thinking which affected her ability to communicate effectively with her attorneys. Charges were dropped and she was placed in a medical facility.

Alma Randolph, 69 assailant: delivery man

Alma Randolph was stabbed to death in her bedroom in Brooklyn, New York in 1981 after a shopping trip. **Murderer Status:** Clifton Lawson, 18, was charged with murder. He carried her groceries home.

Alma Walker, 68 assailant: nephew

Alma Walker lived in Chesterfield County, **Virginia**. During a New Year's Eve party with relatives, Ms. Walker and her nephew had an altercation that involved her hitting him in the head with a bottle; while at the hospital the nephew vowed revenge. After returning from the hospital, the nephew smothered Ms. Walker to death. She died on January 1, 1989. **Murderer Status:** Ricky Stanley Charles, 29, confessed in open court that he murdered his aunt. He was sentenced in October 1989.

Alvina Murdaugh, 72 assailant: still at large

Alvina Murdaugh lived in Anaheim, **California**. She owned Aldea's Knit Shop. Her body was found in the store on May 20, 1996. She was strangled to death. Her jewelry and money were missing. **Murderer Status:** Unknown; a reward was offered

Alyce Singleton, 82

assailant: gardener

Alyce Singleton lived in Omaha, **Nebraska**. She was 82 years old. She probably had thoughts of making it to 100. Making it to 100 years old was not a bad goal. She would be a celebrated woman. Why not live to be a 100 and look back over your life thinking of all the history you have seen. If reaching a 100 was Alyce Singleton's goal it was not to be. That goal ended December 26, 1987 when she was murdered in her home. She was beaten with a pipe and her throat was cut. **Murderer Status:** Her gardener, Clarence Victor, was charged with first degree murder. A three judge panel found the statutory aggravating circumstances that Victor had previously been convicted of murder. He was sentenced to death. The Nebraska Supreme Court upheld his conviction.

Alyne Bugbee, 89

assailant: stranger suspected

Alyne Bugbee lived in San Antonio, **Texas**. She lived in the Brighton Gardens Nursing home. November 29, 1996 she was strangled to death in her room to facilitate a robbery. **Murderer Status:** Police issued a warrant for the arrest of Phillip Robinson, 28. Mr. Robinson turned himself into the police December 6, 1996. A jail administrator said Mr. Phillip Robinson committed suicide in the medical ward of the jail by placing a trash liner over his head. The murder case was closed.

Amberene Grayson, 87

assailant: nephew

found by: police

Amberene Grayson lived in **California**. She often gave a helping hand to her homeless nephew. She gave him food and a place to stay. But once he started abusing alcohol and creating disturbances in her home for which she had to call the police, she refused to help him. On December 5, 2008, her nephew gained entrance into her home and assaulted her. She was beaten, strangled, then stabbed 59 times with an ice pick. Her nephew was arrested the next day in her home when the police made a welfare check. **Murderer Status:** Carrel Edley Grayson, 52, was charged with murder. He did the unthinkable: he attacked an elderly family member. Mr. Grayson was homeless, in need of money, and the only place he could think of going to get the money was his aunt's home. After a plea bargain was arranged, Carrel Grayson pled no contest to voluntary manslaughter and to eight counts of residential burglary. He was sentenced to 22 years in prison.

Amelia Perales, 70

assailant: acquaintance

Amelia Perales was living with Rogerio Herrera, 80, in San Antonio, **Texas**. She was beaten to death in 1992. **Murderer Status:** Rogerio Herrera pleaded guilty on February 14, 1992 to murdering Amelia Perales.

Angela Spence Shaw, 66

assailant: stranger

"There is a piece of you that is nothing short of the personification of evil."

O. Rogeriee Thompson, Presiding Judge

Angela Shaw lived in Little Compton, **Rhode Island**. She contracted to have her home remodeled. Shortly after the job was arranged, Angela Shaw was found on May 30, 1999, beaten, raped, and drowned in the bathtub of her home. Her throat was crushed and several ribs were broken. Angela Shaw's death was not the type of violence anyone expected in the little hamlet. It did not take the detectives long to find her assailant. He was one of the carpenters hired to remodel her home. **Murderer Status:** Jeremy M. Motyka, 23, was charged with rape and first-degree murder. He was tried in 2001 and sentenced to life in prison without parole. We do not find him in prison. At the time of the murder he was free on bail, awaiting trial on charges of kidnapping, car-jacking, and assault in Massachusetts. **Now two children are left motherless.**

Ann O'Connor, 80

assailant: janitor

found by: relative

Ann O'Connor lived in Springfield, **Massachusetts**. On December 30, 1985, she was awakened from her sleep and raped and murdered in her bed. **Murderer Status:** James L. Jones Jr., 22, was charged with murder, aggravated rape, burglary, and assault in a dwelling. He was arrested three hours after Ann O'Connor's body was found. He is in prison.

Ann Palato, 94 assailant: still at large found by: friend

"I can tell you without reservation that everyone from Sheriff White on down takes it personally when an elderly person murdered in her own home."

Colonel Al Nienhuis, Pasco County Sheriff's Office

Ann Palato lived in Port Richey, Florida. She lived alone she did not want to move from her home of 30 years. Her neighbors spoke highly of her. She was murdered in her home September 22, 2010. Mrs. Palato recently began using the services of a handyman. Murderer Status: John Sexton Jr. was charged with murder. A neighbor saw his truck in her driveway.

Ann Beckham was beaten to death in her apartment in New York City during a robbery on May 10, 1986. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Anna Elizabeth Norton 72 assailant: stranger found by: police

Anna Norton lived in Troy, Missouri. She was suffocated to death January 8, 1993. Anna Norton's body was found in the Missouri River. Her assailant drove through her neighborhood looking for someone to rob. He needed money to purchase drugs. Anna Norton did not show up at the senior center where she volunteered and her daughter drove to her mother's home. When Anna Norton's daughter went looking for her mother all she found was an empty house. Murderer Status: Eric Beishline, 29, was convicted of first-degree murder March 8, 1994. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole. When he spoke of Anna Norton's murder he said, "I couldn't stop. I don't know why." Mr. Beishline was addicted to drugs. He used alcohol and marijuana as an adolescent. He was addicted to cocaine for 15 years. The prosecutor asked for the death penalty. The jury did not agree. The testimony of psychologist Carole Bernard probably influenced them.

Anna Houston 79 assailant: still at large

Anna Houston lived in Lakeland, Florida. She was murdered in her apartment May 1984. She was slashed to death. Murderer Status: unknown

Anna Laura Fowler, 83 assailant: stranger found by:grandson
Zelma Cutler, 90 assailant: stranger

Anna Fowler and Zelma Cutler were neighbors in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They were murdered four months apart. Both women lived alone. Anna Fowler was murdered in her home September 2, 1986 and Zelma Cutler was murdered in her home January 1987. Imagine how Ms. Cutler must have felt at the death of Ms. Fowler knowing there was someone breaking into homes in the neighborhood. What could she do? Both women were raped and both women died of asphyxiation. Ronald Clinton Lott, 41, a convicted rapist was arrested for both murders. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 2001. The jury deliberated one hour for the guilty verdict and 2.5 hours for the death sentence. Robert Lee Miller Jr. was originally indicted and convicted for these murders. He was held in prison until 1998. Mr. Miller served 10 years on death row for two murders he did not commit.

Anna Mae McClellan, 83 (See Lillian Bellamy, 88) assailant: suspect arrested

Anna Mae McClellan lived in Washington, D. C. She lived in a public housing complex in the District of Columbia. She was found unconscious in her home February 3, 1996. She died at an area hospital. She was beaten and died of blunt force injuries. **Murderer Status:** Nathaniel Richard Brown was arrested July 23, 1996 and charged with murder. We do not see him in prison.

Anna Maxine Andrews, 83 assailant: stranger found by: daughter

Ann Andrews lived in Olive Branch, Desoto County, **Tennessee**. She was killed in her home on December 29, 2003. She was suffocated. Her mouth and nose were covered with heavy duct tape. **Murderer Status:** Three men -- Tony Earl Caradine, 31(mentally challenged); Ricky Scruggs, 41; and Mario Dockery, 24 -- were charged with capital murder. In January 2006, Tony Earl Caradine, 33, of Byhalia, pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to life in prison. He is mentally retarded. Parole is possible. On September 1, 2006, Ricky Scruggs pled guilty to murder. Mario Dockery, 29, pled guilty in March 2007. The three men took approximately \$300.00 from Anna Andrews' home.

Anna Lasabeck lived in Pittsburgh, **Pennsylvania**. Anna Lasabeck and her dog, Bear, died on February 16, 2001, during a fire that was deliberately set. She died of smoke inhalation. **Murderer Status:** Chad Pruchnitzky, 15, and James Moore III were charged with second-degree murder. The boys were accused of taking a bottle of gasoline from a fire station and using it to start a fire in the basement where Anna Lazabecks lived. They then waited for the fire alarm to ring and returned to the station to meet adult firefighters. The boys were junior fire fighters. When they became junior firefighters in North Braddock, the fire department started getting a lot busier. Suspicious fires began to flare, and were concentrated in an area around the No. 1 station house, where the boys worked. The boys were ordered to stand trial on charges of second-degree murder and involuntary manslaughter. Juvenile court judge Guido DeAngelis ruled that Chad Pruchnitzky, 16, was delinquent on charges of second-degree murder, arson, conspiracy to commit both crimes, and criminal mischief. They were sentenced to incarceration at long-term juvenile detention facilities until they turn 21.

Anna Lockner lived in South Los Angeles, California. She was beaten to death in her home February 10, 1973. It was not until 2007 did she receive justice. A match was made to a finger print left in her home. A man in prison was charged with her murder. Murderer Status: January 15, 2008 Jesse Clifton Wimberly Jr., 54 (19) was sentenced to 5 years to life for the murder of Anna Lockner. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. He was in prison for a 1974 kidnapping, robbery and rape. He had an accomplice in the beating of Anna Lockner. The accomplice was killed in 2006. The take from the robbery of Anna Lockner was \$15.00.

Anna Petrus, 75 assailant: stranger

Anna Petrus was the owner of the Cozy Rest Motel in Adams, New York. She and her husband ran the Cozy Rest Motel for almost thirty years until his death. She enjoyed working and having control of her life. She was working the Memorial Day weekend, May 28, 1995, when she was robbed. She was bludgeoned to death. Cause of death was aspiration of blood due to blunt force trauma. The Cozy Rest was a cash-only operation. People knew that. They also knew the owner kept most of her money in the house that doubled as an office. Her family offered a \$10,000 reward to help catch the killer. **Murderer Status:** On June 25, 1999, Adrian J. Rusho, 26, a restaurant worker, was charged with second-degree murder. He was tried on May 23, 2000. He became a suspect four years after the murder, when a fingerprint at the scene matched a print from an arrest record. He was required to give DNA evidence: blood, hair, and saliva samples. Mr. Rusho was a cocaine addict when Mrs. Petrus was murdered. Mrs. Petrus was struck 24 times. She was shot ten times in the head. Mr. Rusho was found guilty in 2000 and sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. His appeal was denied in 2000.

Anna Steffin 93 assailant: stranger found by: mail carrier notified police

Anna Steffin lived in Avondale, Cincinnati, Ohio. August 27, 1991 Anna Steffin's home was burglarized. During the burglary she was gagged and tied to a bed. She died of asphyxiation. Murderer Status: Earl Hart, 24, was found guilty of aggravated murder. Judge Thomas Nurre of the Hamilton County Common Pleas court sentenced him to at least 30 years in prison. He will be eligible for parole in 20 years the year 2012. He was also sentenced to 10 to 25 years for aggravated burglary. The sentences run consecutively Again society is faced with another man who felt the elderly are easy prey. He believed no one would know.

Anna Vuori, 90 assailant: stranger – magazine salesman

Anna Vuori lived in Lafayette, California. She lived alone. She was just ten year shy of living to be 100 years old. This goal was not reach because a magazine salesman was looking for an easy target to exploit. Mrs. Vuori was raped, robbed and smothered in her bed December 10, 2005. Murderer Status: Richard Craig McNew, 30, a parolee and also a magazine salesman was charged with her murder. He was arrested in Missouri. He pleaded guilty to murder December 2008 and was sentenced to life in prison the following year. He was facing the death penalty. The guilty plea was his best choice.

Annetta Livingstone, 69 (Mother) assailant: stranger found by: walkers

"I don't know why anybody would want to hurt her --- she was so kind and lovable, always with a smile on her face . . . It's so lonely here with her gone . . . It's lonely whenever you have to give up a good friend. They're going to catch the one who mistreated her." Opal Phillips, friend

Annetta Livingston lived alone in Warner Robins, **Georgia**. Her body was found near a city park on February 14, 1999, one day after her daughter reported her missing. She was beaten to death and her white 1997 Ford Escort was missing. Mrs. Livingston purchased her Ford Escort two weeks before she was killed. Her car was the last sign of her independence. **Murderer Status:** Amos Smith, 39, was arrested on a probation violation. He was later indicted on twenty charges including abduction, robbery, and murder. On February 12, 2000, Amos Smith, 39, was sentenced to life without parole, five consecutive life sentences, and 71 years without parole for killing Annetta P. Livingston and for other felony and misdemeanor charges. Amos Smith beat Annetta Livingston with his hands, fists, feet, and a paint can. Is he not an animal? District Attorney Kelly Burke tried to seek the death penalty against Smith for Livingston's murder. A court-appointed psychologist said Amos Smith was mentally retarded, and Georgia law does not allow death sentences for mentally retarded defendants. Mentally retarded means having "significantly sub-average general intellectual functioning," according to Georgia law. The benchmark for retardation is an IQ below 70. Amos Smith's IQ is 67. He is a drug addict.

Annie B. Anderson, 86 assailant: stranger

Annie Anderson lived in St. Petersburg, **Florida**. She took pride in raising monarch butterflies in her backyard. On January 16, 1984, she was stabbed to death in her home during a robbery. **Murderer Status:** James Floyd, 24, a former church custodian, was arrested and tried for murder. He was convicted and sentenced to death. After reviewing his case, the Florida Supreme Court ordered a new sentencing hearing on November 21, 1986. Circuit Judge Philip A. Federico incorrectly told the jury to consider premeditation, which the court found had not been proven, and said nothing about mitigating factors. That left the jury apparently thinking it had to impose death.

Annie Brown, 91
Lou Edna Jones, 86 (Mother) assailant: stranger found by: firefighters

Annie Brown and Lou Edna Jones were two senior citizens living in **Washington D. C.** The two women did not know one another. The only link between these two women was a man who enjoyed setting fires. This man set 45 fires in the Washington D. C. area and connecting suburbs of Virginia and Maryland between

March 2002 and December 2004. Annie Brown died of smoke inhalation a few days after her next door neighbor's home was set afire on February 5, 2002. Lou Jones was died in a house fire on June 5, 2003. **Murderer Status:** Thomas Sweatt, 50, a fast food restaurant manager, was arrested by federal authorities who had hunted him for two years. On June 6, 2005, Mr. Sweatt pled guilty to two counts of first-degree murder by arson and he pled guilty to arson. He was sentenced to life in prison plus 136 years with no parole. He cried in court.

Annie Tapia lived in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was beaten to death in her south Cerrillos Road liquor store March 23, 1995. Murderer Status: her death remains unsolved.

Annie White was murdered along with her husband, Benjamin age 83, October 8, 1992 in Macon, Georgia. She was strangled and her husband was stabbed. The motive for the murder was robbery. Murderer Status: Curtis Ethus Lane age 38 was a suspect. He was tried twice his second trial ended in a mistrial. The law is based on the state getting 12 people to agree that a defendant is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Apolonia Tambor, 74 assailant: stranger

"We think she broke her cane over somebody's head." Detectives

Apolonia Tambor lived in Holyoke, Massachusetts. She was stabbed and beaten to death on August 1, 1984, during an apparent robbery in her apartment. The police have her killer's fingerprints, blood, and teeth, but not her killer. Ms. Tambor was washing her hair in the bathroom when someone climbed the fire escape and broke into her fifth-floor apartment. The killer took a black and white television and a clock radio. **Murderer Status:** unknown for ten years. Finally Mr. Jose M. Cintron was arrested and charged with murder. He left a bloody print on Ms. Tambor's bed.

Audra Page, 88 assailant: still at large found by: stranger

Audra Page lived in or near Linton, **Indiana**. She disappeared from her home in July 1996. Her partially clad body was found four days later in Richland Creek, south of Bloomfield. **Murderer Status:** unsolved

Audrey Harris, 75 assailant: stranger found by: relative

Audrey Harris lived in Oklahoma City, **Oklahoma**. She was in poor health and used a walker to navigate her home. On March 22, 1989, she was attacked in her home. Her death was one of the most brutal murders committed in the city. She was eviscerated. Her murder case remained open until December 14, 2007 when Mr. Roderick Earsel Webster, 52, was arrested. He left his palm print near her body. His DNA matched froth on Audrey Harris' sweater. **Murderer Status:** Roderick Earsel Webster, 52, was arrested and charged with capital murder. There was no motive offered.

Audrey Lou Benn, 72 assailant: neighbor found by: friends

Audrey Benn lived in Augusta, **Maine** in a basement apartment. She socialized regularly with her neighbors and was known to be friendly. She was a secondary education teacher and she did have a family. Her body was found in her apartment. She was strangled to death. It took the Maine police four days to find her killer. He was in custody by February 27, 2008 (her murder was reported February 24, 2008). **Murderer Status:** Her neighbor, Raymond L. Clark, 35, was arrested and charged with murder. He told authorities that he killed Audrey Benn because she "confronted him about being a sex offender and came at him with

a knife." Mr. Clark's DNA was found on the belt of Audrey Benn's bathrobe. He was known to borrow money and cigarettes and to use Ms. Benn's phone.

Mrs. Barbara Jane Castor, 76 assailants: strangers

"Granny Go-Go"

Ira Castor, son

The day Barbara Castor died her murderers had a party in her house outside of Denver Colorado. November 11, 1996 Barbara Castor gave a ride to two boys, during the ride they overpowered her and took Barbara Castor to a wooded area and left her attached to a cement slab. She died during the night. The temperature dropped to 10 degrees and it snowed. Her body was found November 19, 1996. Her abductors, Antonia Scott Farrell, 17, and Kevin Blankenship, 16, were from Illinois. After leaving Barbara Castor in the woods they drove to her home stole her jewelry, cash and had a party. They took a picture of themselves shooting pool and drinking beer. Murderer Status: Kevin Blankenship and Antonio "Tony" Farrell, were sentenced to life in prison without parole for the murder of Barbara Jane Castor. California is the only state we know where they try not to sentence a juvenile to live in prison without parole. Michigan, Colorado and Florida allow this sentence for anyone regardless of the age. What is at issue is such an unyielding sentence appropriate for those arguably too young to fully understand or control their actions? Life in prison without parole is a death sentence in disguise. Barbara Castor was called "Granny Honey". The newspapers called the defendants Illinois Killers.

Beatrice Bellis, 87 (See Norma Rodrigues Volume Two)

found by: brother

Beatrice Bellis lived in a senior citizen complex in Port Hueneme, California. She was raped and stabbed to death in her bed June 27, 1993. She was stabbed 32 times in her chest and face. She was deaf and mute. Her brother found her body. She was one of three women murdered in California from June 1993 to August 1993. Norma Rodriguez, 32, Beatrice Bellis, 87, and Cynthia Burger, 44, were all killed within a nine-week period. Murderer Status: murderer unknown until April 2004 when Ricardo Villia, 29, (18) was arrested for the murder of Ms. Bellis. He was a maintenance man working for the apartment complex where Beatrice Bellis lived. December 2, 2004 the district attorney announced they would seek the death penalty. Mr. Villa is charged with special allegations that he used a knife and raped the victim, and that the killing was committed during a rape and robbery which makes him eligible for the death penalty if convicted. There is DNA evidence. He was linked to evidence from the crime through DNA. The law was changed in California where anyone convicted of a felony had to give DNA sample. December 18, 2000 lab technicians extracted genetic material from a hair left at the scene. A match was made in 2004. Dennis Fitzgerald was one of the detectives that persistently worked on this case. A lab technician ran tests weekly looking for a DNA match. That match came 4 years later. There is a Ricardo Villa in custody in the California prison system.

Beatrice Valliere, 71 assailant: stranger

Beatrice Valliere was an elderly woman living in Michigan. Henry Jewell broke into her home on January 16, 1989 and set about robbing her. When he left her home, Beatrice Valliere had been stabbed three times and three of her fingers were severed so that Mr. Jewell could remove her jewelry. **Murderer Status:** Henry Jewell, 18, was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Beatrice Watson, 68 assailant: two strangers

Beatrice Watson was robbed in her home in New York City on December 24, 1973. During the robbery she was strangled to death. **Murderer Status:** Ronald Wallace, 18, and another man were suspects in her murder. Ronald Wallace was arrested on December 26, 1973. Please note: most of the robbery and murder assailants are located within days of their crime because most of the time someone saw the assault or knew the assailant. More crimes can be solved if people with knowledge report the assailants anonymously.

Bernice Clark, 76

assailant: stranger - parolee

Bernice lived in Woburn, Massachusetts. On July 13, 1990 she opened her door to a magazine salesman. She purchased a subscription to *Consumer Digest*. Later that day, her grandson found her body. She had been stabbed repeatedly in the chest. **Murderer Status:** Darrin Whitman, 23, a parolee, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder. He had been released from prison only seven months earlier, for a 1985 charge of intent to commit criminal sexual conduct. The company he worked for did not do a background check but he signed on his application that he had never been arrested. He was convicted.

Bernice Faggotte, 88 (See M. Logue, S. Csesznegi) assailant: stranger

Bernice Faggotte lived in (Peoria), Illinois. She was murdered when her home was burglarized. She had been missing from her home since September 1993. Her body was found in September 1994 after police received an anonymous tip. She was strangled to death. **Murderer Status:** Joseph Miller, age 48, confessed to her murder. He did odd jobs for Mrs. Faggotte. Mr. Miller was in prison when he was indicted for the murder of Bernice Faggott. He was sentenced to death in 1994 for murdering three women. Mr. Miller was indicted on January 13, 1995 for the murder of Bernice Faggotte. The prosecuting attorney wanted to insure that Mr. Miller was punished in the event that his first conviction is disturbed. Mr. Miller pleaded guilty and was sentenced in Sangamon County on March 7, 1995, to life in prison. Mr. Miller was not out of prison two months before he began to kill again.

Bernice L. Lawler, 73

assailant: strangers workmen

Bernice Lawler lived in Kansas City, **Missouri**. Like many elderly women living alone, she often had routine chores performed by local maintenance companies in the area. In 1986, Bernice Lawler used a lawn service to cut her grass. What was not evident was that the company employed two thieves. On May 30, 1986, Ms. Lawler was attacked in her home. **Murderer Status:** Christopher Chambers, 21, and James J. Shehan were charged with robbery and murder. Mr. Chambers committed the murder; Mr. Shehan committed a sexual assault after death. Both men were convicted. Mr. Chambers was eligible for parole in 2003. The men were drinking and using drugs.

Bernice Tucholski, 71

assailant: still at large

Bernice Tucholski's body was found in the basement of her home in Warren, Michigan September 20, 1996. An autopsy revealed her death was a homicide. She was last seen September 18, 1996. Her family alerted the police that they had not heard from her and she lived alone. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Bertha Annie Hatton, 81

assailant: nephew suspect

Bertha Hatton lived in Prince George County in Maryland. Her body was found in her home on January 30, 1997. She was beaten and strangled to death. **Murderer Status:** Her nephew, Kenneth David Brown, 44, was charged with first-degree murder. He was arrested in Arizona.

Mrs. Bertha Haas, 68

assailant: still at large.

Found by: porter

Bertha Haas lived in the Bronx in New York City. She lived an unremarkable life. She valued her friends and family and spent time with her neighbors. All of these activities ceased April 12, 1964 when someone entered her apartment building and murdered her. Bertha Haas was beaten, raped, robbed and strangled to death in the lobby of her apartment. Please note the assailant was not afraid of being interrupted. He knew the habits of the occupants. Bertha Haas arrived home about 2 am after visiting a friend which was her habit on Saturday. Mrs. Haas was recently widowed. Mrs. Haas was killed because she would not give her assailant fifteen cents. Murderer Status: unknown - Norman Mayronne, 19, was arraigned on April 24, 1964 on charges of rape and murder. Mr. Norman Mayronne was six feet tall and weighed 165 pounds. A friend said he was unwelcome at his parents' home.

Bertha Hagman, 82 1996 assailant: stranger

Bertha Hagman lived in Massachusetts. She was handcuffed and murdered in her February 1, 1996 during a robbery of her home. Her house was set afire. Bertha Hagman died of smoke inhalation. The prosecuting attorney said two men were involved in the robbery. The key that opened the handcuffs were found on one of the assailant's girlfriend. Murderer Status: Corey J. Leonard, 29, was charged with murder, arson, home invasion, armed robbery, armed burglary and confining or putting in fear for the purpose of stealing. He was addicted to drugs. He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison December 1996. He did not enjoy his freedom for long. John D. Harling, 32, was charged as an accessory before the fact, to breaking and entering and receiving stolen property. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 to 10 years in prison. Bertha Hagman died on the floor of her bedroom.

Bess Lewis lived in Portland Township, **Michigan**. She lived in a neighborhood most would say was extremely safe, a low-crime area. Yet her body was found in her home on November 17, 1981. She had been raped and robbed and there were no suspects. Twenty years later police would learn that her murder was committed by a neighbor. The rape and robbery was not committed by an outsider. **Murderer Status:** Glenn Allen Kerbyson, 41, was arrested in 2002 for a murder he committed when he was twenty years old. After a plea agreement, Mr. Kerbyson was sentenced to 35 to 75 years in prison. In 2002, Mr. Kerbyson was gainfully employed, married, and a father of four. DNA evidence linked him to the murder.

Bess Stidham Horton, 84 assailant: stranger - parolee

Bess Horton lived in Grayson, Kentucky. She was a retired beautician. She was home sleeping in August 1993 when Sammie Fields allegedly broke into her home and stabbed her to death. Her throat was slashed and a butcher knife was stuck in her skull. Mr. Fields had decided that Mrs. Horton was the perfect victim. He would kill her and take her jewelry. As usual, the perfect crime turned out not to be so perfect when Mr. Fields was caught. He had her jewelry in his pocket. **Murderer Status:** Mr. Sammie Fields, 24, was charged with murder. He was tried in October 1996. Mr. Fields was found guilty and sentenced to death based on the jury's recommendation. Carter Circuit Judge Sam Long also sentenced him to twenty years for burglary. We believe the judge added this sentence in the event the death sentence is overturned. The jury did not recommend a sentence for burglary. On February 24, 2000, the Kentucky Supreme Court granted Mr. Fields a new trial. In a vote of 4-3, the court said that Mr. Fields was erroneously permitted to hear the narration of a staged reenactment of a police officer's investigation of the crime scene. The court also ruled that the jury should have been given the option of convicting Mr. Fields of second-degree murder. Bess Horton was murdered less than three weeks after Mr. Fields was released from prison. He served 45 months of a five-year sentence for theft and burglary. He had a problem with alcohol and drugs. Mr. Samuel Fields was again sentenced to death January 8, 2004. The large knife used to slash her throat was found protruding from her right temple area. Fields was arrested at the scene.

Bessie Alexander lived in **Illinois**. In April 1992, Bessie Alexander and her grandson were home when her grandson began to argue with an acquaintance over crack cocaine. The acquaintance ended the argument by firing six shots at the fleeing grandmother and grandson. Mrs. Alexander was hit in the back. She died the next day in an area hospital. **Murderer Status:** The shooter was identified that evening as Oscar Palton, 39. He was convicted and sentenced to sixty years in prison.

Annie Bell Carter

Mary D. Ring, 57

Melva Harper Niell, 81

Bessie Kate Alexander, 69 (See Volume Six: *And Suddenly...*)

Mary D. Ring was murdered in 1981 in **South Carolina**. Melva Harper Niell was murdered on September 16, 1981 in Clover, South Carolina, and Bessie Alexander was murdered in 1981 in South Carolina. The murder cases of Melva Niell, Mary D. Ring, Bessie Alexander, and Annie Bell Carter are intrinsically linked to one man: Mr. Sterling Spann, who was subsequently exonerated for the death of Melva Niell. Their deaths were clustered together and everyone wanted to assume that Mr. Spann, 19, murdered four elderly women, even though Bessie Alexander was murdered sixty days after Mr. Spann was arrested. When a prosecutor clusters a lot of unsolved murder cases together, or allows the newspaper to do so without clarification, it makes the defendant appear guiltier to the jury and the public. The defendant is found guilty by insinuation. It was in all the papers that Spann was a killer of elderly women. Mr. Span spent seventeen years on death row for murders he did not commit. Johnny Hullet of Gaston County was later convicted for murdering Bessie Alexander. He was sentenced to life in prison. Johnny Hullet was asked to testify in one of Mr. Spann's murder trials. Some people believe he was the man who murdered Melva Niell. South Carolina is a death penalty state; maybe this is the reason why Mr. Hullet did not discuss the murder of Melva Niell during Mr. Spann's trial. If Mr. Hullett murdered Melva Niell, he would be subject to the death penalty rather than living his life out in prison. Prison is a much better proposition than death. Mary D. Ring's murder remains unsolved. No one is looking for the murderer of Melva Niell because many people want to believe the courts were forced to release a guilty man because he was Black. Apparently, Black men are given preferential treatment by the appeals courts in this country. The only people who get murder cases right are the state prosecutors. It was never shown that Annie Carter was actually murdered.

Mr. Alan M. Halbur, 39 Florida

"He can't get what we want. We want to see him dead. My mother is dead. He's alive and there isn't a damn thing we can do about it."

Larry Polquin, 54, oldest son

"The family will always remember someone they loved was murdered.

"She did not die an innocent death. It was one of violence and torture."

Bonnie Owens, daughter

Frances Walrath lived in Port St. Lucie, Florida. She was murdered July 31, 1997. She was strangled, beaten and stabbed seven times in the heart and lungs. Her body was found in her back yard. She died a few days later. Her assailant consumed 20 to 30 glasses of beer before the murder. Bernice Polquin also lived in Port St. Lucie, Florida. She was murdered in her home August 12, 1992. Both women were murdered so their jewelry and other valuables could be stolen. Murderer Status: Alan Halbur was arrested after his mother called the police August 16, 1997 and said she suspect her son killed Frances Walrath and Bernice Polquin. He was charged with first-degree murder, armed burglary and armed robbery, etc. In 1998 he was sentenced to six life sentences to be served consecutively after being convicted on all counts. Bernice Polquin let Halbur into her house because he and his then-wife had been there days earlier to buy a couch that had been advertised in the newspaper. The couple seemed nice. He smoked \$50 worth of crack and drank a pint of whiskey and about 20 cans of beer on the afternoon he killed Bernice Polquin. Mrs. Polquin was married for 55 years. Mr. Halbur was probably allowed into Mrs. Walrath's home because he was once married to one of her relatives. Mr. Halbur was not going to stop killing he had to have money to feed his cocaine habit. **Mr. Halbur has at least 11,315 days to spend in prison before he reaches the age 70.**

Bessie Clark lived in Ohio. She was strangled to death the night her home was robbed June 20, 1997. Murderer Status: Kevin D. Sweezey, 36, was charged with robbery and murder. He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

"I think it was just a crime of opportunity, a burglary that turned into a homicide. Sparks wanted money, he knew the house, and he knew she had money and jewelry." Blakely Police Chief Charles Middleton, 1991

"Our thoughts are with this lady's loved ones . . . but there was nothing in his background to indicate he would commit such a terrible crime."

Board of Pardons and Paroles spokesman Richard Hyde

Betty Johnson lived in Blakely, **Georgia**. She tutored at the local learning center. In July 1991, she was stabbed to death in her home by the same man who burglarized her home in 1984. Her hands and feet were bound. **Murderer Status:** Horace Sparks, 24, a parolee, was charged with murder. An anonymous tip was called into the police. He was freed on February 17, 1991 just a few months before her death, as part of the state's early release program. He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Betty Everett 67 assailant: still at large

Betty Everett worked as a beautician at the Trinity Retirement Center in Mississippi. She was murdered November 17, October 1998. She was found hogtied and strangled. The gas was turned on in her home. There were no signs of forced entry and it appeared that they had let the killer into their homes. Betty Everett lived alone. Murderer Status: unknown

Betty J. Swetnam, 73 assailant: still at large

Betty J. Swetnam lived in Sioux City, Iowa. She was stabbed to death in her home January 1, 1994. She lived alone. The motive was robbery. Murderer Status: unsolved.

Betty Jones, 65 assailant: still at large

Betty Jones lived in Oktibbeha County, **Tennessee**. On September 2, 1990, Betty Jones was visiting her friend Kathryn Crigler, 81. The two women were attacked. Betty Jones' throat was slashed. Kathryn Crigler was raped but she survived, only to die several months later of natural causes. Murderer Status: unsolved

Cara Lee Cross Bennett 86 assailant: stranger
Mary Adele Alexander Strickland 86

Cara Lee Bennett and Mary Strickland were roommates living in Greensboro, **North Carolina**. April 5, 1989 they were raped, and choked in their apartment. Both women were grandmothers. Murderer Status: Horace Benjamin Beach Jr. was charged with murder. During his murder trial October 1991 Guilford County he pleaded insanity. He jury found him guilty and not insane. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Mrs. Carol Dotts 67 assailants: strangers
Mr. Lester Dotts,

Carol Dotts lived in Farragut, **Tennessee**. She and her husband, Lester, 69, were shot to death in their home in an apparent robbery February 3, 1995. Of course the murderers were caught and testified against one another in court. Murderer Status: David L. Scarbrough and a friend, Thomas Paul Gagne Jr., were charged with murder (adults). They went to the home to commit a burglary after the burglary was over two people lay dead. Harley Lonnie Watts, 14, testified against his codefendants. He was order to attend a rehabilitation training school in exchange for his cooperation. Mr. Watts was riding in the car with his friends looking to break into parked cars.

Caroline Small, 79
Mae Renati, 77 assailant: neighbor

Mae Renati and Caroline Small were sisters. Mae Renati lived in Novato, **California**, and Caroline Small in Petaluma, California. The sisters frequently visited one another. What neither sister knew was that Mae Renati was living across the street from a man with a long criminal history. The man was committed to this career; he was not going to stop victimizing people who presented a weakness he could exploit. On Tuesday, February 11, 1992, the two sisters were found shot to death in the living room of Mae Renati's home. Their assailant was arrested that Friday. **Murderer Status:** Neighbor, Ralph Mefford, 69, a parolee, was arrested and charged with two counts of murder. He was released from prison in April 1991. He moved across the street from Mae Renati in January 1992. It did not take him long to find a victim. He was initially arrested for carrying a concealed weapon, a parole violation. On June 4, 1992, Mr. Mefford pled guilty to two counts of second-degree murder to avoid the death penalty. He was sentenced to life in prison. Mr. Mefford had killed before.

Carrie Lark Alley, 79 assailant: stranger

The man who was convicted of murdering Carrie Lark Alley in her home on August 1, 1992 was sentenced to death. Carrie Alley lived in Asheville, South Carolina. Richard Anthony Tucker entered her home looking for money for drugs. His mistake was not leaving Carrie Allen alive when he left. The jury could have accepted his entering her house to steal and even leaving her home with her possessions under his arm. But the jury could not accept Mr. Tucker raping a 68-year-old woman in her home, then beating and strangling her to death. How much of a threat was Mrs. Alley to Mr. Tucker? NONE! **Murderer Status:** Mr. Richard Tucker was tried, convicted, and sentenced to death by October 28, 1993. Mr. Tucker testified during the penalty phase of his trial that "something snapped inside" of him when he killed Mrs. Alley. He was in the grip of a crack cocaine addiction. This seems to be a common trait among drug addicts who attack the public: their first goal is money, yet they end up brutalizing their victims. Not even his attorney could think of any fancy footwork to keep him from the gallows. At the age of 33, his life was over. Mr. Tucker's only focus was appealing to a high court for relief. In 2002, a new sentencing phrase was ordered because of a South Carolina Supreme Court ruling. The court's ruling in 2001 vacated Tucker's death sentence while keeping his murder conviction intact. Teresa Norris of the Columbia-based Center for Capital Litigation was Mr. Tucker's attorney. In 2003, Richard Tucker agreed to serve a life sentence in prison and to permanently waive his right to seek parole. Prosecutors are no longer assured that juries will opt to sentence a person to death in light of the number of innocent men being freed in this country. Many innocent men have been sentenced to death. Prosecutors know that the average American is familiar with the case of the Washington woman who lied and said she helped murder a woman just to get away from her abusive boyfriend. This woman was innocent, yet she was imprisoned from 1991 to 1995 solely on her confession. There was no forensic evidence connecting her or her boyfriend to the murder. Prosecutors also know that people are beginning to believe some prosecutors would rather see an innocent person remain in prison than admit their mistakes.

Carrie Nagel, 92 (See Nellie Bobendrier, 82) assailant: stranger

Carrie Nagel lived in Cass County, **Minnesota**. Her body was found on December 4, 1999 in her burning home. The coroner ruled her death a homicide. **Murderer Status:** Michael R. Ebinger, 31, a former car salesman, was charged with murder. He murdered Nellie Bobendrier in a robbery three days earlier. He burglarized the apartments of several other elderly people living in his building. In August 2000, Ebinger, 31, pled guilty to intentional second-degree murder in the death of Carrie Nagel. He will be in prison until he is seventy years old.

Catherine Graves, 74 assailant: stranger

Catherine Graves was murder in her home in Grand Rapids, Michigan May 25, 1998. She was stabbed then shot to death. As so many before her she was a victim of young men preying upon older women. **Murderer Status:** Willie Cooley, 37, was held in the murder. He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Cecelia Schneider, 93 assailant: stranger

Cecelia Schneider lived in Smith County Tyler, Texas. July 9, 2005, Cecelia was attacked and murdered in her bed. She was alone in her home when a robbery entered looking for money to buy drugs. She was stabbed beaten then strangled to death and the robber got \$40.000. She was set afire in her bed. Murderer Status: Robber, Clifton Lamar Williams, 21, was charged with robbery and capital murder. He was convicted October 2006 and sentenced to death for stabbing, beating and strangling Cecelia Schneider. His attorneys said he was mentally retarded. The jury ruled Mr. Williams was not mentally ill and no mitigating circumstances that warranted a life sentence. Paul Andrews, a clinical and forensic psychologist said "Williams suffered from schizophrenia and was receiving as many as three visits per week from mental health case workers. Funding cuts later ended those visits. "He stopped taking his medicine, and 90 days later he killed a person. We have two people dead because of funding cuts." "Not everyone ends up with a crime of homicide, but a lot of people end up with no services or a lack of services ... and they end up in jails, in courts or in prison. I think the greatest way to prevent that would be more money for community health on an outpatient basis." Mr. Williams visited in the area this is how he knew where Ms. Schneider lived. He targeted her. Lots of elderly women living in the neighborhood are targeted for robbery.

Cecile Oliver 92 assailant: stranger

Cecile Oliver lived in a nursing home in Merced, California. She was abducted from her bed taken to a church parking lot where she was tortured, raped and murdered November 28, 1987. Murderer Status: Guy Edwards 31, a parolee, was suspect in her murder. His trial began August 1990. Just as the jury was being selected he pleaded no contest. Apparently his attorney told him there was not magic he could perform in court that would get him off. Mrs. Oliver's son did not want him put to death. He wanted Guy Edwards sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Charlene Cody 72 assailant: stranger

Charlene Cody lived in Vale in Lincoln County. She was strangled to death November 14, 1997. Murderer Status: Jonathan Shull 17 was charged with murder and tried March 2000. A mistrial was declared. He was tried again in 2001 and a second mistrial was declared.

Charlotte Brown, 62 assailant: still at large

Charlotte Brown was missing for four days from her Republic Township, Michigan home. Her body was found on August 3, 1988, in a marshy area of the Great Lakes. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Charlotte Scott 72 assailant: stranger

Charlotte Scott lived in Nashville, Tennessee. She was murdered October 1984. She was beaten, run over by a vehicle and mutilated. Her breasts were cut off with a pocket knife. Her body was buried under a pile of garbage tossed down a sink hole near Smyrna. For his deeds her assailant was only sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. Murderer Status: Ricky Bryan, 40, underwent two trials. He was convicted and sentenced to 25 years to life. Mrs. Scott's daughter, Suzanne Lackey, worked to have the law changed. In 1998 her daughter, Suzanne Lackey, asked the Tennessee legislature to pass Lottie's Law, to make age an aggravating factor that juries could consider in sentencing. She wanted the age (70 and above) of the victim to be an aggravating factor in sentencing. March 1998 the Tennessee House voted 96 to 1 to adopt Lottie's Law making the age of the victim a factor in sentencing. Never let anyone tell you one person cannot make a difference.

Chiyoko Kono 87 (mother) assailant: juvenile found by: daughter
 Viola Alves, 68 survived

Chiyoko Kono lived in Selma, California in a retirement complex. She was raped and murdered July 26, 1990 during a robbery of her home. Murderer Status: Jeremy Ray Brinkley was charged with charged with

two counts of felony burglary, two counts of forcible rape and one count of murder. Mr. Brinkley was 16 years old when he committed murder. He was 19 years old when he was found guilty March 12, 1993. He was sentenced to 49 years to life in prison on his 19th birthday. The families of his victims asked the judge to sentence him to life in prison without parole. Mr. Brinkley also convicted of raping a 68 year old woman. Mr. Brinkley will not be eligible for parole until 2023. Someone always knows. The police received an anonymous tip with the suspect's name.

Chum Luong, 75 assailant: unknown found by: stranger

Chum Luong lived in Lilburn, **Georgia**. On December 19, 2003, Chum Luong was shot to death in her home. Her assailant shot her through the window. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Clara Carter, 84 assailant: unknown

Clara Carter lived in **Washington D. C.** She worked as a housekeeper. Her body was found on September 18, 1999 in her apartment. She was strangled to death. Her neighbors said the area had deteriorated in recent years. Clara Carter had lived in her apartment for over fifty years. Ruby Currie Davis, 72, was found stabbed to death in her apartment on September 16, 1999. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Clara E. Payne 65 (mother of 3) assailant: strangers

Clara Payne was murdered May 12, 1999. She owned a hotel in Myrtle Beach South Carolina. She was the mother of three girls. Murderer Status: Maintenance man, Carl Andrew Pollen Jr. 26 and Chadisty Calhoun, 25 were arrested in Tennessee. Both were convicted. Carl Pollen pleaded guilty to murder, armed robbery, first-degree burglary, grand larceny and safecracking to avoid the death penalty. Mr. Pollen was sentenced to life and Chadisty Calhoun was sentenced to 45 years in prison. Clara Payne's daughter asked the court that she be allowed to visit her mother's killer every May 12th ,..for [Pollen] it's so he doesn't forget why... The police received a tip as to the couple's whereabouts.

Mrs. Clara Lamberton,73
Mr. Gilbert Lamberton, 80 assailant: stranger

In 1979 Clara Lamberton lived in Delaware on a farm with her husband, Gilbert. The couple was home when Billy Bailey entered shooting them to death. There was no reason for the murders except Billy Bailey was looking for someone to kill. Murderer Status: Billy Bailey was soon arrested. He was an escapee from a half-way house in Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Bailey was convicted in 1980 of capital murder a sentenced to death. He was hanged January 25, 1996.

Clara Simpson 72 assailant: stranger

Clara Simpson lived in Ohio. She was murdered in her home during a robbery in 1984. Her assailant stabbed her in the neck five times. He held the knife in her throat with his foot until she stopped thrashing. Murderer Status: Dwight Denson was charged with aggravated murder and burglary. He was found guilty of all charges in Hamilton County in 1985.

Clara Zawadzki, 71 assailant: still at large

Detective Lee Caudill worked for the Detroit Police Department for 25 years, most of them in the Homicide unit. He retired the week of October 22, 1993. He was satisfied with his career. He had worked hard and tried to serve the community by capturing as many criminals as he could. Lee Caudill worked on many cases: the Highland Park serial killer; the Anthony Riggs case; the Larry Nevers and Walter Budzyn case; the St. Aubin Street Massacre; and others. Sometimes he was the lead investigator and sometimes his role was a small one. The hardest cases for Detective Caudill to work on were those involving the vulnerable persons in the community. There is one unsolved murder he wished he had been able to solve. He could not solve the case of Clara Zawadzki. Clara Zawadzki was the wife of Detroit's first medical examiner. She was 71 years old, and she lived alone in the home she shared with her husband after her husband's death.

Like so many others, her case followed a typical pattern: an elderly woman lives alone, a burglar enters the home, and the woman is killed. Clara Zawadzki was stabbed in September 1987. Detective Caudill worked on her case and he wanted to solve it. Someone knows what happened to Clara Zawadzki. The Detroit Police Department is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Clarice Reinke, 76

see Debra Chandler, 17

"The victim no longer has a voice, but DNA speaks for her. And we speak for her."

Fresno County District Attorney Elizabeth Egan

Clarice Reinke lived in Easton, **California**. Like many women her age, she lived alone in a neighborhood that was changing. On June 23, 1983, she was strangled to death in her home. Until 2008 everyone who investigated her case believed there was one assailant. When the DNA evidence was reported, authorities learned there were two assailants: Wilbert Jennings, a convicted career rapist, and Alvin Johnson. Investigator Marty Rivera, a retired sheriff's lieutenant, reopened Clarice Reinke cold case. **Murderer Status:** Alvin Johnson, 63 (38), was charged in a Utah prison with rape and murder on May 29, 2008. Wilbur Jennings, 68 (43), was also charged with rape and murder. Mr. Jennings also has a second murder charge to answer to, and that is the 1981 death of hitchhiker, Debra Chandler. Mr. Jennings is diabetic and has prostate cancer. Although both men denied knowing one another, their point of contact was the Fresno Rescue Mission's homeless shelter on G Street. Their murder trial began in 2009.

Clarice Severson, 79 (mother) assailant: stranger

"Hiller did not offer much of an explanation as to why he shot her other than she was there." Sheriff Gary Hamblin

"Nobody in Dane County forgot Clarice Severson." District Attorney Diane Nicks

Clarice Severson lived in Dunn, Wisconsin. On September 9, 1994, Clarice Severson probably went shopping or to run some errands. When she returned, a robber was in her home. She surprised him and he shot her. He had the nerve to park his car in her driveway; this is how confident he was of committing the crime. Mrs. Clarice Severson died from a shotgun wound to the head. Unless the murderer found a loaded gun in Mrs. Severson's home when he was ransacking her home looking for things to steal, he brought the gun with him. If the murderer brought the gun with him, then he meant to kill anyone he encountered in the home when he entered. Please remember when you participate as a juror that when a man or woman breaks into a home to burglarize and a weapon is carried into the home, he or she means to kill. Many robbers try to escape prosecution by saying the weapon was meant only to scare people and give the robber control. If this is so, then what did the robber plan to do if he couldn't scare or control the intended victim? Clarice Severson lived alone. **Murderer Status:** unknown until 1998. Thomas C. Hiller, 40, the man who shot Ms. Severson, was found in an Illinois prison. In 1994 he was recently released from jail in Illinois and needed money. So he decided to burglarize a house in Wisconsin. He was armed with a 357 magnum. Where did he get the gun? A friend bought the gun for him. On October 13, 1998, Thomas Hiller, 40, was charged with the murder of Clarice Severson. He was charged while a prisoner in the Dixon Correctional Facility. Mr. Hiller was serving time in Illinois for armed robbery. On September 16, 1998, Cheryl Toebe Szulczewski (Cheryl L. Toebe), 50, was charged with driving the getaway car in the robbery. The judge denied her bail because she was accused of destroying jewelry taken from the robbery. Both were charged with first-degree intentional homicide. A police officer made this statement: "This is a good example of why we don't close a case and why we don't give up. I don't think people working on a murder case ever give up hope." A tipster told the police that Cheryl Toebe and Thomas Hiller drove around town looking for a house to burglarize and just happened to pick Mrs. Severson's home. Remember the police always believe someone always has information regarding a crime. There was a \$30,000 reward. Mr. Hiller was sentenced to life with parole September 8, 2004. The judge asked Mr. Hiller why he was entering a guilty plea so early in the court proceedings. Mr. Hiller answered, "Because I committed the crime." Cheryl Toebe-Szulczewski, 50, was sentenced to fifteen years in prison. Clarice Severson was shot twice in the head.

Mrs. Maria Cappelli, 73 assailants: strangers (juveniles suspects)
Conchetta Cosco, 79

Mrs. Cappelli and Conchetta Cosco were sisters. They were shot to death in 1970 in the hardware store they owned in Brooklyn, New York. **Murderer Status:** Two male teenagers were arrested.

Mrs. Cora Hartig, 81 assailant: strangers
Mr. Bearnhardt Hartig, 81

Cora Hartig lived in Atwater Township, Ohio. She and her husband, Bearnhardt, were shot to death in their home April 5, 1990 during a burglary. Murderer Status: Gary Eugene St. Clair, 23, was charged with aggravated murder with death penalty specifications and aggravated burglary August 6, 1992. Tyrone Lee Noling, 18, was charged with two counts of aggravated murder, two counts of aggravated robbery and one count of aggravated burglary. He was convicted and sentenced to death. His execution was scheduled for April 5, 2000. The Ohio Supreme Court refused to hear his appeal.

Corella Stiward, 81 assailant: tenant

Corella Stiward lived in Escambia County, **Florida**. She was a retired nurse. She was beaten to death with a hammer in her home on November 5, 2001. **Murderer Status:** Her tenant, Dwight L. Walker, 48, was charged with murder in 2002. He was convicted and sentenced to twenty years in prison.

Cullie Page, 80
Olga Sass, 79

Cullie Page and Olga Sass were friends. They lived in Jacksonville, **Florida**. On July 6, 1986, the women were walking in a shopping area near their residence when a man attacked them with a tire iron. Both women died from the assault. People who witnessed the attack chased the man until they caught him. **Murderer Status:** Robert W. Downing, 28, was charged with two counts of murder. Mr. Downing was found not guilty by reason of insanity on September 12, 2008 after prosecutors said they couldn't find a single psychiatrist "in the country" to say he was sane, not one.

Daisy Loncrini 77 assailant: stranger

Daisy Loncrini lived in Agawam, Massachusetts. She was bludgeoned to death in 1978 by an assailant wielding a hammer. Murderer Status: Gary A. Phillips, 34, (18) was charged with murder. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison. He applied for parole in 1994.

Della Thomas, 80 assailant: stranger

Della Thomas lived in Littlefield, **Texas**. She was murdered in her home on July 30, 1984. **Murderer Status:** Terry Nash Sterling, 28, was charged with murder. He was subsequently tried and convicted and sentenced to death. His appeal was denied in 1991. His lawyer said he was mentally retarded. In 1992 the Court of Appeals ordered a new trial. A jury must consider a defendant's mental history. Ms. Dell Thomas was raped and stabbed to death. Disposition unknown

Denise Swanson, 78 (See Ula Curdy, 83) assailant: stranger

The police in Michigan were faced with the question, who killed Denise Swanson of Lansing, Michigan in December 1981 and a number of other senior citizens living alone in their homes? They came up with a suspect: Michael Harris, 20. **Murderer Status:** Michael Harris was originally declared incompetent to stand trial. He was also accused of murdering Ula Curdy, 83. Finally, after he raped and assaulted a senior citizen living in Jackson, Michigan on December 4, 1982, he was tried, convicted, and sentenced to sixty to ninety years in prison by May 19, 1983. In January 2001, Mr. Michael Darnell Harris was notified in prison

that authorities had linked him through DNA evidence to the murder of two unsolved Washtenaw County murders. Mr. Harris is 37 years old. He has served twenty years.

Diane Van Strum 68 assailant: stranger
Diane Brorhue, 34 (survived)
Sabrina Johnson, 18 (survived)

Sabria Johnson was working in the coffee shop in Union City, Michigan May 3, 1997. Diane Van Strum left home to visit the coffee shop for coffee. Like most retirees Ms. Strum probably got into the habit of visiting a coffee shop to talk with friends early in the morning. This is a practice of many seniors. Meeting friends for coffee early in the morning helps pass the time and keeps a person active. Diane Brochel was also in the coffee shop in Union City, Michigan May 3, 1997 when two men entered the restaurant shooting indiscriminately. Diane Brochel, Sabrina Johnson and Diane Van Strum were shot during the robbery. Sabrina was shot in the temple, Diane Brochel was shot in the back and Diane Van Strum was shot in the head all while a 4-year old child watched. Diane Brochel and Sabrina Johnson survived Diane Van Strum did not. The men got away with small change and a purse. Murderer Status: John Sherwood, 17, and Darnell Johnson, 17, from South Bend Indiana were charged with murder. They were captured shortly after the murders but not before they attempted another robbery. They robbed another store and got \$600.00. The men were charged with robbery and murder. Darnell Devon Johnson was convicted of two counts of assault with intent to commit murder and felony homicide and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Dolores M. McCord, 74 assailant: family friend found by: daughter
Anne M. Kimmel, 48 (Mother of Two)

"Harry was close to them [McCord and Kimmel]. . . . They were so nice to him, and he was so nice to them, he looked at them like they were his own family. That's why I can't believe he would do that to Jeff's mother and grandmother . . .unless there is a totally different side to [Harley] that nobody knew about." Monica Chiccini, 18

Dolores McCord lived in St. Clair, Pennsylvania with her daughter, Anne Kimmel. Mrs. McCord worked as the Schuylkill County tax collector and Anne Kimmel worked as a secretary in the Schuylkill County Domestic Relations Department. The morning of August 31, 1996, the bodies of Dolores Mc Cord and her daughter, Anne Kimmel, were found in their home. The women were stabbed to death. Murderer Status: Harry Scott Harley, 22, was charged with two counts of murder, involuntary deviant sexual intercourse, sexual assault, and abuse of a corpse. He was convicted on February 12, 1998 and sentenced to life in prison without parole. There was no reason for these murders except that Mr. Harley was looking for money and drugs. The women sustained a total of 24 stab wounds and cuts. He was a friend of Mrs. Kimmel's son. **Several children were left motherless.**

Dolores McKim 80 assailant: acquaintance
Carol Abercrombie 56
Christopher Abercrombie, 5

Dolores McKim lived in Salina, Kansas. Her daughter, Carol Abercrombie, 56, from Soddy Daisy, Tennessee and her grandson, Christopher Abercrombie, 5, from North Carolina were visiting her July 1996. Allen Eugene White who was an acquaintance murdered all three people. They died of blunt force trauma to the head. Murderer Status: Allen Eugene White admitted he committed the murders. He was on probation. He was found guilty of murder and sentence to 159 years in prison. He was a convicted burglar

Mrs. Doris Baker, 78 assailants: strangers - two cousins

Doris Baker was either murdered because her assailants wanted to either rob her and she resisted, or because they tried to rape her and she resisted. Her granddaughter knew one of her assailants. She was murdered on March 26, 1988. **Murderer Status:** Two cousins, Aaron Mitchell, 23, and Warren Mitchell, 24

(the sons of two brothers), were charged with the first-degree murder of Doris Baker in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Both men were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Doris Bertsch, 74 assailant: carpet cleaner

Doris Bertsch lived in alone in an affluent area of Kenton Hills, **Kentucky** after the death of her husband. Mrs. Bertsch worked as a seamstress and dresser for the opera company. Although her husband had been a wealthy contractor her job brought her lots of friends and associates. Her body was found by the police on November 25, 1997. A friend called the police when Doris Bertsch did not answer her phone for hours. **Murderer Status:** Freddie Scott Furnish, 30, was charged with murder. This murder charge came after he was charged with burglary and murdering Ramona Jean Williamson in her home and stealing money and credit cards from another woman. Mr. Furnish was the local carpet cleaner. He used his job to scout for elderly victims. After a trial, he was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. Mr. Furnish killed Doris Bertsch on November 25, 1997. He cleaned the home of Ramona Jean Williamson on May 19, 1998. He robbed a woman in her home on June 12, 1998. He killed Ramona Jean Williamson on July 25, 1998. He was in custody by July 2, 1998. A legal problem arose in Kentucky because he was convicted of the second murder first and sentence to death and not charged with the first murder until the death sentence was overturned.

Bonnie Brewer, 37 (mother of 6) assailant: stranger found: postal worker
Mrs. Doris Jean Brewer 65, (Couple)
Mr. Charles Brewer, 69

"There was nothing I could say to him to console him. It is devastating any time a jury says nothing in your life is worth saving." Kevin Nolan, public defender

Doris Brewer and her husband, Charles, lived a successful life in Douglas County, Illinois. Doris Brewer was the mother of six children. Her daughter, Bonnie Brewer, returned home the summer of 1997 to recover from surgery. Their bodies were found by a mailman on August 8, 1997. **Murderer Status:** William Kirchner, 28, was charged with three counts of murder. He was tried in May 1998. The prosecutors said that Mr. Kirchner murdered three people to pay off a drug debt. He needed money to pay the drug dealer. Mr. Kirchner was found guilty in June 1998. He was sentenced death on June 3, 1998. The jury took seventy minutes to bring back the sentence of death. Mr. William Kirchner did not know the Brewers; they were perfect strangers to him, but their lives were worth the money he stole to purchase the drugs he desired. We do not know why someone wanted this family murdered. Bonnie Brewer was stabbed or cut 20 times and had wounds to her face, neck, head, legs, arms, and hands. The tip of a knife was found embedded in her skull. Doris and Charles Brewer had mobility problems. Mrs. Brewer was stabbed 16 times.

Doris J. Fischer, 79 assailant: suspect stranger found by: customer
Dorothy E. Bone, 82
Michael J. Cooney, 62

"In the 49 years I've lived in Belleville, I don't remember a triple homicide. . . . This is another awful, senseless act, and it's absolutely devastating." Mayor Mark Eckert

Sisters Doris Fischer and Dorothy Bone lived in Belleville, **Illinois**. On March 2, 2005, the two women were customers in hairdresser, Michael J. Cooney's home-based beauty salon. During this session, all three people were stabbed to death. Mr. Cooney was the intended victim. He had about \$500,000 in antiques in his home. **Murderer Status:** In June 2006, Darrell Lane, 16, of St. Louis, Missouri was charged with three counts of murder. Darrell Lane was linked to the murders by a bloody fingerprint found in Mr. Cooney's car, which was stolen the day of the murder. Mr. Lane has an IQ of 63, reads at a second-grade level, and functions intellectually as a ten-year-old, yet we are supposed to believe he understood his Miranda rights and what it meant to waive them? A police officer said that since Mr. Lane did not read well, he helped him read the form. Imagine! St. Clair County Circuit Judge Milton Wharton ruled on January 29, 2009 that he

did not. The prosecutor wanted to use the statements Mr. Lane made while being interrogated by the police. The only person who gained by the police officer helping Mr. Lane to read was the police. Helping Mr. Lane read the Miranda warning did not help Mr. Lane. We are to believe that the police are so benevolent that they go around helping defendants to read out of the goodness of their hearts? Mr. Lane had no attorney present during his questioning and the psychologist was court-appointed. A police officer is not qualified to determine whether or not a person understands what he or she has read. They have no training in special education. Once it was determined that Mr. Lane was mentally handicapped, he should have been given an attorney because otherwise it appears that he was being railroaded because he was indigent and couldn't defend himself intellectually. A handicapped mind is a mind easily manipulated and controlled and police officers know this. It appears that all they wanted was for Mr. Lane to say something they could use to prosecute him. If an attorney was in the room they could not manipulate Mr. Lane. The courts in this country should speak out against this type of police conduct. The mentally ill and the mentally handicapped should not be brutalized while in police custody. What does this type of conduct say for this country? There was a man in Michigan who was mentally ill who was convicted of a murder he did not commit. He spent an extreme number of years in prison before he was released. No banners were waving when he was released, but the banners were waving when he was sentenced. The only reason why he was convicted when there was no physical evidence was because he fit the profile: he was mentally ill. There was a mentally handicapped male arrested in Indiana for murder. When questioned by the police without an attorney the man asked the police officer, "What is it that you want me to say."

Dorothia J. King, 69 assailant: handyman

Dorothia King lived and worked in **Washington D.C.** She was murdered on January 14, 1976 while socializing with her repairman and another friend. She was beaten, then strangled to death. **Murderer Status:** Handyman, Richard Hilliard Jackson, 37, was charged with murder. His attorney said he was insane at the time of the murder. Six psychiatrists said he was mentally ill. The jury believed Mr. Jackson was fabricating his mental illness. The jury took the position that if Mr. Jackson was mentally ill, why did he steal Dorothia King's possessions? He was in her home repairing a fuse box. Mr. Jackson had killed before. He murdered his nine-year-old stepson in 1969 after an argument with his wife. Imagine: he was only sentenced to two years in prison for that murder. disposition unknown

Dorothy Barrett, 82 assailant: stranger
Louise Tampini, 81
Margie Gafford, 86
Brenda Choates survived

In many states legislation has increased the penalty for attacks on the elderly and handicapped yet the attacks continue. Dorothy Barrett, Louise Tampini, and Margie Gafford were all senior citizens happily living in Port Arthur, Texas. They had family and friends that they saw daily. There was no reason why they should not die of old age except there was a man living in the neighborhood who desired their possessions. April 2005 Dorothy Barrett was attacked in her home. When her assailant left her body was in a closet left for the police of family to find. April 21, 2005 two more women were attacked in their home, Louise Tampini and Margie Gafford. Both women were beaten to death and their bodies left in a closet. Brenda Choates was also attack but she survived. Brenda Choates identified her attacker as Mr. Gary Senegal. Mr. Senegal was arrested and charged with two counts of first-degree murder. He pleaded guilty in court September 2, 2007 to avoid the death penalty. The prosecution dropped several other charges and agreed not to pursue prosecution for the death of Dorothy Barrett in exchange for the guilty plea. One relative told Mr. Senegal, "You are what nightmares are made of." There was evidence Mr. Gary Senegal, 41, is mentally retarded. He is not eligible for the death penalty so says the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Senegal is eligible for parole in 2047 at the age of 81.

Dorothy Brown Taylor, 71 (Mother) assailant: handyman

" She treated everyone as if she'd known you for a million years ... If [he] needed something and asked for it, my mom would have gave it to him. This did not have to happen."

Derrick Taylor, son

"She was a beautiful person and the backbone of the family. It's good someone is behind bars, but our hearts are broken forever." LaQuetta Davis, niece

Dorothy Taylor lived in Chicago, **Illinois**. On June 21, 2008, Mrs. Taylor was found bludgeoned and strangled to death, along with her dog, in the basement of her apartment building. Dorothy Taylor's son, Derrick Taylor, was planning on moving to Chicago to be near his mother after twenty years in the Air Force. **Murderer Status:** Daniel Solis, 25, was charged with first-degree murder and aggravated criminal sexual assault. He was also charged with aggravated cruelty to animals in the dog's killing. Mr. Solis was a maintenance man. He is not in prison.

Dorothy Hickman Balsey, 74 assailants: strangers

Dorothy Balsey lived in Covington, **Virginia**. On January 9, 1990, she was raped, robbed, and stabbed in her home. She transported to the hospital with the knife still in her. She was stabbed three times in the back and once in the sternum and she was beaten in the head. She was also raped. She surprised a burglar. Dorothy Balsey later died. **Murderer Status:** Rocky Dale Rogers, 25, and Troy Wayne Malcom, 18, were accused of breaking into Dorothy Balsey's home and robbing and murdering her. Mr. Rogers was found guilty of capital murder, rape, and robbery in 1990. The jury deliberated less than an hour and sentenced Mr. Rogers to death for the murder, life in prison for the rape, and fifty years for the robbery. If the death sentence does not hold, he still faces a life sentence. In December 1991, The Virginia Supreme Court overturned his conviction and death sentence. The Supreme Court said prosecutors failed to prove that Rogers was the only person who could have killed Mrs. Balsey. He later pled guilty to second-degree murder and was given a life sentence. The Virginia statutes differentiate between capital murder and first-degree murder. He is eligible for parole. Mr. Troy Malcom was charged with first-degree murder, breaking and entering, and robbery. His trial was in 1991. In about a week there were 16 burglaries in the area.

Mrs. Mary Lou Drury, 57 assailants: tenants
Dorothy Gilbert, 75

Mary Drury and her mother, Dorothy Gilbert, lived in Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Drury's husband found their bodies in their home December 23, 1997. Their arms were tied together with duct tape and plastic bags had been placed over their heads. They suffocated to death. Again, like so many women before her Dorothy Gilbert rented part of their home to a couple to earn extra money this contact led to their deaths. Mary Lou Drury loved to play bingo and she kept her winnings in her bingo purse. Charles Vaughn stole \$15.00 from her purse. Mary Drury asked the couple to move. **Murderer Status:** Charles Vaughn, 43, and Pamela Vannoy, 38, were charged with murder. Both accused the other of the murders. Mr. Vaughn was convicted of two counts of murder and sentenced September 1, 1998 to life in prison without parole. Pamela Vannoy received the same sentence. She is a Native American.

Dorothy Mae Davis, 71 assailant: juvenile

Dorothy Davis lived in East Norview, Virginia with a roommate. She was mildly retarded. Someone entered her home December 20, 1997 and stabbed her to death. She was stabbed 18 times with two kitchen knives. Her body was found with a knife protruding from her chest. Police soon learned her assailant lived in the neighborhood. He gained entry to the home because he was delivering food for a food program. A turkey was found next to her body. **Murderer Status:** An 11-year-old boy was charged with murder. He was convicted as a juvenile of second-degree murder February 25, 1998. He was sentenced to indefinite detention in the state's juvenile system. He has to be released by age 21.

Dorothy Marie Cezik, 87 assailant: neighbor

"She was a loving, compassionate person. She would do anything for you. I don't know why anyone would do this to her. It's killing us." Cezik's granddaughter

Dorothy Cezik lived in Armada Township, **Michigan**. She was a typical senior with family living in the area. After her 1989 Dodge pickup was found on fire in the area, a search was made for Mrs. Cezik. Her body was found on Monday, March 8, 2009 in a ditch. Dorothy Marie Cezik died from multiple stab wounds. Investigators think that on the night of March 7, 2009, a neighbor asked Cezik for money; when she refused, he killed her. A knife, a pair of boots, and a piece of clothing were found in the area but the items have not been forensically associated with the neighbor. He was accused because he was unemployed, addicted to Vicodin, and had asked Mrs. Cezik for rides in the past. **Murderer Status:** Her neighbor, Timothy Kyle Prince, 42, was charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping, armed robbery, and arson of personal property. We shall see if a person in Michigan can again be convicted based on suspicion.

Dorothy Martin, 89 (See B. Loesch) assailant: stranger

Dorothy Martin lived in Pullman, **Washington**. She was suffocated in 1996 during a robbery of her home. For four years her assailant remained at large. He was finally apprehended in 2000. **Murderer Status:** Bradley Steckman, 36, was charged with murder. He pled guilty and was sentenced to eighteen years in prison. In 2004 he was convicted of murdering Barbara Loesch. In that case, Mr. Steckman agreed to a life sentence in which he would be eligible for parole after fifteen years. The two sentences would run concurrently. Mr. Steckman has said he received \$1,000 for the killing of Dorothy Martin.

Dorothy Martin, 82 assailant: parolee

Dorothy Martin lived in Columbia, Missouri. She was suffocated in her home. On July 16, 1997, she came home to find a man in her home. She was beaten, then strangled to death with a plastic bag. Her assailant was visiting Dorothy Martin's neighbors across the street when he got the idea of breaking into her home. **Murderer Status:** Bernard Rhodes, 39, a parolee, was arrested shortly after Dorothy Martin's body was found. His friends told the police that Mr. Rhodes loaned them Ms. Martin's car. Mr. Rhodes was addicted to alcohol and crack cocaine, and was charged with first-degree murder, burglary, robbery, and auto theft, plus he had an outstanding warrant for escaping from the Kansas City Community Release Center. The prosecutor asked for the death penalty. On March 13, 1998, he was found guilty. Even though it was a death penalty trial, the jury only took four hours to bring back the verdict. Dorothy Martin died with her feet and hands bound with a tote bag tied around her neck. When Mr. Rhodes asked that his life be spared, Judge Ellen Roper said, "The way this particular death occurred was very, very vicious, and it's incredible to me to believe it was an accident. Ms. Martin had a right not to leave this life in the way she did." Mr. Rhodes was sentenced to death for murder and life without parole for robbery. Dorothy Martin was knocked to the floor, beaten, bound, and suffocated. Bernard Rhodes had escaped from a halfway house two weeks before Dorothy Martin was murdered. He noticed Ms. Martin when he was visiting the house across the street. Mr. Rhodes' attorney told the court that his client was not properly Mirandized, an important point since the prosecutor asked for the death penalty.

Dorothy L. Murphy, 80 (mother of 3) assailant: stranger found: utility worker

In 2003 someone thought Dorothy Murphy of Mundy Township, Michigan was unimportant. That person thought he or she could steal Dorothy Murphy's car and shoot her and get away with the murder. That person soon found out Mrs. Murphy was important. People said prayers and encouraged the family. For two weeks people searched for her by land and in the air (state police helicopter). Mrs. Murphy was reported missing July 2, 2003 after leaving home for a doctor's appointment. Finally her remains were found September 26, 2003 behind an apartment complex. She was shot to death. Her car was found earlier. **Murderer Status:** Kimberly A. Morgan, 33, of Nashville, Tennessee was charged with kidnapping, carjacking, armed robbery, arson and first-degree murder. She was convicted September 2, 2004. Kimberly Morgan said she needed Dorothy Murphy's car to car to shoot her lesbian ex-lover's new boyfriend. She said she abducted Mrs. Murphy from a pharmacy parking lot. Ms. Morgan was eating potato chips while the police were videotaping her confession. The video was shown in court. Ms.

Morgan drew the attention of the police when she was stopped for speeding while driving back to Tennessee.

Mrs. Dorothy Raczkowski, 60 assailant: still at large

Dorothy Raczkowski lived alone on her farm in Strong's Prairie, Wisconsin. She owned a 240-acre farm. Her husband had died fifteen years earlier. She was beaten in the head and died of those injuries the night of November 17, 1989, after arriving home from work. She was murdered in her garage. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Dorothy Vivian Autrey, 84 assailant: grandson found by: never found

Dorothy Autrey lived in San Luis Obispo, **California**. She shared her home with her grandson. Apparently, her grandson had a habit of abusing marijuana and Robitussin-DM. Her grandson said he accidentally killed his grandmother on February 20, 2008 while high on marijuana and cough syrup. He dragged her body through the garage, stuffed it into a suitcase, and dumped it over a cliff. Her body has not been found. Testing showed evidence of blood in the kitchen and garage. During his trial, the prosecution said that Mrs. Autrey's grandson wanted to inherit her home and money to settle his debts and he did not want to wait for her to die on her own. Mrs. Autrey's home was estimated to be worth \$500,000. **Murderer Status:** Matthew Levine, 36, was charged with first-degree murder and elder abuse causing death. On March 25, 2008, he confessed to investigators, saying he had accidentally killed his grandmother. Matthew Levine was convicted on April 1, 2009 of first-degree murder. He will not be eligible for parole until he has served 25 years. His conviction is indicative of having lived a self-indulgent life.

Dunie Lewis, 91 (See L. Evelyn) assailant: stranger

Dunie Lewis was smothered on September 18, 1982 in Rochdale Village in Queens, New York, during a robbery. **Murderer Status:** Anthony Riggins, 19, and Ellis Walker, 21, were charged with her murder. Mr. Riggins is not in prison. Mr. Walker is in prison.

Mrs. Edna Fumasoli, 68 (See Loretta O'Flaherty, 85) assailant: acquaintance

Mrs. Edna Fumasoli lived in New York. She was handicapped. She was murdered on August 22, 1987. She was stabbed ninety times in her home in Bronx, New York. **Murderer Status:** Annette Washington, 28, a former home care worker, was charged with robbery and murder. She pled guilty to helping a man rob and kill Mrs. Fumasoli to purchase crack cocaine. Annette Washington had once worked for Mrs. Fumasoli. Annette Washington probably told herself the robbery would be easy.

Mrs. E. Virginia Johannessen, 75 (See Mary Jill Oberweis) assailant: stranger

"For most of his adult life, the defendant has harbored contempt of the law.
The defendant harbors contempt for the sanctity of human life."

Kane County Judge Donald Hudson

E. Virginia Johannessen was a widow living in Aurora Township, **Illinois**. On January 5, 1993, E. Johannessen was shot to death in her home. **Murderer Status:** Edward Tenney was charged with first-degree murder. He was convicted on September 15, 1998. The jury deliberated for 4 1/2 hours before they returned the verdict of guilty. In less than an hour, the jury sentenced Mr. Tenney to death. He had murdered two women who were neighbors. He is awaiting trial in the 1992 murder of Gerald Weber, 24, of Aurora. His attorney said Mr. Tenney is mentally deficient. Mr. Tenney's attorneys persisted and he won a new trial. Mr. Tenney did not want to die for his crimes. The Illinois Supreme Court overturned the conviction, ruling that witness statements that could have been favorable to the defendant were not allowed into the trial. In 2004, his attorney tried to have his client ruled ineligible for a death sentence based on changes in state law that forbid capital punishment when a conviction is based largely on a single eyewitness. A person had testified he watched as Mr. Tenney shot E. Johannessen and Mary Oberweis to

death in their homes. On January 3, 2008, Mr. Tenney was sentenced to life in prison after a second murder conviction. Mr. Tenney owes his existence in prison to the efforts of his attorney.

Mrs. Edna Brau, 81 assailant: acquaintance
Sean Hill, 19
Jeffrey Saunders, 19

Edna Brau lived in Dallas, Texas with her grandson, Sean Hill. Edna Brau was shot August 19, 1989 while sleeping in front of the television. Her grandson's body was found behind the house. Both were shot in the head. Mrs. Brau's daughter said her mother's home was a meeting place. Many happy hours was spent in the home during family gatherings and weddings. The joy was taken away at the death of her son and mother. Edna Brau's assailant also robbed a convenience store August 9, 1999 and murdered the clerk, Jeffrey Saunders. His take from that robbery and murder was \$55. Murderer Status: Mark Allen Robertson, 19, a probationer, was charged separately for each victim. He was charged with murder, murder, then robbery and capital murder. He was convicted August 1989. After his conviction in 1991 he was sentenced to death for the murder of Mrs. Brau and life in prison for the murder of Sean Hill and Jeffrey Saunders. Mr. Robertson stole Mrs. Brau's car, purse and watch. He was arrested while driving her car. A resentencing hearing was conducted in 2009 to no avail Mr. Robertson was sentenced to death. Mark Robertson was an acquaintance of Sean Hill. They were fishing behind the house when Mark Robertson shot Sean Hill in the back of the head. He came to the home with the intent to kill and to steal. The murder weapon was found in Edna Brau's car when Mr. Robertson was arrested.

Edna L. Larue, 84 assailant: grandson suspect found by: EMS

Edna Larue lived in Van Wert, Ohio. Ms. Larue was strangled to death in her home October 1, 2010. The cause of death was ligature strangulation. Her friend, Carol Archambeau, 76, said she does not know what she will do without Edna Larue. Murderer Status: Shawn M. Jones, 36, a convicted burglar and registered sex offender, was arrested the next day and charged with murder. Mr. Jones was one of her care givers.

Elaine Adelsberger, 61 assailant: stranger
Adelheid Hopson, 71

Elaine Adelsberger and her husband, Wilhelm, 54, and Adelheid Hopson and her husband, John 72, were murdered November 1, 1997 in Holly, Michigan while they were sleeping. They were beaten to death with a hammer. Murderer Status: Michael Lee Barnhart, 25, was charged with four counts of first-degree premeditated murder and four counts of first-degree murder. He was arrested driving his mother's car. Michael Barnhart confessed to the murders. His attorney began looking for evidence to support an insanity plea for his client's conduct. From his conversations one could tell the attorney was trying to find support for a mistrial so the second time his client is tried his client can plead guilty to second-degree murder thereby being eligible for parole. The defense attorney said the charge of first-degree murder was too harsh yet Michael Barnhart is accused of murdering four people. He struck his victims a total of forty-nine times with his hammer but the charge of first degree murder is too harsh. He was convicted.

Eleanor Elizabeth Johnson 98 assailant: tenant

Eleanor Johnson lived in Detroit, Michigan with two of her daughters. Like many elderly people not able to work any longer she sought to make extra money by renting a room in her home. She rented a room to Michael Harris. Less than a week after renting him a room she was stabbed to death in her bedroom. June 3, 1992 she was sleeping in her bedroom when her boarder entered put a pillow over her head and stabbed her. He stole her money pouch. Four years later, in 1996, Michael Douglas Harris was spotted by two police officers and arrested. The two police officers that saw Michael Harris in a party store from across a street had excellent memories to remember his face after four years. Murder is not a crime the police forget. Murderer Status: Michael Harris, 25, was charged with murder. He was convicted and sentenced to life without parole.

Mrs. Eleanor Stich, 79 (Mother)
Mr. Edmund Stich (survived)

assailants: strangers

Eleanor Stich had lived in New Brighton, **Minnesota** in the same home for thirty years. On September 5, 2001, two men came to her home to use the phone. When they left, Eleanor Stich lay dying from a beating. The two men needed a car for a road trip and decided to attack two senior citizens in their home. Eleanor Stich suffered a fractured skull and severe bleeding in the brain. She lay unconscious in a nursing home for over a year. Eleanor Stich died on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at Unity Hospital in Fridley, never to awake from the coma caused by her injuries. The men who attacked her were prosecuted before her death. They were captured in Wyoming two days after the attack. **Murderer Status:** Patrick Engelbrecht, 18, was charged and convicted of attempted murder and first-degree assault and Thomas O'Flanagan, 19, was charged and convicted of attempted second-degree murder, two counts of first-degree assault, two counts of aggravated robbery, and first-degree burglary. The men were sentenced to 27 years and 26 years in the violent assault. The prosecutor asked that the men be sentenced to forty years in prison. The men were never tried for the death of Eleanor Stich. Mrs. Stich's son said she was a healthy individual and lived a full life before the attack. He gave Eleanor Stich five grandchildren: Aaron, Derek, Adrian, Dustin, and Alexander Stich. Mrs. Stich's husband, Edmund, was also injured in the attack. He recovered physically and sat by his wife's side until she died.

Elizabeth Moore, 67

assailant: acquaintance

found by: neighbors

"We would see each other every morning. I do not know how anyone could hate her enough to do this to her. She was a good neighbor. I will miss her.
I will really miss her."

Lucinda West, neighbor/friend

Elizabeth Moore lived in Memphis, **Tennessee**. Elizabeth Moore was found dead in her home on October 4, 1993. She was murdered the previous evening during a home invasion. She died of blunt force trauma. Her home was ransacked and her Ford LTD was taken. The police said her death was an apparent robbery and auto theft. **Murderer Status:** An acquaintance, William E. Lanier Jr., hanged himself the same day Elizabeth Moore's body was found. There was evidence in her home linking him to the murder and some of Moore's stolen belongings were in Lanier's possession at the time he killed himself.

Elizabeth Pickett Moore, 77

assailant: stranger

Elizabeth Moore lived in Sheridan, **Indiana**. She was robbed and murdered in her home in November 1980. Her assailant was a juvenile. Mrs. Moore's throat was slashed and a pencil was thrust in her neck. **Murderer Status:** Darrin W. Partlow, 15, was charged with robbery and murder. He was convicted. He was scheduled to be released March 10, 2001. He was sentenced in 1981 to two sentences, one for forty years and a second for thirty years for the murder and robbery convictions. The thirty-year sentence was later reduced to four years. Partlow was released after about twenty years due to good behavior and educational credits. In November 2008, the Concord, New Hampshire police issue a warrant for the arrest of Darrin Partlow, 43, for sexually assaulting a child. According to the charges described in the arrest warrant, Partlow was accused of raping the girl seven times and sexually assaulting her three times. He was also wanted on two counts of simple assault involving the girl. He was charged with seven counts of rape, four counts of sexual assault, and two counts of simple assault, all against the same fourteen-year-old girl. Ladies, please order and read the two articles: Authorities search for suspect in rapes - As juvenile, he used pencil to kill woman Concord Monitor (NH) - Thursday, November 27, 2008, Author: ANNMARIE TIMMINS ; Monitor staff and Judge finds cause in case of accused rapist - Man charged with assaulting stepdaughter Concord Monitor (NH) - Tuesday, December 9, 2008 Author: MADDIE HANNA ; Monitor staff. If the charges are true, we have two children living in fear in their own home. A man can be educated and a rapist.

Elizabeth Sarich, 74

assailant: still at large

found by: firemen

Elizabeth Sarich's neck, hands, and feet were bound when her body was found in her apartment on February 21, 1985. She was robbed and murdered. A fire was set in her bedroom. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Ella Stephens, 77 assailant: acquaintance

Ella Stephens died on May 21, 1984 after being robbed by a family friend. Ella Stephens had a heart attack. Since Ella Stephens had the heart attack while being robbed, her assailant was tried and convicted of her murder. John Aslin appealed his murder conviction. It was commonly known that Ella Stephens had a heart condition and could suffer a heart attack at any time if put under stress. The Michigan Court of Appeal upheld his conviction. **Murderer Status:** John Aslin, 26, of Flint, Michigan was charged and convicted of felony murder. He was given a life sentence.

Elsa Hall, 79 assailant: handy man

Elsa Hall wanted to continue living in her home of forty years. Although she was arthritic she was able to maintain herself with the help of family and a handy man named Sidney Lucas. Mr. Lucas decided one evening to rob Elsa Hall so he broke into her home and stole her wedding rings she wore for forty-eight years. After the assault Elsa Hall phoned her brother. Her brother took her to his home. After arriving at her brother's home in Royal Oak, Michigan she suffered a heart attack and died May 6, 1991. The medical examiner determined her death was a homicide due to the physical and emotional trauma of the assault. Murderer Status: Sidney Lucas was charged with breaking and entering not second-degree murder and was to be given probation but Elsa Hall's family objected and he was given a mere sentence of 6 – 16 years in prison. Elsa Hall was died May 6, 1991 Mr. Lucas was sentenced February 10, 1992 and discharged from the penal system June 8, 1999. He received a bench trial.

Mrs. Elsie Brenneman, 81 assailant: stranger

On July 8, 1989, Elsie Brenneman was crossing a busy street, probably going shopping, when a car driven by John Mabry, 36, hit her. He kept going. **Murderer Status:** John Robert Mabry, 35, was charged with manslaughter with a motor vehicle and leaving the scene of an accident. Mrs. Elsie Brenneman died after being hit by his car.

Elta Miller, 82 assailant: still at large

Elta Miller lived alone. She was murdered in her **Washington, D.C.** apartment on October 27, 1971. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Emaline S. Ethridge Croft 80 assailant: unknown found by: neighbor

Emaline Croft lived in Alocia, **Tennessee**. She was murdered in her home December 7, 1990. She was raped, sodomized then stabbed repeatedly with a butcher knife. **Murderer Status:** unsolved

Emily Stuart, 74 assailant: still at large

Emily Stuart lived in Princeton, **New Jersey**. Emily Stuart was stabbed to death in 1989, apparently by a stranger. Her murder shocked the community because a murder in Princeton, New Jersey was not an everyday occurrence. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Emma Louise Lewis 80 assailant: still at large

Emma Louise Lewis lived in Waukee, **Iowa**. She was beaten to death in her home, September 14, 1976. She lived alone. The motive was robbery. **Murderer Status:** unsolved.

Estelle Flaherty, 88 assailant: two strangers

"In all my years on the bench . . . I have yet to encounter a person who exhibited as cold and callous a personality as you." Judge J. Smith

Estelle Flaherty did not have to die. All her abductors had to do was call the police and tell where they had left her. Estelle Flaherty was abducted from a car outside a St. Paul, **Minnesota** office building on March 29, 1992. Her body was found two days later. She died of hypothermia and dehydration in the van. She was recovering from hip surgery so she could not walk and she suffered from dementia. **Murderer Status:** Roberto Orta Castillo, 29, and Mario Rodriguez, 31, were charged with kidnapping and second-degree murder. Castillo's fingerprints were found on the automobile Flaherty was in when she was abducted. Judge Joanne Smith sentenced Robert Castillo to forty years in prison. He must serve 26 years and seven months before becoming eligible for parole. Mario Rodriguez was sentenced to 22.5 years. He must serve fifteen years before becoming eligible for parole.

Mrs. Ester Reed, 68 (mother) assailant: juveniles

She lived in Albuquerque, **New Mexico**. She was shot to death February 7, 1983 when she walked into her home that was being burglarized. She was returning home from church. Her death set off a hail stone of how the courts should deal with juvenile offenders who commit adult offenses such as rape and murder. The death of Ester Reed was more than a school yard fight. Two juveniles entered her home intent on robbing her of her possessions. They came equipped with two guns which they used. When they left Ester Reed laid dead. The boys were apprehended a short time later. Truly they were not master robbers. **Murderer Status:** Adam McAlister, 14, was charged with murder. He was found guilty after pleading no contest. He was remanded to the New Mexico Boy's School facility until reaching the age of 18. Ester Reed was murdered in 1993. He was paroled in 1997. Jesus Raymond Garcia, 17, was tried as an adult. Mr. Garcia was abused as a child. His life sentence was overturned by the state supreme court. Jesus Garcia was retried and found guilty of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, aggravated burglary with a deadly weapon, conspiracy to commit aggravated murder. He was sentenced to life plus 26 years.

Esther Spiegelberg 73 assailant: still at large

Esther Spiegelberg lived on a farm in the small town of Little Wolf in Waupaca County **Wisconsin**. Her body was found in her bedroom May 10, 1996. She was bludgeoned to death. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Ethel Dumas 83 assailant: stranger

Ethel Dumas lived in an apartment. Ethel Dumas was beaten to death in her apartment in Highland Park, Michigan April 1991. She was robbed and murdered. Someone entered her apartment through a window. **Murderer Status:** In a non-jury trial Gail Ransom was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter.

Ethel Vincze, 62 assailant: still at large

Ethel Vincze lived in Hungary. She was visiting her son in Woodbridge, **New Jersey**. Ethel Vincze was found murdered on May 15, 1973. Authorities believe she was murdered in her son's home during a robbery. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Eunice K. Sloan 73 assailant: stranger

Eunice Sloan lived in Indianapolis, **Indiana**. She was raped, robbed and beaten to death June 1986. Her assailant was an 18-year old. **Murderer Status:** Mark Lewis Harden, 18, was charged with her murder. He was found guilty and instead of the death penalty he was sentenced to 120 years in prison. Apparently the Supreme Court of Indiana is not concerned with how long Mark Lewis Harden is expected to live the sentence stands. We do not know how many if any years he has to spend in prison before being paroled. His attorney imitated that his lack of compassion for the victim was due to his childhood abuse.

Eva May, 69

assailant: executed

Eva May ran a convenience store in Bowie County **Texas**. She kept money on hand to cash payroll checks. On May 29, 1986 she was robbed of \$1,200 and shot in the head. **Murderer Status:** Mr. John Cockrum, 27, was apprehended, tried and convicted. He was sentenced to death and executed at his request at the age of 38 on October 1, 1997. He was a drug user. He was abused as a child.

Evelyn Harvin, 83

assailant: still at large

found by: family members

"It takes a sorry individual, it takes a cruel person to do something like that to anybody, especially an elderly lady. He needs to be skinned one inch at a time. Never had something like this happen in the neighborhood. I mean if it can happen to her it can happen to any one of us around here. "I'm going to keep my gun loaded "

David Fox, neighbor, friend

Evelyn Harvin lived in Columbia, South Carolina. She was a retired cake decorator. She was well liked by everyone that knew her or worked with her. Her body was found in her home 2010 and her car, a burgundy Chevy Trailblazer was gone. Murderer Status: unknown - she lived alone. Assailants pick elderly people up at supermarkets etc. then follow them home. They survail for a while to determine the living condition then they strike. Survialance also occurs by neighbors.

Mrs. Evelyn Leis 85 assailant: acquaintance

Mr. William Leis 51

"I waited 10 months to stand here today and look at you and ask why. Mother did not know you as well as Bill, but she knew you. She invited you to share food at her table, she talked to you, you shot my brother point blank and my mother in the face." Alice Hill, daughter – sister

The man who murdered Evelyn Leis and her son, William Leis, will not be eligible for parole until he is 62 years old.

Evelyn Leis and her son lived in a rural area of **Wisconsin**. They were home October 7, 1999 when a man decided to burglarize their home and to kill them. A man knocked at Mr. Leis' door and told him he had car trouble Mr. William Leis went outside to help since he knew one of the men. Once outside, Mr. Leis was overpowered by the two men. Mr. Leis was shot several times. The men entered the house and shot Mrs. Leis while she was trying to call the police. The men subsequently burglarized his home. The mother and son were deliberately targeted for murder.

Their murderers thought the heist would be easy. Mr. Grimes, the more vicious of the two, attended the Badger Challenge Academy, a boot camp at Fort McCoy. Mr. William Leis helped Jimmy Grimes while Mr. Grimes was attending the camp. Mr. Leis also gave Mr. Grimes a part time job mowing the lawn so he could earn some money. Mr. Leis' payment for his kindness was for him and his mother to be shot multiple times in the face. **Murderer Status:** Daniel Cerney, 17, was charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery, two counts of burglary and theft of a firearm. He was found guilty May 2000 and sentenced to life in prison June 30, 2000 for the murder and 128 years for the other charges. The judge showed him some mercy because he said the sentences could be served concurrently but he is not eligible for parole for 45 years. Jimmy Lee Grimes, 19, was charged with first-degree murder and fourteen other charges. He was found guilty June 27, 2000. Judge Michael McAlpine sentenced Mr. Grimes to two life sentences plus 119 years in prison without possibility of parole.

"I can't imagine that any person who had any degree of conscience could not only have murdered Mr. Leis as that was committed, but I can't imagine anyone looking down the barrel of a gun at an 85-year

old woman pleading for her life, pulling the trigger."
Judge Michael McAlpine, presiding judge

Evelyn Oletha Mosley, 90 assailant: still at large found by: firemen

Evelyn Mosley lived in Altadena, **California** with her daughter and her grandson. There was nothing remarkable about the family's activities. They lived a quiet existence. Nevertheless, the body of Evelyn Mosley was found in her home on Thursday, May 8, 2008, by firemen. Detectives theorize that someone broke into the home, stole Mrs. Mosley's possessions, killed her, and set fire to the home to cover up evidence. Evelyn Mosley's body showed signs of trauma. **Murderer Status:** Unknown; a \$10,000 reward for information into Mosley's death offered by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors remains unclaimed. Corey King, then-18, as a person of interest in her killing after King a friend of her grandson was charged with murdering four other women in one family.

Evvie Vaughn, 73 assailant: grand-nephew found by: grandson

"Does the coyote have remorse for killing the rabbit? Does the lion have remorse for taking the life of the gazelle?" Prosecutor Beirne Harding

"A wild animal in the field would have slain his prey more humanely. Her killer turned her hearth and home into a slaughter pit . . . You killed for pleasure and pain. It's time for you to kill no more." Judge W. Douglas Albright

Evvie Vaughn lived in **North Carolina**. You would think that she would be fairly safe since she lived next door to her grand-nephew and his family. Just the opposite was true. The very person she trusted betrayed her by robbing her home in 1999 and stealing her Cadillac DeVille. Evvie Vaughn was shot in the heart and beaten after death. She was also kicked in the head until she was dead. Relative and neighbors said she would only open her door to people she knew. **Murderer Status:** Timothy L. White, 22, a convicted car thief, was arrested in Louisiana. The money he stole he used to purchase cocaine. Timothy White wrote a letter to his father saying he was going to do something to impress his girlfriend. White took four guns from his father's gun cabinet. He was seen leaving the house and driving Evvie Vaughn's Cadillac. Mr. White was charged with felony murder and larceny of a firearm. Imagine the chagrin of the family when they learned during his trial that he was subject to the death penalty. White's attorneys were hoping that his long history of mental illness will persuade the jury to sentence him to life in prison instead of death. At the age of twelve, he was diagnosed with a personality disorder, major depressive disorder, and explosive disorder. The jury found him guilty and recommended he be sentenced to death. The judge concurred. There are 212 people on death row in North Carolina. Mrs. Vaughn was an avid gardener.

Felicitas Terrill, 73 assailant: still at large

Felicitas Terrill lived in Muscatine, Iowa. April 14, 1986 she was shot four times in the head in her Muscatine home. She lived alone. The motive was robbery. Murderer Status: unsolved.

Florence Bradford, 92 assailants: strangers
Ruby Currie, 93

Two women who lived alone were found assaulted in their homes in Columbia, **South Carolina**. Florence Bradford was found on September 26, 1997. She was discovered, nude, on the ground, underneath her residence.. She died at an area hospital days later. Mrs. Bradford was beaten on her head, torso and extremities and that there was recent trauma to the genital region. She died from hypothermia and dehydration due to multiple blunt force injuries and cold exposure. The genital trauma was consistent with sexual assault. Neighbors said she was fiercely independent. Ruby Currie was found murdered on October 1, 1997. She was strangled to death. Her neck was broken. **Murderer Status:** Five boys, ages 12, 13, 14, 14, and 15, were indicted for murder, rape, and robbery. One of the fourteen-year-olds was charged as an accessory to murder after the fact. All the boys, except the twelve-year-old, were tried as adults.

Two of the accused were acquitted of murder but found guilty of burglary and robbery. The fourteen-year-old who was charged as an accessory pled guilty in 2000 and was released for time served. Charges against the fifth boy were dropped. The defense attorneys argued that there was no forensic evidence tying their clients to the scene of the murder; the case was based on the testimony of a friend who heard the boys plotting the robbery and the confession of one of the boys. The thirteen-year-old testified that the detective cursed, screamed, and threatened him until the boy said he was involved. The youth said one of the detectives coached him in the details of the crimes before switching on the police tape recorder. The boy said he started a taped statement three times before the detective said one was acceptable. We do not know the disposition of these cases.

Mrs. Florence Hackney 90 assailant: still at large

Florence Hackney lived alone in her home in **California**. She was raped and strangled to death in 1989.
Murderer Status: unknown as of 2010

Florence M. Hatch, 78 assailant: two strangers

Florence Hatch lived in Springfield, Illinois. She was stabbed to death in her bed during a burglary on January 15, 1986. Her home was set afire to conceal the burglary. **Murderer Status:** Gary K. Roux and Mark Chandler, age 22, were arrested and charged with murder. Mr. Chandler told a girlfriend that he murdered Florence Hatch during a burglary, when he and Mr. Roux broke into Florence Hatch's home. Mr. Roux was stealing downstairs and Mark Chandler was pilfering upstairs when he noticed Mrs. Hatch in the bed. Mark Chandler stabbed Florence Hatch and took some silver, jewelry, credit cards, keys, and a chessboard. The pair left the house then returned, fearing they had left fingerprints. They set fire to the house. Mr. Chandler's girlfriend was so upset she told her pastor. The pastor called the police. On October 3, 1986 the jury took forty minutes to decide that Mr. Chandler was guilty of murder, residential burglary, and arson. The prosecutor asked for the death penalty. Both men were convicted of the murder of Florence Hatch. Gary K. Roux was sentenced to forty years in prison. He has probably been paroled by now. Mark Chandler was sentenced to death. On June 19, 1989, the Illinois Supreme Court overturned the conviction and sentence of Mark Chandler. The court said that Mr. Chandler did not receive an adequate defense and should not have been sentenced to death because of related crimes. Related crimes do not make a person eligible for the death penalty. There are specific requirements for the death penalty to be imposed. The court said that Mr. Chandler was not eligible for capital punishment because residential burglary is not enumerated among the aggravating conditions that make a murderer eligible for the death penalty.

The state has failed to cite any legislative evidence that the Illinois Legislature also intended residential burglary to serve as a death-qualifying crime. A person can be sentenced to death for committing murder in the act of simple burglary, because that crime is detailed in the law. The court compared the case to previous standards of adequate defense. The majority of the court agreed. The court criticized the attorney for failing to understand the case and establish defense strategy. The attorney's efforts to defend Mr. Chandler "amounted to no real defense at all. The prosecution's case, therefore, was not subject to meaningful adversarial testing, and defendant was deprived of a fair trial." The vote of the court was 5 to 2. Mr. Mark Chandler must be retried or set free. The prosecutor said he would retry Mr. Chandler. On January 8, 1990, Mr. Mark Chandler was scheduled to appear in court to be retried for the murder of Florence Hatch. Once he arrived in court, Mark Chandler pleaded guilty to felony murder, residential burglary, and arson. This time the prosecutor said he would ask for life in prison as punishment for the crimes. Attorney Peter Rotskoff represented Mr. Chandler in court. He was Mr. Chandler's appeals attorney. Peter Rotskoff was the attorney who found the flaws in the first defense. Attorney Peter Rotskoff's performance made the system work.

Mr. Chandler had an opportunity to leave the home without killing Mrs. Hatch. Mrs. Hatch would not have been able to identify him or tell the police how to locate him. When Mr. Chandler noticed Mrs. Hatch in the bed, he left her bedroom, went back downstairs into the kitchen, got a knife, went back upstairs, and stabbed her to death. At the age of 26, Mr. Chandler faced twenty to forty years in prison for a crime he could have walked away from.

Florence McCollum, 73

"Florence was a no-nonsense loving individual [with] an undying love toward her Lord and her fellow man. That is one thing you couldn't shake. You couldn't shake her faith and you couldn't shake her love for man."

Mercy Seat Baptist Church Pastor LeVelle Brown

"She didn't have to pass like this. They could've pushed her away. They didn't have to kill her like this." Stephen Jones, 21, great-grandson

Florence McCollum lived in **Illinois**. She was an associate minister at her church for ten years. She helped found the church. Florence McCollum also regularly stopped by her cousin Ruby Warren's apartment to help her after her cousin's son had died. Ruby Warren was 88 years old and could use the help. The day Florence McCollum died, April 27, 2009, she had stopped by Ruby Warren's home to see if she needed any help. Ruby asked Florence to dry a load of clothes using the dryer in her son's apartment, one floor below. Florence McCollum was murdered in Ruby Warren's son's apartment while drying a load of clothes. Apparently, someone was in the apartment stealing the possessions of a dead man, and Florence McCollum walked in on them carrying a load of clothes to dry. When she was found, she had suffered several stabbed wounds to the torso. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Mrs. Florence McCullough, 62 (mother) assailant: still at large found by: neighbor

Florence McCullough lived in Lynn, **Massachusetts**. On June 11, 1980, Mrs. McCullough was shot to death in her yard. She was shot seven times. Her neighbor, Eric Worth, 28, heard the shots and found her body. Mrs. McCullough celebrated her first wedding anniversary June 9, 1980. She was married June 9, 1979. Jealousy is always a good motive remember the Dorothy Murphy case. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Florence M. Royse 87 assailant: relative
Elsie Jean Hinthon 71

Florence Royse lived in Coffeyville, **Kansas** with her daughter, Elsie Hinthon. The two women were assaulted in their home February 6, 1991. Ms. Royse was suffocated and her daughter was beaten to death. **Murderer Status:** Mr. Danny Ray Royse, 31, from Texas was charged with murdering his father's mother and sister. Five months later on July 16, 1991 he pleaded guilty to two counts of second-degree murders. He murdered the women for money. \$14,600 in cash and cashier checks were recovered. He was sentenced to 15 years to life.

Florence Newbirt, 87 assailant: neighbor

Florence Newbirt lived in **Ohio**. She was bludgeoned to death in 1995 in her home during a robbery. **Murderer Status:** Her neighbor, William Thomas, 41, was convicted in 1997. He did odd jobs for Florence Newbirt. He was sentenced to death. In 2002 the United States Supreme Court ruled in a Virginia case that the execution of the mentally ill was a violation of the U. S. Constitution. The Eighth Amendment prohibits cruel and unusual punishment. A psychologist testified at Thomas' trial that his IQ was probably in the low 70s. The American Psychiatric Association and the American Association of Mental Retardation define mental retardation as a "significant sub-average general intellectual functioning." Typically, "mild" mental retardation describes people whose IQ level is measured between 50 and 70. Mr. Thomas was still on death row in 2003.

Frances Cordella Brewington 82 assailant: grandson
Brian Brewington, 8

Frances Brewington and her great grandson, Brian 8, died in a house fire June 12, 1997 near Dunn, **North Carolina** set by her grandson, Robert Brewington. The fire was set while they were sleeping. Murderer

Status: Robert Brewington was charged with two counts of murder. He was found guilty of murder and arson and sentenced to death for each murder. Robert Brewington purchased a double indemnity policy of (\$58,522) on his nephew and a \$75,000 policy out on his brother then proceeded to murder his nephew and grandmother. He was going to use the money to get married and to purchase a trailer. Defendant forged Patrick's signature on both policies and named himself as the beneficiary on both. His girlfriend, Vera Sue Lee, 20, was convicted of two counts of first-degree murder, arson and conspiracy to commit murder. The jury was not unanimous regarding the death penalty. She was sentenced to life in prison without parole. Brewington's co-defendant, Michael McKeithan, 18, recommended two consecutive life sentences for his role in the murders. This is the result of a poor education. They asked friends to help them commit the murders.

Frances Elfstrom, 81 assailant: neighbor found by: relative

Frances Elfstrom lived in Germantown, **Tennessee**. Frances Elfstrom was beaten and choked to death on her own blood in her home on March 24, 1990. By November 5, 1990, her assailant was on his way to prison. **Murderer Status:** Her neighbor, Steven C. Menting, 20, was apprehended two days after the murder. On November 5, 1990, he pled guilty and was sentenced to life in prison for first-degree murder plus fifteen years for aggravated rape. He must serve at least thirty years of the life sentence before being eligible for parole.

Frances M. Clark, 97 assailant: neighbor found by: son

"She was always taking care of someone." Tom Clark, son

Frances M. Clark lived in Caseyville, **Missouri**. She grew lemon trees from seeds in her front room. Frances Clark was stabbed to death in April 2002. We do not believe Frances Clark or her son knew she was living next door to a convicted sex offender. **Murderer Status:** Her neighbor, Lee F. Price Sr., 45, a convicted sex offender, and Richard D. Oliver, 34, were charged with rape, murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault, and armed robbery. Mr. Price had only recently moved into the neighborhood. To avoid the death penalty, Lee Price pled guilty to first-degree murder and must serve forty years before becoming eligible for parole.

Frida Winter 78 assailant: juvenile

Frida Winter was an elderly women living alone in (Greeley), **Colorado**. She was beaten to death in her home July 25, 1992 during a robbery of her home. **Murderer Status:** Samuel Mandez, 18, (14) was arrested in 1996 for murder. He was tried and convicted. He was sentenced to life in prison. His fingerprints were found in Frida Winter's home. Samuel Mandez helped to paint her house with his grandfather. Colorado has an extremely large population of juvenile who after being tried as an adult sentenced to life in prison without parole. Critics say the police did not investigate any other suspect. The police latched onto the juvenile and that made their case. The court of appeals upheld the conviction of Samuel Mandez. The apprehension of this child was just too easy.

Georgia Wilson Smith, 66 (RN) assailant: stranger

Georgia Smith lived in or near Dallas, **Texas**. She was a retired nurse. Georgia Smith was home when a man broke into her home and demanded her car keys. He stabbed her to death when she refused the keys. There were witnesses to the break-in. **Murderer Status:** Noel Alonso Mejia, 18, was charged with murder. He was convicted of capital murder in 1993 and was sentenced to life in prison. He will not be eligible for parole for 35 years.

Geraldine Urness, 82 assailant: acquaintance found by: son

"I've known her for 35 years. She was so nice, I remember she used to bring us food when we didn't have any food."

Sharon Winterberg, neighbor

"She spoiled me and my brothers like there was no tomorrow. We could always go over there, and she always had something for us."

Jonathan Urness, grandson

"She was well-liked by everybody that came down here. She always helped out." Pete Sparacino, club member

Geraldine Urness lived in Rockford, **Illinois**. She was assaulted in her home on December 2, 2003. She suffered injuries to her head. Her assailant was known to the family. He stole her car. **Murderer Status:** Joshua Perala, 25, was charged with murder. On September 20, 2004, he pled guilty to first-degree murder. He was sentenced to 35 years in prison. Mr. Perala must serve all of his sentence. He stole her 1996 Chevrolet Lumina which she had purchased a year earlier. She loved her car. He beat her with a rock when she would not let him borrow her car. For all of the nice things people had to say about Geraldine Urness, the only thing she would be known for was being the city's eleventh homicide of the year.

Mrs. Gertie Mae Perkins, 64 (Mother) (See Hattie Wilson) assailant: stepson

Paulette Nelson, 21 (Mother)

Mrs. Jenny Morman, 43 (Mother)

Jerry Dean Thomas (Mother)

Gertie Perkins lived in Fort Worth, Texas with her husband. Her body was found in the trunk of her car December 4, 2000 in a parking garage after she was reported missing. She was supposed to pick a child up from school; when this did not happen, her husband became alarmed and reported his wife missing. Actually the word found in not exactly correct. The police did not find Gertie Perkins' body her assailant took them to the garage where he disposed of her car and her body. Her assailant turned out to be her stepson, Reginald Perkins. Apparently, Mr. Perkins needed some money so he stole her wedding ring and pawned it plus he stole two checks which he cashed for \$1,300. Murderer Status: Reginald Perkins, 45, was charged with capital murder and robbery. He was convicted after a preponderance of evidence. The jury deliberated 30 minutes before deciding he should die. His protestation that he was innocent of the death of Gertie Perkins did not ring true when DNA associated with the 1991 murders of Hattie Wilson and Shirley Douglas. Mr. Perkins was associated with violence most of his life. In 1980 Mr. Perkins pled guilty in Ohio to the rape of a 12-year old girl, and the attempted rape of another 12 year old girl. He was sentenced to Life. He was paroled in 1986. If he had remained in prison the lives of at least three women would have been saved, maybe more. He moved to Fort Worth in 1988. Hattie Wilson and her niece were murdered in 1991. He was returned to prison for a parole violation in 1993. He was released in February 2000 ten months later he killed his stepmother.

Ohio authorities believe he raped a 12 year old April 1980 in an abandoned building; he strangled Paulette Nelson to death in her Cleveland home in 1980. He attempted to rape a 12 year old December 13, 1980. They also think he strangled Jenny Morman to death January 1981 in her Cleveland apartment. Authorities also think Reginald Perkins strangled Jerry Thomas to death in her home January 23, 1981. Reginald Perkins was later convicted of attempting to rape Jerry Thomas' daughter.

Remember murderers gain access to their victims sometime through oblique relationships. The victim has a relationship with her assailant at one point in time no other. A visits his girlfriend he notices her elderly neighbor. He returns to rob the elderly neighbor. A man visits his friend he notices a young girl playing outside. He learns her name. Later he returns and molests the child. The 12 year old girl Reginald Perkins was convicted of raping was a friend of his sister. Paulette Nelson was murdered in 1980. Reginald Perkins was living with Paulette Nelson's twin sister when Paulette was murdered. Jennie Morman's daughter was dating Mr. Perkins. Jerry Dean Thomas was the mother of the 12 year old Reginald Perkins was accused of raping. She learned of the rape shortly before she was murdered. Reginald Perkins lived across the street from Ms. Thomas. Reginald Perkins dated Hattie Wilson's granddaughter and he was the step son of Gertie Perkins who he murdered. The problem with murder

victims is they do not think the men they are associating with are dangerous. The victims do not realize the man is dangerous. They do not realize all rapists are not stalkers

A man dating your granddaughter is not perceived as dangerous. A friend of your grandchildren is not perceived as dangerous. Yet these men are especially dangerous if they are out of work, using drugs or a parolee that can't get a job. Reginald Perkins a parolee, told his sister in law he was in need of money a few days before he murdered his mother law. He also told his sister than he needed money. Neither of these women imagined he would attack his step mother.

A man dating or living with your sister is not perceived as dangerous. There was a young lady and a professor murdered in Texas. After an investigation the police learned the murderer was the boyfriend of the young lady's sister. We do not know if Ms. Wilson's granddaughter knew of Mr. Perkins' background yet she was dating a dangerous man. He was a convicted rapist, a rapist of a child.

The deaths of Mrs. Gertie Mae Perkins, 64, See Hattie Wilson, Shirley Douglas, 44, Paulette Nelson, 21, Mrs. Jenny Morman, 43, and Jerry Dean Thomas is proof that rapists are dangerous individuals. No association with them is safe. This is why you do not let a man who has been accused of rape or convicted of rape move into your home and live around your children. You are asking for trouble. Surely you can find another man to associate with who does not have such a history. When you read Volume Three you will learn more about the habits and nature of the Career Rapist, men who are dedicated to raping women and children and avoiding detection.

Clearly Mr. Perkins soul was corrupt he lied the day he died stating he had never killed anyone. "They didn't link me to nothing. I did not kill my stepmom. I loved her. Texas is going to kill an innocent man." If he did not murder his step mother how was he able to direct the police to her body in a truck inside of a parking garage. Mr. Reginald Perkins was a man who solved his problems by lying and murdering.

Gertrude Nussell, 85 assailant: two strangers

Gertrude Nussell lived in Mason County, Illinois. She was murdered in her home on February 18, 1992. Her throat was cut. She lived alone. **Murderer Status:** on July 7, 1992, Leslie Palmer, 23, pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree murder, home invasion, residential burglary, and armed robbery. Scotty Lee Kinkead also pleaded guilty to the murder of Gertrude Nussell. In May 1998, the Illinois Supreme Court overturned his murder conviction. The court decided that Kinkead's judgment was not sound and ordered him retried. A four-member majority of the state's high court ruled Scotty Kinkead's use of the drug Thorazine to help him sleep may have made him incompetent when he pled guilty to murder. Mr. Kinkead was on death row at the Pontiac Correctional Center. Attorney Joseph W. Vigneri and a team of lawyers defended Mr. Kinkead in his second trial. The threat of death was removed. Mr. Kinkead pled guilty on March 11, 1999, to first-degree murder. He was sentenced to 68 years in prison, allowing for a day-for-day credit in prison because Mrs. Nussell was murdered before the truth-in-sentencing law.

Gladys Reynolds, 92 assailant: stranger

Gladys Reynolds was murdered in her home in Detroit, Michigan. Gladys Reynolds decided to have a birthday for her son, Bill Wells, 67, on August 4, 1992. Instead of a birthday party taking place in her home, her neighbors discovered her body. Her son was sitting in a dining room chair semi-conscious when the body of Gladys Reynolds was found. It was determined that her son could not have committed the murder, but he was in the home when his mother was killed. He was not able to assist the police in searching for his mother's murderer. Gladys Reynolds was raped, bitten, beaten, and choked. The robber got away with \$20.00. Simon Amingo Wright was accused of her murder. Forensic evidence linked him to her murder. What is, two brothers, Simon and Ernest Wright, were sitting at home arguing over beer. Apparently Simon Wright had drunk all the beer from his brother, Ernest. Ernest became angry; he called the police and told the police that another brother had told him that Simon had murdered an old woman. Wax impressions were taken of Simon's teeth and compared to the teeth prints on Gladys Reynolds's body: they matched. **Murderer Status:** Simon Wright, age 29, was charged with murder, larceny, criminal sexual conduct, and

assault involving Gladys Reynolds and assault with intent to commit murder of her son. Is it possible that if Simon Wright had not drank all the beer that day in 1993, two brothers would have let him get away with murder? Could they have accepted living with a man they knew to be a murderer? Mr. Simon Wright was discharged from prison on November 2, 2001. Mrs. Reynolds was trying to live as long as she could so she could care for her handicapped son.

Gladys Skinner 68 (Mother of Eight) assailant: stranger
Mamie Sue Moorman, 79 assailant: still at large
Ruby Anding, 65

Three elderly women were murdered in Frayer, Tennessee in 1988. Their names were Mamie Sue Moorman, Ruby Anding and Gladys Skinner. All of the women were murdered when an intruder entered their home at night. Gladys Skinner lived in Frayser, Tennessee. She was beaten, bitten, raped and murdered in her home April 24, 1988. She was asleep when the intruder entered her home. Her assailant did not steal any of her possessions. He took only her life. Murderer Status: Victor J. Cazes ,30, was charged with one count of first-degree murder involving the death of Gladys Skinner. He had previously worked on Gladys Skinner's car. Victor Caze was a convicted rapist. He was in prison for the rape of a young woman where he was sentenced to 56 year in prison. He was waiting to be tried for the rape of two young girls, ages 8 and 9 years old. He was convicted September 30, 1990 for the murder of Gladys Skinner. Two days later he was sentenced to death. Victor Cazes, 39, died in his cell February 27, 2000. The state of Tennessee did not get a chance to execute him. He was still a suspect in the slayings of Mamie Moorman and Ruby Anding but investigators have no physical evidence linking him to the crimes. The murder cases of Mamie Moorman and Ruby Anding remain unsolved. **Now eight children are left motherless.**

Gloria Bailey, 68 assailant: neighbor found by: stranger

"I turned to the left, the sun was going down and a sea gull was flying between the sun and me. It was almost like her spirit was released at the same time. It was beautiful."
William Baez, neighborhood friend

Gloria Bailey lived in Springfield, **Florida**, in a small apartment. She was called the cat lady. She was known for collecting cats and driving them around in a shopping cart. She was raped and strangled in 1996. In 2003 the DNA evidence found at the scene was put through CODIS and the results matched Eugene Blackshear. **Murderer Status:** Her neighbor, Eugene Blackshear, 48, was arrested in 2004 in prison while he was serving time for a drug charge. He pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to thirty years in prison. Mr. William Baez donated nearly \$800.00 toward Gloria Bailey's cremation.

Gloria Ryder, 62 assailant: step grandson found by: relative

Gloria Ryder lived in Baker Louisiana. She was strangled to death in her home February 14, 1992. The police said the assailant was a teenager, her adopted grandson. He lived in the home. She died of ligature strangulation. Murderer Status: David Dwayne Mathis, was charged with second-degree murder. He was convicted after a 2 hour deliberation and sentenced to life in prison.

Grace Back 75 (Beck) assailant: strangers

Grace Back lived in Knott County, Kentucky. She was murdered in 1987. She was tortured before she died. Murderer Status: William Morton pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Alfred G. Thomas was sentenced to death in 1988.

Grace Jackson, 64

Grace Jackson lived in Muskegon Heights, Michigan. Her body was found in her home on March 12, 1976. There was evidence of a struggle. She was beaten, and there was evidence that she was raped. **Murderer Status:** The homicide remains unsolved.

Guillermo Santo Domingo, 85

Guillermo Santo Domingo lived in Queens, **New York** in a basement apartment in a building owned by her nephew. Her body was found on July 20, 2000. She suffered a head injury. The police found a purse belonging to Guillermo Domingo in an outside garbage can. Her death was ruled a homicide during a robbery. **Murderer Status:** unsolved

Mrs. Gwen Lightfoot, 85 assailant: unknown

Gwen Lightfoot lived alone in Brevard County, **Florida**. The houses in the area were valued at \$70,000 and up. On April 4, 2002, firefighters were called to her home. When the firefighters got the fire under control, they found her charred body in her bed, face down. She was cuffed to the bed. There was no doubt that her death was a homicide. The fire was fueled by an accelerant. During the investigation, the police noted activity on her ATM card. Brevard County authorities began to believe that William Billingheimer was involved in her death. **Murderer Status:** Suspect William Mark Billingheimer, 37, shot himself to death during a standoff with Brevard County sheriff's deputies who tried to arrest him. Gwen Lightfoot's ATM card was found on the front seat of Mr. Billingheimer's truck. Shortly after Ms. Lightfoot's death, the card was used at least six times to withdraw more than \$400 from ATM machines. The police also found other credit cards, personal papers, and prescription medicines belonging to Lightfoot in the truck. Authorities were looking for links to Thelma Queen's death. Mr. Billingheimer was a Palm Bay firefighter until 1992.

Mrs. Hanna Siskind 85 assailant: still at large

Mr. Phillip Siskind 89

Hanna Siskind and her husband, Phillip, moved to Miami Beach, Florida to retire. The couple was stabbed to death in their home December 1982 and over \$3,000 worth of jewelry was stolen. A \$13,000 reward was offered for information in this case. . Murderer Status: unknown

Harriet Cady, 75 assailant: stranger

Velma Goodwin, 85

Harriet Cady and Velma Goodwin were friends for over four decades. They lived in Dorchester, Massachusetts. The women were murdered on Saturday, August 10, 1985 in Ms. Goodwin's home. They were bludgeoned to death. A male boarder was found beaten in the basement. **Murderer Status:** Robert A. Guest, 37, turned himself in to the police on August 12, 1985. He was sentenced to life in prison on March 12, 1987 for the murders. Both women were musicians.

Harriet Hill, 80 assailant: relative

Harriet Hill lived in **Washington D.C.** Harriet Hill should still be living a victorious life because she earned her college degree in her sixties and she was on her way to the age of ninety. But she is not alive today because she was beaten to death on June 15, 2001. **Murderer Status:** Her grandson, Howard L. Hill, and James Boileau, 19, were charged with felony murder while armed. In September 2001, they pled guilty to all charges. Remember: the robbery of the elderly is seen as an easy endeavor, too good to pass up.

Harriett Shank Allen, 77 assailant: still at large found by: relative

Harriett Shank Allen lived in (Little River) Floyd County Virginia. She was found murdered in her home June 9, 1992. Murderer Status: a man was declared not guilty by reason of insanity.

Eliza Jones, 70 survived

Hattie Bonner, 74 assailant: stranger
Mr. Alvin Bowen, 78 assailant: stranger found by: fire fighters
Mrs. Thelma Bowen, 75
Dora Ann Thomas 1994 assailant: stranger

The state of North Carolina presented evidence to an appeals court May 5, 2006 stating one man was responsible for the rape and attempted 1990 strangulation of Eliza Jones; the July 14, 1990 rape and strangulation of Hattie Bonner; the October 6, 1990 stabbing of Mr. Alvin Bowen and the rape and strangulation of his wife, Thelma Bowen. The evidence was presented before the court in answer to an appeal made by the convicted defendant who was sentenced to death. At the end of the hearing the appeals court said, "We conclude that the sentence of death in the present case is not disproportionate. Based upon the foregoing, we conclude that defendant received a fair trial and capital sentencing proceeding, free of prejudicial error, and the death sentences in this case are not disproportionate." The defendant will remain under the sentence of death. Eliza Jones was a senior citizen living alone. She was attacked in her bed and her home was robbed. Trauma to both her vagina and rectum indicated that she had been sexually assaulted after losing consciousness during the attack. Sperm was detected in vaginal and rectal smears and on the fitted sheet on Ms. Jones' bed. Hattie Bonner was brutally attacked and her home was robbed. She had died as a result of being both manually strangled and suffocated with a pillow. Vaginal swabs revealed the presence of sperm, and hairs and fibers were collected from the body. Mr. Bowen was a retired Southern Bell employee. After murdering the Bowens their assailant set their home on fire. Evidence suggested that Mrs. Bowen had been raped, and sperm was present in a vaginal smear.

On 30 September 2003, defendant was convicted of three counts of first-degree murder. The jury recommended a sentence of death for each conviction and the trial court entered judgment accordingly. The jury also found defendant guilty of three counts of first-degree burglary and three counts of first-degree rape. The court arrested judgment on two of the first-degree burglary counts and sentenced defendant to four consecutive life sentences for the remaining burglary and rape convictions. Finally, the jury found defendant guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, for which he received a twenty-year consecutive sentence, and first-degree arson, on which the court arrested judgment. DNA evidence was presented at trial. May 2002 Mr. Forte was called to answer to the murder charge of Dora Ann Thomas who was raped and strangled in her home in 1984. She lived 10 blocks from the Bowens.

Hattie Flowers, 72

Hattie Flowers was beaten to death in her apartment in Chelsea in New York City on October 3, 1982. She was robbed, then murdered. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Hattie Haney, 78 (Mother of Five) assailant: neighbor found by: neighbor

"She was in perfect health. She didn't look like she was that old. She looked like a young gal, really." Stanley Haney, son

Hattie Haney had lived in her St. Louis, **Missouri** home for sixty years. On September 8, 1990, Hattie Haney was stabbed to death. Her throat was cut. **Murderer Status:** Terri L. Willoughby, 29, the neighbor who lived behind Hattie Haney, was charged with home invasion. A month later, she was charged with murder. Terri Willoughby was eight months pregnant and abused drugs. Items from Hattie Haney's home were found in Ms. Willoughby's car. Over a three year period she had borrowed more than \$2,000 from Mrs. Haney. Terri Willoughby (predator) was convicted on August 30, 1991 and sentenced to thirty years in

prison. Mrs. Haney left five children, thirteen grandchildren, and twenty great-grandchildren.

Hattie Wilson, 79 (mother) assailant: acquaintance of a relative
Shirley Douglas, 44

Hattie Wilson and Shirley Douglas lived together in an apartment in Fort Worth, Texas. They were aunt and niece. May 6, 1991 a friend became alarmed when neither woman answered the door. The police found their bodies the women were strangled (manual) to death. The assailant wanted to foil the discovery of the bodies because he left the television, fan and stove on in the apartment. The case remained unsolved until 2007. Murderer Status: Reginald Perkins, 52, (36) was arrested while on death row in 2007. DNA connected him to the murders. He was tried and convicted of murder. Mr. Perkins was on death row after being sentenced to death in 2002 for the murder of his stepmother, Mrs. Gertie Mae Perkins, 64. Reginald Perkins dated Hattie Wilson's granddaughter. He had enough knowledge of the victims to know which woman to kill first and where each woman slept. Remember murderers gain access to their victims sometime through oblique relationships.

Hazel Marie Reimann, 87 assailant: still at large

Hazel Reimann lived in Des Moines, Iowa. She was beaten and stabbed to death in her home September 2, 2008. She lived alone. The motive was robbery. Murderer Status: unsolved.

Hazel Weaver 62 (mother of 6) assailant: stranger

Hazel lived in Bucksport, Maine. She owned a marina and convenience store. In 1994 she was sat upon as she arrived at her home and robbed then shot death. Murderer Status: Titus Huggins, 26, was charged with murder. The first trial resulted in a mistrial because a juror did not tell the court she was a friend of the defendant's sister. The second trial for murder, armed robbery, and criminal conspiracy was in 1996. He was found guilty. The jury took less than an hour to return the verdict. A witness testified Mr. Huggins laughed about shooting Hazel Weaver. Hazel Weaver was the mother of five boys and one girl and she had several grandchildren. Judge R. Markley Dennis Jr. sentenced Mr. Huggins to death. Ira Hemingway, 21, pleaded guilty as an accessory and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Helen A. Weaver 76 assailant: still at large

Helen Weaver lived in Easton, Pennsylvania. She was strangled to death August 1993 in her home. She lived with her son and other relatives. Murderer Status: unknown

Mrs. Helen Asmuth, 62 (mother of 2) assailant: still at large

Helen Asmuth lived in Neenah, Wisconsin. July 31, 1984 she was shot to death in her drive way of her home. Her husband was also shot. He witnessed her murder. Murderer Status: unknown police have not established a motive for the murder.

Mrs. Helen Ayers, 54
Mr. Richard Ayers assailants: strangers

Helen Ayers lived in Prosper, Texas. She was shot to death in December 1990. She was shot three times. She and her husband, Richard Ayers, were assaulted in their home during a burglary. The trio did not care that the home was occupied. Murderer Status: Anthony Bruce, 15; his cousin, Kenneth Bruce, 18; Eric Lynn Moore, 23; and Samuel Andrews, 18, were charged with robbery and murder. Mr. Eric Moore was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death. Anthony Bruce was sentenced to life in prison. In Texas, juveniles tried as adults cannot be sentenced to death, Samuel Andrews was convicted in 1991. Kenneth Bruce was convicted in February 1992. Mr. Richard Ayers was left paralyzed.

Mrs. Helen Breslin, 79 (Elderly Couple) assailants: three strangers
Mr. Charles Breslin, 81

Helen Breslin and her husband, Charles, were robbed and murdered in their home in St. Albans, Queens, New York on November 6, 1985. Mrs. Breslin was stabbed and strangled. Mr. Bresling was beaten. **Murderer Status:** unknown – until November 12, 1985, when Anthony German, 20, was arrested and charged with their murder. On September 18, 1986, the Breslins' murderers were tried and convicted of murder. Anthony Germany and two others were convicted of robbery and murder. The three men had used crack cocaine at the time of the murders. Anthony German was sentenced to 66 2/3 years to life in prison.

Helen Davis, 63 assailant: still at large

Helen Davis lived in New York City. She was stabbed to death in her apartment on April 27, 1964. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Mrs. Helen Forkner, 74 (mother) assailant: handy man found by: neighbors
The beating death of Helen Forkner in San Fernando Valley California in her home is another example of how a family friend, neighbor or handy man can see an opportunity for some fast cash and takes it. The men see a senior citizen as an easy prey a person's whose possessions can solve their financial problems; their shortest of cash. Mario Sanchez Navarro, age 26, was one such man. He worked construction and did odd jobs at Helen Forkner's condo to earn extra cash. Rather than accept this good fortune of doing odd jobs for extra money that he did not have to pay income on he decided to rape rob and murder Mrs. Forkner. May 10, 1995 he acted out his plan by entering her apartment around 2 am in the morning. He threw her body down an embankment where it was found by police. Murderer Status: Mario Navarro was charged with murder subject to the death penalty. January 1996 he pleaded guilty to the beating murder of Helen Forkner. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Helen Forkner lived a successful life. She recently widowed. She worked 25 years as an escrow officer and she was soon to be a great grandmother. The only thing that can be said of Mr. Navarro is that he is still in prison awaiting old age and death.

Helen Klocek, 84 assailant: still at large

Like many senior citizens, Helen Klocek valued her freedom. She wanted to continue living in her apartment, running errands, and socializing. Helen Klocek was murdered on March 3, 1999, and no one is quite certain what happened. Her body was found in a Detroit, Michigan alley, but she lived in an area suburb. Helen Klocek was strangled to death and her purse was missing. The city of Detroit is often used as a dumping ground for the bodies of murdered women. A Canadian murdered his wife in Detroit believed men within the city would be blamed. A man drove from Grand Rapids and disposed of a body in the Detroit area. Several women were reported murdered in the area . Apparently the man from Grand Rapids thought the police would lump her murder with the other murders. The police did not. Supposedly people are to believe that men living in Detroit murdered the women. Any time a murder takes place in a suburb the people reporting the news say "the murder took place in the greater Detroit Area." It is comforting to believe all the murders committed in Michigan are committed by people living in Detroit. It is quite possible that Mrs. Klocek was followed from an area restaurant. Just as sexual predators troll for victims so do thieves. **Murderer Status:** Unknown

Helen Rathje, 86 assailant: 3 strangers found by:

"Criminals get all the protection they need from the criminal justice system,
but the victim only get a six-foot hole."

Marion Gerardot, son-in-law

The above words were spoken after Helen Rathje's son-in-law heard the sentencing for the three men responsible for his mother-in-law's murder. A deal was worked out for all three men involved in her murder. Helen Rathje was murdered: plain and simple. She did not cause her death. She did not know her

assailant. There was no anger or animosity involved in the crime. Helen Rathje was murdered because she woke in the middle of the night and found a man robbing her home. Her murderer explained how he murdered Helen Rathje. How can a man hold an elderly woman to the floor and break the woman's neck and be sentenced to only forty years in prison? She was murdered in her home during a robbery. By September 1994 all three men involved in the robbery were off to prison. This was an unbelievably stupid crime. The school system failed in teaching these men to think.

Helen Rathje lived in St. Joseph Township, Indiana with a housemate. She woke on December 18, 1993 after hearing an intruder in her home. She was murdered because the man did not want a witness to his crime. Her murder was senseless because the police apprehended the burglar-turned-murderer soon after the robbery. The burglar could have been charged with burglary, rather than burglary and murder.

Murderer Status: William Wood, 19, was charged with burglary and murder. He was found guilty in September 1994. He was sentenced to forty years in prison. He admitted that he broke into Helen Rathje's home and murdered her when she woke to find him robbing her home. How much money did Mr. Wood think he was going to realize from burglarizing a senior citizen's home? The entire scenario makes no sense. Mr. Woods wagered forty years of his life against the possibility of finding valuables in Helen Rathje's home. A jar of pennies Mrs. Rathje used when playing cards was missing when her body was found. The most amazing thing about all robberies is that the perpetrator believes that he is going to get away with the crime. He believes he is smart enough to avoid apprehension, yet it does not dawn on him that he is stupid to wager his life on this assumption.

Mr. William Wood is going to spend 14,600 days in prison with approximately 10,000 men in the next forty years if he is not paroled because he did not have the patience and fortitude to get a job and work like other men. Cleaning streets and returning home to sit on one's porch and drink a beer is far better than spending 14,600 days in prison with 10,000 men who have nothing better to do than to pick a fight. It is readily apparent that the three men involved in the death of Helen Rathje were not men of character and had no regard for their lives, nor the lives of anyone else. John Chilcote was charged with driving William Wood to the Helen Rathje's home. John Chilcote was sentenced to ten years in prison, six years to be served on work release, and four years' probation. This was a pretty good deal.

Christopher Chilcote, age 20, had drawn a diagram of Helen Rathje's home for the burglar's use. He was paid \$20.00 for his services. He pled guilty to aiding in a burglary. For his guilty plea he agreed to testify against his brother, John, but he could only be sentenced to fifteen years or less. On May 26, 1995, Christopher Chilcote was ordered to serve four years of a ten-year sentence in home detention. Michelle Fennessy, John Chilcote's attorney, told the court, "You won't see John Chilcote here ever again. He's going to do good things the rest of his life." It is now the year 2010. Has he been back to court? Mr. William Wood told the court how he murdered Mrs. Helen Rathje. Her family was in court. He broke her neck while holding her to the floor. Mrs. Helen Rathje was 86 years old when she was murdered. Two of the men in this case were brothers. William J. Wood, 19, who broke Helen Rathje's neck was sentenced to 40 years in prison. Christopher Chilcote, 20, was convicted for aiding in the robbery. He was sentenced to 4 to 10 years. He drew a diagram of the home to be used in the robbery. John Chilcote, 23, was sentenced to 10-years in prison for aiding in the Dec. 18, 1993, burglary. He was the driver. The burglary netted the three men \$100.00.

Mrs. Helen Summers, 64

Mr. Mandell Eugene Summers, 64

Mr. Billy Mack Summers, 60

Helen Summers lived in Texas with her husband, Mandell, and Billy Summers who was retarded. The entire family was stabbed to death June 11, 1990. Each was stabbed multiple times. Authorities believed their adoptive son, Gregory Summers, hired two men to commit the murders. He was hoping to collect \$24,000 from an insurance policy and money from the home. Murderer Status: Gregory Lynn Summers, 32, was charged with three counts of murder. He was convicted August 23, 1991 and sentenced to death. He was executed October 25, 2006 at the age of 48. Three other men were involved in the murder.

Andrew Cantu, a parolee, was convicted and sentenced to death. He was executed in 1999. He never got an opportunity to spend the \$10,000 he was promised for the murder. His two accomplices, Ramon Gonzales and Paul Flores, received plea bargains and testified against Cantu and Summers. Mr. Summers was a father of four.

Helen Lyons and her daughter, Baylise Burchett, lived quietly in Washington D. C. Their bodies were found in their home September 22, 1978 north of the Howard University campus. The women were repeatedly stabbed. The police believed the women encountered a burglar in their home. Some of their property was found outside the home. The burglar may not have been able to carry everything away with him. Murderer Status: James Franklin McLinnahan, 28, was arrested November 20, 1979 and charged with the murder of Hattie Long. He kicked in her door intent on robbing her. He beat and stabbed her to death. Her neighbors heard the screams and called the police. Officer R. A. Jenkins saw James McLinnahan leaving Mrs. Long's home. Officer Jenkins chased Mr. McLinnahan until he caught him. Mr. James McLinnahan was covered in blood. After questioning Mr. McLinnahan was charged with two counts of murder in the death of Helen Lyons and Baylise Burchett. Washington D. C. does not have the death penalty. Mr. McLinnahan decided against a jury trial. He was tried May 1981. Chief Judge H. Carl Moultrie of the D.C. Superior court convicted Mr. McLinnahan of two counts of first-degree murder.

Helen Marie Chase 74 assailant: casual employee

Helen Chase worked as an apartment manager for 19 years in Golden Valley, Minnesota. Her body was found October 22, 1990 in her apartment. She was strangled to death. Murderer Status: James Edwin Arntson, a prison escapee, was a suspect. He worked for Helen Chase. He escaped prison September 27, 1990. Authorities said Mr. Arntson used a plastic trash liner to commit suicide in his cell November 11, 1990.

Helen Walczyk 86 assailant: great nephew

Helen Walczyk lived in Westvale, New York. She was murdered April 7, 2001. She was beaten and strangled then duct tape was placed over her nose and mouth. She was placed in the trunk of her car and driven around town. Her body was found in the trunk of her car. Murderer Status: Her great nephew, Stephen Raineri, 37, a parolee was charged with robbery and first-degree murder. He was addicted to crack cocaine. March 2002 he pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and second-degree burglary. He was sentenced to 31 years in prison. Member of the family said, "Our only hope now is that Stephen will live a long, difficult life under maximum security and never, ever be paroled. He has been given too many chances, and he has hurt too many people to ever be allowed his freedom. He is evil.

Helen Wright, 68

Helen Wright lived at Locust Place in East Walnut Hills, **Ohio**. Her body was found in her apartment on October 5, 2000. The apparent motive for the murder was robbery. **Murderer Status:** unsolved

Henrietta Wildage lived in Fort Pierce, **Florida**. She was strangled to death on April 19, 1988 during what the police think was a robbery of her home. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Hetta Saltzman had retired. She had lived her life and was happy with the results. She took an apartment in New York and settled down to enjoy dining, the environment, and her remaining friends. She was a WAC

during World War II, so she had lots of stories to tell. As of September 27, 1982, she will tell no more stories because she was robbed and then shot to death in her apartment. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Hilda Batton, 89 assailant: stranger found by: neighbor

"When somebody knocks, you think it's a friend. Not anymore."
Clara Herron, 85, neighbor

Hilda Batton lived in Fredericksburg, **Virginia**. On January 25, 2000, Hilda Batton was stabbed to death while struggling with a man who knocked on her door during a snow storm and tried to force his way into her home. **Murderer Status:** Ashby Edward Hall, 29, was arrested shortly after the murder. He made a purchase at a local store, covered in blood. He killed her when she refused to let him use the phone. Hilda Batton was stabbed twelve times with two knives, so violently that one of the weapons broke in half and lodged in her chest. Hall pled guilty to robbery and murder in January 2001. He was drinking when he committed the murder.

Mrs. Hilda Johnson, 87
Mr. Leslie Holtz, 81

Hilda Johnson was living a quiet life in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was looking forward to the holidays when a man entered her home Christmas Eve. When he left he had taken Hilda Johnson's life plus, \$12 in cash and a television set. He sold the television for \$125.00. He bludgeoned Hilda Johnson with an iron then strangled her to death with an electrical cord. Hilda Johnson's murderer moved to New York where he robbed and murdered Mr. Leslie Holtz in his Staten Island apartment July 3, 1991. Murderer Status: July 17, 1991 Thomas J. Grasso, 28, was charged with robbery and murder in the death of Mr. Leslie Holtz, who was his neighbor. March 31, 1992 Mr. Grasso was sentenced to 20 years to life for the murder of Leslie Holtz. New York extradited Mr. Grasso to Oklahoma. He confessed to the murder of Hilda Johnson and was sentenced to death. A legal battle ensued because New York wanted Mr. Grasso back to serve his 20 to life sentence and Oklahoma wanted him back so they could execute Mr. Grasso. March 20, 1995 the state of Oklahoma executed Mr. Thomas Grasso age 32.

Hilma N. Villarreal, 68 assailant: adopted son suspect found by: friend

Hilma Villarreal lived in Texas. She was a retired Brooks County Hospital operating room technician. She was stabbed to death in her home August 2003. Murderer Status: Her adopted son, Juan Alberto Villarreal, was arrested and charged with murder.

Hulda Emma Fischer, 84 assailant: still at large

Hulda Emma Fischer lived in Maquoketa, Iowa. She was stabbed to death in her home, February 25, 1975. She lived alone. The motive was robbery. Murderer Status: unsolved.

Mrs. Icie Roberts, 89 (Mother of Two) assailants: strangers

"She waved at me every morning and was as pleasant as could be. Why would somebody want to hurt somebody who never did nothing to nobody?"
William Kimbley, business neighbor

Icie Roberts lived in Indianapolis, **Indiana**. People said she lived a quiet, meek life, tending to the flowers on her porch, and that she liked to wave to people as they passed. She'd promised to have plenty of Three Musketeers candy bars for trick-or-treaters at Halloween. An intercom connected her to neighbors. When she was attacked in her home in October 2001, she called for help. She died in an area hospital. Her assailant kicked down her door while she was sleeping and torn the phone out the wall. A large homemade sign was later posted on her lawn. It read: "To the murderer who killed Mrs. Roberts, you may have taken her life, but you can't take her soul." It was signed: "The Neighbors." **Murderer Status:** Three young

neighborhood predators -- Christopher B. Lee, 20, Charles V. Brower, 19, and Michael S. Johnfauno, 22 -- were arrested two days after the murder. None of the men had an adult criminal history. **Romans:** "The devil is roaming the earth seeking whom he may devour." The men were charged with murder and felony burglary. Michael Johnfauno was convicted and sentenced to 105 years in prison. Charles V. Brower, 19, was found not competent to stand trial. Christopher Lee was convicted and sentenced to 45-65 years in prison. The men tried three times to break into Icie Roberts' home. Icie Roberts had several great-grandchildren.

Ida Louise Adam, 77 assailant: still at large found by:

Ida Adams lived in Houston, Texas. She was beaten in her home March 27, 1989. She died of blunt force trauma to the head. Her house had been ransacked and her 1989 Cadillac was missing. The police believe she found someone ransacking her home when she returned from shopping. Murderer Status: unknown

Ida Martin assailant: found by:

Ida Martin lived in Roselawn, Ohio outside of Cincinnati. Ms. Martin was stabbed to death outside of her apartment October 2009. Within a year her assailant was in prison. Murderer Status: James House III was charged with murder. October 13, 2010 he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison. Let us hope he is never paroled. This time his insanity defense did not work. In 1998 he was accused of stabbing three women ages 43, 59 and 72. He was found not guilty by reason of insanity. Why was he on the street in 2009? He was released from a mental facility June 2009. Ms. Martin was murdered October 2009. Ida Martin's son, William Martin, stayed with his mother four mornings each week and had lunch with her every Tuesday. He was not comforted when Mr. House apologized for his behavior.

Mrs. Ida Mirel 83 assailant: stranger

Ida Mirel was murdered May 1999 after leaving a restaurant in Boca Raton, Florida. A man stole her purse and she tried to block his getaway by standing in front of the car. Rather than stop her assailant applied the gas and ran her over. Murderer Status: July 1999 Jonathan Griffin 17 was charged with first-degree murder in Palm Beach County. Jimmy Lee Williams, 14, mother turned him in after he told her about his efforts to steal a woman's purse. He was charged with one count of murder, robbery with a deadly weapon, burglary of Mirel's home and grand theft. Two of the juveniles involved in this case were supposed to be under arrest and/or wearing tethers. Martroy Futch pleaded guilty Tuesday to being an accessory after the fact in the purse-snatching. He was in the back seat of the car. He thought they were going joy riding. Martroy Futch pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact in the purse-snatching and death of Ida Mirel.

Inez Phillips, 75 assailant: stranger

Inez Phillips lived in Gladewater, Texas. Like most women her age she lived alone. This characteristic made her a prime target for thieves. Inez Phillips was murdered in her home during a robbery. She was hit on the head with a blackjack, bound and gagged, then finally stabbed through the heart with a kitchen knife. Murderer Status: Stanley Faulder, a Canadian citizen, was charged with capital murder, convicted and sentenced to death. Years later a second trial was ordered. He was again sentenced to death. Mr. Faulder spent 22 years on death row. He was executed June 19, 1991 at the age 61. Many members of the international community protested because Texas authorities failed at the time of Mr. Faulder's arrest to inform him of his right to seek assistance from the Canadian consulate. In violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, Faulder was in prison for 15 years before the Canadian government was informed of his arrest and conviction. The United States is a signer to the treaty. Texas claims it is not required to abide by the treaty, as the state did not sign it. In essence Texas told the world it has the right to pick and choose what laws and treaties it will recognize. The United States can sign a treaty but if

Texas does not sign a treaty the treaty is not valid. Consequently, Texas is only a member of the United States when it chooses.

Iona Dikes, 62
Julia Fleenor

Iona Dikes and Julia Fleenor lived in El Paso, Texas. The two women were beaten then strangled to death in their home October 27, 1984. A fire was set to conceal the murders. Murderer Status: Angel Rivera was convicted of two counts of capital murder. He was sentenced to death June 19, 1986. During his trial authorities said he wrote his family stating he murdered three people.

Irene Bavetta, 78 (mother) assailant: stranger found by: neighbor

Irene Bavetta lived in New York in an apartment building near Fordham University. Most of her neighbors were her age or older. All were clinging to the last vestige of independence. None wanted to be a burden on the family and none wanted to go into a convalescent home. April 8 1979 her body was found in her apartment. Irene Bavetta was raped and strangled to death. In six months seven elderly women had been raped and robbed in the area only this time the attacker killed. Murderer Status: unsolved.

Irene Farrell, 81 assailants: acquaintances

Irene Farrell lived in her home in Watervliet, **New York** for sixty years. Her neighbor was a police officer. Her neighbors knew her by the new cars she purchased every year. The fact that her car, a maroon Oldsmobile Delta 88, was missing from its normal parking space made neighbors question her safety. Her body was found in her home on March 13, 1987. She was stabbed several times. **Murderer Status:** Joseph Mastropietro, 17, and Lloyd E. Cummings, 17, were arrested on March 14, 1987 and charged with two counts of second degree murder, one count of intentional and felony murder, and two counts of first-degree burglary. The men were living on the street. The police believe Mrs. Farrell allowed Joseph Mastropietro into her home because he had once lived in the upstairs apartment. Harold Raymond, 43, was accused of driving the teenagers to the scene of the killing and to a pawnshop. He pled guilty to a reduced charge of first-degree attempted murder and agreed to testify against the two seventeen-year-olds. The two teenagers were sentenced to 25 and eighteen years to life, respectively. If she had gotten medical attention, Mrs. Farrell could have survived her injuries.

Irene Gizynski, 79 assailant: stranger

Irene Gizynski left home to go shopping in an area mall in Michigan November 26, 1996. While at the mall her purse was stolen and she was knocked to the ground. When the robber drove off he ran over her leg. She was taken to an area hospital. When the doctors were unable to save her leg she was operated on and the right leg was amputated. She died December 17, 1996 as a result of the injury. Murderer Status: Anthony Williams, 27, was charged with open murder. Anthony Williams represents a long line of criminals who come up with an idea that appears simple and easy and before they know it they are in prison for murder. Anthony Williams probably thought stealing an old lady's purse was simple and easy. All he had to do was grab the purse and knock her down and he would be home free to enjoy the contents of her purse. You read about several cases involving older women murdered because their murderers thought attacking and robbing them was easy an example is the death of Diane Ricketta who died March 26, 1997. Please remember this case.

Irene Johnson, 88 assailant: still at large

Irene Johnson lived in a home in Sam Hughes Arizona. She lived alone. She was raped and beaten to death to death in her bedroom July 24, 2000. Murderer Status: unknown

Mrs. Irene Kennedy, 75 (mother of 4) assailant: still at large see M. Greineder

Irene Kennedy lived in Massachusetts. She was a music teacher. She was murdered in Walpole Bird Park December 2, 1998. She was stabbed 29 times bludgeoned, raped and bitten. She and her husband, Thomas, 77, often walked in the area, sometimes together and other times they went their own separate way. Her murder became a motion in the murder trial of Dr. Dirk Greineder. Dr. Greineder was on trial for the murder of his wife, Mabel Greineder. The doctor said he and his wife were walking in a park, they separated and during the time they were separated a person came along and murdered his wife. His attorney, Martin F. Murphy, decided to try and use the deaths of two other people in various Massachusetts cities to cause reasonable doubt in the doctor's case. The attorney filed a motion before the trial judge asking he be allowed to introduce evidence of two similar murders in other cities creating the possibility of a serial killer. The only flaw in this reasoning is the jury could believe Dr. Greineder got the idea of murdering his wife in the park from reading about these other murders. Dr. Greineder was convicted of murder. Irene Kennedy was married for fifty years. Murderer Status: Edmund Francis Burke spent 41 days behind bars before he was released. He was innocent. People cheered when Mr. Burke was arrested. Martin G. Guy, 42, (36) a convicted murderer, was charged with murder 2003. There was a DNA match to evidence taken from the murder scene. Her husband was still alive. He testified in court how he found his wife's body. Mr. Guy was found guilty September 2006 and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Irene Roszak, 93 assailant: stranger found by: home health care worker

Two people stand charged with the May 3, 2009 murder of Irene Roszak of Radisson, Wisconsin, an adult male and a 15 year old. The body of Irene Roszak was found in her home by her home health care worker. She was stabbed 15 times. She was stabbed in her sleep. Ms. Roszak lived alone. Murderer Status: The police received a tip and arrested Christopher Lee Roalson, 27, and Austin R. Davis, 15, are both charged with first-degree intentional homicide and burglary. Mr. Roalson used two knives to stab Irene Roszak to death.

Irene Silverman 82 assailants: acquaintances found by: body never recovered

Irene Silverman lived in New York City. She was a woman of wealth and leisure. In July 1998 she was reported missing from her home. Prior to the missing person report she told a friend she believed she was being swindled. Murderer Status: Mrs. Sante Kimes, 64, and her son Kenneth Jr., 23, were charged in December 1998 with murder in the absence of a body. Both were convicted May 2000.

Irma Thelma Gray, 89 assailant: stranger

Irma Thelma Gray lived in Mobile County Alabama. Irma Gray was beaten and her throat cut June 25, 1992 in her home during a robbery three weeks before her 90th birthday Murderer Status: Larry Eugene Hutcherson, 23, was charged with capital murder. The jury then spent less than 30 minutes deciding if he should receive the death penalty. Mr. Hutcherson said he had taken six Valium tablets and had consumed a lot of whiskey. He was sentenced to death February 18, 1993 and at retrial June 19, 1999. He was executed October 26, 2006 at the age of 37. Irma returned home and found him in her home. Larry Hutcherson was holding a chaplain's hand as he died.

Janet B. Scott, 85 (See Ruth Potdvina) assailant: still at large

Janet B. Scott was visiting the area and staying in the Bryant Hotel in Manhattan, New York. She was beaten to death in her hotel room on May 25, 1985. **Murderer Status:** unknown

Rev. Jean E. Darter 92 assailant: stranger

Rev. Darter lived in Reidsville, North Carolina. She was retired. She was beaten then strangled to death August 27, 1984. She was 92 years old when she was murdered. Murderer Status: Perrie Dyon Simpson was charged with murder. He was found guilty and sentenced to death. In 1993 Jean Darter's murderer said he was remorseful. His apology did not help the jury brought back the sentence of death after 4 hours

of deliberation. This was the third time he had been sentenced to death by 12 people. One juror was crying.

Mrs. Jean Lucy, 72 (Mother of Seven) assailant: stranger found by: daughter-in-law

Jean Lucy lived in an isolated area of Tupanga Canyon, **California**. She loved horses and maintained a stable. Her body was found in the canyon: she had suffered trauma to her face, severe beating, and defensive abrasions to the backs of her hands. The cause of death was manual strangulation. **Murderer Status:** Her handyman, Antonio Rodriguez, was a suspect in her murder

Sarah McBride, 69 assailant: stranger found by: sister
Jean Poteet 70

Jean Poteet was visiting her cousin, Sarah McBride who lived in Nashville, Tennessee. Their bodies were found July 8, 1999 in Sarah McBride's home. Both women died from ligature strangulation. Murderer Status: Robert Leach was charged with rape and two counts of capital murder. He was convicted and sentenced to death. Robert Leach was scheduled for execution 2005. Sarah McBride was outside working in her yard when Leach happened upon her. Leach asked Sarah if he could use her telephone to call his sister to pick him up because his car was broken down. The simple act of helping another human being cost Sarah McBride and her cousin their lives. Jean Poteet was mentally disabled and her right hand and leg were partially paralyzed.

Jewell Haygood, 88 assailant: stranger see Julia Fleenor

Jewel Haygood lived in El Paso, Texas. She was strangled to death in her home October 27, 1984. Murderer Status: Miguel Angel Rivera, 22, was charged with capital murder. It took the jury only an hour and a half to sentence him to death. We do not see him in prison.

Josephine Bartholomew, 77 assailant: found by: police

Josephine Bartholomew lived in Aurora, Colorado. Her body was found in her apartment March 1992. She died from head injuries. Neighbors called the police when she did not pick up her newspaper; a few days after the murder a man was in custody. Murderer Status: Derrick Martin, was charged with murder first-degree sexual assault and second-degree burglary. His print was found on her dresser. He lived within 11 blocks of Josephine Bartholomew. June 28, 1993 Derrick Martin pleaded guilty to avoid the death penalty. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Mrs. Josephine Brown, 65 assailant: family acquaintance

Josephine Brown was murdered in her apartment on Wednesday, May 11, 1994 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. **Murderer Status:** Terry Larone McClendon, 21, of Pittsfield Township, Michigan was charged with the murder of Josephine Brown. Mrs. Josephine's throat was cut. Mr. McLendon was a friend of her granddaughter. He was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Josephine Smith, 71 assailant: still at large found by: neighbor

Josephine Smith lived in Oklahoma. She was beaten to death in her home May 15, 1982. She was known for her community service. She did not pick up her newspaper. Murderer Status: unknown

Josephine Stachelski, 77 assailant: still at large

Josephine Stachelski lived at 153 Woltz Avenue in New York. Someone stole her life savings of \$95,000. She was beaten unconscious in her home December 23, 1991. She died in an area hospital January 1992. Someone broke into her home probably believing there was more to steal from Josephine Stachelski. Murderer Status: unknown. – Who do you know that had a windfall in 1991? Someone had to

spend that \$95,000. He or she probably purchased a house or a car and explained the money by saying he or she won the lottery.

Josephine Todd assailant: unknown

Josephine Todd lived in Vicksburg, Mississippi. She was murdered in her home June 4, 1979 during a burglary. She was bound and gagged. She died of asphyxiation. Murderer Status: Robert H. Jackson, 26, was convicted of robbery and murder in 1980. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole. April 3, 2010 his conviction was overturned. He has served 30 years in prison. The Mississippi Supreme Court Justices unanimously agreed that wording in Mr. Jackson's indictment was improper and therefore his guilty plea was invalid. William B. Bardwell, David McCarty, Jackson, attorneys for appellant.

Mrs. Joy Pittman, 62

Mr. Joe Pittman, 66

assailant; grandson

Joy Pittman and her husband, Joe, lived in Charleston, **South Carolina**. They were grandparents.

Murderer Status: Their grandson, Christopher Pittman, 12, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder. In February 2005, Christopher Pittman, 15, was tried as an adult and found guilty. He was sentenced to thirty years in prison. Christopher Pittman was using Zoloft. His defense attorney, Andy Vickery, said that trying Christopher Pittman as an adult for a crime he committed when he was twelve violated the Constitution's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment. His thirty-year sentence should have been cut to probation.

Joyce L. Casper, 66

assailant: still at large

Joyce Casper lived in Boise, **Idaho**. She owned and operated a greeting card shop. On October 13, 1987, her body was found strangled, beaten, and raped in a car by railroad tracks near her store. **Murderer**

Status: Her murder case remains unsolved.

Juanita Johnson, 80

assailant: still at large

Juanita Johnson lived in Augusta, **Georgia**. Someone broke into her home on September 17, 1992; when they left, Ms. Johnson lay stabbed to death with a plastic bag over her head. Juanita Johnson was murdered two days after her eightieth birthday. **Murderer Status:** Her murder case remains unsolved as of 1996.

Juanita Truesdell 71

assailant· neighbor

Juanita Truesdell lived in Holly, Michigan next door to a man and his 14-year old son. Monday, September 23, 1991 the father learned his son had been breaking into houses and stealing from his neighbors so he turned the boy into the local police. Later that day he learned his child was being accused of murdering his neighbor, Juanita Truesdell. She had been hit in the head with a claw hammer and stabbed in the chest and neck. She had surprised the 14-year old when he was stealing the keys to her car. Murderer Status: Under Michigan law at the time the 14-year old was too young to be tried as an adult but he is being charged with first-degree felony murder, first-degree premeditated murder and burglary. The child later told his father "Dad I wished I could turn back the clock. I did not mean to kill that lady. I do not remember killing that lady."

Judith Kane, 76

Judith Kane lived in New York. She was stabbed to death in her home in 1992. She had lived in her home for fifty years. Murderer Status: unknown

Mrs. Julia Gaerte, 86 (Mother of Seven) Assailant: stranger found by: daughter-in-law

Julia Gaerte lived alone in Green Township, **Indiana** after the death of her husband. On September 8, 1996, she was suffocated to death in her bed with a pillow. **Murderer Status:** In October 2000, Angela Stone, 30, of LaGrange, admitted to burglarizing the home of Julia Gaerte. In 2001, she was found guilty and sentenced to thirty years in prison. In 2000, Donald Earl Houser Jr., 32, was arrested and convicted of burglary. State law demanded he submit a DNA sample. This sample led to his arrest in the murder of Julia Gaerte. He was subsequently convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Julia Jaros, 77

Julia Jaros lived in Miami Florida. She was shot six times September 1984 but manages to tell the police who shot her. Murderer Status: The maintenance man, Louis Barrinton, 80, was charged with first-degree murder, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and carrying a concealed firearm.

June Lynch, 64 assailant: hired cleaner found by: brother in law

June Lynch lived in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was murdered in her bed June 4, 1987. Seventeen years later a grand jury indicted Steven M. Siemietkowski for murder. He was part of a cleaning crew hired to clean her home in 1987. Murderer Status: Steven M. Siemietkowski, 43, (26), was charged with rape and first-degree murder. After a lot of bluster in court Mr. Siemietkowski pleaded guilty to manslaughter June 26, 2008. He was sentenced to 18 to 20 years. He can walk the streets when he is 68 years old. His DNA profile matched evidence taken from the scene.

Justina Leonavicius, 75 assailant: paroled found by: son

Justina Leonavicius lived in Bridgeport, Illinois. On November 16, 1986, Justina was sleeping when a man entered her home looking for items to steal. When he left, Justina Leonavicius lay dead. She was beaten, strangled and stabbed more than seventy times. Murderer Status: Michael Aquinaga, 25, a paroled, was charged with murder, home invasion, residential burglary, and armed robbery. He was prepared to kill. He was convicted in 1988. The prosecutor asked for the death penalty. The jury voted 11-1 for death. The judge had to sentence Mr. Aquinaga to life in prison without parole because in Illinois the vote for death must be unanimous. Criminal Court Judge Robert V. Boharic told Michael Aquinaga that in Florida, judges are allowed to override jury decisions and impose death sentences even when juries reject them.

Katherine Hunt Ryon, 74

Katherine Ryon lived in Edgewater, Maryland. Ms. Ryon was a retired nurse. She was beaten then strangled with a dog leash inside her home during a robbery April 15, 1995. Her car was stolen. Murderer Status Richard Wayne Willoughby, 35, and James Calvert McGee, 41 were seen driving her car. Both were charged with first-degree murder and robbery. Katherine Ryon was the best friend of James McGee's mother. Mr. McGee and Mr. Willoughby were convicted in 1996 and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Katherine Pearl Rich, 80 (See V. Lucas) assailant: stranger

Katherine Pearl Rich lived in Stoneburg, Texas. Henry Lee Lucas confessed to her murder. Henry Lucas said he stabbed her to death, raped her after death, then cut her body into small pieces and burned her. On June 16, 1983, he took authorities to the place where her body was buried. **Murderer Status:** Henry Lee Lucas was sentenced to serve 75 years for the murder of Katherine Pearl Rich.

Mrs. Katherine Lucille Hopwood, 82 (Mother of Eight) assailant: stranger found by: relatives

Katherine Hopwood lived alone in Illinois after successfully raising eight children. She was strangled with her own clothing. On December 5, 1997, she was murdered because a young man wanted to buy some cocaine. We have another person murdered because they were living in general proximity to a drug addict that had the opportunity to observe their habits. The 21-year-old who was accused of murdering Mrs.

Hopwood lived with his mother in the flat over Mrs. Hopwood's. He knew when his mother paid the rent; consequently, he knew when Mrs. Hopwood had money. Murderer Status: Jesse K. Tokich, a parolee, was charged with murder. He was tried on September 20, 1998. In January 1999, Mr. Tokich was convicted of murder. He was sentenced to sixty years in prison. He will be eligible for parole at the age of 52 per the Illinois Supreme Court. He only has to serve half his sentence. Mr. Tokich can still commit murder at the age of 52. If Mr. Tokich had been made to serve his seven-year conviction for robbery, burglary, and attempted burglary, Katherine Lucille Hopwood would still be alive. **Now eight children are left motherless.**

Katherine Socha, 93 assailant: nephew suspect

Katherine Socha lived in Tucson, **Arizona** with her nephew and his wife. She was declining in health and her care created stress in the home. On May 11, 2003, she was shot to death. A few hours later, her nephew committed suicide. **Murderer Status:** Her nephew, Kenneth Fary, 57, committed suicide.

Kim Stapleton lived in Brooklyn, New York. January 10, 1990 she was standing on a corner when her purse was snatched. We think her assailant probably thought to himself, "What could be easier than stealing an old woman's purse?" We think now he knows stealing in any form is not easy. Kim Stapleton died beneath the wheels of the getaway car. Murderer Status: Angel Hernandez, 27, was charged with murder and robbery February 14, 1990. He was the driver. William Quiles, 27, was charged in 1992. He reached out of the passenger side window of a stolen Chevrolet Blazer and grabbed Kim Stapleton's purse. She was dragged under the car as she struggled to hold onto her purse. Mr. Quiles, 29, pleaded guilty February 24, 1994. We do not know if Mr. Hernandez was convicted

Klea M. Sorenson, 80 (mother) assailant: stranger

Klea Sorenson lived in Utah. She was stabbed to death in her home October 23, 1990. Within two days her assailant was in jail charged with murder. She was stabbed 10 times. Her assailant said he was drunk. Ms. Sorenson had just returned home from a shopping trip. She had two bags full of candy for the children at Halloween. Her birthday was four days away. Murderer Status: Keith Carney, 26, from Colorado, was charged with capital homicide and aggravated burglary. Klea Sorenson's son identified for the court a purse, wallet, radio, jewelry box, bracelet, watch and even a set of cutlery taken from her home. After Mr. Carney was convicted Judge Kenneth Rigrup decided not to sentence him to death. He gave him life.

Laura Warren lived in **Tennessee**. Laura Warren died on April 30, 1993 when two men in a car stopped, got out, and fired several shots into her home. They were looking for her grandson. **Murderer Status:** Kedrick Dewayne Crutcher, 23, was charged with first-degree murder. He was convicted. He was paroled in 2005. Cavious Jenkins, 19, was charged with first-degree murder and ten counts of attempted murder because another adult and nine children also were in the apartment; none were hurt. He pled guilty to avoid the death penalty. He pled guilty to ten reduced charges of reckless endangerment and was sentenced to five years on each, to be served together, but the five years will run consecutive to a life sentence. We cannot find him in prison.

Leah Schendel was murdered in her home December 1980 in Sacramento, **California**. She was beaten to death during a robbery. **Murderer Status:** Manual Babbitt was charged with murder. He was found guilty. He was sentenced to death. Manual Babbitt received a Purple Heart in prison for wounds suffered during Khe Sanh. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a Marine. His family said he was having flashbacks the night he murdered Leah Schendel. Mr. Manueal Babbit was executed May 4, 1999.

Leathia Ann Taylor 76 assailant: stranger

Leathia Taylor was strangled to death in her home in Richmond, **California** in 1992. Her murderer thought he had committed the perfect crime. No one was looking for him. No one suspected him. He was home free. Safe forever! **Murderer Status:** James Edward King, 40, a known sex offender, was charged with murder in 1995. He was the first man linked to a crime by the state's DNA lab. He was convicted Wednesday, May 28, 1997. The jury of 7 men and 5 women refused the prosecutor's request for the death penalty. Mr. King was sentenced to life in prison without parole. The case against Mr. King originated when the State DNA lab matched his DNA with the crime scene of an unsolved case. Mr. King was in jail for another offense when he was arraigned for Leathia Taylor's murder. His conviction was upheld August 17, 2000 allowing for the conviction of a person based solely on DNA evidence.

Leila Johnson Smith, 74 assailant: daughter

Leila Smith lived in Minneapolis, **Minnesota**. She was stabbed to death in her apartment on July 10, 1992. She sustained 36 stab wounds to her face, chest, hand, and legs. **Murderer Status:** Her daughter, Alona Ahmen, 45, admitted to stabbing her mother. She was charged with second-degree murder. She pled guilty on April 5, 1993.

Mrs. Lena Chapman, 81
Mr. William Chapman, 91 assailant: unknown

William Chapman and his wife, Lena Chapman, lived in Merced County, **California**. The couple was murdered in their home on October 1, 2006 during a robbery. The suspect or suspects set the home on fire to destroy forensic evidence. **Murderer Status:** Unknown; the governor is offering a \$50,000 reward.

Leona Marian Hagstrom, 87 assailant: family acquaintance

"I just love the fact that she fought back. She was strong, but she was unable to fight him off because of her years." Patricia Jean Augustat, Hagstrom's granddaughter

Leona Hagstrom body was found in her bedroom in Wexford County Michigan. She was robbed and strangled to death March 15, 1998. **Murderer Status:** Ricky Joe Hoornstra, 35, was arraigned on open murder. He was convicted of first-degree murder. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole. He knew her grandchildren. Acquaintances of Hoornstra's testified during the trial that he had told them it took up to a half-hour to strangle Leona Hagstrom.

Letha Cole, 67 assailant: neighbor found by: son

Letha Cole lived in St. Louis, **Missouri**. She sang in the local church choir. Her body was found in August 1991. She was stabbed, then strangled to death. Her neighbor was subsequently arrested. He was addicted to crack cocaine. **Murderer Status:** Her neighbor, Douglas Vaughn, 27, was charged with first-degree murder and armed criminal action. On April 7, 1992, Mr. Vaughn pled guilty as charged. He must serve thirty years in prison before he can be paroled. He realized \$40.00 from the robbery.

Lila Meizell, 83 assailant: handyman suspect found by:

December 1, 2008 Mr. Jose Antonio Alvarado, 37, his wife Ana L. Rodas, 33, and his cousin, Ramon Alberto Alvarado, 32, of Wheaton Maryland were charged with first degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder and first-degree arson in the death of Lila Meizell. Mr. Alvarado did handy work for Ms. Meizell for two years during this time he altered the checks she used to pay him by increasing the value of the checks. Fearing disclosure the police believe he killed Lila Meizell to keep her quiet. People who are against the death penalty need to consider this case. Was this not a flimsy reason to take someone's life? Lila Meizell