

A Killers Mind: Short Drama

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The Carol Wardell Case

Educational Use

Radio Drama

Intro: The following radio drama (brought to you by ___radio) has been inspired by The Murder of Carol Wardell. The source material has been dramatised to an extent. However the information within the script is true to the case itself. The following material is in no way mean't to offend those involved in the case itself.

Soundscape

CHIEF OFFICER

I expect all of you to abide by the code of conduct. These include acting in the appropriate way, having back up, and accessing the scene straight away..You must pay attention at all times, stay focused and alert. Once you find the evidence secure it! Whatever you do don't tamper with any of it.

(a group of rookies begin to wisper amongst themselves)

CHIEF OFFICER

Rookies 4 6 and 8, seeing as you find the rules of conduct so funny would you mind telling all the others them, in full order?

ROOKIE 4, 6, 8

Sorry Chief, I mean yes chief I mean.. Well.Umm..Isn't the first one..NO wait it's..Hmmm..Uhhh..

CHIEF OFFICER

Before you lot waste any more of my time and those rookies who want to learn, let me just pay no more attention to you. Honestly your like a bunch of gossiping school girls.

ROOKIE 6

Chief you don't understand theirs killer clowns running around in Coventry. See look (show clown video?), apparantly its a hoax though I mean clowns really?! Can you imagine if we ever worked with a murder involving killer clowns (chuckles to self).

CHIEF OFFICER

I'm glad you think all this is funny. Let me tell you theres more that meets the surface with hoaxes. This reminds me of a case I worked on in the 90's.

CHIEF OFFICER

I remember getting the call. I began to prepare for the worst just like any other case. Making sure to assemble the right team and to phone in back up. As soon as we arrived we saw Mr Wardell (the 'Victim' of whats seemed to appear as a robbery) shaken to the core, gagged and scared. What was striking was in some way he seemed extremely calm on the ofset, which didn't really click at that time. As the investigation proceeded we came to know that he'd been seperated from his wife (an account manager), who was later found on a roadside pronounced 'dead' on the scene.

ROOKIE 8

I don't mean to be disrespectful Sir, but is this anotehr one of of "I Remember..." stories where nothing really happens till the end?

CHIEF OFFICER

Don't get smart with me young chap, I can easily send you to 'admin' where you can sit and log numbers in a room which can barely fit cabinets in it... That's what I thought.

CHIEF OFFICER

Anyway carrying on, as the case rolled out we began to analyse all statements and alibis and slowly cracks began to appear very quickly. First off Mr Wardell had described a man in a clown mask gagging him and tying him to a chair, whilst seperating him and his wife in the midst of robbing them. However what was odd was that no one could confirm a 'clown' sighting, nor could they confirm 'strange sightings'. Also when we found Wardellll and we checked his pulse and physical state he seemed extremely calm and settled, almost as if a burden had been lifted off

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CHIEF OFFICER (cont'd)
him. But surely after a shocking
event you'd be shaken to the core
no?

ROOKIE 4 OR 6 OR 8
So was there ever even a 'killer
clown'??

CHEIF OFFICER
Thats the mystery you see? But we
now know that it was all a hoax in
terms of the robbery and the
gagging. You see Mr Wardell
orchestrated the whole thing. No
one truly knows why he did what he
did, except he was mostly driven by
his wifes wealth (as he embezzled
money from his wifes work place
throughout the murder). It's a
tragic end it is, he was certainly
a sick and cold calculated
murderer. But what was even more
disturbing was his plea, on live
television I think I have the clip
in our archive one second.

CHIEF OFFICER
Plays Gordon Wardell Interview Clip

CHIEF OFFICER
Now lets get back to protocol. Just
remember rookies not everything is
what it seems. Keep a close eye on
whatever you see and remember never
let yourself become vulnerable
amongst a "Killers Mind". Fulfil
your duties and stay on the ball.

ROOKIE 8
Wait Cheif so do you think we
should be worried about the killers
clowns in Coventry.

CHEIF OFFICER
Let me ask you this? If theres a
cop and theres a clown, who would
be mostly likely to win in an show
down? Heres a clue one has
authority and back up??

ROOKIE 4 OR 6 OR 8
I think I get it... do you?

(FADE OUT)