

WFPX-TV, Archer Lodge, North Carolina

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Quarterly Issues/Program List

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WFPX-TV's obligation is to ascertain the important issues and needs of the communities within our broadcast coverage area and to provide quarterly reports on the station's responses and coverage of these issues.

Among Issues of important local concern include during the preceding quarter were:

- The ongoing issues of crime, particularly violent crime.
- The prevalence of crimes committed against women, children, and the elderly.
- The disparity of treatment in the justice system for people of color, of low-income and who lack higher education.
- Drug and alcohol abuse as it acts as a contributing factor in so much criminal behavior.
- The challenges faced by those with mental illness and psychological impairment that causes them to intersect with the criminal justice system.

WFPX-TV airs programming on the Court TV schedule. Below are the programs that ran.

Corrupt Crimes - This syndicated program investigates recent crime stories in complete details with expert analysis and dramatic storytelling. These crimes can range from violent crimes such as murder to corporate crimes and mob racketeering. **(Aired Weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays at various times / Total times aired: 28 / Length :30).**

Deep Undercover - This 30-minute true crime series is from writer and producer Joe Pistone, who is the real-life Donnie Brasco. Each episode recounts an investigation from the point of view of the undercover officer involved with the case. **(Aired Saturdays at various times / Total times aired: 28 / Length :30).**

Investigative Reports - This long-running, Emmy-winning documentary series explores foreign and domestic stories, including pieces that range from criminal cases to cultural trends. Host Bill Kurtis introduces segments and provides narration. Notable broadcasts have included 'The Plague Monkeys,' a report on the Ebola virus; and 'Uncle Ho and Uncle Sam,' about America's WWII alliance with Ho Chi Minh. 'Investigative Reports. **(Aired Saturdays and Sundays 2am – 6am / Total times aired: 8 / Length :60).**

Sixty Days In - This series follows seven individuals as they volunteer to go undercover, spending 60 days as inmates in various jails across the country. Their goal is to obtain evidence of questionable or illegal activities within the jail that might be missed by the correctional officers

and surveillance systems. The existence of the undercover program is kept secret from the inmates, the guards, and most of the jail officials. Prior to entering the jail, the volunteers receive instruction on how to act around other inmates, and they are each given a pseudonym and a cover story, including details of the (fake) criminal charges on which they were arrested. Multiple corrections officers were fired due to the program. **(Aired Saturdays 4pm – 2am / Total times aired: 10 / Length :60).**

The FBI Files - Real FBI cases are recounted as Bill Kurtis hosts this documentary series that profiles criminal cases involving high profile murders. Each episode describes actual FBI cases which include murder, narcotics, bank robberies, kidnappings, etc. These are portrayed through dramatic reenactments and interviews with agents and forensic scientists who worked on the investigations. **(Aired Weekdays and Sundays at various times / Total times aired: 15 / :60).**

It Takes A Killer - This series looks at the world's most notorious murders and take viewers inside the minds of the killers. Expert investigators review evidence, profile each killer's behavior, and describe the chilling forensic details of each case. **(Aired Weekdays and Saturdays at various times / Total times aired: 16 / Length :30).**

Judgement with Ashleigh Banfield - This series featuring renowned legal journalist Ashleigh Banfield, sheds a new light on iconic trials, further exploring everything people only thought they knew about these touchstones in judicial history. The series incorporates footage from the most popular cases in the Court TV vault- past and present - that have captured national attention. **(Aired Weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays at various times / Total times aired: 10 / :30).**

Court TV Trial Coverage:

Closing Arguments with Vinny Politan – Review of all the day's court cases, follow-ups and criminal proceeding **(Aired Mondays – Fridays 6pm -9pm).**

The State of Minnesota vs. Derek Chauvin – The Murder of George Floyd in 2020 brought the national spotlight onto the brutality of treatment by police officers of African American male suspects. Chauvin was recorded on various camera phones kneeling on the neck of George Floyd until he was unconscious and pronounced dead. The trial began on March 29, but the bulk of the trial took place over the first 20 days of April. There was testimony from Floyd's girlfriend who spoke of their mutual drug addiction, Floyd's brother, as well as Chauvin's former supervisors, current police chief, forensic pathologist, medical examiner, cardiologist, and respiratory specialist who all testified about the asphyxiation. **(Trial coverage aired on 4/1, 4/2, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 4/12, 4/13, 4/14, 4/15, 4/16, 4/19, 4/20 and 4/22).**

While former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was awaiting sentencing (which could be 40 years) and filing motions for a new trial, the remaining three former Minneapolis police officers who were part of the Floyd arrest were also asking for a new trial date. One of the officers filed a motion for sanctions against the prosecutors. **(Coverage aired on 5/3, 5/4, 5/12, 5/13, and 5/14).**

Derek Chauvin was sentenced. The state was seeking 30 years which was the maximum. Chauvin was sentence to 22.5 years. **(Coverage ran on 6/3, 6/23, 6/24 and 6/25).**

The State of Iowa vs. Michelle Boat - This case centered around Michelle Boat a 56-year-old married woman who stabbed her husband's girlfriend to death. Boat admitted to stabbing 46-

year-old Tracy Mondabough to death in her car as a crime of passion as Boat's husband of 20 years had left her. The jury took just 46 minutes to convict Boat of first-degree murder. Tracy Mondabough had four children and several grandchildren. At one point the defense tried to say that the circumstances of the pandemic drove Boat to snap and commit manslaughter. **(Trial coverage aired 5/3, 5/5, 5/6, 5/7, 5/10 and 5/11).**

The State of California vs. Robert Durst – After lengthy delays, the trial of Robert Durst for the murder of Susan Berman began in Los Angeles. Susan was a long - time friend of Durst since college days in UCLA and was found shot in the head at close range. With no sign of forced entry, nothing taken, police knew that whoever did this was someone Susan trusted. Durst, a gaunt, 78-year-old Manhattan real estate heir, was a suspect in his wife Kathleen's disappearance and suspected death. Berman impersonated Durst's dead wife on the phone as she "called in sick" the day after Kathleen was murdered. He knew police were opening an investigation into Kathleen's disappearance and were likely to talk to Berman about it. Prosecutors felt they needed to prove Durst killed his wife and then had a reason to kill Berman and silence her. The trial is ongoing. **(Trial Coverage began 5/14, and run through 5/17, 5/18, 5/19/ 5/20, 5/24).**

Robert Durst was hospitalized during his trial. SNL actress Laraine Newman testified on behalf of the prosecution about her friend Susan Berman and what Susan shared about Robert Durst's "missing" first wife. 6/10, 6/23 and 6/28. His trial is currently delayed due to health reasons.

The State of Iowa vs. Bahena Rivera – In July of 2018 20-year-old University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts disappeared while jogging near her home in Brooklyn Iowa. Police arrested Cristhian Bahena Rivera for her death. His car was caught on surveillance cameras following her as she left her home. He confessed to the murder and led police to the cornfield where the body was recovered. He was charged with first degree murder and was found guilty. During this whole case, Rivera's immigration status became a political issue when police and immigration officials indicated that he was here illegally. The Republican Governor of Iowa argued for stricter immigration policies. **(Trial Coverage aired 5/18, 5/19, 5/20, 5/21, 5/24, 5/25, 5/26, 5/27, and 5/28).**

Kentucky vs. Christian Martin - A former Army major now airline pilot stands trial for the murder of his neighbor, his neighbor's wife and a second neighbor. Christian Martin was about to stand trial in a court martial and neighbor Calvin Phillips was about to give testimony against Martin. Martin was being charged with mishandling classified information and abusing his wife's son. Martin shot Phillips and tried to burn his body in the basement. When Pamela Phillips came home from work, she was shot in the head and their next-door neighbor who was in the wrong place at the wrong time was also shot. Pamela and the neighbor's bodies were driven out to a remote area and the car set on fire. After days of testimony from Martin's ex-wife, the jury found him guilty on all charges, the story made headlines when, four years after the murders, Martin was arrested at his job as an airline pilot. He was arrested in the cockpit of his American Airlines plane and walk off in handcuffs through the airport. **(Trial Coverage aired 6/1, 6/2, 6/3, 6/4, 6/7, 6/8, 6/9, 6/10, 6/14, 6/15, 6/16, and 6/17).**

Bill Cosby - On June 30th, former comedian and convicted felon Bill Cosby was released from prison, as the state supreme court overturned his conviction, saying his due process rights were violated. Response from Cosby's victims was horrifying. He had served three years of a 3-10 sentence. **(Coverage aired on 6/30).**

Below are the public service announcements that ran on Court TV.

| PSA | Length | Total Times Aired |
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| X (Spots without Adv Name)/COVID-19 Vaccine Education_BackInTheGame | :30 | 57 |
| COVID-19 Vaccine Education_Grandma | :15, :30 | 83 |
| CoronavirusResponse_AloneTogether_Holiday_CDC | :30 | 46 |
| COVID-19 Vaccine Education_Presidents-VaccineFacts | :15 | 18 |
| CoronavirusResponse_MyMaskIsMyCheatCode | :30 | 31 |
| CoronavirusResponse_Coping-19 | :30 | 11 |
| 2021_SafeatHome_English | :30 | 39 |
| CoronavirusResponse_The Power of Us | :30 | 17 |
| Coping-19 - Contro | :15 | 5 |
| CoronavirusResponse_LongHaulers | :30 | 12 |
| CoronavirusResponse_YouWillSeeMe_ViolaDavis | :30 | 9 |
| Disaster Checklist Tapwater 30 | :30 | 19 |
| COVID Support | :30 | 44 |
| CaregiverAssistance_CoronavirusTips | :15, :30 | 38 |
| CTV COVID Prep PSA :30 | :30 | 28 |
| SPARK - Transforming the Way Autism Research is Do | :15, :30 | 37 |
| Emergency Preparedness_Ready during Coronavirus | :30 | 6 |
| BelongingBeginsWithUs_Belonging | :15, :30 | 35 |
| Wear A Mask | :30 | 28 |
| CoronavirusResponse_Coping19_Exercise | :15 | 1 |