

ISSUE: CRIME

60 MINUTES-SUNDAYS EDITION

7P-8P

4/10/05

“Hit Men” – an interview with one time Mafia boss Anthony ‘Gaspire’ Casso, who says he paid New York City detectives Louis Eppolito and Stephen Caracappa to commit murder. This is crimes for which to two former officers have recently been indicted, but deny doing. Also includes interviews with Bruce Cutler, attorney for the late John Cotti; Ed Hayes, attorney for Caracappa; and Louis Cabonaro, whose cousin Nicky Guido was gunned down by mistake.

5/15/05

“Maximum Security?” – Part 1 & 2 A report on prison gangs in California that continue to orchestrate criminal business like murder, robbery and drug dealing from within the confines of Pelican Bay State Prison, a maximum security penitentiary. A 60 Minutes Camera followed Lt. Steve Perez, Prison senior gang investigator, into the SHU (security housing unit) where gang members housed in nearly solitary confinement have found a way to communicate with each other and gang members on the outside and to construct weapons and even handcuff keys from ordinary items like plastic spoons and inhalers.

6/19/05

“Grand Theft Auto” – This segment focuses on a civil lawsuit brought against the videogame “Game Theft Auto” by attorney Jack Thompson, a crusader against video game violence. The lawsuit centers around the murder of three men in Fayette, Alabama, by 18 year old Devin Moore who was addicted to the video game. This segment also included interview with the aforementioned Jack Thompson; Nicholas Hammer, a law student at the University of Alabama; David Walsh, a child psychologist and Steve Strickland brother of a slain police officer.

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“An Unimaginable Crime” – This report focus on 20-year-old Yusimil Herrera who last spring was arrested for the murder of her three –year-old daughter, Angel. Yusimil, interviewed on CBS Evening News on May 15, 2001 as part of a story about foster care, had been given custody of the child by Florida’s Department of Children and Families despite documented reports that she was an unfit mother. Included interviews with Tasha Ruiz, Yusimil’s sister; Florida State Senator Skip Campbell and Mark Eiglarsh, the attorney in Yusimil’s murder case.

5/25/05

“Murder Most Foul” – A report on the reopening of the unsolved 33 year old murder old Danny Croteau, a 13 year old alter boy from Springfield, Ma. The Croteaus’ parish priest Father Richard Lavigne was a prime suspect in the case, but was not prosecuted due to the lack of witnesses and physical evidence. It has since been learned that Father Lavigne as well as Bishop Thomas Dupree, head of the Springfield diocese, were guilty of sexually abusing young boys. Dectives fear that not enough new evidence has been found in order to charge Lavigne with the murder.

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“Prescription For Murder” – In Chester, S.C., 12 year old Chris Pittman fatally shot his grandparents as they slept, stole money, weapons and his grandfather’s truck and set fire to the house before fleeing. Having confessed to the crime, Chris was tried, convicted of murder and sentenced to 30 years in prison. Lawyers for the defense claim that the anti-depressant Zoloft, a drug prescribed for the boy shortly before the murders, turned him from a loving grandson into a killer. Includes interviews with : Chris Pittman new sixteen; Pastor Chris Snelgrove, New Hope Methodist church, Chester, S.C.; Joe Pittman, Chris’ father; Delnora Duprey, Chris’ maternal grandmother; his older sister Danielle; Andy Vickery, defense attorney; Barney Giese, prosecutor; and Dr. Lanette Atkins, a forensic psychiatrist.

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“Secrets from the Grave” – Bill Flint, an electrical engineer from the Houston, Texas area, was involved in an ugly custody dispute with his ex-wife Cassandra Smith, over their daughter. Smith claimed that Flint had molested the child. About two years after the divorce Flint survived an ambush attack by Cassandra’s brother and her new husband, Charlton Andras. Andras later tried to hire a hit man to finish the job. Two years later Flint almost died in a suspicious on the job accident. In May 2002 he became violently ill in a pizza parlor and died of an apparent heart attack. Professor James Starr’s, a forensic scientist, studied the case and was concerned by what he considers hurried findings from the first autopsy. At his own expense, Starr had Flint’s body exhumed. He feels that test will show that Flint was murdered. A Texas court has yet to rule on final custody of the couple’s daughter.

6/13/05

“Michael Jackson: Walking Free” – a report on the trial of Michael Jackson, where, in a stunning legal victory, the pop star was acquitted by a jury of all 10 charges against him, including molestation, conspiracy and alcohol allegations. The report examines the legal strategies of both Jackson’s defense attorney Tom Messereau and Santa Barbara District Attorney Tom Sneddon, as well as the impact of some of the testimony during the trial. Includes comments by J. Randy Taraborrellis, Michael Jackson’s biographer and interviews with Santa Barbara Prosecutor Craig Smith; defense attorney Jen Keller; Connie Keenan, whose community paper had run a story about the accuser’s struggle with cancer.

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4/24/05

“Medical Tourists” – Americans, many without health insurance, are combining vacations in exotic locales like India and Thailand with elective surgeries performed by world-class doctors in state-of-the-art hospitals at Third World prices. Includes interviews with : Curt Schroeder, CEP of Bunrurgard Hospital in Thailand; Anjali Kapoor Bissel, director of India’s Appolo Hospital’s international patient office; Dr. Praveen Khilani and Vikas Kohli, both of whom practiced medicine in the U.S. before returning to India; and Dr. Vijay Bose who performs hip resurfacing, a procedure available in the U.S. only in clinical trials.

6/26/05

“A dog’s nose” – a report on a study by the British Medical Journal suggesting that dogs can be trained to detect some forms of cancer through their extraordinary sense of smell. Includes interviews with Donald Bloom and Barbara Somerville, researches at Cambridge University Veterinary School’ Andy Cook a dog trainer; Dr. Carolyn Willis, a research dermatologist and Dr. John Church, a retired orthopedic surgeon and driving force behind the study.

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“The Pledge” – The u.s. government has spent almost a billion dollars over the last five years to teach school children that the best way to prevent HIV/Aids is to refrain from sex until marriage. Includes interviews with Denny Pattny a Christian youth minister and founder of Silver Ring Thing, an organization encouraging young people to put on a ring of promise to abstain from sex until marriage.

6/8/05

“Gottes Wille” - an unusually high incidence of genetic diseases has been diagnosed among children born into Amish families in rural Ohio. The Amish accept it as “gottes wille” (God’s will), but modern medical science has determined that is largely the result of centuries of intermarriage. This segment also includes interviews with Dr. Hen Wang, a pediatrician and research working in the Amish community and Dr. Harold Cross, a scientist with an Amish background who first discovered the high incidence of genetic problems among the Amish back in the 1960s.

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“James Shortt, MD” – a report on Dr. James Shortt, MD, who calls himself a longevity physical. Katherine Bibeau, a patient suffering form multiple sclerosis died after Dr. Shortt treated her with an infusion of hydrogen peroxide. The doctor was charged with murder but still continues to practice in South Carolina. This segment includes intgerviews with Dr. Shortt; Dr. Clay Nichols, a pathologist; Richard Gergel, attorney for the Bibeau family; and Gary Watts, county coroner.