

Cases covered in
SECRETS CAN BE MURDER
What America's Most Sensational Crimes Tell Us About Ourselves
that Jane Velez-Mitchell can discuss, include:

New York: Graduate student **Imette St. Guillen's** murder, bouncer **Darryl Littlejohn** charged. Issues: suspect's double life, society's double standard in judging women's behavior, sexually charged violence in society.

Los Angeles: Actress **Lana Clarkson's** shooting death, music producer **Phil Spector** charged with murder. Issues: fetish for firearms, how wealthy suspects are treated, Hollywood's dark side.

Massachusetts: **Rachel and Lilly Entwistle's** murder, British citizen/husband/father **Neil Entwistle** charged. Issues: debt, Internet porn, culture clashes.

Florida: 9-year-old **Jessica Lunsford's** murder, registered sex offender **John Couey** convicted. Issues: tracking of convicted sex offenders, secrecy and addiction, change of venue, inadmissibility of confession.

Wisconsin: Photographer **Teresa Halbach's** murder, Steven Avery convicted. Issues: Avery previously freed for wrongful rape conviction.

Alabama: High school cheerleader **Natalee Holloway's** disappearance while on a school graduation trip to Aruba. Issues: foreign criminal investigations, allegations of corruption, agony of not knowing.

Connecticut: Honeymooner **George Smith's** disappearance aboard the Brilliance of the Seas during Mediterranean cruise with new bride. Issues: foreign criminal investigations, secrecy and alcohol, cruise ship safety.

Texas: **Andrea Yates, Dena Schlosser, Deanna Laney**, 3 Texas moms who killed their children found not guilty by reason of insanity. Issues: secrecy surrounding fundamentalist religion and mental illness, women's role in fundamentalist culture.

Indiana: **Kim, Bradley and Jill Camm** murdered, husband/father/former Indiana State Trooper **David Camm** convicted twice, accomplice/ex-con **Charles Boney** also convicted. Issues: secrecy and infidelity, blood spatter controversy.

Modesto, California: **Scott Peterson**, fertilizer salesman convicted of murdering his wife **Laci Peterson** and unborn son. Issues: husbands and pregnancy, causes of pathological lying, acting out of family secrets.

Los Angeles: Actor **Robert Blake** acquitted of murdering wife **Bonny Lee Bakley**, later found responsible for her death in a civil trial. Issues: impact of fame on criminal trials, victimology, i.e. victim's role in crime.

San Francisco area: Troubled Goth teenager **Scott Dyleski** convicted of the savage murder of **Pamela Vitale**, wife of prominent defense attorney Dan Horowitz. At the time of the murder Horowitz had been defending local housewife **Susan Polk**, who later represented herself and was eventually convicted of killing her husband. Issues: out of control teenagers, Polk family secrets involving mental illness and therapy.

New Mexico: 16-year-old **Cody Posey** convicted in the shotgun slayings of his father, step-mother and step-sister, but sentenced as a juvenile. Issues: secrecy and child abuse, Internet incest porn.

Pennsylvania: 18-year-old **David Ludwig** executed his underage girlfriend's mother and father. Issues: apocalyptic obsessions, secrecy and the gun culture, home schooling.

New York, Los Angeles, Texas: Real estate heir **Robert Durst** acquitted of murdering Texas neighbor despite admitting he killed him, chopped up his body and disposed of the remains. Never charged in the disappearance of his first wife in New York area in 1982 or the unsolved murder of his best friend **Susan Berman** in Los Angeles in 2000. Issues: secrecy and wealth.

Florida: 11-year-old **Carlie Brucia's** murder. Father of three/mechanic/drug addict **Joe Smith** convicted. Issues: drug addiction, camera surveillance, Amber Alerts.

Nationwide: Women are much less likely to commit violent crime than men. However, female teacher/male student sex is a national epidemic. **Debra Lafave** in Florida, **Sandra Beth Geisel** in New York, **Amber Jennings** in Massachusetts, **Mary Kay Letourneau** in Washington State. Issues: sexual secrets, mental illness, how and why women are treated differently in the criminal justice system.

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