MURDER BY MEDIC

DEATH BY INJECTION, BY PILL, BY SCALPEL...WHATEVER WORKS.

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SERIES SYNOPSIS:

There have been so many medics who murder in recent years that forensic experts are now researching this murderous trend. The means, methods and motivations are different from case to case in this gripping series, with varied compelling plot twists and open access to a wide range of real-life cast members. Using dramatic recreations, access to the families of victims, the investigators and the colleagues of killer medics, this series will make us all do that little bit extra research on the people that are supposed to be looking after us.

THESE ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN
WE TRUST WITH OUR LIVES...BUT THERE ARE ROGUE MEDICS
WHO, INSTEAD, TAKE OUR LIVES.

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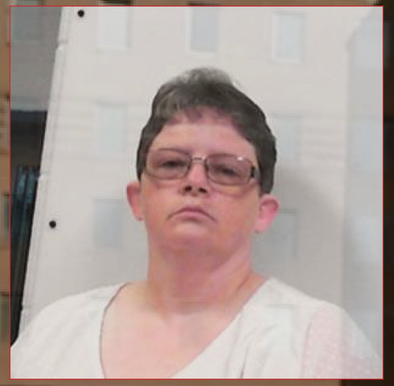
MEET, MARRY, MURDER,
INSIDE THE MIND OF A SERIAL KILLER
MADE FOR MURDER
A KILLER'S MISTAKE
NURSES WHO KILL

EPISODE 1: WILLIAM HUSEL, MD

Going through the courts in 2021, the Ohio doctor faces 25 counts of murder for ordering fatal doses of pain medication for patients while working as a critical-care physician. William Husel, 43, a former doctor at Mount Carmel Health in Columbus, denies the killings which happened between 2015 to 2018. Detectives received information that "numerous patients" had died while being treated by Husel while he was at Mount Carmel Health. The hospital said previously that a staffer had alerted it to the doctor's behavior, sparking its investigation.

EPISODE 2: RETA MAYS, RNA



Mays killed seven elderly veterans by administering fatal injections of insulin as she worked as a nursing assistant at a West Virginia hospital and was described by the judge at her trial as "the monster that no one sees coming." Mays, who was allowed to practice despite a history of mental health issues, offered no explanation for why she killed the men. Mays, 46, pleaded guilty for intentionally injecting the men with unprescribed insulin at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. Having unnecessarily injected veterans with insulin, a sudden hypoglycemic event followed that ultimately led to the deaths. "You murdered my father without cause or reason," Robert Edge Jr. told her in Court. "As you hear my words, I want them to play in your mind over and over and over again till the day you die. And by dying — I mean by any means possible — including taking your life with your own hands." His father was 82 and a Navy vet. Melanie Proctor, the daughter of 82-year-old Army veteran Felix McDemott, also spoke in the courtroom. "You took some of the greatest men of their time — our loved ones, our veterans — and you preyed on them when they were at their weakest."

EPISODE 3: CHARLES EDMUND CULLEN, RN

Cullen says he hated to see people suffer. Is that why he put them out of their misery? Someone in the hospitals he worked at was doing something – the death rates seem to leap wherever he worked. Cullen was to become the most prolific serial killer in New Jersey history and is suspected to be the most prolific killer in American history. He confessed to authorities that he killed up to 40 patients during the course of his 16-year nursing career. Some now believe it was as many as 300. Cullen claimed he administered overdoses to patients to spare them from being "coded"— or being listed as a 'Code Blue' because of cardiac or respiratory arrest. Cullen told detectives that he could not bear to witness or hear about attempts at saving a victim's life. Cullen also claimed that he gave patients overdoses so that he could end their "suffering" and prevent hospital personnel from "de-humanizing" them. However, many of his patients were not terminal and were to be released from the hospital shortly.

EPISODE 4: COLIN HOWELL, DDS

'Driller Killer' Colin Norris is serving a minimum of 21 years in jail for the murders of his wife Lesley Howell, 31, and his ex-lover's husband, Trevor Buchanan, 32. The Belfast dentist simply put his sexual fantasies ahead of his patients' - and his wife found out. Howell was charged with 17 counts of indecently assaulting six women at his dental practice over a 10-year period from 1998 to 2008. Using his knowledge of anasthesia Howell killed his wife Lesley (née Clarke) and Buchanan (who was an Police officer), in what appeared to be a suicide pact between the spouses of two lovers. The bodies were found in a fume-filled car. Seven years later, In 1998, Howell confessed the murders to his second wife, but she agreed not to inform the authorities.

EPISODE 5: ANTHONY GARCIA, MD

Dr Garcia killed 4 times. He was convicted in 2016 for two attacks — that occurred five years apart — on families connected to Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha. The killings were motivated by Garcia's long-simmering rage over being fired in 2001 by Dr. William Hunter and another Creighton pathology doctor, Roger Brumback. He also fatally stabbed 11-year-old Thomas Hunter and 57-year-old Shirlee Sherman at the family's home in an upscale Omaha neighborhood. These last two methods of murder resembled the earlier attacks and prompted Cops to open what had been a cold case file.

EPISODE 6: BRIAN NADLER, MD

Following a cluster of deaths in a Canadian hospital that were initially attributed to covid-19, a specialist in internal medicine now stands accused of murder. Brian Nadler, 35, was arrested on 25 March, 2019, at Hawkesbury and District General Hospital near Ottawa. Patient Albert Poidinger, 89, was declared dead the same day. Nadler was charged with his murder. On the morning of Nadler's arrest, the hospital had announced a covid-19 outbreak, its second this month, and reported "five deaths related to the covid-19 virus." The deaths of five covid-19 patients are now thought to have been cases of murder. A hospital whistleblower reported Nadler to the police. Nadler faced two professional conduct charges in his former hospital in Saskatchewan, one involving record keeping and the other for allegedly calling a female colleague a "bitch" and telling someone that he "felt like slapping" that colleague.

EPISODE 7: KRISTIN ROSSUM, MD

When Kristin Rossumk wanted her husband dead, she applied a fatal dose of the narcotic fentanyl. Gregory de Villers, 26, died from an overdose of the powerful painkiller. Despite a privileged background and good education, Kristin Rossum developed a methamphetamine habit in her teens. After marrying Greg De Villers, she started an affair at the San Diego Medical Examiners office with her boss, Australian Dr. Michael Robertson. When her husband threatened to expose her drug habit and affair, she killed him. Rossum, then 25, was arrested in 2001 after Villers' body was found on the living room floor of the couple's apartment near the University of California San Diego. Investigators said the scene was staged to look as though it was a suicide. The case was dubbed "the 'American Beauty' murder," because of the rose petals that surrounded the body, evoking an image from the movie of the same name.

EPISODE 8: NIELS HOGEL, RN

'I am sorry'' said Niels at his trial, 'I hope that makes relatives feel better.' He had killed 30 times because 'it felt the right thing to do at the time'. The 38-year-old man, who originally used European Human Rights rules to keep his full name from being used, says he got 'bored' and wanted to practice his resuscitation skills. Niels admitted to injecting his patients with lethal drug doses in a bid to try to revive them and shine as a saviour before his medical peers. Convicted of killing six, prosecutors think he may have killed as many as 85 patients. The murders took place in an intensive care ward in northern Germany. Niels says he had played a deadly game on 90 patients, leading to 30 deaths. The defendant has admitted he injected critically ill patients with lethal doses of heart medicine so he could then show off his skills in resuscitating them at the Delmenhorst hospital near the northern city of Bremen.

EPISODE 9: ROBERT BIERENBAUM, MD

The American plastic surgeon is up for parole in 2022 after being convicted in October 2000 of murdering his estranged wife, Gail Katz-Bierenbaum. The death occurred in their Manhattan apartment in 1985 but went unpunished as Prosecutors struggled to get the evidence needed. Infamously, Bierenbaum almost certainly threw his wife's body from the airplane he was licensed to fly... Bierenbaum took a two-hour flight in a Cessna out of New Jersey on the day that Gail had vanished. He failed to mention this fact to authorities during their initial questioning. The prosecution argued that Bierenbaum discarded his wife's dismembered body in the ocean. The victim's torso was first thought to be found in 1989 but after exhuming the torso, DNA testing in 1999 proved it was not Gail's. Bierenbaum was eventually convicted and sentenced to twenty years to life in prison in New York. He appealed, but the conviction was upheld in 2002. Bierenbaum is currently incarcerated in New York State. His offender number is 00-A-7114. His release date was scheduled for June 2022.

EPISODE 10: HSIU-YING TSENG, MD

Get more patients, make more money. Between 2007, when Tseng joined the Rowland Heights clinic where she and her husband worked, and 2010, tax returns show that their office made $5 million. A quick way to boost revenue...was to prescribe painkillers even though she knew the dosages were dangerous. L.A. Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey describes Dr. Tseng's behaviour like this: "The doctor stole the lives of three young people in her misguided effort to get rich quick." A judge sentenced a Rowland Heights doctor to 30 years to life in prison for the murders of three of her patients who fatally overdosed, ending a landmark case that some medical experts say could reshape how doctors nationwide handle prescriptions. More than a dozen times, the prosecutor said a coroner's or law enforcement official called with the same stark message: "Your patient has died."

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