

[Transcript] Crime Junkie / MURDERED: Bruce Cucchiara

Hi Crime Junkies, I'm your host Ashley Flowers.

And I'm Britt.

And I don't have a full episode for you today,
but I do have an interesting story
that is gonna take you down a rabbit hole.

Britt, do you remember?

I need you to think way back
before a whole pandemic ago, which feels like a lifetime.

Oh God, okay.

Back in 2019, you and I went to like a conference
in New Orleans, do you remember?

Yes.

Okay, so when we were there,
there was this young woman who was going around,
she had all these yellow manila folders
and she would like stand in line to meet with,
like people from Dateline, meet with reporters,
meet with anyone she could
and like hand them this yellow folder.

Do you remember that?

Yeah, she met with us.

Yes, so she handed us this yellow folder
and you and I, she basically said in this folder,
my father, Bruce Cacherra, was murdered.
She said, but it's not what anyone thinks it is.
She says they think it was this robbery gone wrong,
he was in the wrong place at the wrong time,
they wanted to steal from him,
but she said it is so much more than that.

That's not it, everything's in this folder.

Yeah, she's like, I think I'm close
and I think that if the right person looks at it,
they're gonna see that the story is so much bigger than that.

And so, again, I didn't know what to think in the moment.

I took the folder, I promised her I would look at it
and I mean everything I say and so you and I went,
I don't remember where we went,
we sat down at some booth
and I just have this memory of us.

Yeah, I remember.

Okay, so we're sitting at the booth,
we're going through the folder
and it is a bunch of news articles,
something did look fishy,

but again, this was years ago.
We didn't have the team that we have now.
I knew that my skillset,
I couldn't dive in and solve the crime.
We're like, this is something
and we are not the people for it.
Yeah, but I couldn't just toss the folder,
I couldn't throw it in a waste bin
and like forget about her.
There was something about her,
the way she was so desperate for answers,
the way she was willing to show up for her dad.
There was so much urgency and importance, yeah.
Yeah, so I didn't know what it was or what I could do,
but I remember keeping the folder
as even I moved like out of my house
and into our first office
and then I kept it in this drawer at my office
and years go by and one day I'm doing this like spring cleaning
or whatever, I don't even know why,
I'm like cleaning out my drawers
and I come across this yellow folder
and it just so happened that Delia was in town
that that time,
like training one of our new reporters or something.
And I was like, hey, Delia, like long shot,
but can you just look at this?
Like is there something there?
And this was just when again,
the reporter she was training,
we were just starting to get a crime junkie reporter.
I was like, maybe this is like an episode of crime junkie.
Just take a look, see what you think.
And man, I swear Delia is a lightning rod for wild cases.
She deep dives a little and Delia comes out
and she's like, this is my next season of counterclock.
Oh my God.
She said, everything is so twisted.
There are some of the most like highly powerful political people
who are like attached to Bruce Kechera,
who she's like, I can't get straight answers from.
She spent a year deep diving into this story
deep diving into this case, working with Caitlin,
that young woman who handed us the folder

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all those years ago.
And Britt, she is finally ready
to tell everyone what she found.
Does this mean we get a new season of counterclock?
Counterclock season five on the murder
of Bruce Kechera is out right now.
You can binge all 14 episodes
wherever you listen to podcasts.
I promise you, do not sleep on this.
Don't do a ton of things like take some notes.
This is a complicated case
that Delia breaks down in such a digestible way,
but you aren't gonna believe it.
It's one of those stories that you're like,
if it were fiction, I don't think
that you would think it was real.
So go listen, you're gonna be as obsessed as I was.
I just, it's weird how this whole crime junkie thing
came full circle and listen,
I think Delia's gonna solve it.