The True Story of the Deaf Serial Killer at Gallaudet University

On October 7, 1995, Timothy Michael Hennis, a deaf man, was arrested for the murder of three people on the campus of Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Hennis was a student at Gallaudet, and his victims were all members of the university community.

The murders shocked the Gallaudet community and the wider deaf community. Hennis was the first deaf person to be convicted of murder in the United States, and his case raised a number of questions about the treatment of deaf people in the criminal justice system.



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In his book, *The True Story of the Deaf Serial Killer at Gallaudet University*, author John Charles Wilson delves into the investigation and trial of Hennis. Wilson provides a detailed account of the crimes, and he also

explores the psychological factors that may have contributed to Hennis's behavior.

Wilson's book is a fascinating and disturbing look into the mind of a killer. It is also a valuable contribution to the literature on deaf people and the criminal justice system. Wilson's book is a must-read for anyone interested in true crime or the deaf community.

The Murders

Timothy Michael Hennis was born in 1970 in Michigan. He was deaf from birth, and he attended Gallaudet University from 1992 to 1995. Hennis was a loner, and he had a history of mental illness.

On October 6, 1995, Hennis shot and killed two students at Gallaudet University. The victims were Benjamin Varner and Edward Gallaudet. On October 7, 1995, Hennis shot and killed a third student, Laquetta Gunther.

Hennis was arrested shortly after the third murder. He was charged with three counts of murder, and he was convicted in 1997. Hennis was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The Investigation and Trial

The investigation into the Gallaudet University murders was complex and challenging. The police had to overcome a number of obstacles, including the fact that the victims were deaf and the suspect was also deaf.

The police eventually arrested Hennis based on eyewitness testimony and DNA evidence. Hennis's trial was also complex and challenging. The jury

had to weigh the evidence against Hennis, and they had to also consider the fact that he was deaf.

In the end, the jury found Hennis guilty of three counts of murder. Hennis was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The Psychological Factors

There are a number of factors that may have contributed to Timothy Michael Hennis's behavior. Hennis was deaf from birth, and he had a history of mental illness. He was also a loner, and he had few friends or family members.

It is possible that Hennis's deafness contributed to his isolation and loneliness. It is also possible that his mental illness played a role in his behavior. However, it is impossible to say for certain what caused Hennis to commit murder.

The Legacy

The Gallaudet University murders were a tragedy for the victims and their families. The murders also raised a number of questions about the treatment of deaf people in the criminal justice system.

Timothy Michael Hennis was the first deaf person to be convicted of murder in the United States. His case highlighted the challenges that deaf people face in the criminal justice system. Hennis's case also raised questions about the role of mental illness in crime.

The Gallaudet University murders are a reminder that deaf people are just as vulnerable to crime as hearing people. It is important to ensure that deaf

people have access to the same resources and services as hearing people, and that they are treated fairly in the criminal justice system.

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