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# London Road

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Come here.

We can talk better there.

I don't mind giving interviews and things like that. That doesn't bother me at all.

Erm... there's quite a few people that I know that wouldn't, but I said,

"If you don't get

your point of view across,

"they label us something that we're not. "

Yes, so, erm... Yes.

Well, I don't know

if I can help you at all, but...

Can I get you a drink?

Erm, I've got orange juice or...

A cup of tea I'd like.

Or... What have we got?

Orange juice or...

- Cranberry juice?

- Cranberry juice. Yes?

It's light.

Please sit down.

- Gotta go cos me pie's going.

- Yeah, OK. Yeah.

- Yeah, because I'm, I'm cooking.

- Come talk to me.

We're expecting people.

OK. Ask away.

'Hello. Welcome to Suffolk Today.

'The nightmare gets worse.

'Two more bodies discovered by police

'investigating

the killings of prostitutes in Suffolk,

'bringing the total to five.

'Well, let's go back now

to Simon Newton live in Ipswich. '

'This is an investigation

that's changing by the hour.

'We have five women found dead

in the space of ten days

'and two more bodies

found here this morning.

'So we have

more than one method of killing.

'So the question today, really, does

this mean there's more than one killer?'

'The manhunt for the  
multiple murderer enters a new phase.  
'The feelings of vulnerability  
are not helped  
'by the knowledge of whoever  
carried this murdering spree  
'is still free to attack again.  
'This huge investigation  
has had a profound impact.  
'Experts say it could haunt this place  
'with traditionally low levels of crime  
for a long time. '

'Simon, what's  
the atmosphere like there right now?  
'Well, I think there's generally  
A sense of disbelief across this town  
'And also a great sense of sadness  
'I've lived in this town  
For several years  
'And there is an eerie air  
Hanging over it  
'Though this town itself  
Will bounce back  
'It can only do that  
When this killer is caught  
'And today the answer to that  
May lie in Ipswich itself  
'Back to you'  
'Police stop and question drivers  
'In the red-light district  
'Officers still trying  
To trace the last movements  
'Of the five murdered prostitutes  
'There are now more  
Than 350 police officers from 31 forces  
'As far afield as Northern Ireland  
Working on this case...  
'Experts say it could haunt this place  
With traditionally low levels of crime...  
'Northern Ireland  
There are now more than 350...  
'... the method of killing...  
- 'Ipswich Ripper'

- 'The Ipswich Ripper'

- 'Ripper'

- 'Ripper'

Everyone is very, very nervous

Erm, and very unsure of everything

It was sort of six years ago

when Portman Road

started expanding its football team.

And a new stadium went up that...

That prostitutes seemed

to come up this way.

We had reported the prostitutes.

I confronted one. "Get out of my road!

I'll call the police!"

- Well, I...

- She said, "Call the police. " And I did.

Their whole attitude with us...

...makes it really hard for me

to have much sympathy

for, you know, what happened.

We had a girl at the bottom of me drive.

She's in the car.

She said, "Do you mind

sort of moving off?" I said, "Just... "

I swore at her, I admit.

Anyway, saying, like,

"If you keep on at me,

"I'm gonna sort of get my pimp

to burn your house down. "

I know what you're up to. If I see you

here again, I'm gonna call the police.

It was... it was absolutely awful.

They wrecked...

wrecked our, my evenings.

You know, they're on my streets.

You know, my children are out at night.

I've got, I've got a teenage girl.

I've got, I've got a 14-year old.

I don't want girls...

erm... doing what they did in the streets.

And they weren't just...

getting in people's cars.

They were doing it in the alleyways

and everything else.

They certainly weren't angels.  
Lots of them talking about them  
being lovely girls and everything,  
but in all our experience  
they were... foul-mouthed slags  
who'd stab you as quick as...  
- That's an exaggeration.  
- It's a slight exaggeration.  
They did pester you.  
They'd rob you  
as much as anything else.  
Yeah.  
No, because people,  
kerb crawlers,  
sort of upset people's children, you know.  
Daughters and things.  
And then there's the girls.  
I mean, you coming back from football  
and things like that.  
He was always being sort  
of propositioned, you know. Sort of.  
Poor old sod!  
It's been like this for years,  
but I don't want my children to see that.  
We all wanted to move.  
We didn't want to be here.  
Then these girls...  
just going missing  
and... and being found  
the way they... they were found.  
It was a complete nightmare.  
It's the most wonderful time  
Oh, the most wonderful time  
Oh,  
the most wonderful time  
Of the year  
Everyone is very, very nervous... erm  
And very unsure of everything  
Basically  
The most wonderful time...  
Everyone is very, very nervous... erm  
And very unsure of everything  
Basically  
There was a LOT of fear

from a LOT of people.  
I think it's the biggest thing  
that's ever... ever happened in Ipswich.  
It's... erm...  
Definitely changed the mood  
It's quite a...  
It's quite an unpleasant feeling because  
You find that I'm walking through thinking  
"Well, is it him? Is it him?"  
Yeah, I think it's put Ipswich  
On the map  
For the wrong reasons, unfortunately  
It's the most wonderful time...  
Everyone's very, very nervous... erm  
Erm, we're not actually selling  
It's actually free  
Just free personal safety alarms  
On behalf of Town 102  
Local radio station in Ipswich  
Just handing away free personal alarms  
Because of what's...  
In the wake of what's been happening  
In Ipswich recently  
Everyone is very, very nervous... erm  
And very unsure of everything  
Basically  
So, yeah, yeah, definitely  
Obviously a lot of people  
Are going out for the weekend  
We're gonna be a bit worried  
So we're handing out  
Personal alarms to... erm  
Out to all the ladies out shopping today  
So that's... so that's why we're here  
Everyone's very brave  
Everybody's very brave  
Everyone is very, very nervous  
...wonderful time  
- Can I have one for my daughter, please?  
- Yes, certainly. Of course you can.  
Obviously a lot of people  
Going out for the weekend  
We're gonna be a bit worried  
So, erm, they're handing out

Personal alarms to, erm...  
Out to all the ladies out shopping today  
So that's... so that's why they're here  
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So, erm, they're handing out  
Personal alarms to, erm...

Out to all the ladies out shopping today  
So that... so that's why they're here

- Everybody's very, very
- Everybody's very, very
- Nervous

But they do say it's somebody.  
Either a policeman or a lawyer.  
We hoped it was an immigrant,  
from nish-noff land.

- If it is, there'll be an uproar.
- And we'll send the fuckers all back.

No, I-I-I'm not like that. I'm sure  
you're not really like that deep down.  
I fucking am.

I reckon it's one Polish bastard.  
We'll fucking have him.

- You automatically think it could be him.
- Yeah.

That's the scary thing.  
That he could be amongst us.  
Walking around us every day  
and we don't know.

Yeah!

- It could be anyone in here.
- Yeah.

Which has now really scared me  
now I'm thinking about it!  
I'm just gonna, like, cry!  
But they do say it's somebody.  
Either a policeman or a lawyer.  
Or a priest!

This was on the radio.  
Always utter rubbish on Suffolk Radio.  
Well, we've never had  
anything like that before. No.  
We're all a bit... frightened  
to go out at night. Yeah.  
But then we are anyway.  
Some people say that  
they're terrified of going anywhere.  
Well, goodness me, there's a...  
There's a mass murderer on the loose.  
A psychopath. On the loose.  
Dreadful. Dreadful.  
It's as though somebody's  
chucked acid over you  
and you can feel it all over you.  
It's... Standing here, you can feel it.  
We're all guilty.  
No, we're not.  
No, we're not. No, we're not!  
Just one person is or whatever ends up  
being the final tally, but...  
No, we're not.  
The rest of us are s... are sane.  
You automatically think it could be him  
Yeah  
You automatically think it could be him  
That's the scary thing  
That he could be amongst us  
And look walking around with us  
Every day and we don't know  
Yeah  
We don't know  
Like, anyone  
It could be anyone in here  
Like, anyone, it could be anyone in here  
For all we know  
Which has scared me  
Now I'm thinking about it  
- I'm just gonna, like, cry  
- Ha-ha!  
You automatically think it could be him  
You automatically think it could be him  
It could be him

Erm... well, some serial killer  
Seems to be on the loose  
And, erm, has sort of attacked  
Prostitutes from in the Ipswich area  
And they've been found dead, naked  
In various different areas  
Surrounding Ipswich  
One ten minutes away from my house  
Which is scary  
And it was found on the body on the land  
Of a girl that goes to my school  
- So that's a bit scary  
- Yeah  
I used to go out every Friday and  
Saturday night and I don't go out any more  
It's not safe for young girls and women  
Out in Ipswich any more  
- It's not safe  
- Yeah  
It's not safe for young girls and women  
Out in Ipswich any more  
- It's not safe  
- Yeah  
As it used to be  
It's quite scary to think  
How the world's come to this  
You automatically think it could be him  
Yeah  
You automatically think it could be him  
Like, anyone  
It could be anyone in here  
Like, anyone  
It could be anyone in here for all we know  
Which has now really scared me  
I'm just gonna, like, cry...  
Ha-ha!  
You automatically think it could be him  
You automatically think it could be him  
It could be him  
Something like this happens  
And you realise that there's so much  
So many things that are bad in the world  
That's the fire alarm  
We're all going to die...

Ha-ha-ha-ha.

- But it's exciting

- Cos nothing ever happens in Ipswich

This is the first bit

Of local scandal we've ever had

Being girls, gossip mongers

We're like, "It's quite exciting"

- It's quite exciting

- Yeah, yeah

You automatically think it could be him

You automatically think it could be him

Yeah

Like, anyone

It could be anyone in here

Like, anyone

It could be anyone in here for all we know

Which has now really scared me

I'm just gonna, like, cry

Ha-ha, yeah

It could be anyone here

Which has now really scared me

Now I'm thinking about it

I'm just gonna, like, cry

Ha-ha

You automatically think it could be him

You automatically think it could be him

It could be him

You automatically think it could be him

Yeah

You automatically think it could be him

That's the scary thing

That he could be amongst us

Walking around with us every day

And we're... we don't know

Yeah

We don't know

You've got this feeling of suspicious

by everybody.

Upon everybody else.

Is it him? Is it him?

Is it him? Is it him? I dunno.

Yeah.

London Road, please.

'And of course there are reports

the Met is closing on potential suspects.  
'Although police  
won't be drawn on the exact figure,  
'it's thought there are around 50 people  
they're very interested in talking to. '  
It's, it's hard to find to fathom out.  
Anybody doing it, really, isn't it?  
Wha, wha, what was their motive behind  
it?  
Were there signs of this type  
of behaviour? It just...  
He's a white male aged between 23 and  
He'll live in the local area  
He would have been fascinated  
Absolutely fascinated  
With murders in his younger youth...  
'Silent night  
He would have tortured animals  
Up till his mid-teens as well  
Then he'd have had a number  
Of numerous relationships  
Up until he was about 25, 26  
They'll have been failed  
He's probably been married  
Lives on his own but with a partner  
And he'll definitely  
Definitely, definitely  
Know all the victims  
Apart from one... realistically  
And that'll have been his one  
That he mucked up on  
Cos the other ones  
Would have been fine with going with him  
And it's probably why he strangled her  
Because she panicked...  
'Virgin mother and child...  
It's, it's hard to fathom out  
anybody doing it, really, isn't it?  
Wha, wha, what was  
their motive behind it? It just...  
It just...  
I- I-I've studied serial killers  
Since in my mid-teens  
And it doesn't mean I'm... I am one

But, er...

Oh, right.

Just find it interesting

But, but, as I say, you know

Just to emphasise

It doesn't make me a serial killer so...

Gives me a bit of the shudders

Quite honestly

'... in heavenly peace... '

His failed relationships will be

Because he became violent when drunk

Actually, he'll be an alcoholic

Or he'll have trouble

With substance abuse as well

And also in the last... last six weeks

Actually, about the last

Two... two months approximately

He'd have probably quit his job

Or he'd be off sick

Or to that effect... he, er...

He, he'll be a local in the local pubs

He'll be a bit of a loner

But, erm, that's it, spot on who he is

I guarantee it...

'Holy infant

so tender and mild...

- It's horrifying, isn't it?

- Yeah

I- I-I've studied serial killers

Since in my mid-teens

And it doesn't mean I'm... I am one

- But, er...

- Oh, right

Just, er, find it interesting

But, but as I say, you know

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It doesn't make me a serial killer so...

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Quite honestly

Er, for each girl there was a team,

a different team,

and they all questioned us.

And it... it was getting awful.

We were so getting fed up

with just being asked, you know.  
They were asking if you had nose hair.  
Ear hair.  
Wha... wha... Goodness knows  
why they wanted to know that.  
Police kept issuing these strange things  
about what you should and shouldn't do,  
but they never said, "Don't be a  
prostitute and get into a stranger's car,"  
which was the obvious thing, really,  
wasn't it?  
Cos everyone else was quite safe  
walking the streets.  
We assumed particularly when, I mean,  
it was just prostitutes he seemed to be...  
Murdering.  
When they did the house  
questions, you know, that was really...  
I thought  
he was gonna be arrested.  
There was a knock on the door. Terry said,  
"You're wanted. In the lounge. Police. "  
He was doing every house.  
Every single house in London Road.  
Er, your mind goes blank. "Where was  
you on Monday night?" sort of thing.  
Can't remember exactly the date. And you  
think, "Well, where was I? What did I do?"  
Then he said, "What colour...? Have you  
got blue eyes?" I said yes I think.  
Yeah, you said yes.  
Then he said,  
"Have you got a hairy chest?"  
And I looked at him and thought,  
you know, "Where is this leading to?"  
I got up and all I could see  
Were police cars going up the road  
And of course, you know  
I, we knew  
Obviously it was in charge of, you know  
Something to do with these poor girls  
But erm...  
And that's when it all started  
It all kicked off

Well, I got woken up by the telephone  
Me son rung me on his mo...  
On, on my home phone  
I said, "Where are you?"  
He said, "I'm down the road but you need  
To tell the police that I'm your son"  
I said, "Why? What have you done?"  
And that's when it all started  
It all kicked off  
He said, "No, no, no  
We're not allowed down the road"  
And lo and behold there was police  
There was cameras, there was my son  
It all started  
It all kicked off  
You looked up the road  
And it's all you saw  
Was like a tented, a tented area  
You looked up the road  
And it's all you saw  
Was like a tented, a tented area  
Erm, outside number 79  
Erm, outside number 79  
You looked up the road  
And it's all you saw  
Was like a tented, a tented area  
You looked up the road  
And it's all you saw  
Was like a tented, a tented area  
Erm, outside number 79  
Erm, outside number 79  
And I thought, "Oh, no  
There's another prostitute been found"  
I got up  
And all I could see were police cars  
Going up the road  
And of course, you know  
I, we knew  
Obviously it was in charge of, you know  
Something to do with these poor girls  
But, erm...  
But, erm, that's when it all started  
It all kicked off  
I got up

And all I could see were police cars  
Going up the road  
And of course, you know  
I, we knew  
Obviously it was in charge of, you know  
Something to do with these poor girls  
But, erm...  
And that's when it started  
It all kicked off  
And didn't we...?  
Then we started hearing on the news  
That someone had been arrested there  
Or someone had been arrested  
And so we just put  
Two and two together and said  
"I think they've just arrested  
Our next-door neighbour  
I got up  
And all I could see were police cars  
Going up the road  
And of course, you know  
I, we knew  
Obviously it was in charge of, you know  
Something to do with these poor girls  
But, erm...  
This is London Road. This is  
where the second suspect was arrested.  
So I think Steve Wright.  
Oi... Oi!  
Oi!  
Right, you want me  
to talk into that at the beginning?  
They're not very happy  
about the... intrusion.  
Sorry?  
Sam?  
- No!  
- Stand back!  
Stand back!  
'I'm here in London Road.  
The white tent... '  
Oh, we're inside there.  
All a little bit weird.  
'Next door there's

the concerned residents looking on. '

- Please, further back.

- Keep rolling, Seb. Keep rolling.

'A very heavy police presence.

'They're very unhappy at our being here.

We are trying to get you some shots. '

'Assert the barrier with our bodies

'in respect of where the line is.

'Sorry.

'Excuse me. Back behind the tape. '

- Yeah, we're trying to get a link.

- Ten minutes.

'Get back! Come on! Move!

'I'm being apprehended

by the police.

'Get back! Get back!'

'... 79 London Road

where a tented area has been erected.

'The suspect has been arrested,

Mr Steven Wright. '

Can we go down that way?

I'm afraid you have to go round.

- Back round 'ere?

- Yes. Sorry about that.

It's all right.

- When's this gonna be over?

- I don't know. Wouldn't be able to say.

- Friday?

- I wouldn't know. I would be guessing.

- Saturday?

- I'd be guessing at Saturday as well!

- Sunday?

- No. I dunno.

Monday's Christmas!

It can't be Monday!

- Can we just come here?

- Yeah. No worries about that bit.

It's against the law. I don't know whether

I'm coming or going round this area!

You're not allowed

through that bit basically.

Have you got the man that done it then?

- They won't even tell us.

- Won't they? I know the girls.

Mind you, flippin' half the town,  
if you were to pull 'em in,  
probably went with them girls.

Except for yours truly.

- Hopefully not yourself?

- No!

Cos I won't give 50 quid  
to a little scaggy little whore.

No. Anyway, looks like my relief's  
turned up, so I'm gonna get a coffee.

- Can't be a bad thing. Take care anyway.

- OK. And you.

I think it was policing  
as we'd like to see it every time.

Bobbies standing at your house,  
making sure no nasty people got near you.

You'd feel like

the Prime Minister, wouldn't you?

Yeah. The road was ever so quiet and  
nobody stole our festive wreath this year.

Yeah.

If somebody knows  
you live opposite, they wanna know...

Think you've got inside information,  
which I... you haven't.

You've just got what's in the...  
journalists are saying.

The police  
don't tell you anything, do they?

They're not allowed to, are they?

We had no post. No bin men.

Erm... if we had post,  
the postman had to be escorted by police.

Inside the cordon.

'It's half-past ten.

'This is BBC News 24.

'Live coverage of the arrival in court  
of the 48-year-old man

'who's been charged  
with murdering five prostitutes.

'Steven Wright will appear  
inside Ipswich Magistrates Court

'within the next half hour.

'Our colleague, Chris Eakin,

is at the court  
'and Chris, talk us  
what we're expecting to happen.  
'The building over here is just  
the main police station in Ipswich,  
'but it is this very dull and drab,  
ominous building,  
'which is the Magistrates Court  
and which will be the focal point,  
'the centre of attention  
for at least the next hour.  
'T-T-This is now the moment  
that Steven Wright faces the charges,  
'if formally charged with  
these five murders of the five women. '  
All of this happened quite suddenly.  
A very dramatic announcement  
last night, late last night,  
that Steven Wright was charged  
with these five murders.  
I've been here since about half-nine  
I just saw him come along  
Like, with the police sirens and that  
And they were, you know  
None of the photographers caught him  
Caught any photos of him  
Or anything but...  
Just waiting to get a glimpse, really  
Just waiting to get a glimpse, really  
His name is Steven Wright.  
He's 48. He's a fork-lift truck driver.  
He's from London Road in Ipswich.  
That's pretty well it.  
I tell you, if I get hold of him...  
huh, huh, huh!  
I really...  
I've never seen anything like it.  
I said to my brother  
I said, "What's going on?"  
I said, "What's happened?"  
He says, he says, "Cos the bloke"  
He said  
"He's in court this morning, isn't he?"  
And then when I came up here I thought

"Oh, my word! Am I gonna get parked?"  
Cos they've taken  
All the spaces along here  
Oh, dear  
- Yeah, look at this, look at this  
- It's horrible, innit, eh?  
It's a wicked bloody world  
Yeah, look at this, look at this  
It's horrible, innit, eh?  
It's a wicked bloody world...  
I'm just hearing some sirens, actually,  
and as he's gonna come  
from this direction,  
we'll just turn our camera round that way.  
So that we do actually see this convoy  
when it happens. Turn round this way.  
They're obviously on the verge  
Of bringing him out  
Cos the position the cars are in  
The position, the cars, the police  
They're all in position, look  
They're obviously on the verge  
Of bringing him out  
Cos the position the cars are in  
The position, the cars, the police  
They're all in position, look  
You look around and you think  
"Well, you know"  
"Have they got the right...?"  
He said  
"He's in court this morning, isn't he?"  
And then when I came up here  
I thought, "Oh, my word!"  
- The position of the cars, the police  
- ... spaces along here  
Hello...  
Police motorbikes coming up the road,  
not from the direction we were expecting,  
so I imagine it's not the convoy.  
Hello, they're closing in...  
It might be, actually.  
They're closing in  
He's obviously coming out...  
I think it is.

They're closing in  
That's why the police  
I could see them stopping traffic  
Up there an' all  
Oh, dear  
Yeah, look at this, look at this  
It's horrible, innit, eh?  
It's a wicked bloody world  
It looks like we've got Steven Wright now.  
And here we have full convoy near!  
Steven Wright!  
'48-year-old fork-lift truck driver. '  
Fucking bastard!  
You piece of shit!  
You're fucking dead!  
Yeah, look at this, look at this  
It's horrible, innit, eh? It's horrible  
It's a wicked bloody world  
Yeah, look at this, look at this  
It's horrible, innit, eh?  
It's horrible, innit, eh?  
It's a wicked bloody  
It's a wicked bloody, it's a wicked bloody  
It's a wicked bloody world!  
Bloody hell!  
Couldn't see. Couldn't see.  
- I don't think he was in that van.  
- He was.  
He's definitely in the back of the van.  
- Waste of time, wasn't it?  
- It's a disgrace.  
Oi. Hey! Get away then!  
We're really upset  
I just wanted him...  
It to be all over  
And to know  
Were tho... were those prostitutes  
Killed in that house?  
He was only there for ten weeks  
Ten weeks  
He was only there for ten weeks  
Ten weeks  
It's just a chance  
The one place in the... in the whole world

Where... he went to live for ten weeks  
Could have been anywhere  
Could have been next door to you  
Could have been next door to you  
Everybody would rather it all went away  
They must have sleepless nights  
I know I do  
It was awful. I was very upset.  
In the evening, you know,  
I'd just close the curtains and erm...  
It really made me very depressed and low.  
I just feel it's...  
- I think there's a...  
- It's like a dream still.  
I, I don't know.  
I don't think I've really...  
- I think...  
- Really come to accept it.  
I... try to... keep going.  
Nobody walks...  
nobody walks down that road with, with...  
And I'm the same.  
Without staring at that house.  
During the day I had  
quite a bit of trouble with children.  
Erm, just coming and really looking.  
One of them threatened me talking about,  
"He's a murderer and everything.  
You should move" and...  
He was only there for ten weeks  
Ten weeks  
He was only there for ten weeks  
Ten weeks  
It's just a chance  
The one place  
In the... in the whole world where he...  
Went to live for ten weeks  
Could have been anywhere  
Could have been next door to you  
Could have been next door to you  
Everybody would rather it all went away  
They must have sleepless nights  
I know I do  
When they boarded the house up,

that's when I really didn't like it.

- We were thinking of moving.

- Well, you were, particularly.

It just sort of de-de-depressed me.

It depressed me living next door,

you know,

and I just sort of thought,

"Oh, I wanna be in a nice area. "

I was thinking about moving once,

I was, yeah.

I'm moving. 14th March.

We're really upset

I just wanted him...

It to be all over... and to know

Were tho...

Were those prostitutes

Killed in that house?

They must have sleepless nights

I know I do

- Hello.

- Hello.

Oh, right.

- I've seen you.

- I'm Ron. I live at number 86.

Oh. I'm Julie.

Do you wanna... do you wanna come in?

In October and December of last year

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In October and December of last year

In October

- In October

- And December of last year

Well, this is the third time

That Steve Wright

Well, this is the third time

That Steve Wright

He arrived here at Ipswich Crown Court

But it's the first time

That he's formally entered a plea

- But it wasn't until two o'clock

- That he stood up

That he stood up

- Dressed in a black suit, white shirt

And blue tie

- White shirt and spoke  
- And spoke clearly  
- And confidently  
And confidently when he was asked  
How he would plead  
To each of the five counts of murder  
They were read out in this order  
Well, this is  
The third time that Steve Wright  
Has appeared in court  
But it's the first time  
That he's formally entered a plea  
But it's the first time  
That he's formally entered a plea  
He arrived here at Ipswich Crown Court  
But it wasn't  
Until two o'clock this afternoon  
That he stood up dressed in  
A blue tie, black suit, white shirt  
And spoke clearly and confidently  
When he was asked  
How he would plead  
To each of the five counts of murder  
That were read out in this order  
Clara Martin  
Her body was the second to be found  
Although she was the first woman  
To go missing  
Anna Reynolds  
Her body was, was the first to be found  
On 3rd December  
Emily Collingwood  
Whose body was found in Acton  
Was found in... in Acton  
Sonia Farrell, Michelle Symonds  
Their bodies were of course  
Found in Levington  
Found of course  
A few hundred yards apart  
Just a few hundred yards from each other  
In Levington  
We know that all women  
Were working in the town as prostitutes  
And all their bodies were found naked

To each one of those counts of murder  
Steve Wright, er, pleaded  
Not guilty  
We thought with everything happening  
over the Christmas period,  
with the prostitutes going missing  
and being murdered,  
we needed to get together as a community.  
We got a lot of bad press  
when it was all going on,  
saying sort... Lon, London Road was  
a prostitute area and so forth like that,  
and we just got absolutely cheesed off  
with it as a... as a community.  
It is, it's, it's not nice being labelled.  
So we got together and... and managed  
to get a real good committee going.  
Good evening, welcome  
Good evening, welcome  
Good evening, welcome  
Good evening, welcome  
Welcome, welcome  
Good evening, welcome  
Good evening  
Welcome, welcome  
Good evening  
This really is our first AGM  
Hoping hopefully the problem  
With the girls has disappeared  
We don't see them now  
I believe there are still  
A few round in Hanford Road  
But, erm, we really can't  
Concern ourselves with it  
The street has got much better  
I think that the police  
Have done exceptionally well  
Under exceptional circumstances  
To clear the streets as they have done  
This really is our first AGM  
This really is our first AGM  
I wanna say thank you to the police  
Thank 'em cos representatives here  
And the ward councillors

The county councillors  
Who have done a lot to help us  
And so thank you very much all of you  
Yeah, forthcoming events  
Julie...  
Yeah, the quiz night  
Fish-and-chip supper  
It's, erm, you know  
More, the more the merrier  
Friends, family so...  
So hopefully see you all there  
With your friends and family  
And also, er, London Road  
In Bloom Contest  
Big event on 11th July  
To make the area look pretty and that  
And getting people involved  
And getting interested in their road  
And their homes again  
If you make your house look nice  
And feel good about where you're living  
You'll enjoy  
You'll enjoy life a hell of a lot better  
So get thinking about  
Your gardens, your designs  
Hanging baskets and so forth  
So I'd like to see as many as possible  
So it should be a good, good day  
So get thinking about  
Your gardens, your designs  
Hanging baskets and so forth  
So I'd like to see as many as possible  
So it should be a good, good day  
That's about it.  
That's it. Thank you.  
All right?  
Impossible to report cos I can't...  
I can't use the word "semen".  
Can you not?  
Can't use the word "semen"  
At lunchtime  
And I can't use it at six o'clock  
I can use it at ten o'clock  
But I can't use it before teatime

So what do you use instead?  
I don't know, really. What can I say?  
Love juice  
Bodily fluids  
Well, that's just taste reasons  
Cos we... we can't basically have a...  
Wha... what our editors call  
a "Mummy, what's semen?" moment  
Erm... in the trade  
Male bodily flui...  
Male body fluid  
Sounds as if he's going around  
Spreading it all over Ipswich  
Boy juice  
Ready? Three, two, one.  
Using his hands to demonstrate  
Peter Wright explained  
How forensic scientists  
Had extracted Steve Wright's DNA  
From other se...  
Ready?  
Using his hands to demonstrate  
Peter Wright explained  
How forensic scientists  
Had extracted Steve Wright's DNA  
From other se...  
Cellular material found in the...  
Told you, didn't I?  
I think he probably did do it  
He must have done it, really  
I think he did it  
Definitely did it now  
- I think they'll find him guilty  
- I think he'll be found guilty but...  
- It's circumstantial  
- But he's gonna get away with it  
It's only circumstantial evidence  
They've got  
I still reckon  
He's gonna get away with it, you know...  
Still running.  
Using his hands to demonstrate  
Peter Wright explained  
How forensic scientists

Had extracted Peter...  
Steve Wright...  
Steve Wright, Peter Wright.  
Whenever you're ready  
- OK.  
- Just running up.  
Using his hands to demonstrate  
Peter Wright explained  
How forensic scientists  
Had extracted Peter Wright's  
Peter Wright, Steve Wright  
This is the problem  
With this bloody trial  
Too many Wrights  
- I think he probably did do it  
- He must have done it really  
I think he did it  
Definitely did it now  
- I think they'll find him guilty  
- I think he'll be found guilty but...  
- It's circumstantial  
- But he's gonna get away with it  
It's only circumstantial evidence  
They've got  
I still reckon  
He's gonna get away with it, you know  
Ready? Three, two, one  
Using his hands to demonstrate  
Peter Wright explained  
How forensic scientists  
Had extracted Steve Wright's DNA  
From other DNA material  
Found on both gloves...  
- Cellular material! This is complicated.  
- We're running.  
How many takes are we gonna do?  
- Dunno  
- OK  
- Well, that's running up  
- Shall we just say "sperm"?  
- Ha!  
- Sorry.  
Question L, what was the first and  
might possibly be the only, I'm not sure,

some people might know better than me,  
the first Oscar-winning film...

'Steve Wright denies killing five women  
'In late-2006...

Hang on. Ron, sorry, it's...

'Here's Simon Newton...

'For a second day, DNA expert Dr Peter  
Hau from the Forensic Science Service  
'arrived at Ipswich Crown Court in a van.

'Today, the jury heard more  
about this pair of gardening gloves.

'They were found inside a high-vis jacket  
recovered from Steve Wright's house

'at 79 London Road. '

Ooh, the house. It's here.

'Using his hands to demonstrate

'Peter Wright explained

How forensic scientists

'Had extracted Steve Wright's DNA

'From other cellular material

'Inside the thumbs of both gloves

'Dr Hau said

That within that cellular material

'He found the incomplete profile

Matching the fifth victim

'The chance of it not being hers

'"One in a billion," he said

'Simon, thank you'

Using his hands to demonstrate

Peter Wright explained

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Had extracted Steve Wright's DNA

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Shoosh!

That's gotta be him then.

- That's the one.

- Seriously?

That's fine. That made sense.

That make sense to you?

Yeah, that's all right.

That all works. We got it.

It's up there if you need it.

Yourself, I mean...

You being as far as I can, like  
as far as I'm aware, about the only person  
that has actually come down here  
and asked the residents how they feel.

You know, we just wanna...

wanna see an end.

End to it, and London Road  
getting back to being London Road,  
instead of being known for somewhere...  
where the murderer lived.

You see, the police  
have ignored the problem, really.

Mm, they have. They would deny it.

They will deny it, but they have ignored.

They ignored the problem  
of the prostitutes.

- We've all stopped

- We've all stopped working now

We've all stopped now

An' it, and it has been

Because of the murders

And it has, yeah

That's why, like, we all stopped

I've got...

Well, saying that, I've got regulars

We've got regulars

That phone and we see

You know, won't work the street

But we've got a few regulars

That keep us going

You know, won't work the street

But we've got a few regulars

That keep us going

Ever since the murders

Took place, like

There's no point  
Going down there for one  
Because all the cars get stopped  
And you just get arrested all the time  
They weren't, like, nicking us  
- They were, like, nicking the men  
- They were just stopping all of the men  
I wanna get myself clean  
If I could do anything  
You know, like get myself clean  
For them almost  
- Do you know what I mean?  
- That's what, that's what I've done  
Getting myself clean  
- Since the murders...  
- There's been help given us, yeah?  
- There's girls that ain't took it  
- We've took it  
And the girls who took it  
A lot of them are doing really well  
And, you know  
This has been a year later now  
And yeah  
We're coming about three times  
And what with other organisations  
And stuff, you know  
There has been the help there, you know  
With other organisations  
And stuff, you know  
- There has been the help there  
- We've all stopped  
We've all stopped now  
An' it, an' it has been  
Because of the murders  
That's why, like, we've all stopped  
I've got...  
Well, saying that, I've got regulars  
- We've got regulars  
- That phone and we see  
You know, won't work the street  
But we've got a few regulars  
That keep us going  
You know, won't work the street  
But we've got a few regulars

That keep us going  
And just do, like, instead of  
Hundreds of pounds' worth of drugs a day  
Now all I do is, like  
15 worth of drugs a day now  
- If that  
- I don't use it every day any more  
Maybe occasionally now I still use  
I'm still trying  
To get over that hurdle but...  
It's just that last little bit  
You gotta get off, yeah  
To what I was a year ago  
Like, there is such a change  
I never thought I'd get back  
To what, where I am now  
I really didn't  
Like, I've never been this big before  
Either I was, like, a size fucking six  
I know, I've put on weight  
I was like a size six  
We've all put on weight, yeah  
We wasn't...  
It took all that for anyone  
To start helping us  
- Yeah, that's what's upsetting  
- Yeah, that's what's upsetting  
Yeah, yeah, that's what's upsetting  
Yeah  
It took those... took five girls  
That's what makes me feel  
I wanna get clean for 'em  
Because he's took their lives  
Has took their lives  
For them to help us  
Come on  
Let's get these girls off the street  
Come on  
Let's get these girls off the street  
'All parties in the case  
of Ronnie Tretton, Court Four. '  
Hm...  
They're doing this now  
just to tease us, aren't they?

'All parties in the case  
of David Hughes, Court Two. '  
There's that momentary pause  
every time that goes off. It's awful.  
As soon as that verdict's in,  
it's gonna be absolute mayhem.  
- What's happening?  
- Don't know. Everyone's going  
This could be the verdict  
Could be the verdict  
Could be the verdict  
Could be the verdict  
Hello, Victoria  
They think it might be a verdict  
And the digilink's gone down  
I've told the desk  
OK. Good luck. Bye  
Broke  
They think it might be a verdict  
Could you give level again  
Please, Colette?  
And the digilink's gone down  
I've told the desk  
- The jury of nine men  
- Could you give level again, please?  
The jury of nine men  
and three women started  
The digilink's gone down  
Deliberating  
I've told the desk  
And the digilink's gone down  
The jury of nine men  
Could you give level again?  
Could you give level again, please?  
Hey  
We're not on the satellite  
Hey, hey  
We're not on the satellite  
Hey, hey, hey  
Hello, Victoria  
What day is it? Thursday?  
They went out...  
They went out Tuesday, didn't they?  
They think it might be a verdict

And the digilink's gone down  
We think there might be a verdict  
And the digilink's gone down...  
- 'Suffolk Today... '  
- Ron! Ron! It's the verdict!  
Verdict! It's the verdict!  
It was... it stretched over  
That, er, remarkable  
Six  
Six-and-a-half weeks back in 2006  
And over ten days  
Four  
Now it seem...  
He did say that he had sex  
With four of those women  
- One  
- Can you come to me?  
- Guilty  
- Can you come to me?  
Now we hear it's guilty on count one  
- That's Clara Martin  
- Can you come to me?  
Clara was the first to go missing  
That was October 30th  
Or maybe even the early hours  
Of the 31st  
- Two  
- Can you come to me?  
- Guilty  
- We are getting the verdict  
He was caught on an automatic  
Number plate recognition camera  
- Two  
- He's guilty of killing Anna Reynolds  
- So that's two guilty verdicts so far  
- He is accused of five counts of murder  
- We know he's guilty of the murder...  
- Three, guilty  
Again, he's been found guilty  
Of the murder of Emily Collingwood  
The jury of nine men and three women  
Spent six-and-a-half hours  
Deliberating this verdict  
- They went out just after midday

- Two more counts to go
- Er, to consider the verdict
- Two more counts to go
- Should all agree on a verdict
- Four, guilty

Four guilty, I'm told now

That Michelle Symonds has also been...

He's also guilty

Of killing Michelle Symonds

We only have to hear the fifth count now

- We only have to hear the fifth count
- We only have to hear...

Members of the jury

Will be telling the court now

- She was found very, very close
- Perhaps only...

Members of the jury will be telling...

- A hundred or so yards apart
- The fifth count now we have to hear

The jury will be...

Members of the jury

Will be telling the court now

Guilty, now he's been found guilty

Now he's been found guilty

On all five counts of murder

Guilty, Steve Wright guilty

Of all five counts of murder

Of all five charges of murder

Steve Wright has been found guilty

On all charges

He's been found guilty

Guilty of killing Emily Collingwood

Guilty of killing Michelle Symonds

For one of the most

Disgusting serial killings

In British history

- Of all five charges
- Guilty, Steve Wright guilty

Of all five counts of murder

Guilty on all five counts of murder

Steve Wright, a man

A very unremarkable man

On the surface of things

A man who has been responsible now

We know  
For one of the most disgusting  
Serial killings  
In British history  
We're still awaiting news  
On Steve Wright's sentencing  
It's thought Mr Justice Gross will  
Pass that first thing tomorrow morning  
This is Kelly McCormack  
Outside Ipswich Crown Court  
For Classic FM  
OK. OK. OK. Bye.  
I'm staying connected. I'll keep  
my headphones on too. Ooo-oo-oo!  
Oo-oo-oo!  
Ooh.  
I've got nearly 17 hanging baskets  
In this back garden  
Believe it or not  
Begonias and petunias  
And, erm, impatiens and things  
Marigolds, petunias and we got up there  
We got busy Lizzies  
Hanging geraniums, all right, see  
There's all sorts in that basket anyway  
Hanging lobelias  
Petunias in a basket  
Hanging basket  
That's a fuchsia  
Erm, there is a special name  
I just call 'em lilies  
They're a lily type  
There is a special name  
And for the first time this year  
I've got a couple of, erm... baskets  
Begonias and petunias  
And, erm, impatiens and things  
Marigolds, petunias  
- Petunias  
- We got busy Lizzies  
- And, erm, impatiens and things  
- Hanging lobelias  
Hanging baskets  
Variegated ivy in there

Which makes a nice show  
And then you've got  
These sky-blue... whatever they are  
Vm-veer-veer-la-la  
That's the little purple ones  
Rhubarb  
The old-fashioned marguerites  
The daisies  
The roses have done  
Really well this year  
Yeah  
Gave us an extra point for having basil  
On the windowsill, didn't she?  
Yeah  
- Hanging baskets  
- Rhubarb  
- Variegated ivy in there  
- The old-fashioned marguerites  
- Which makes a nice show  
- The roses  
- And then you've got...  
- Have done really well this year, yeah  
- Whatever they are  
- I've got nearly 17 hanging baskets  
...basil on the windowsill, didn't she?  
I just call 'em lilies  
They're a lily type  
- Impatiens and things  
- Hanging baskets  
Begonias and petunias  
And, erm, impatiens and things  
Begonias and petunias  
And, erm, impatiens and things  
I've got nearly 17 hanging baskets  
In this back garden  
Believe it or not  
Begonias and petunias  
And, erm, impatiens and things  
It's a terrible shame. It's...  
I mean, we're reaping the benefits of  
what's happened, really, which is, er...  
There's always a silver lining.  
Look, we turned this around, like,  
and this is, this is what is possible.

I would like in maybe two or three years,  
it's gonna take time, I know,  
cos of all red tape and what have you  
and town hall, you know, Munchkins...  
...is for the world's press  
to come back in three years' time and say,  
"This was then. This is now. "  
I don't think anybody  
really thought that they were bad girls.  
You know, I mean, they were in a way,  
but they weren't hurting anybody else,  
were they?  
That was only their selves  
they were to hurting, weren't it?  
I think we've been scarred.  
Forever.  
Women will never trust men again  
and men will always... wonder  
what women are thinking.  
You know, people  
have been... yeah, affected by this  
and... I guess they always will.  
I've almost got this mental picture  
of when those girls got up to heaven.  
That Saint Peter said, "Come in,"  
and they, and they said something like...  
..."Do you mean it's over?  
Do you mean it's finished?  
"Do you mean, erm,  
they can't hurt me anymore?"  
I can imagine for, erm,  
people that lived outside the area  
where the prostitutes  
hadn't affected anyone,  
you would get a different opinion.  
You'd get people feeling sorry for them  
and so forth... you know.  
I feel sorry for the families,  
but not them.  
You know?  
It was just a pain in the arse.  
They were a complete pain in the neck.  
You know, they're...  
They're better off... 10ft under.

That's a horrible thing to say, isn't it?  
But what's happened has happened.  
But I'm not... I'm not sad.  
You know?  
I'd still shake his hand.  
I'd love to just shake his hand and say,  
"Thank you for getting rid of them. "  
I mean, I would, you know,  
if you had the, at the end of the day,  
if you had the courage to do it,  
then... erm...  
I'd shake their hand if I had the courage,  
but I would... I wouldn't do it, but...  
I can have that thought in my... my head  
to say, "Yeah, thank you very much. "  
Oh, God!  
Wow!  
Oh, wow! It's just...  
Oh, wow! I think they peaked today.  
Well, probably about, like, Wednesday.  
Don't you think, Julie?  
People have put  
hanging baskets out this year  
that have never done hanging baskets  
or pots before in their lives.  
But they made a real effort  
for London Road In Bloom.  
Oh, God! Wow!  
I don't know a weed from a plant, I don't!  
But I did do a... a pot.  
Yes, we got June's pot.  
These are double petunias.  
- I love these. Look!  
- Yeah.  
Fantastic! Oh, the gardener's wife!  
- Animals on the windowsill.  
- Where?  
Oh, this is great!  
It's so...  
It's nautical, religious, floral.  
- All of human life is here!  
- Yeah.  
Oh, look! Fabulous! It's just...  
Look! Gnomes!

I gotta say,  
it's Jesus that does it for me here.  
It's a bit of Lourdes in London Road.  
Yeah, there's gardens galore.  
Very pleased with it.  
Come on and give me a one  
And a two  
I've been waiting all night  
To dance with you...  
Come on! Woo!  
Just help yourself to everything.  
Hi again. I know you. You all right?  
- Nice to see you, Julie. You all right?  
- Yes, thank you. I recognise you.  
You're the one!  
Come on and give me a one  
And a two  
I've been waiting all night  
To dance with you  
I would like to introduce you to Julie  
who has worked non-stop  
to organise this event.  
- Here's Julie to give out some prizes.  
- Carole's doing the announcing.  
And Carole's going to do some...  
Carole!  
I'd like to introduce you to Carole  
as well then in that case.  
Carole is one  
of our local neighbourhood councillors  
and she was one of the judges today  
in the competition and...  
Well, I've lost the plot  
of who's gonna speak now,  
so I'll get out the way  
and leave you to these two.  
Erm... hi, everybody.  
This is the really wonderful  
inaugural party in London Road.  
After, er, judging the best gardens  
and it really, really was difficult  
choosing winners.  
And Julie must just be  
The hanging basket queen of London Road

Anyway, it was a real pleasure today  
Really good fun  
And so many people  
Have made such a great effort  
To make London Road look beauteous  
We're going to do the best front garden  
And we pick as the runner-up  
As the winner, this garden  
Where it was very difficult  
It was a real challenge  
To make this front garden beautiful  
Because basically it's all parking  
Er, it looks absolutely lovely  
And once you look round the cars  
Fantastic  
Terry and June  
Come to the front, come to the front  
- Well done, Tel  
- Well done  
Really, really wonderful effort  
Well done  
Look at me, please  
Everyone, smile  
Look at me, please  
Everyone, smile  
Yeah, we have...  
We have official photographers  
We have Jessica  
We're gonna have an exhibition  
An' everything  
- No, we're not  
- We are, we are  
- Thank you  
- OK  
Now there is the absolute winner  
The absolute winner  
And it is  
With the very best garden I do believe  
And it is  
Dodge, yes, it's Dodge  
Oh, well done  
Look at me, please  
Look at me, please  
Look at me, please

Everyone, smile  
Everyone, smile  
Everyone, smile  
I think this is absolutely fantastic  
So many people here tonight  
I haven't counted you all  
Seeing everybody have a great time  
That's what it's all about  
That's what it's all about  
I would like to congratulate  
Everyone that's really worked hard  
On the gardens  
Even the people that haven't won  
It doesn't matter, it's...  
It doesn't matter  
It's sharing their gardens  
With everyone else  
It's sharing their gardens  
With everyone else  
And really working hard  
And making London Road  
What London Road is  
A fantastic road  
Look at me, please  
Look at me, please  
- A fantastic road  
- Look at me, please  
Everyone, smile...  
- You all right?  
- Yes.  
I'd just like to point out as well  
It does seem that God  
Is smiling on London Road  
Cos if you'd you seen  
The weather forecast for today  
Well, look at it now  
And if I ask something  
that you don't wanna ans...  
then that's fine, just tell me to...  
Christina said you'll tell me

to shut up anyway.

So, erm, I know, erm, what you're all,  
you know, involved in work-wise.

Used to be.

We've all stopped.

- We've all stopped working now.

- OK.

Because of the murders

we've all stopped.

That's why we all stopped.

I stopped like a month before the murders.

We've got regulars

that phone and we see, you know.

Won't work the street,

but we've got a few regulars.

Ever since the murders took place, like,  
there's no point going down there for one  
because all the cars get stopped  
and you just get arrested all the time.

They weren't nicking us.

They were nicking the men.

I wanna get myself clean.

If I could do anything, you know, like,  
I'd get myself clean for them almost.

I got up and all I could see  
were police cars going up the road.

And, of course, you know, like,  
we knew, obviously, it was in charge.

- Something to do with these poor girls.

- Yeah.

But erm... And that's  
when it all started. It all kicked off.  
You think it could be him.

Yeah.

That he could be amongst us  
and walking around with us every day  
and we don't know.

Like, anyone. It could anyone in here,  
which has now really scared me.

Now I'm thinking about it,  
I'm just gonna, like, cry!

This was the third time  
Steve Wright has appeared in court,  
but it's the first time

that he's formally entered a plea.  
He arrived here at Ipswich Crown Court  
shortly after nine o'clock this morning,  
but it wasn't until two o'clock  
this afternoon that he stood up,  
dressed in a black suit,  
white shirt and blue tie,  
and spoke clearly and confidently  
when he was asked how he would plea  
to each of the five counts of murder.  
They were read out in this order...  
I've been here since about half-nine.  
I just saw him come along, like,  
with the police, sirens and that.  
They were... you know...  
None of the photographers caught him.  
Caught any photos of him  
or anything but...  
Just waiting to get a glimpse, really.  
Yeah, look at this. Look at this.  
It's horrible, innit, eh?  
It's a wicked bloody world.  
Yourself, I mean, you'd be,  
as far as I'm, well, as far as I'm aware,  
about the only person  
that has actually come down here  
and asked the residents how they feel.  
I think this is absolutely fantastic.  
So many people here tonight.  
I haven't counted you all.  
Seeing everybody have a great time,  
that's what it's all about.  
I would like to congratulate everyone  
that's really worked hard  
on their gardens.  
Even the people that haven't won.  
It doesn't matter.  
It's sharing their gardens  
with everyone else and really working hard  
and making London Road  
what London Road is -  
a fantastic road.  
I've got nearly 17 hanging baskets  
In this back garden

Believe it or not  
Begonias and petunias  
And, erm, impatiens and things  
Marigolds, petunias  
And we got up there  
We got busy Lizzies  
Hanging geraniums, all right, see  
There's all sorts in that basket anyway  
Hanging lobelias  
Petunias in a basket, hanging basket  
That's a fuchsia  
Erm, there is a special name  
I just call 'em lilies  
They're a lily type  
There is a special name  
And for the first time this year  
I've got a couple of erm... baskets  
Begonias and petunias  
And, erm, impatiens and things  
- Begonias and petunias  
- Marigolds, petunias  
- We got busy Lizzies, hanging lobelias  
- And, erm, impatiens and things  
Hanging baskets  
Variegated ivy in there  
Which makes a nice show  
And then you've got  
These sky-blue... whatever they are  
Vm-veer-veer-la-la  
That's, er, little purple ones  
Rhubarb.  
The old-fashioned marguerites  
The daisies  
The roses  
Have done really well this year  
Yeah  
Gave us an extra point for having basil  
On the windowsill, didn't she?  
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