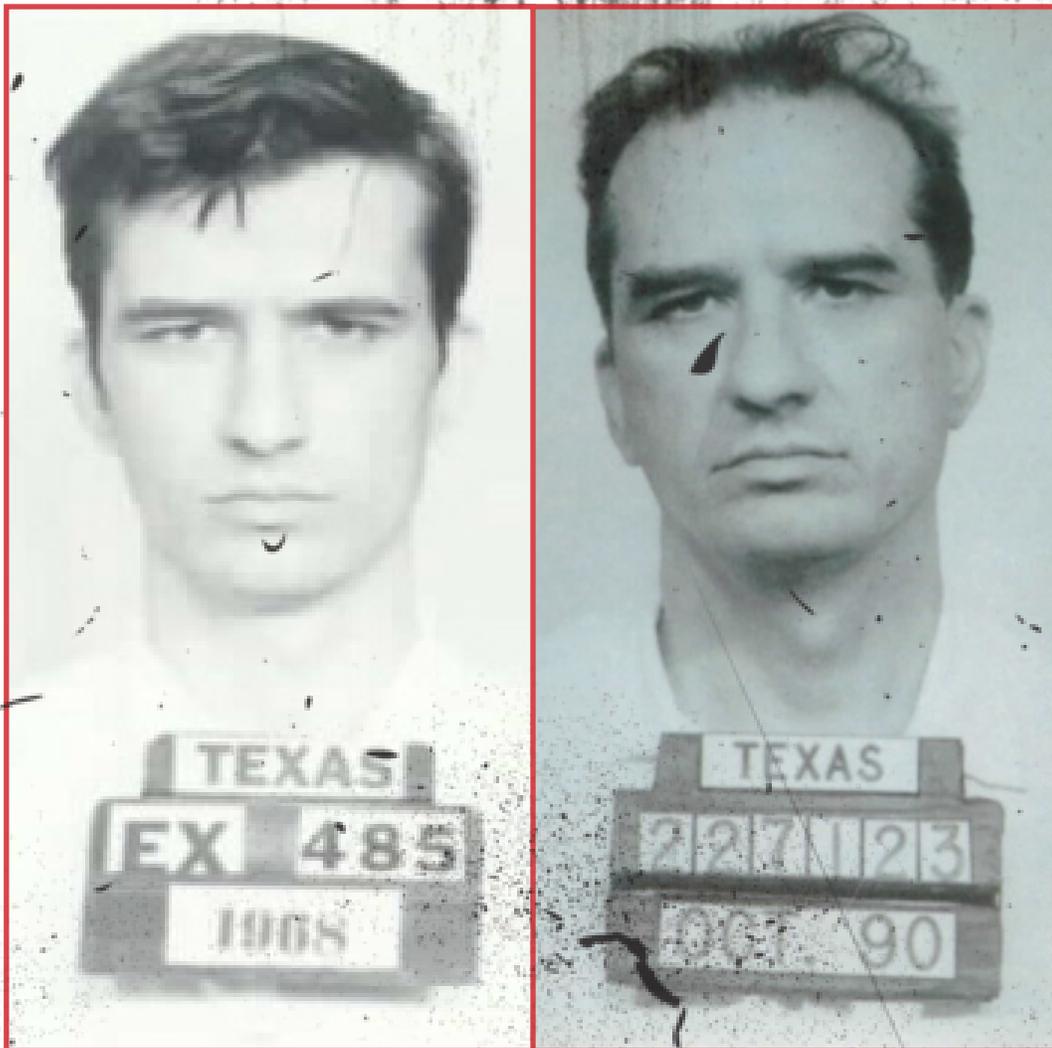


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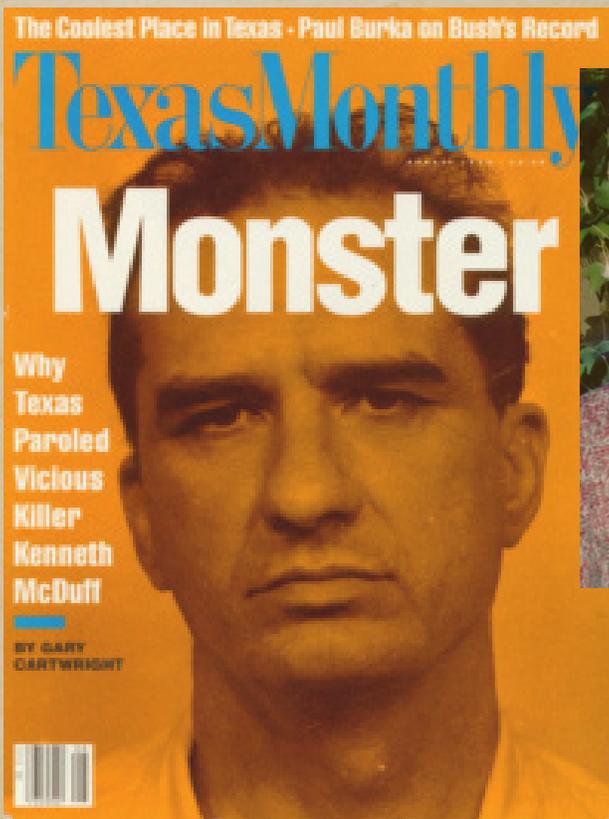
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SERIES SYNOPSIS:

In 1967, Kenneth Allen McDuff was sentenced to death and put on death row for the brutal murder of three high school students, when he was only 19. Twenty years later, in Waco, Texas, U.S. Marshal Parnell McNamara is investigating the mysterious abduction and murder of Melissa Northrup, a convenience store clerk, when he discovers a 1985 tan Thunderbird near the crime scene registered to a Kenneth Allen McDuff.

How does a death row inmate become the prime suspect of a brutal murder 20 years later?



KENNETH ALLEN McDUFF

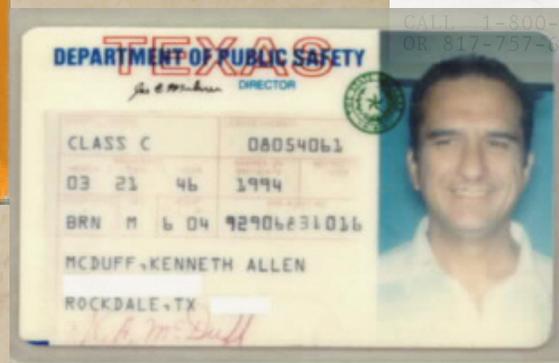
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CONTEXT:

In August of 1966, when McDuff was only 19, he brutally murdered two boys with a .38 revolver and raped a young woman several times before sexually assaulted her with a broomstick and killing her. The three victims were high school students and McDuff became known as the Broomstick Killer. U.S. Marshals brother duo Parnell McNamara and Mike McNamara knew McDuff better than anyone in law enforcement. When they were kids, their father, also a U.S. Marshal, had led the manhunt that put McDuff behind bars for the "broomstick murders." Now, almost two decades later, the McNamaras discover the once death row inmate is walking free on parole.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS:

- 08-06-1966** MCDUFF MURDERS 3 FORT WORTH TEENAGERS (BROOMSTICK MURDERS)
- 11-15-1966** MCDUFF FOUND GUILTY OF CAPITAL MURDER, PUT ON DEATHROW
- 05-04-1989** GOV BILL CLEMENTS APPOINTS JAMES H. GRANBERRY TO TEXAS BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE
- 10-11-1989** MCDUFF RELEASED ON PAROLE
- 10-12-1989** MCDUFF KILLS SARAFIA PARKER
- 10-14-1989** PARKER'S BODY FOUND NEAR TRADE SCHOOL MCDUFF WAS ATTENDING
- 07-18-1990** MCDUFF ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING PAROLE
- 10-11-1990** MCDUFF RETURNED TO PRISON
- 12-18-1990** MCDUFF RELEASE FROM PRISON AGAIN
- 10-10-1991** BRENDA THOMPSON LAST SEEN ALIVE WITH MCDUFF
- 10-15-1991** REGINA MOORE LAST SEEN ALIVE WITH MCDUFF
- 12-29-1991** COLLEEN REED ABDUCTED IN AUSTIN
- 03-01-1992** MELISSA NORTHRUP ABDUCTED
- 03-06-1992** MCNAMARAS DISCOVER MCDUFF IS WALKING FREE ON PAROLE
- 05-04-1992** MCDUFF ARRESTED IN KANSAS CITY
- 09-29-1998** REGINA MOORE'S BODY DISCOVERED
- 10-03-1998** BRENDA THOMPSON'S BODY DISCOVERED
- 10-06-1998** MCDUFF LEADS INVESTIGATORS TO COLLEEN REED'S BODY
- 11-17-1998** MCDUFF EXECUTED



“WE HAD M16S, FULLY AUTOMATICS. WE HAD A COUPLE OF M14S, SUPER BAD 308 MACHINE GUNS. WE WERE READY TO DO SERIOUS BUSINESS WITH ANY OF THESE PEOPLE THAT WANTED TO GIVE US A HARD TIME.”

- Parnell McNamara, U.S. Marshall

MAIN CHARACTERS:

MIKE and PARNELL MCNAMARA - Descendants of U.S. Marshals in Texas stretching back to President Teddy Roosevelt, the Marshals and brother duo lead the hunt for McDuff, looking far and wide in their armored war vehicle nicknamed “Big Foot”

BILL JOHNSTON - U.S. District Attorney in Waco and friend of the McNamaras

DEPUTY SHERIFF TIM STEGLICH - Savvy criminal investigator and master interrogator who secures a fatal confession from McDuff’s accomplice in the Colleen Reed murder

INSPECTOR U.S. MARSHAL DAN STOLTZ - Regarded as the best man hunter in the U.S. Marshal’s service

SHERIFF LARRY PAMPLIN - Fall’s County sheriff who helps the U.S. Marshals in the Texas investigation

JOHN MORIARTY - Undercover detective who exposes the state parole board to a federal grand jury

GARY LAVERGNE - Author of Bad Boy From Rosebud: The Murderous Life of Kenneth Allen McDuff

SENATOR TED LYON - Texas State senator who leads hearings against the corrupt parole board

MAIN CHARACTERS:

THE POSSE:

PARNELL MCNAMARA



MIKE MCNAMARA

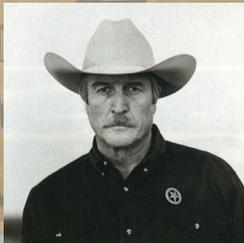


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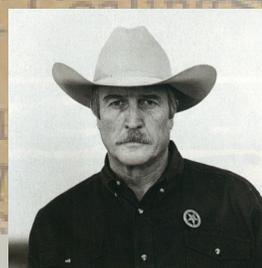


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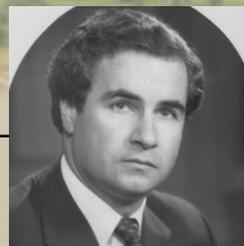


TIM STEGLICH



STATE LEGISLATURE:

SENATOR TED LYON



EPISODES:

EPISODE 1: BOTTOM OF THE BARREL

U.S. Marshal, Parnell McNamara, his brother Mike McNamara, and Larry Pamplin, sheriff of Falls County, are investigating the disappearance of 22-year old Melissa Northrup, a pregnant mother of two, who vanished during her shift on a lonely stretch of interstate 35. A modern-day Jack the Ripper snatched the young woman out of a Waco convenience store in the middle of the night, never to be seen again. A week into the investigation, Parnell McNamara is approached by an FBI agent who asks if he knows the name Kenneth Allen McDuff. The agent had discovered an abandoned two-door, tan 1985 Thunderbird near the scene of the crime. The car is registered to convicted serial killer and former death row inmate, Kenneth Allen McDuff...

EPISODE 2: MORE BODIES

The McNamara brothers and their friend, Bill Johnston, a DA in Waco, discover that McDuff has been walking free on parole since October 1989. Even more bizarre, he was attending a local trade school on a state grant... The McNamaras and Johnston find out a sex worker named Sarafia Parker was found dead near the trade school three days after McDuff was paroled. At the same time, reports of two more missing sex workers, Regina Moore and Brenda Thompson, begin to surface. Regina and Brenda were known to hang out in "The Cut," an open air market for drugs and sex. While searching for McDuff, the Marshals and DA learn of another woman that went missing in December of 1991, five months before Melissa Northrup was kidnapped. A young woman by the name of Colleen Reed was snatched up while waiting for her car at a car wash in Austin, TX. The lawmen are able to place McDuff's signature 1985 tan Thunderbird in Austin around the same time, and suspect McDuff is responsible for Colleen Reed's abduction and murder.

EPISODE 3: CENTRAL TEXAS UNDERWORLD

Armed with a warrant the Marshals and local Deputy Sheriff, Tim Steglich, raid McDuff's family home near Temple. They discover the pickup truck that matches the description from the Brenda Thompson and Regina Moore reports. They also find a receipt for a windshield replacement which coincides with reports of the broken passenger side window from the case file. The Marshals know McDuff's mother, Addie McDuff knows where her son is, but she gives them no information. The Marshals shift focus to McDuff's old prison buddies, which leads them to "One-Eyed Jackie Pierce." Jackie had recently missed a meeting with his parole officer which gave the Marshals an arrest warrant. The Marshals, Johnston, and a Dallas SWAT team raid Jackie's location and arrest him. During the drive back to Waco, Jackie breaks down and places McDuff in Austin in December, 1991.

EPISODE 4: BLOOM'S MOTEL

Pierce's confession leads the lawmen to another one of McDuff's prison and drinking buddies, Billy Earl, who gives up the name of McDuff's accomplice in the Colleen Reed abduction, Alva Hank Worley. The Marshals find Worley in the flea bag, rat infested Bloom's Motel, and question him for weeks. Deputy sheriff Steglich gets Worley to let his guard down and deliver a shocking confession about McDuff's kidnap, torture, and murder of Colleen Reed. Worley takes the investigators to the field where Reed was tortured, but he doesn't know where McDuff buried Reed's body. His confession is enough for the lawmen to launch a nationwide dragnet and publicize McDuff on America's Most Wanted TV program. An employee at a waste disposal company in Kansas City immediately recognizes McDuff's mugshot and calls the police.

EPISODE 5: CAPTURED

The Marshals discover that McDuff is working on a garbage truck in Kansas City and hiding in a homeless shelter by night. The Kansas City police set up on McDuff's trash route and arrest McDuff as he is making his rounds. The Marshals, DA Bill Johnston, and deputy sheriff Steglich fly out to Kansas City to interrogate him in the county jail. McDuff thinks he's being arrested for violating parole; he has no idea how much evidence the Marshals have against him. The Marshals bring McDuff back to Waco to stand trial for capital murder, again. The Marshals escort McDuff to the federal courthouse - their job was done. McDuff sat alone, locked in a cell, but someone has blood on their hands...

It was time to figure out how the state parole board allowed a sociopath, serial killer who sat on death row out of jail, TWICE, freeing him to commit multiple more murders.



EPISODE 6: TOOTHACHE

McDuff's confidential prison records contained plenty of warning signs that he was a psychopathic killer, plain and simple...

During McDuff's nearly 20 year time on death row, corrupt parole board chairman, James Granberry, intervened in McDuff's case multiple times to set him free. McDuff's daughter alleges a \$25,000 dollar bribed greased palms to let McDuff walk free. McDuff's parole was approved by way of a "special review" from Chairman Granberry, which overrode all other votes against McDuff's release. Bill Johnston busts Granberry for income tax evasion and uncovers a bribery scandal where the parole board staff was helping Granberry drum up business from inmates and their families in exchange for parole.

McDuff is made to stand trial, again, for capital murder. McDuff's accomplice in the Colleen Reed murder, Alva Worley, testifies against him, and McDuff is finally scheduled to die by lethal injection on November 17th, 1998.

During McDuff's final weeks awaiting his execution, investigators are able to extract the location of Regina Moore's and Brenda Thompson's bodies, but they still have not found Colleen Reed. McDuff keeps the location of Colleen Reed's grave a secret, until he comes down with a terrible toothache. Investigators offer McDuff access to a prison dentist in exchange for the location of Colleen Reed's grave. McDuff agrees and draws a map for investigators which leads them to the exact location of the grave, where investigators recover her body.

Investigators suspect McDuff kidnapped and murdered more than 15 missing women while out on parole.

More bodies have been found but there's not enough physical evidence to link it back to McDuff.

THE END



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