

True Crime in the Archives: Darlie Routier– Rowlett, Texas



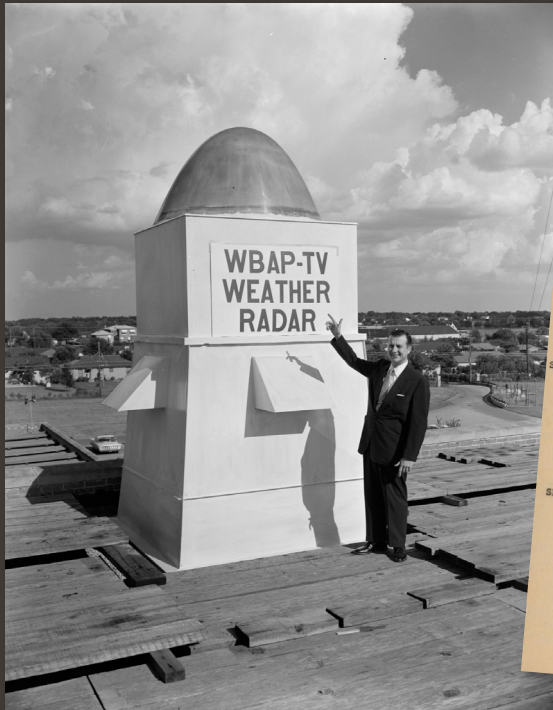
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WATERGATE

WARD: LIVE 6 These developments today in the Watergate case....

SLIDE: ROGERS Sources close to Secretary of State William Rogers deny an ABC news report that he has been asked by President Nixon to over-haul the White House staff in the wake of Watergate..to restore impeccable integrity to the White House..and restore confidence in the Presidency.

SLIDE: DOLE Former Republican National Chairman, Senator Bob Dole said it is conceivable that the Watergate plot was worked out..planned and implemented without the President's knowledge.He said as Party Chairman..he knew nothing of the incident.

SP: RIETZ 31-yr old Kenneth Rietz who headed Youth for Nixon last year.. resigned from the National Committee.Friends say Rietz..who helped lead the Dallas Youth for Nixon campaign..felt no longer obligated to top White House officials in view of Watergate.

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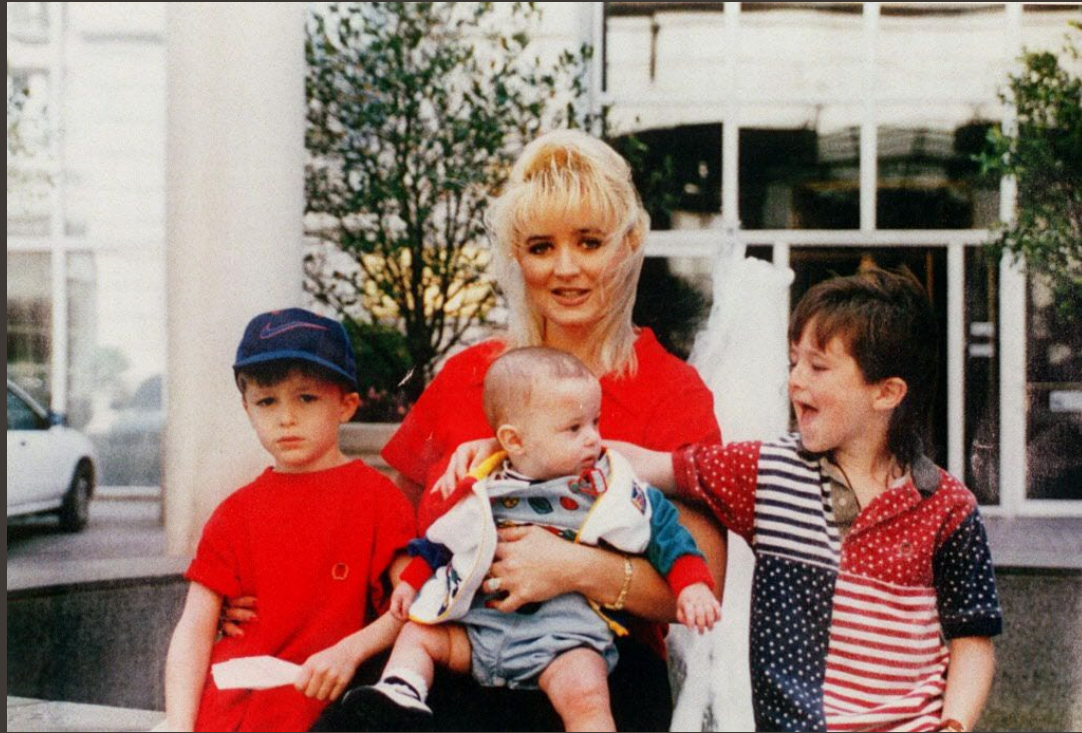
The Routier Family



The Routier family includes Darlie, her husband Darin, and her three sons Drake, Damon, and Devon. They resided in a suburb of Rowlett, Texas, approximately 20 miles northeast of Dallas. Darlie was a stay-at-home mother and Darin ran his own electronics company called Testnec Electronics.



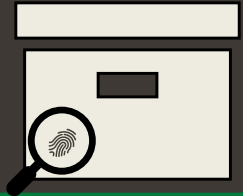
June 6th, 1996



Darlie's Statement

“I felt Damon press on my right shoulder and heard him cry, this made me really come awake and realized there was a man standing down at my feet walking away from me. I walked after him and heard glass breaking. I got halfway through the kitchen and turned back around to run and turn on the light, I ran back towards the utility room and realized there was a big white handled knife lying on the floor, it was then that I realized I had blood all over me and I grabbed the knife thinking he was in the garage so I thought he might still be there and I yelled for Darin.

I ran back through the kitchen and realized the entire living area had blood all over everything. I put the knife on the counter and ran into the entrance, turned on a light and started screaming for Darin, I think I screamed twice and he ran out of the bedroom with his jeans on and no glasses and was yelling, what is it, what is it. I remember saying he cut them, he tried to kill me, my neck, he ran down the stairs and into the room where the boys were. I grabbed the phone and called 911.”



June 6th, 1996 Cont.

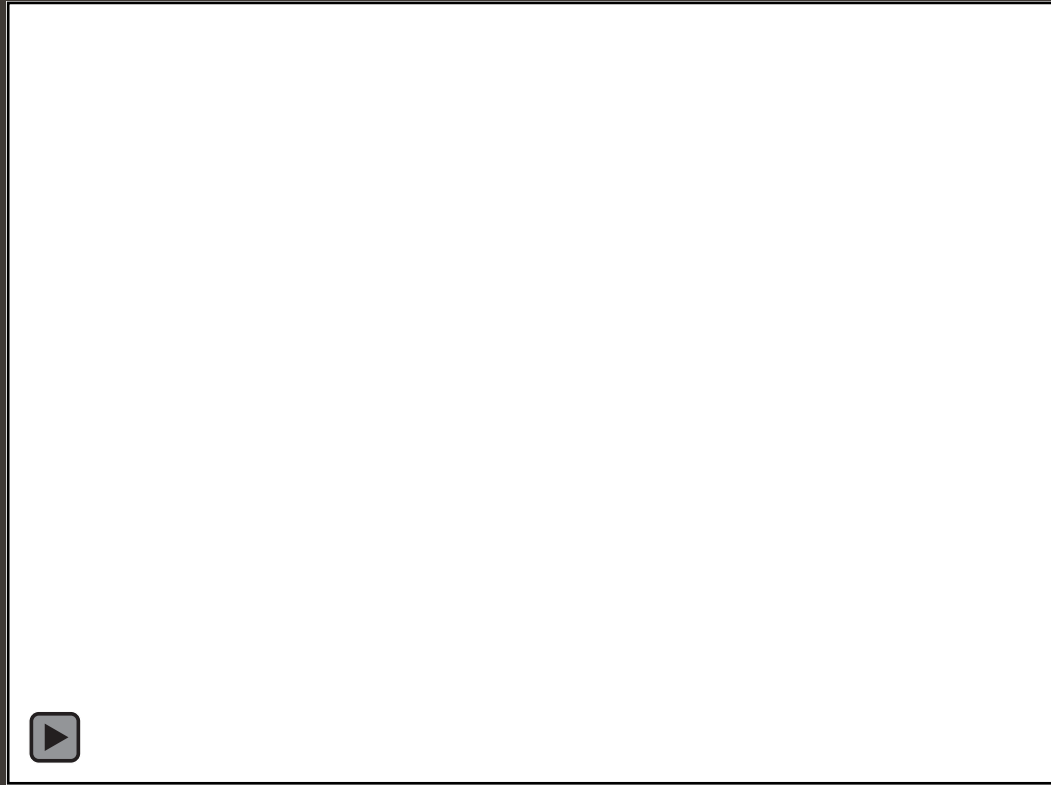
Police arrive at the scene within minutes after the 911 call was placed around 2:30 a.m. to find that both boys and Darlie had been stabbed. Damon was still alive when paramedics arrived.

The Texas Monthly reported that, “Darlie, who was also sleeping downstairs, had two slice wounds in her right forearm and one in her left shoulder, and her throat had been cut. Doctors said she survived only because the knife stopped two millimeters short of her carotid artery.”

Devon was pronounced dead at the scene and Damon was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. Darlie was brought to the hospital and underwent surgery for her injuries. On June 8th Darlie was released from the hospital.



The Infamous Silly String Video

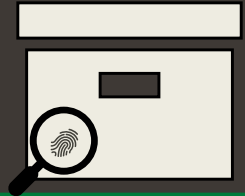


Final Thoughts



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Thank you!

Any questions?

