

VOLUME ONE NEWS SEQUENCE

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INT. TYLER'S HOME — EARLY MORNING

Tyler grabs his remote and turns the TV on, he begins scrolling through the channels before stopping on a news channel.

NEWS ANCHOR (V.O)

(serious)

Good morning. We begin today with a chilling story that has shaken the quiet neighborhood of Ravenswood. A brutal home invasion has left a couple dead, with their young daughter as the sole survivor. Authorities are still piecing together the gruesome details of what transpired late last night in their suburban home. Amanda Stephens is live at the scene with the latest details.

LIVE CORRESPONDENT (V.O)

(serious)

As you can imagine, it is a horrifying act of violence that unfolded inside the Mason family residence. Neighbors reported hearing screams just after midnight, followed by an eerie silence. When police officers came to the scene, they found David Mason, 42, and Joanne Mason, 39, both of whom were murdered in what detectives are labeling a premeditated and ritualistic attack.

[B-ROLL: CRIME SCENE TAPE, OFFICERS INVESTIGATING, NEIGHBORS WATCHING]

LIVE CORRESPONDENT (V.O) (CONT'D)

(serious)

Their daughter, 16-year-old Hannah Mason, was discovered with minor injuries and in a state of shock. She is currently in protective care, and authorities are being cautious with what information they reveal at this time.

[CUT TO POLICE CHIEF PRESS CONFERENCE]

POLICE CHIEF

(stern)

This is undoubtedly one of the most disturbing cases we've encountered. The nature of the crime suggests ritualistic intent, but we are not ruling anything out at this time. Our main priority is the welfare of the child and making sure that whoever was responsible is to be brought to justice. We are working diligently to track down any leads, including any connections the family may have had to unusual groups or individuals, and we urge anyone with information to come forward.

[CUT BACK TO CORRESPONDENT]

LIVE CORRESPONDENT

(serious)

Sources tell us that the victims were positioned in what appeared to be makeshift shrines. Personal belongings, photographs, and unsettling symbols were placed around them, but no further details about them have been disclosed by authorities.

NEIGHBOUR

(distressed)

I heard screaming, then silence. I thought maybe it was like a movie or something. But... now that I know what happened? It's horrifying. I can't even sleep.

LIVE CORRESPONDENT

(serious)

But perhaps the most chilling part, officials found the couple's young daughter hiding in a closet. Investigators believe she may have witnessed the entire crime.

PSYCHOLOGIST

(professional)

She's in shock. She hasn't spoken to anyone since officers found her. It will take time to process what she went through and what she witnessed.

LIVE CORRESPONDENT

(serious)

While the investigation unfolds, the community remains on edge and we urge everyone to be on watch for anything suspicious. We will continue to follow this story as information becomes available. I'm Amanda Stephens, Channel 7 News. Back to you, Mike.

NEWS ANCHOR (V.O)

(serious)

Thank you, Amanda, A truly horrifying tragedy. We will bring you the latest developments as the investigation continues. For now, the community waits anxiously for justice to be done. Stay tuned for regular updates on this developing story.

Coming up next, a look at the
weather and the latest in local
spor-

Tyler turns the TV off, frightened and disturbed by the news
story.

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