

Killer Love: The Widow of Luxembourg

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Born in 1975, Jane Tyler is perhaps one of the least well known serial killers to come out of Luxembourg. Unsurprising, as the small country has done everything it can to suppress any information it can on this prolific murderer. The story will now be told here for the first time in this unofficial biography.

Jane Taylor was born to British parents in 1975. Her father, William Turner Taylor, was a banker who moved to Luxembourg in 1972 to work at the then called Banque Mathieu Frères (which would later change its name to Banque de Luxembourg). He brought with him his twenty year old wife, Delilah Taylor (nee Williams) who worked as an assistant at a local coffee shop. By all accounts the marriage was an abusive one, but Delilah came from a strong catholic family where disobeying the men in the family was frowned upon. The situation didn't improve when their first born, Jane, was born. William Turner had always stated that he would only want to raise boys and Jane was subsequently abused for the first five years of her life before being put up for adoption after Delilah murdered William in self defence.

As stated, the first five years of Jane's life were incredibly abusive. William was a drunk and a paedophile, regularly taking both his drunk-fuelled rage and sexual desires on his daughter. Many times, she was taken to the hospital, where doctors failed to act up on any of the obvious red flags. But the abuse wasn't just limited to Jane, as Delilah was also beaten and repeatedly raped by William multiple times. On top of this, Jane was home schooled, leading to more opportunities for her abuse to continue hidden from the public eye. In 1980, it came to a head when William came home drunk and started beating Jane. Clearly having enough, Delilah took a knife and proceeded to stab her husband to death before taking the knife to herself. Jane saw the whole thing. Jane was left with the bodies of her parents for three days before police entered the house on a welfare check to find the young girl covered in her parents' blood.

But things would only get worse for Jane. Police were able to get in contact with her mother's side to try and find relatives to take the child in. However, they had blamed Jane for Delilah's death and rejected the young girl. This meant that Jane was put up for adoption. By all accounts, the three years Jane was in a home for orphaned children was a calm period of time. But that changed when the orphanage burnt down and Jane was left out on the street. There aren't many accounts of the time Jane spent on the streets save for a police report in 1987 in connection to an attempted rape, and Jane herself doesn't reappear until 1998 when she married a banker by the name of Bernardo Avid.

As with a lot of serial Killers, Jane's first confirmed murder is said to have happened after her actual first. Not only has she never spoken about the murders, but the records themselves have been sealed by the police due in part by shame. We know for sure that she murdered an Israelite who became the first recorded death. In 2002, Avi Al'Baghdad was found stabbed to death in the Avid marital home. Despite there being security cameras around the home, the actual incident was never recorded. This became a point of suspicion for police, though no

evidence of any wrongdoing was found until much later. Jane for her part told police that Avi had entered the house and attempted to rape Jane at which point she grabbed a knife and attacked him in self defence. Documents have since come out that Avi had a substantial life insurance policy with Jane as the benefactor. Six months later, her husband Bernardo was found dead from a cocaine overdose. No life insurance was paid out, but his substantial wealth was given over to Jane in its entirety. Both murders would make Jane incredibly rich and she would make the most of it.

It is no secret that the Government of Luxembourg is ashamed of Jane Taylor. There are next to no publicly available records of her murders and even her life, most likely in an attempt to cover up a long history of police failure. In every case of murder I have found, there is a pattern that can be followed. In 2004, Jane married wealthy Police chief Earnest Marx. In early 2005, Jane reported him missing and he was found dead hours later. He had been drugged, stripped, raped and then beaten to death before being left in a field near to the house in which the married couple lived. Suspicion was immediately placed on Jane, but she was dismissed after phone records put her at the shared home. This would be the last confirmed murder.

In mid 2005, Lydia Kemmer (a freelance reporter) started an investigation into the three deaths surrounding Jane. She looked into bank records, death certificates, and phone records. A startling picture had confirmed the worst of any suspicions Kemmer had. Jane had definitely killed all three men. Details are sketchy, but we know now that Avi was having an affair with Jane, leading her to take a life insurance policy out in his name. After luring him into the family home, she stabbed him multiple times and then made the scene look as if he had tried to attack her. Using the money she got from the life insurance, Jane drugged Bernardo almost nightly for three months before killing him via overdose. And in the case of Marx, she drugged him with sleeping pills before putting him in a rented van. It's likely in the van that she stripped him and then raped him with a strap on before beating him to death with a hammer or similar blunt object. The van was located, but only after being cleaned thoroughly by the rental company whose records prove that Jane had rented the van just before Marx disappeared.

In October of 2005, the combined evidence leads to Jane Taylor being arrested by police. It would be a full three months before her sentencing, and due to the severity of the crimes no bail was posted. Strangely, Jane chose not to go with a lawyer and instead chose to own up to the crimes she committed with a guilty plea. In January of 2006, Jane was sentenced to 25 years to life in jail with no parole. In 2018, she passed away from lung cancer. In all that time, she showed no remorse for the murders she committed and in fact seemed to enjoy the retelling she'd frequently tell the other prisoners. It was after her imprisonment that rumours started going around that she'd actually met the Blacksmith Killer, though this has never been confirmed. In fact, many doubt the Blacksmith Killer even exists so this may just have been a ploy for attention.