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**WHEN A WOMAN IS FOUND MURDERED, HER KILLER'S WRITTEN CONFESSION GIVES  
INSIGHT INTO THE MIND AND MOTIVES OF A MURDERER**

**Program Features Interviews With the Victim's Ex-Husband and the Woman Who Helped  
Detectives Solve the Murder Decades Later**

**'20/20' Airs on Friday, July 25 (9:01-11:00 p.m. EDT), on ABC, Next Day on Hulu**



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In 1987, when authorities found Susan Woods naked and murdered in her home in Stephenville, Texas, the tight-knit community was quick to place the blame on Michael Woods, her estranged husband. But when fingerprints at the scene did not match Michael's, the case ground to a halt. Twenty years later, a different detective took a fresh look at the evidence and was able to find a match for the fingerprints: Scott Hatley, a local man with a violent history. However, the details of the gruesome murder and Scott's motives remained a mystery until 2022, when Scott's writings about his life and crimes found in a trailer next to his dead body shed new light on the case. **"20/20"** correspondent Chris Connelly takes viewers inside the shocking murder and the decades-long search for answers.

The two-hour program includes in-depth interviews with Michael Woods, Susan Woods' husband; Shannon Myers Barrientos, who played a key role in cracking the case; and Don Miller, a retired lieutenant and the detective who solved Susan Woods' murder. **"20/20"** airs on **Friday, July 25** (9:01-11:00 p.m. EDT), on ABC, next day on [Hulu](https://www.hulu.com). (Rebroadcast. OAD: 1/17/2024).

ABC News' **"20/20"** is an award-winning primetime program anchored by David Muir and Deborah Roberts. A proven leader as a long-form newsmagazine for over 45 years, **"20/20"** features unforgettable, character-driven true-crime mysteries, exclusive newsmaker interviews, hard-hitting investigative reports and in-depth coverage of high-profile stories. Janice Johnston is the executive producer. The two-hour **"20/20"** events air Fridays from 9:01-11:00 p.m. ET on ABC and are available to stream on ABC News digital platforms and Hulu.

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