

Herta Bailey, Columbus Georgia Real Estate Agent, Murdered By Tenant

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Columbus real estate agent Herta Bailey was murdered by a tenant that came to her office to discuss a possible eviction. The meeting was scheduled for after hours and it looks like they were the only ones in the office.

Folks, you as real estate agents are targets if you do not follow some basic safety precautions. It is very easy to get lulled into a false sense of security after doing things for a long time. But especially dealing with problem clients it is imperative to be in a public place or have people knowing exactly where you are.

Herta Bailey had a record of who she was meeting that led to the assailants arrest but that is still not enough.



RIP Herta Bailey, hopefully you can be a lesson to others and save their lives.

Monday evening, police say the man met with Bailey in her office on Whitesville Road to discuss an eviction because he was behind on his rent. Investigators say during the meeting Powell struck Bailey and strangled her to death. Then, he allegedly dumped her body in the trunk of her car — taking some of her personal belongings, including some [credit cards](#), which he used to pay two utility bills.

The following morning, co-workers found blood stains in the carpet at the office and became suspicious and notified police when she did not show up for an 8:00 a.m. appointment. Later that morning, police set up a surveillance camera outside Powell's residence on Pineneedle Drive. Around 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Powell arrived and was arrested.

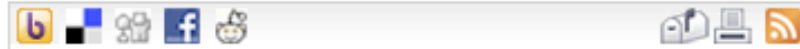
While in custody, Powell revealed to investigators the location of Bailey's body. Muscogee County Coroner, Bill Thrower, says her body was discovered in the trunk of her car on 51st Street in Columbus around 9:40 p.m. Tuesday. via [WTVM.com](#)

Man Abducts, Robs Real Estate Agent

Investigators Say Robber Tried Contacting Victim Again

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. -- Police are asking for the public's help after a man abducted and robbed a real estate agent on Aug. 6.

Investigators said the woman met the man in Grandview to show him several houses. After seeing a few homes, the victim told police the man pulled a gun on her and forced her to drive to several banks and stores in Grandview and south Kansas City to withdraw money, police said.

After getting the money, the real estate agent was let go.

Police said that since the robbery, the man has tried calling the real estate agent and demanding more money.

Officials said they are looking for Jewell D. Saunders, 26. He was charged with kidnapping, first-degree robbery and armed criminal action. Saunders is on federal probation for a weapons charge, police said.

Alameda Real Estate Agents Raped, Then Sets Up Rapist For Arrest

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We have talked a great [deal](#) on this site about real estate agent safety. **Either from the elements** or providing the **tools to be safe when showing homes**. One real estate agent in Alameda County, California took another extreme when showing homes. She was attacked by a potential buyer, who police found out had just gotten out of prison. Instead of fighting the man, she befriended him thinking of exacting vigilante justice, but instead led him to the police.

It is a fine line between being paranoid and being safe as a real estate agent. You do not want to get into the mindset that your clients could be attackers and treat them warily, but at the same time trying to find the right balance could save your life. Systematizing your contacts with clients and putting safety precautions in place that are regularly followed can lead to your experience as a real estate agent being safer.

The woman, who works as a real estate agent, was showing a [home in](#) Alameda County on Aug. 16 when the prospective buyer attacked her, Nelson said. He declined to say where the incident happened, because that could identify the victim.

The assailant choked the woman, raped and robbed her, Nelson said. During the attack, the woman started to befriend him "in an attempt to gain his trust," Nelson said.

The woman told him she wasn't going to call the police and would try to help him, Nelson said. She even went as far as to promise to arrange a job interview for a security or bodyguard position the following day. The woman later told investigators that she had set up the interview so "she could exact vigilante justice on him," Nelson said. "The victim was afraid the suspect would not be sent to prison for the crime."

She ultimately decided to call the sheriff at the urging of a relative who had worked as a police officer, Nelson said. When Moore showed up for the supposed job interview at a Starbucks in Hayward, he was met by sheriff's deputies, Nelson said. *via the SFGate.com*

Arrest Made In Rape, Stabbing Of Real Estate Agent

CORONA, Calif. Authorities say a real estate agent was raped and repeatedly stabbed by a man she was showing a vacant home in Corona.

The woman was savagely injured but managed to fight off her attacker, and is expected to survive, Corona police said.

Police identified the suspect as Shawn David Yates, 33, of Corona. Yates was arrested Friday night on suspicion of torture, kidnapping, strong-arm robbery, assault with intent to rape and false imprisonment. He was held without bail Saturday at Robert Presley Detention Center, Riverside County sheriff's officials said.

Officers responded to the daylight attack at 10:46 a.m. Friday in the 700 block of Silvestre Court. They found a woman with multiple stab wounds and she was transported to a local hospital.

Investigators learned the suspect, later positively identified as Yates, had contacted the real estate agent to show an unoccupied home that was for sale. After they met outside the home, Yates then forced the woman inside at gunpoint and raped her, police said.

Yates allegedly attacked the woman with a knife, stabbing her repeatedly. During the attack the victim fought back and injured Yates, police said.

The suspect fled and the victim summoned help from a neighbor, who called police.

Police, assisted by federal agents, arrested Yates about 9:20 p.m. last night in the 2200 block of Dorado Street, east of the neighborhood where the attack occurred. Yates was driving a silver Honda CRV when officers stopped him, police said.



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Shawn David Yates, 33, was arrested Friday night on suspicion of torture, kidnapping, strong-arm robbery, assault with intent to rape and false imprisonment.
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Man Gets Death Sentence in Murder of 2 Atlanta Real Estate Agents

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The trial of Stacy Humphrey who committed the 2003 murder of 2 Atlanta real estate agents at their office is over. He has been convicted and on Sunday received the death sentence for his crimes against Cyndi Williams and Lori Brown.

While this sentence will not bring the young ladies back, it will hopefully act as a deterrent against others who would think that crimes of this nature are worth committing. He robbed the agents at an on site sales office to get money for a truck payment and lead the officers on a multi state chase where he was eventually captured in Wisconsin.

A jury sentenced a man to death by lethal injection Sunday for the 2003 murders of two real estate agents he robbed, stripped naked and shot in the head at their office.

Stacey Ian Humphreys, 34, was convicted Tuesday by the same jury in the slayings of 33-year-old Cyndi Williams and 21-year-old Lori Brown. The trial lasted two weeks and deliberations on the death sentence took nearly 19 hours.

The victims' families cried and embraced when a court clerk read the verdict Sunday morning.

Humphreys showed no emotion. "A terrible crime deserves a terrible punishment," Brown's father, Wayne Brown Sr., told reporters outside the courthouse. via *The Associated Press*