

P-MURRAY

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FOR 69 YEAR OLD THOMAS MURRAY IT IS A SCENE HE HAS PLAYED OUT SCORES OF TIMES BEFORE, THIS TIME MURRAY IS IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE ON A BURGLARY CONVICTION. HE DROVE THE GET-A-WAY CAR AS HIS YOUNG NEPHEW ROBBED A TONAWANDA HOUSE IN OCTOBER 1993....

(TODAY BITE)

'I picked him up your honor, he jumped in the car, i truthfully, on my mother's grave did not see nothing in his hand, he did have something, i couldn't see what it was, it could have been a radio'

JUDGE PENNY WOLFGANG DIDN'T BUY IT, MURRAY GOT 2 TO 6 YEARS BEHIND BARS BUT HE'S NO STRANGER TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. HIS REAL NAME IS THOMAS GASCOYNE, HIS ARREST SHEET GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1948, ALMOST 50 YEARS, POLICE SAY HE'S A MASTER CRIMINAL. IN 1979 GASCOYNE TURNED STATES EVIDENCE, HIS TESTIMONY LED TO THE CONVICTIONS OF 181 PEOPLE, MANY INVOLVED IN ORGANIZED CRIME IN WNY, GASCOYNE WAS GIVEN A NEW LIFE AS HE ENTERED THE FEDERAL WITNESS PROTECTION PROGRAM, A NEW NAME & NEW PLACE TO LIVE IN CHESAPEAKE VIRGINIA. AS EWN REPORTED AT THE TIME HE MOVED INTO A 75 THOUSAND DOLLAR HOME AND HOPED TO BEGIN AGAIN, BUT EVEN HIS NEIGHBORS SUSPECTED SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT

(NEIGHBOR BITE)

'He was very mysterious, from new york, his name was murray but it was kind of evident, you could tell he was of other descent, possibly italian'

THE GOVERNMENT HELPED GASCOYNE GET A JOB AT THIS DRUGSTORE, AND THEN AT THIS STORE

(CO-WORKER BITE)

'He was a very nice person to us, there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for us but at the same time he was taking us for a ride'

THAT'S BECAUSE GASCOYNE WAS THEN CHARGED WITH BEING THE MASTERMIND OF A STOLEN-GOODS RING, A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ITEMS RECOVERED, MUCH OF IT FROM WHERE GASCOYNE WORKED, VIRGINIA POLICE HAD QUITE A TIME TRYING TO UNRAVEL IT ALL, THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE INVESTIGATING THOMAS MURRAY AND A RECORD CHECK TURNED UP NOTHING..BUT WHEN PAPERS WERE FOUND IN HIS HOUSE AND THE NAME THOMAS GASCOYNE WAS ENTERED, THE ARREST SHEET WAS 3 FEET LONG

(POLICE BITE)

'I learned a lesson from this, i don't know now, that's the bad things about it, we have no idea, there could be one or there could be one hundred, we have