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A NEW '20/20' REVEALS THE TWISTED PLOT BEHIND THE BRUTAL MURDER OF A YOUNG MOTHER. THE ONLY WITNESS? HER 7-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER.

Two-Hour Program Features Exclusive Interview With Michael Beard, Hit Man Serving Life in Prison for Kelley Clayton's Murder

'20/20' Airs on Friday, Jan. 20 (9:01-11:00 p.m. EST), on ABC, Next Day on Hulu



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When former semi-pro hockey player Thomas Clayton found his wife, Kelley Clayton, murdered in their New York home one night after a late poker game, he called 911 in distress. But as police investigated, they discovered evidence calling Thomas's motives into question and sensed something more sinister at play. A new "20/20" reveals the twisted plot behind the gruesome murder of the mother of two, Kelley Clayton, and how her 7-year-old daughter was the sole witness to the crime. The program features reporting from ABC News senior national affairs correspondent and "20/20" contributing anchor **Deborah Roberts** and "Nightline" co-anchor **Byron Pitts'** exclusive interview with Michael Beard, the hit man serving life in prison for Kelley's murder, who claims innocence and tells what he says happened for the first time.

The two-hour episode includes police body camera footage from the crime scene, as well as video obtained from authorities of police's shocking interview with then 7-year-old Charlie Clayton, Kelley and Thomas' daughter. The program also features interviews with Elizabeth Stage, Kelley's mother; Kim Bourgeois, Kelley's sister; Greg and Lucky Miller, Thomas' former friends who he was with on the night of the murder; Steuben County Sheriff James Allard and other law enforcement officers who investigated the case; and Weeden Wetmore and Susan Rider-Ulacco, from the Chemung County District Attorney's office who prosecuted the case. "20/20" airs on **Friday, Jan. 20** (9:01-11:00 p.m. EST) on **ABC**, next day on **Hulu**.

ABC News' "20/20" is an award-winning primetime program anchored by David Muir and Amy Robach. A proven leader as a long-form newsmagazine for over 40 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. EST on ABC and are available to stream on ABC News digital platforms and Hulu.

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