

LIFE AFTER MANSON

LOGLINE

Four decades after one of the world's most notorious crimes, a Manson Family member breaks her silence to reveal how a series of choices led to ultimate destruction.

SHORT SYNOPSIS

Life After Manson is an intimate portrait of one of the world's most infamous crimes and notorious killers. At 21-years-old, Patricia Krenwinkel callously murdered three people at the command of Charles Manson. Now 66-years-old, she continues to be demonized by the public and haunted by the suffering she caused over four decades ago.

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Through an exclusive interview with and never-before-seen footage of Manson Family member Patricia Krenwinkel, *Life After Manson* is the first opportunity in over twenty years the world will have to hear from this now 67-year-old woman who continues to be demonized by the public and haunted by suffering she caused over four decades ago.

In two blood-filled nights, a series of heinous Los Angeles murders--led by a sadistic Charles Manson--set the world ablaze with fear and horror. In the days following the crimes, over 200 firearms were sold in a Beverly Hills sporting goods store. Doors that were once left open were triple locked. The entire country was paralyzed by the thought of such brutality happening in the posh neighborhoods of the rich and famous, fearful that it could happen anywhere, to anyone.

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A life sentence in prison has proven that not even a lifetime is sufficient for making peace with one's past. Since the August 9, 1969 murders, Patricia has been tormented daily by the unending suffering she caused as a young girl. Enveloped with shame and unrest, Patricia spent the first five years in solitary confinement and began the process of trying to understand what provoked the sequence of events that ended so miserably. She began peeling back the layers of her painful past to explore how she had come under this man's spell, and was then faced with the decision of her life - would she continue to follow Manson, or break free from the hold he had on her even behind prison walls?

A seemingly normal childhood that evolved into a series of traumatic events, for the first time the public will learn what caused an 18-year-old girl to recklessly run away from home and toward destruction. Her parent's divorce and the subsequent neglect that followed, ushered Patricia into the care of her suicidal older sister years of drug and alcohol abuse. Her chance-encounter turned unlikely-relationship with the charismatic Charles Manson led her to cross every line of moral consciousness, resulting in the brutal murders she committed to win the approval of the man she loved.

While the public flashes back to imagery of the "X" carved on her forehead, and of fellow Manson Girls with shaved heads taking orders from a madman, Patricia Krenwinkel still struggles deeply to become a woman she can forgive and accept. Today inmate #08314 is the longest incarcerated female inmate in the California prison system, and is barely recognizable an infamous Manson follower. To most inmates she is known as "Krenny" - a silver haired woman who keeps to herself, and can always be found in the prison's art building. Knowing she will never be paroled, and her crimes never fully excused, Krenny still fights fervently for freedom within herself.

Throughout this intimate confession, Patricia speaks candidly to the audience about her tragic deeds, reflecting on the journey that transformed a "monster" into a mentor behind bars. "All I can do is get up each day and attempt to share with others where I've been. It's a very convoluted story, but it all comes from just a simple thing as wanting to be loved." Scenes that chronicle this woman's journey through the stages of her life are intercut with never-before-seen family photo albums, an interview with her now deceased mother, and visual memories of a tormented teenager. Featuring exclusive footage from behind prison walls, including Patricia's parole hearings, art therapy, and support group discussions, the viewer is taken through a visual diary and journey from past to present.

Set to debut during the 45th anniversary of the Manson murders, this exclusive story will be the first time in over 20 years the world will hear directly from one of the killers who took part in one of the most notorious crimes in history, and the first time we will be invited into her reflections on a moment in time that is still too horrific to be fully understood. The last media interview Patricia participated in was with Diane Sawyer in 1994, since the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation no longer allows for their high profile inmates to be interviewed. While the director of *Life After Manson*, Olivia Klaus, was filming her last documentary *Sin by Silence*, she was able to capture the exclusive footage with Patricia in the support group being documented. As seen repeatedly in the media, events and personalities associated with the Manson murders have been the source of much fascination for generations, yet *Life After Manson* provides many details about the events and Patricia's life that was never accessible and remained uncovered until now.

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